



Mosaic Workshop in Provence Art and Inspiration in the South of France

Week-long Summer Workshop and Tour with
Laurel True and Valerie Nicoladze

June 21- 28, 2014

Immerse yourself in an educational trip and tour that will leave you
inspired for the rest of the year!

Enjoy the lavender in bloom, farm to table food, wine tasting, local markets
and exhibits, and time to create in an inspiring studio environment.

Join professional mosaic artists and educators Laurel True and Valerie Nicoladze at Valerie's *Esprit Mosaïque Studio* in Avignon, France to explore and celebrate color and *creativity* through mosaics. Laurel and Valerie are teaming up for the second year in a row to offer a very special, specifically curated and inspiring trip that will combine hands-on studio time, a community project at a local social center, incredible insider sightseeing and experiential learning and amazing food, wine, cheese, art exhibits, shopping in Provincial markets and more!

Participants will leave Provence feeling like family, having shared food, wine, stories and *community creation*.

All level of students are welcome!

Instructors will offer lessons focusing on various mosaic techniques, each student will work according to their experience level. *Esprit Mosaïque Studio* offers a huge array of *beautiful materials* for students to use in the creation of their mosaic pieces. Students will enjoy a guided exploration of materials and color through the creation of a piece that they will take home.





Workshop will include the creation of mosaics elements for a Global Mosaic Project to be installed at **Orel Social Center** in Avignon. We will spend an evening meeting North African community members and enjoy a delicious couscous dinner together.

In addition to enjoying time in the studio, participants will have the chance to eat delicious meals together, stay in a cute Provincial hotel, tour Avignon and nearby markets including **St. Remy** and Les Baux de Provence, visit the breathtaking exhibition at **Les Carrieres des Lumieres**, as well as enjoy educational wine tastings and a Provincial backyard **BBQ** at the home of Valerie and her family.

We will end our time together with a picnic in a **lavender field** and visit to the Village of Salut, where quaint shops offer all things lavender.

Cost \$2600

Includes: Mosaic workshop instruction. accommodations for 8 nights (based on double occupancy, we can help coordinate), breakfast and lunches, tuesday night family BBQ Thursday night couscous dinner, transportation from train station or Avignon airport and to and from workshop, all touristic visits to markets and exhibits and wine tastings

Cost does not include flight, dinners (except Tuesday and Thursday) and personal expenses. Both instructors are bi-lingual and workshop and activities will be in English and French.

To register for this workshop, please e-mail Valerie Nicoladze at: espritmosaique@free.fr or Laurel at laurel@TrueMosaics.com

"Valerie's studio, project and supplies were the stuff of dreams! The accommodations were fantastic and the village we stayed in was like an American fantasy of what Provence could be...the excursions were all fantastic and the opportunity to have a meal at a French home as well as a picnic...I can't even express what precious memories those will remain for me! I mean really, the entire trip was great!" - Karen from Toledo, Ohio, 2013



Mosaic Workshop and Tour in Provence: June Itinerary 2014

Saturday, June 21

Participants arrive and get settled in [Hotel de Atelier](#)

Sunday, June 22

Studio orientation and intros at [Esprit Mosaïque Studio](#). Tour of [Avignon](#)

Evening: Free (get over your jet lag and gear up for a great week ahead!)

Monday, June 23

Morning: Project lessons and demonstrations, materials selection and begin first project

Lunch at [Restaurant La Strada](#)

Afternoon: Studio instruction and work time

Evening: Free

Tuesday, June 25

Morning: Studio work time and instruction

Lunch at Restaurant La Strada

Afternoon: Studio time

Evening: Wine tasting at [Tavel Winery](#), Backyard Provincial BBQ at Valerie's house

Wednesday, June 26

Morning: Visit Provencal market in village of [St. Rémy de Provence](#)

Lunch: [Villa Glanum Restaurant](#)

Afternoon: Visit art exhibit at [Carrières des Lumières](#) and in [Les Baux de Provence](#)

Evening: Free

Thursday, June 27

Morning: Studio work time and instruction

Lunch at Restaurant La Strada

Afternoon: Studio work time and instruction

Evening: Free

Friday, June 28

Morning: Mosaic studio time, create element for community project at [Orel Social Center](#)

Lunch at Restaurant La Strada

Afternoon: Install mosaic elements at Orel Social Center

Evening: Couscous dinner with families involved in social center mosaic project

Saturday, June 29

Morning/ Lunch: To conclude our week together we will take a gorgeous walk in a lavender field and enjoy a Provincial picnic in the countryside. Visit Village of Salut on our way back. Goodbyes and departure!

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