



Mosaic Workshop with Laurel TRUE

17-21 Sept 2024

Avignon, Provence

Information Sheet

Thank you for registering in the Mosaic Workshop
with Laurel TRUE

Valérie Nicoladzé is thrilled to host Laurel TRUE at Esprit Mosaïque Studio (Provence, south of France), in Sept 2024 for a first mosaic mural master class !

Laurel True is an American artist, dedicated to the visual arts and specifically to large-scale mosaic. (www.truemosaics.com) An outstanding teacher and community project organizer for over 30 years, she is an expert in mosaic murals. Her work explores the interplay between creative expression and well-being.

The Workshop

From Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21th Sept 2024/ 5 days class :

Hours: **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** (Lunch break 1h - meals at everyone's expense)

The workshop will be given in English, with a French translation by Valérie Nicoladzé. French and Spanish are also spoken, if needed.

The studio is large and very well equipped, A.C which allows us to stay cool even when it's hot outside. All tools and materials will be provided for participants' use during the workshop. However, for those who would like to bring personal and favorite tools feel free to bring them with you, labelled at your name.

Lunches are not included during the workshop, so everyone has to organize their own lunch. The studio will stay open during the one-hour break and participants, of course, can share a good time together at lunch for those who will choose to stay.

For others, there are many places around, offering various kinds of food and lunch.

The Studio

Esprit Mosaïque Studio is located in the city of Les Angles, a 10-minute drive from the city center of Avignon. More information on how to get to the studio is provided in section 2 below.

Address:	10 rue du Compagnonnage
	City: Les Angles – Postal Code: 30133
<u>Website:</u>	www.espritmosaique.fr <u>Instagram & FB</u> :espritmosaique
	Valerie's phone : +33 6 13 33 49 59 (available on what'sApp)

1. National Transportation in France

How to get to Avignon once landed in France?

There is no airport in Avignon, but there are two train stations as follows:

- ✓ 'Avignon Centre' train station, mainly used for local and regional travels. It is located in the city center.
- ✓ 'Avignon TGV' train station, a high-speed train line, mainly used for national travels. It is located 10min far by car from the city center. A shuttle can take you to the center.

In France, two cities have international airports with efficient train connections to Avignon TGV Station:

- The city of **Paris**, Roissy-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)
There is a train station connected to CDG Airport offering direct travel to Avignon TGV (about 3:00 hours),
There is a train station in Paris' city center called "Gare de Lyon" with direct travel to Avignon TGV (length of direct travel is about 2:45 hours)
- The city of **Marseille**, Marseille Provence Airport (MRS)
From the MRS Airport, a 30-minute shuttle will take you directly to the city center 'Gare Saint Charles' train station. Most of the trains going from Marseille to Avignon TGV last for approximately for 30 to 40 minutes.

You can look for additional information on the following websites:

Paris airports:	http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/en
Marseille airport:	http://www.marseille-airport.com
Train ticket booking (Sncf):	http://en.voyages-sncf.com/en/

We are happy to answer general questions, but students should arrange their own travel to and from Avignon.

2.Environment and Weather around Avignon

✓ Environment

Avignon is a nice, medium sized city of 100.000 inhabitants, surrounded by ancient battlements and fortifications, crossed by the Rhone River and full of provincial charm. It is easy and safe to walk around in the city center and to visit main touristic attractions, notably thanks to a well organized public transportation network and many bike rental possibilities for the most adventurers!

Esprit Mosaïque Studio is located in the commercial area of **Les Angles**, located 10 minutes away from the city center of Avignon and from the hotel.

Workshop participants can take a taxi to and from the studio . (see below)

The environment is usually safe, nonetheless, like in any touristic town, it is suggested to carry carefully your valuable belongings, notably in crowded places.

✓ Weather and Clothing

The ancient city of Avignon enjoys the wonderful Mediterranean climate, known for its warm and dry summers and pleasant winters. In summer, normal temperatures are around 30 degrees Celsius (in the 80 and 90s), but we recently had hotter summers going up to 35- 40 degrees, with sometimes heat waves .

Late summer, that we call "Indian summer" sept-oct s generally wonderful, warm but not hot . Although rain can also comes in that period . The Provincial wind " Mistral" is famous and it is advised to bring a light jacket or sweater/wrap

Fall is normally mild with a superb light and ginger color , but could be sometimes rainy.

4.How to get to the Studio by car, taxi or bus?

- ✓ **Car** : Free car parking at the studio

From Avignon : Direction 'Les Angles', crossing the bridge Daladier, turn second right after the bakery « Boulangerie Marie Blachère »

From Nîmes: When driving on the highway, take the exit 'Remoulins', direction to Avignon. At the roundabout next to the shopping mall Leclerc, take direction 'Les Angles'. When arriving at the restaurant la Strada, located on your right, take left at the junction.

