

Bon Tricot! – Inventive Knitting Workshop with Miriam Tegels

Monday

Arrive at Montpellier Airport or train station, where we'll meet you at the gate and transport you to our charming lodgings for the week. You'll have the afternoon to unwind, let that jet lag slip away, and relax by the pool, *verre de vin* in hand. We'll end the day with a magnificent dinner at a regional restaurant.

Tuesday

9:00 –12:00 – **Knitting Group** - Workshop with Miriam Tegels
– **Non-Knitting Group** - “Travel Photography à *la France* – Village France Through the Lens”, with our own Rain Grimes

12:30 - Buffet lunch at our lodgings

2:30 - After a rest, we'll head into Pezenas. The *centre ville* of this historic town is like a world apart – a medieval labyrinth of winding, cobbled streets lined with charming boutiques and hidden cafes. You'll have plenty of time to browse the shops or sit at a sidewalk café and knit.

Dinner at Les Palmiers, a truly unique *nouvelle-cuisine* experience

Wednesday

9:00 – 12:00 - **Knitting Group** – Workshop

12:30 – Visit to Capestang, a charming village set on the banks of the Canal du Midi. Both groups will meet here. Lunch independently in Capestang.

Non-Knitting Group: Tour of Abbaye de Valmagne. Nested in the verdant hills east of Pezenas, this 14th century abbey is now a privately owned wine cellar. We'll join an English-spoken tour, and allow time to browse the wine shop and bookstore. We'll then join the knitting group in Capestang, where you can have lunch with your traveling companion in one of the many cafès.

3:00 - (Both groups) - One of the most beautiful canals in France, *Le Canal du Midi* stretches all the way from Bordeaux, near the Atlantic, to the Mediterranean. Walk or bike along its tree-lined banks – a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.

We'll then take the short drive to Beziers, with its 14th century cathedral, sunny sidewalk cafes and stunning views over the valley of the Herault River.

Dinner independently in Beziers

Thursday

9:00 – 12:00 – **Knitting Group** - Workshop with Miriam

Non-Knitting Group – Walking Tour of Olargues, one of the 144 *Plus Beaux Villages de France*. Nestled in the narrow valley of the Jaur River, Olargues is a classic hilltop village, with narrow, cobbled streets, tiny cafes, and a 12th century abandoned chateau crowning the hill above the tiled rooftops below.

Both groups - Buffet lunch at home

Afternoon – relax by the pool

Dinner independently at regional restaurant

Friday –

Montpellier is truly a one of Languedoc's gems, and therefore holds a permanent place on all Belle France Tour itineraries. After breakfast, we'll leave some time for relaxation at home. The remainder of the day will be spent in "The Paris of the South", whose vibrant Place de la Comedie is one of the most stunningly beautiful squares in all of France, with its stately 18th century hotels, lively street performances, and sunny sidewalk cafes. Lunch independently at one of the many restaurants tucked into the narrow side streets in the *centre ville*. After lunch, take an English-spoken tour of some of the magnificent hotels in the inner city, or spend the afternoon knitting at a sidewalk café.

We'll end the day with dinner at Cote Ouest in Bouzigues, on the shores of the *Etang du Thau*, a beautiful bay that's home to some of the finest oysters in France. (Note: this dinner not covered under tour fee).

Saturday

The Saturday market in Pezenas, one of the largest markets in the area, is not to be missed. With everything from fresh vegetables and seafood to colorful fabric from North Africa, the Pezenas market is an immersion experience all its own. We'll spend the morning at the market, followed by lunch independently in Pezenas.

Since today is our last full day in France, the afternoon will be one of relaxing at home, with dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Sunday

Departure