

Art & Spirit Workshops & Retreats

by Dan Cooney

Painting en Plein Air, Working Retreat, Charente Maritime, France 10 days / 9 nights June 11 - June 20, 2011

(Participants arrange their own airline and train travel)

Sample two week travel Itinerary:

Thursday, June 9, PM: Depart USA for Paris, France (alternate routes listed below)

Friday June 10, AM: Arrive Paris, France: Relax, orient yourself, get over jet lag.

Saturday, June 11, AM: Depart Paris on train at Gare Montparnasse. PM: Arrive La Rochelle via train. Dan will pick you up and drive you to the country retreat location less than an hour away. Welcome Dinner and orientation with group.

Sunday, June 12: AM painting session close to retreat site, lunch, PM painting session, aperitif, critique, dinner, a drive to La Rochelle, gallery visits.

Monday, June 13: AM painting session, options include landscapes at Marais Poitevin or seascapes at Chatelaillon, lunch, drawing from landscape or model, aperitif, critique, dinner, a drive to La Rochelle.

Tuesday June, 14: Drive to Isle de Re for AM drawing, painting or photography session, lunch, tour of the island, gallery visits, aperitif, dinner.

Wednesday, June 15: AM painting session close to retreat site, lunch, PM painting session, aperitif, critique, dinner.

Thursday, June 16: Drive to Cognac, visit Museum and tour a our producer's Cognac distillery, picnic lunch on the Charente River followed by drawing or painting session, dinner.

Friday, June 17: Free day, your choice, attend dinner party at night.

Saturday, June 18: AM visit to the famous La Rochelle street Market, afternoon beach visit

Sunday, June 19: Final day to paint or shop, pack, final dinner

Monday, June 20: Depart La Rochelle train station for Paris AM, settle in for a day or two visiting Paris.

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, June 21 - 23: Depart for USA.

Each person can customize their own passage through Paris or choose to enter and leave La Rochelle via another route. See Travel Tips page for details.