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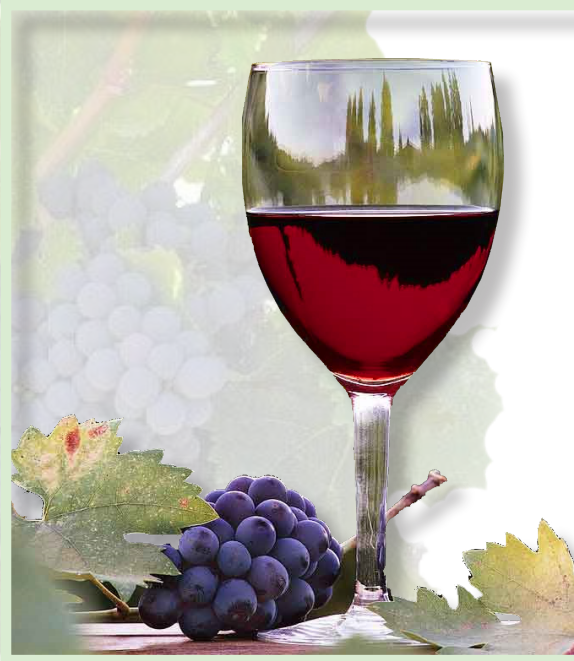
First and foremost we have a spectacular home for 2 weeks; there is no requirement to pack up and move to a rigid itinerary. There are picturesque villages nearby, as well as the cities of Chalon, Beaune, and Dijon with local markets and historic sites. Most days, however, will be devoted to enjoying the ambience of French village life, painting the local area, playing golf or learning how to “parlez française” to assist with your travels. Bicycles are also available at the Chateau.

The cost is \$6,400 AUD for the 2 weeks, twin share. Airfares are not included in the price. We can arrange pick up from Le Creusot TGV station, however there is plenty of parking at the Chateau if you hire a car.

**To make a booking or enquiry please
contact Jan Lack on +61 3 9822.2678
or email the gallery:
janlack@eclipticgallery.com.au**

A deposit of \$1,000 will be required at time of booking with the balance to be paid by June 13. After this date no refunds can be given. You must ensure you take out COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE prior to payment. In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled, a full refund will be given.

The cost includes all breakfasts, 10 dinners, 10 lunches including wine/beverages at the Chateau, painting tuition. Some meals may be picnic lunches at painting sites, and the few meals not provided at the chateau will be at local restaurants where guests pay for their own selections.



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Holiday in France

*A Chateau nestled amongst
the vineyards in the Village of
Mercrey, Burgundy France*

September 3-17, 2011
*Painting, French Cooking,
Wine tasting and Golf*



*Walk through the vineyards to
Mercrey, the local village*

ANOTHER ONCE IN A LIFETIME HOLIDAY

This is the 7th Ecliptic Gallery holiday in France where guests are able to choose what they want to do at their own pace, whether it be painting, French cooking, playing Petanque (Boules), lazing by the pool, playing golf or starting "that book" we all have within us.

Importantly you will be able to relax and enjoy the unique ambience of French village life in Autumn. When you arrive, you unpack and have two full weeks of holiday. Evening aperitifs provide a gentle end to the day before dinner at the chateau or visiting local restaurants in the villages nearby

OUR CHATEAU IN BURGUNDY

The Chateau is located in the village of Mercurey, which is a short stroll through the vineyards. It has traditional French style charm with all modern comforts including ensuite bathrooms, heated pool, a beautiful outdoor dining area with summer kitchen and fully equipped gym and sauna. Everyone will be able to enjoy the regional dishes prepared by our French cuisiniere Thomas, along with the wonderful wines of Burgundy and other regions of France. For those interested in French cooking Thomas(who will be preparing the evening gastronomic delights) is happy to have you work with him learning the intricacies of the French cuisine. You will share some memorable experiences with new friends.



19th Century Wall Paintings in Salon at the Chateau



Betina Fauvel-Ogden

ART TUITION

This year our art tutor is the highly acclaimed Betina Fauvel-Ogden, a brilliant artist and keen Francophile (her daughter's name is Paris!). Betina holds the 2010 Australian Art Excellence Medallion awarded by the Australian Guild of Realist Artists. Tuition will be a combination of demonstrations and group/personal sessions to suit the needs of guests, the light and weather conditions. Painting materials, including easels, canvas etc. will be provided so you don't need to pack your own equipment except for preferred brushes and pallet knives.



GOLF

For those with a passion for golf we have visited good quality courses nearby at Le Creusot and Chalon where we can arrange rounds including equipment hire. However, if we have serious golfers, arrangements can be made for personal putters to be taken over (36 of 72 shots in a normal round are putts!) Just let us know what you would like to do.

