



#### Meet Your Tour Guides:



Recognised as one of New Zealand's favourite artists. Susan Harrison-Tustain enjoys an extraordinarily successful career as an internationally acclaimed and award winning artist, mentor and tutor. Her work can be found in numerous collections, art books and publications around the world. Her husband Richard

has worked as a European Tour Leader for many seasons and was in the New Zealand wine industry for 15 years. Richard is a very accomplished photographer.

Both Susan and Richard have travelled extensively and draw from this expertise when they hand pick stunning destinations and create unforgettable experiences for their tour guest. They are delighted with their 2014 Mediterranean "Portrait of Europe - A Feast for the Senses" tour as it reveals the magic of their favourite haunts in France, Greece and Turkey.

"Our tours are about creating leisurely paced holidays of a lifetime that spring from our unique mix of skills - beginning with our wide experience in travel, painting, photography, wine appreciation and Mediterranean cuisine. Its a great combination that works extremely well for our tour guests and allows unique additional options. I think the best testament comes from those who want to return again and again" says Susan.



#### What's included in your tour:

- Fully escorted by Susan and Richard from Istanbul to Paris
- All transfers to and from airports and train stations
- Porterage throughout based on 1 suitcase per person
- Meeting & welcome drinks on arrival in Istanbul
- Internal European flights - Istanbul to Cappadocia return & Athens to Geneva
- Guided visit of the Grand Bazaar, Topkapi Palace and Harem, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia Basilica Cisterns in Istanbul
- Turkish Dinner with wine, music and dance
- 2 Full day Guided Cappadocia Sightseeing excursions
- Day trip from Annecy to Chamonix Monte Blanc including train and cable car to Aiguille de midi
- Visits to Revel Market and Carcassonne walled town
- Cooking school and dinner in Cuq Toulza
- Visits to Albi Cathedral, Roquefort sur Soulzon cheese cellars and Millau Viaduct
- Excursion to Les Baux de Provence with entrances to the Chateau and Carrieres de Lumieres Light Show
- Excursion to Provencal villages of Lacoste and Roussillon plus wineries in Gigondas and Chateaufort de Pape
- TGV high speed train from Avignon to Paris
- Painting with Susan and Photography with Richard
- 2 Wine appreciation tastings with Richard
- Farewell Drinks and Dinner in Paris

#### What's not included in your tour:

- Travel Insurance (this is mandatory)
- Currency fluctuations
- Passport and Visa fees
- Personal meals and beverages (unless included in the itinerary)
- Gratuities for the Excursions on the land portion of this itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Suggested optional land and ship excursions

# Portrait of Europe

## A Feast for the Senses

### Escorted Tour of Europe

25 nights: 18 nights accommodation  
& 7 night luxury cruise from

**\$16,795\***

per person, twin share.  
Flights are additional, tour starts in Istanbul.

Join world acclaimed artist Susan Harrison-Tustain and inspiring photographer husband Richard, on their leisurely paced "Portrait of Europe" Tour. It will truly be 'A Feast for the Senses' beginning in exotic Istanbul then on to mesmerising Cappadocia. Board your superb Azamara Quest luxury cruise to Gallipoli, Ephesus and the sun drenched Greek Islands.

Then become immersed in the village lifestyle of France with your inspirational tour leaders who offer magical destinations, extraordinary adventures, painting, photography, wine and cooking experiences - all in this unique tour of a lifetime.

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# Itinerary

Our aptly titled “Portrait of Europe - A Feast for the senses” 2014 tour is specifically designed to allow you time to absorb, savour and immerse yourself in authentic Europe. Our hand-picked destinations and experiences make this an adventure you will treasure for a lifetime.

| Date       | Itinerary  |
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| 2 Sep 2014 | <b>Istanbul</b><br>Our tour starts in magical Istanbul. Join us for Welcome Drinks and nibbles at 6pm in the beautiful Hagia Sofia Old City Hotel. Let the adventure begin!  |
| 3 Sep 2014 | <b>Istanbul (BBL)</b><br>Istanbul straddles East and West. Discover the influences of Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman Empires while taking in the seductive Topkapi Palace and Harem of the Sultans, the intriguing Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, the Basilica Cisterns and the Grand Bazaar. Immerse yourself in this fascinating city and let your senses awaken!   |
| 4 Sep 2014 | <b>Cappadocia (BBD)</b><br>Cappadocia will delight, as you indulge in the spell binding experiences and excursions you have awaiting you.<br>Our flight from Istanbul arrives in time for lunch in ancient Goreme, a town famed for its ‘fairy chimney’ rock formations. Our exquisite authentic cave hotel, The Museum Hotel, will be an experience you will never forget. As the sun goes down an infinity pool awaits after each day of exceptional adventures.<br>This evening we enjoy authentic Turkish cuisine while being serenaded with lively Turkish music and dance. It will be a night to remember! |
| 5 Sep 2014 | <b>Cappadocia (BBL)</b><br>An array of cultures and peoples have left their mark in Cappadocia. Our full day tour gives us the opportunity to discover some of the amazing history as we visit Avanos Market and Pottery, the Goreme Open Air Museum, Pasabag Fairy Chimneys, the Devrent Valley and Red & Rose Valleys.   |
| 6 Sep 2014 | <b>Cappadocia (BB)</b><br>Capture the exotic colours and essence of this unique and mystical land in a photography session with Richard - and what better place to try your hand at painting in this captivating landscape, with Susan to guide you. Time for relaxation and exploration.<br><b>Optional extra:</b> An early morning balloon flight to view this spectacular landscape from the air is an adventurous “must do”!   |

