

Painting Holiday - June 2010

"Monet and the Impressionists"

The Plan: To enjoy a 5 night, 6 day break to Normandy (yes, I know it's in France..!) to enjoy some of the scenery that inspired Monet & Co at the birth of Impressionism - It all started with Monet, so we will visit (and paint?) some of the favourite venues of the old master and his friends.

When: Monday 14th June to Saturday 19th June 2010

Where: Once again, we shall stay at the modern 3* Hotel du Casino overlooking the marina in the small pretty fishing village of St Valery en Caux.

What's included:

Return travel from Horncastle and excursions by "luxury air conditioned coach"

Short Cruise (ok, the channel crossing Dover to Calais!)

5 nights accommodation including buffet breakfast and excellent 3 course evening meals.

En suite facilities, colour t.v. mini bar etc

Visits to a varied selection of outdoor sketching venues and places of interest to visit while the paint dries!

Special "after hours" entry charge to visit / paint in Monet's garden at Giverny

Painting tuition and evening painting demonstrations from Ash.

The use of a large conference room for indoor daytime and evening painting.

What's not included:

Lunches - but as ever, we will always be near to a bar / café just in case breakfast doesn't last the day!

Entry fees to places of interest.

Holiday insurance - and European Health Insurance Card (replaces the old E111 form) is essential for healthcare in France - available free from the post office.

General Idea:

An early start from Horncastle on day 1, returning on the evening of day 6 to give us as much time as possible to enjoy Normandy. No airline weight restrictions this time, so bring what painting equipment you need - we will be taking the usual large and small boards of stretched watercolour paper. Cars can be left here at High Meadow, or Hodson's (our coach company) will quote for a small coach or mini bus taxi from anywhere to here if required.

Once across the water, we will attempt to follow in the footsteps of the old impressionists exploring the famous alabaster coast and inland as far as Monet's garden at Giverny. We will spend time in and around the village of Giverny, giving you the chance, if you wish, to visit the great man's house and garden. The garden used to be closed on Mondays but is now open every day, so a day painting is no longer possible. However, we have special permission to return, after the garden is closed to the public, to sketch and paint for a short but inspiring couple of hours! Imagine sitting out where the great man sat, painting the flower arch or waterlilies and Japanese bridge!

We have a large conference room booked at the hotel for daytime, but especially evening painting and demonstrations - so we should have the usual mixture of fun days out and long evenings in!

Price: £595 per person for the 6 days, based on 2 people sharing twin room / double accommodation. There are some single rooms available at a supplement of £155 - but why not invite a friend to share a room with you, and both save money!

As ever, booking has to be on a "first come first served" basis, and a booking form is attached - but please give Polly a ring on 01507 526842 or email polly@ashbuckingham.co.uk to discuss anything that we might have forgotten.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Many thanks,

Ash & Polly