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## Following in Matisse's Footsteps

Small groups, incentives and workshops

**Do like Matisse : choose Vence for its light and quietness and follow the artist's footsteps in the city of art and in Nice where Matisse lived for a long time. Finally, become initiated into painting and perhaps discover some of the artist's secrets in one of his studios.**



### Day 1 Nice and Matisse

Arrival in Nice guided excursion to Nice, « **Following Matisse's footsteps** » : hotel **Beaurivage** where the artist settled in on arrival in Nice in 1917 before moving in **cours Saleya** from 1921 to 1938. **Studio Soardi**, rented in 1930 on request of Alain Barnes, collector, in which where created the three versions of « la Danse ». After some time off in the old town, visit of the Cimiez area where Matisse settled in at Régina. Since 1963 the **Matisse museum** accommodates the monographic collection of works bequeathed to the town : paintings as « **Intérieur à l'harmonium** », « **Fenêtre à Tahiti** », sculptures, gathering 57 numbers and collection of drawings and engravings and transfer to Vence. On the way, visit to **Saint Paul and Fondation Maeght**. Check-in at the hotel in Vence, welcome dinner in a restaurant in the town.

### Day 2 Following Matisse's Footsteps in the city of art, Vence

Matisse, frighten for the bombs , leaves Nice in 1943 to join **Vence** where he rents **villa « le Rêve »**. In the morning, guided visit of the historic city : The cathedral with the **mosaic of Marc Chagall**, the Fondation Emile Hugues, its magnificent Castle : focus of cultural discovery. Visit to **Galerie Chave**, the eldest in Vence, welcome by its owner, witness of privileged relationship between Vence and artists. After Lunch on your own, visit to the **Rosary Chapel**. Entirely designed and decorated by Matisse between 1947 et 1951 it is « **the culmination of an entire life's work, the blossoming of an enormous, sincere and difficult effort** » Finally, private welcome in Villa le Rêve, the artist's studio and garden where he created some of his most famous works, such as « **Nature Morte aux Grenades** ». Visit of the villa and the garden, light meal in the garden in the shadow of the well-known palm-trees.

### Day 3 And now – you and your paintbrush !

In the morning : Introduction for painting in studios entirely equipped. Welcome by your teacher (English speaking): why did the Côte d'Azur inspire, the most famous painters, the light, techniques of painting and especially these of Matisse. Each participant, brought up by Matisse can do his own experience, most often in the garden, inspired and guided by the light and the azure vegetation. Lunch in the villa. Transfer in the afternoon for departure.

### Our services

- 3 days/2 nights and breakfast at a 3 stars hotel in Vence
- Guided excursion to Nice, entrance at the Matisse Museum, visit to Saint Paul and entrance at the Fondation Maeght
- Welcome dinner on arrival day
- Guided visit in Vence, the Rosary Chapel and private welcome at the villa Matisse (le Rêve) – light meal
- Half day introduction to Matisse's painting in a studio with a painter-teacher (English speaking) including lunch
- Transfers with minibus on day 1 and 3  
Groups from 8 to 15 Persons