



## **Celebration of Color**

### **Mosaic Workshop in Provence 2017 June**

### **with Laurel True and Valérie Nicoladzé**

#### **Art and Inspiration in the South of France June 24 - July 1st, 2017**

Immerse yourself in a week-long experience that will leave you inspired and creatively invigorated for the rest of the year ...

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

Join professional mosaic artists and educators Laurel True and Valerie Nicoladzé at Valérie's Esprit Mosaïque Studio in Avignon, France, to explore and celebrate creativity through mosaic art.

Laurel and Valérie are teaming up for the fourth year in a row to offer a very special, specifically curated and inspiring trip that will combine hands-on studio time, insider sightseeing , experiential learning, and amazing food...and wine...and cheese...and shopping in Provincial villages...and more.

Esprit Mosaïque Studio is full of joyful color and provides a welcoming place to learn, create and spend time in community with other mosaic enthusiasts.

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

Laurel and Valérie will share their experience with students in a relaxed studio setting, offering lessons focusing on various techniques including unique precision cutting and setting techniques for glass and ceramic, use of French mosaic tools and materials and tips and tricks they have mastered over their combined 40 years of creating mosaics. Each student will work according to their experience level with one-on-one guidance. No mosaic experience necessary. Students of all levels are welcome!

Students will be inspired by the huge array of beautiful materials at Esprit Mosaïque Studio. There are shelves and shelves full of colorful and exotic materials from around the world for students to use in a personal project to take home.

Students will have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of a group project one afternoon - a mosaic mural that will be installed outside the studio.

Mosaics studio sessions are scheduled in the mornings and afternoons, with some optional evening sessions, leaving plenty of time to create.

In addition to enjoying time in the studio, participants will have the chance to eat delicious meals together, stay in a quaint Provincial hotel, tour Avignon and nearby markets including St. Remy and Les Baux de Provence (medieval village with an incredible view and violet gelato), visit a breathtaking subterranean exhibit at Les Carrieres des Lumieres, and enjoy an educational wine tasting and Provincial backyard BBQ at the home of Valerie and her family.

The workshop experience will end with a picnic in a lavender field on the final afternoon and a visit to the Village of Sault, where village shops offer all things lavender.

The beauty of the lavender in bloom is indescribable and will stay with you well after you return home!

Our trips in 2013 , 2014 and 2015 were wonderful... We can't wait to offer this trip again this summer!

### **Cost for trip**

**\$ 2350** in single room /8 nights ( 8 rooms available)

**\$ 2150** in double occupancy /8 nights ( 2 rooms available - 4 spots)

### **Investment includes**

- Mosaic workshop instruction Accommodations for 8 nights .
- Breakfast and lunches monday night BBQ at Valerie's
- Transportation from train station or Avignon airport and to and from workshop
- All touristic visits to markets and exhibits , Wine tastings

Cost does not include flight, dinners (except BBQ) and personal expenses.

Please email for registration information.

Valerie and Laurel are bi-lingual and workshop and activities will be in English and French.

To register for this workshop, please e-mail Valérie Nicoladzé at: [espritmosaique@free.fr](mailto:espritmosaique@free.fr)

Questions ? Contact Valerie (above) or Laurel at [laurel@TrueMosaics.com](mailto:laurel@TrueMosaics.com)

We have only 12 spaces and expect this workshop to fill very quickly ... register early !