- ✓ **Taxi** : about 15€/20€ from the city center of Avignon during working days (a bit more during week ends)
- ✓ **Bus** : Line 40 (departing from the train station in Avignon city center). Take direction "Grand Angles" and get off at « les Mousselières » bus stop.
- ✓ We recommend our favorite taxi drivers for transport:
Taxi PERFETTI : 06 84 00 27 47 / infos@taxis-villeneuve-lez-avignon.com
Nathalie is nice and can take you anywhere!

**Should you have any question please don't hesitate to contact us;
We will make everything possible for you to enjoy fully this creative journey!**

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Studio!



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Suggestion of Accommodation

When the workshop doesn't include accommodation, you have to find your place (and we recommend to do it as soon as possible, regarding to the touristic season)
There are many hotels around the workshop, for all budgets and styles.

You can choose to stay in the big city of Avignon, very close and attractive but we highly recommend to stay in the typical village of VILLENEUVE LES AVIGNON , 8 min drive from the studio by car or taxi, a typical lovely provincial town, lively during the day and calm during the night, full of friendly places such as restaurants, café bars, shops, and wine bars among others. Villeneuve-les-Avignon is a upper middle class provincial village, and the environment is safe all day and all night long.

There is many hotels at different prices , but one is our favorite , the one we are used to work with :

« L'Hôtel de l'Atelier » ***

Adress : 5 rue de la Foire

City : Villeneuve-lès-Avignon 30400

<https://hoteldelatelier.com/>



*2 rooms available in Sept for our workshop .
You will get a discount with the indication « Esprit Mosaïque group »*

The place is one of the most perfect around, a combination of Provencal atmosphere, nice rooms and patio, delicious breakfast, and a very good location, between the studio and Avignon city. The staff is nice and will be able to arrange everything with you.
The hotel accepts credit cards (Visa, Master Card and American Express), cash and French checks.

There is also 3 houses available and already booked for us in this village :
If you are interested, please ask for link and details.

Close to hotel de l'atelier :

“LA CIGALE” (rue de la monnaie) a nice house
(it's a full house, kitchen and bathroom to share)

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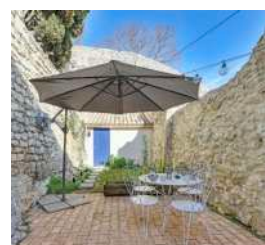
La Cigale - Vieux Village - Charmante Maisonnette climatisée avec Jardin

22 Rue de la Monnaie, 30400 Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, France – Excellent emplacement - voir la carte



3 large double bedrooms available.

Price : 400€/rooms/ 6 nights/ sept 16-22



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A street farther:

"MAISON DE CHARME " a house with 2 separate rooms
(it's a full house, kitchen and bathroom to share)

Maison de charme pittoresque Villeneuve lez Avignon

9 bis rue des greniers, 30400 Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, France – Excellent emplacement - voir la carte



2 rooms :one double , one twins,

Price: 400€/ room / 6 nights/ sept 16-22

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In the main street : STUDIO for one pers.

Studio avec balcon et wifi a Villeneuve les Avignon

99 Rue de la République, 30400 Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, France – Excellent emplacement - voir la carte



One double bed

450€/pers / 6 night /sept 16-22

To book yourself :

1. In Villeneuve-les-avignon (6 min drive from the studio)

There are other great places, a bit more expensive

- Maison Orsini : <https://maisonorsini.com>
- Les jardins de la livrée*** (with pool): <http://www.la-livree.fr>
- Hôtel la suite ****(heart of town) <http://www.hotellasuite.fr>

2. In Les Angles (walking distance or 2 min drive from the studio)

All tested and approved by students

HOTELS

- Hotel le petit manoir <https://www.lepetitmanoir-hotel.fr/>
- Hotel Ermitage <https://www.hotel-ermitage-avignon.fr/>
- Hotel les cedres <https://www.lescedres-hotel.fr/>
- Hotel cube <https://www.ocubhotel.fr/> (probably the cheapest)

HOUSES/RBNB or BOOKING

very nice ones, on booking .com

(becareful to tape the right postal code Les Angles **30133**)

- « Bergerie en chambre d'hote » (2 separate bedrooms) 15 min walk
<https://www.labergeriedumonde.fr/chambre-la-bergerie>
<https://www.labergeriedumonde.fr/chambre-l-entree-des-artistes>
- « Petit terme »
5 min walk from the studio



2.Sur Avignon:

If you prefer to stay in Avignon: there are a LOT of places and we cannot list them here, but a charming and ideally located hotel:

- Hotel Central <https://www.hotel-central-avignon.com>

Also in Avignon, a multitude of proposals too numerous to reference here, on the BOOKING sites:

- <https://www.booking.com> and
- AIRBNB: <https://www.airbnb.fr>

Do not hesitate to contact us and ask any questions.