

Cézanne in Provence and the Gardens of the Riviera
Abbreviated Itinerary
September 1–8, 2006

Day 1 – Thursday, August 31

Depart from the US.

Day 2 – Friday, September 1 AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Arrive at Marseille airport late morning; meet tour manager and transfer to hotel Le Pignonnet.

Enjoy light lunch at hotel.

Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, visiting major sites of interest in Cézanne's life, including the Cathedral Saint Saviour, the Café des Deux Garçons.

Hotel Le Pignonnet, Aix-en-Provence

Day 3 – Saturday, September 2 AIX-EN-PROVENCE—CEZANNE ROAD

Morning tour of major exhibition *Cézanne in Provence* at the Musée Granet, Aix-en-Provence.

After lunch, drive the route named after the painter to visit sites portrayed in Cézanne's paintings, including Mont Ste-Victoire, the Pont des Trois Sautets along the Arc River, and visit privately owned former Jesuit seminary represented in Cézanne's view of the Hills of St. Joseph. End the afternoon with a private visit to the Cézanne family residence, Jas de Bouffan, recently acquired by the city of Aix-en-Provence.

Day 4 – Sunday, September 3 AIX-EN-PROVENCE—BIBEMUS QUARRY

A short morning drive takes us to the Bibemus quarry on the outskirts of Aix. Cézanne had a studio in this serene and peaceful abandoned quarry and depicted its ochre limestone and the memorable views the quarry afforded of Mont Ste-Victoire. This site is currently closed to the public.

The group then visits Cézanne's studio within the city of Aix, Les Lauves, where he worked daily during the last four years of his life. The studio and contents were purchased after Cézanne's death and contain many of the familiar objects depicted in his late still life paintings.

After lunch the group will travel outside Aix to visit the stunning Luberon region and the towns of Lourmarin and Bonnieux, where we will visit a private garden by the late Nicole de Vesian. We will then continue on to Val Jonais where splendid English-style gardens are set in a winery estate.

Day 5 – Monday, September 4 ST REMY/ARLES

After breakfast, we travel to sites associated with Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, beginning with a visit to St Rémy and the asylum of Saint-Paul-de-Mausole, with its Romanesque cloister, where van Gogh painted. We continue on to the Roman city of Arles where we visit Les Alyscamps, the Musée Réattu, and enjoy a walking tour of

Arles to visit the banks of the Rhône River, the Roman Amphitheatre, and the Romanesque church of St-Trophime.
Return to Aix-en Provence in the late afternoon.

Day 6 – Tuesday, September 5 AIX TO NICE

Depart from Aix for Nice. En route, we visit the Domaine du Rayol, where landscape designer Gilles Clément has created gardens inspired by sites ranging from California to South Africa to Australia.

Stop at Saint-Tropez for lunch.

Continue on to Nice; after a panoramic tour of the city, check into our hotel.

Hotel Beau Rivage, Nice.

Day 7 – Wednesday, September 6 ST-PAUL DE VENCE–NICE

Begin day with drive to Saint-Paul de Vence to visit the Fondation Maeght to enjoy both its outstanding gardens and its famous art collections.

Afternoon at leisure in Nice.

Day 8 – Thursday, September 7 MEDITERRANEAN GARDENS–NICE

The morning begins with a drive to Saint-Jean Cap Ferrat to visit the Villa Les Cèdres, one of the most important collections of exotic plants in Europe covering 15 hectares.

After lunch, we will visit the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and visit the house with its eighteenth century collections and its impressive seven themed gardens.

Return to Nice for dinner.

Day 9 – Friday, September 8

Check out of Hotel Beau Rivage for Nice airport and connecting flights to the US.

The cost of the trip includes: four-star hotel accommodations, coach travel, transfer fees, entrance fees, and buffet breakfasts. In addition, two lunches and four dinners are included. Costs *not* part of the trip include airfare, trip insurance, meals not specified in the itinerary, and personal expenses. We are working with Conlin Travel, who would be happy to assist with flight reservations and any extensions you might wish to add at either end of the trip. They can be reached at: 1-800-789-9559; **please reference the UMMA trip to Provence.**