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| 7 Sep 2014  | <b>Cappadocia (BB)</b><br>Another exciting full day is planned for today. Practice your new found photography expertise. Geological features converted into dwellings, the incredible Kaymakli Underground city, a monastery, a castle and more.   |
| 8 Sep 2014  | <b>Turkey Cruise (BBD)</b><br>Fly back to Istanbul and board our luxury 5 star Azamara Quest cruise for 7 glorious nights in luxurious Balcony Staterooms. The service and cuisine are superb along with the complimentary wine. Explore the ship and then join your hosts for dinner. There are numerous shore excursions available, or feel free to join Richard and Susan as they introduce you to some of their favourite cruise ports of call.  |
| 9 Sep 2014  | <b>Turkey Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>Today we visit Canakkale on a journey down the Asian coastline of the Dardanelles.<br><b>Optional extra:</b> Take a ship excursion to Gallipoli, Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and the 57th Regiment Turkish Cemetery.  |
| 10 Sep 2014 | <b>Turkey Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>Today we visit Kusadasi and the ancient world of Ephesus. Picture the sun going down as we delight in a complimentary Evening Concert just for Azamara Guests in the 2nd Century AD Roman Odeon Theatre! Pure magic!  |
| 11 Sep 2014 | <b>Greece Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>We see Kos today on our arrival into Greece. Visit the Square for a relaxing afternoon surrounded by the local market with antiquities and Greek heritage. Or perhaps visit the beautiful village of Zia.   |
| 12 Sep 2014 | <b>Greece Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>Rhodes, a melting pot of cultures and peoples over the ages. The Old Town of Rhodes has been declared a world heritage site and is surrounded by medieval fortress walls. From the 14th century the island was occupied by forces of the Knights Hospitaller. Under their rule the city was rebuilt as a model of the European medieval ideal and many of the city's famous monuments were built during this period. Now a pedestrian paradise, the ancient streets and alleyways are home to a host of shops, gold smiths, small cafes and souvenir markets. |

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| 13 Sep 2014 | <b>Greece Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>Everyone's favourite! Santorini has picture perfect beauty with its white washed houses and blue domes. A memorable option is to join us at our favourite little restaurant not far from Oia township. With a glass of wine and traditional Greek fare, we spend the afternoon watching the fishermen and perhaps catching the Santorini sun set. |
| 14 Sep 2014 | <b>Greece Cruise (BBLD)</b><br>Mykonos will beguile you with its narrow twisting pedestrian streets, lined with boutique shops and wonderful galleries.  |
| 15 Sep 2014 | <b>Annecy France (BB)</b><br>Sadly we say “avrio” to Greece and our Azamara luxury cruise ship as we disembark in Athens and head for the airport to fly to Geneva. We have time to visit the Acropolis and the Parthenon. From Geneva it is a short transfer to the beautiful lakeside town of Annecy - the Venice of France.   |
| 16 Sep 2014 | <b>Annecy France (BB)</b><br>Annecy in the foothills of the Alps will delight with its restful canals, historic castles and stunning location. Time for relaxation, or exploring on foot or by Segway and a “wine appreciation” tasting with Richard today.  |
| 17 Sep 2014 | <b>Annecy France (BB)</b><br>We take the train to Chamonix Mont Blanc, then cable car to spectacular Aiguille de Midi at 3842m.  |
| 18 Sep 2014 | <b>Annecy France (BB)</b><br>Free time today to do as we please. The active options are endless.....or relax. It's up to you!  |
| 19 Sep 2014 | <b>Cuq Toulza France (BB)</b><br>Our luxury coach takes us to Cuq Toulza, in the countryside of south west France, to the exquisite Cuq en Terrasses Hotel. A haven of peace and tranquillity, the epitome of a relaxed French lifestyle.  |
| 20 Sep 2014 | <b>Cuq Toulza France (BBD)</b><br>Saturday is market day in Revel. Partially covered by a 14th Century roof, the market is famed for its food and clothing. From here we head to the magnificent medieval fortified town of Carcassone. It has about 2,500 years of history. A French Cook school is an additional treat.  |
| 21 Sep 2014 | <b>Cuq Toulza France (BB)</b><br>A day of glorious rest! Or maybe try your hand at painting while sitting under a shady tree? Wine tasting with Richard anyone?  |

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| 22 Sep 2014 | <b>Saint Remy de Provence France (BB)</b><br>Today we travel to the beautiful village of Saint Remy de Provence for the next 4 nights, staying at the De L'Image Hotel Saint Remy. Take in the impressive Albi Cathedral, the famous cheese cellars of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon and the modern masterpiece - the Millau Viaduct. Saint Remy de Provence - this is Van Gogh country.  |
| 23 Sep 2014 | <b>Saint Remy de Provence France (BB)</b><br>Today we visit awe inspiring Les Baux de Provence with its spectacular position in the Alpilles, set atop a rocky outcrop crowned with a ruined castle overlooking the plains to the south. We also include a visit to the chateau and Carrieres de Lumieres light show.   |
| 24 Sep 2014 | <b>Saint Remy de Provence France (BB)</b><br>Wednesday is market day in Saint Remy! This one is rightly renowned as exceptional. You may like to gather together a sumptuous picnic lunch of local delicacies and then spend the afternoon on a motorised ‘Sun-e-bike’ exploring the villages and countryside in a fun and very unique way.   |
| 25 Sep 2014 | <b>Saint Remy de Provence France (BB)</b><br>Today we visit the picturesque hilltop village of Lacoste, best known for its most notorious resident the Marquis de Sade, who in the 18th century lived in the castle which is now owned by fashion designer Pierre Cardin. Then we head to the beautiful ochre-red village of Roussillon. After lunch Richard is keen to take us to taste some more wines in their natural habitat, Gigondas or Chateaufort-du-Pape.                             |
| 26 Sep 2014 | <b>Paris France (BBD)</b><br>Zoom zoom! This morning we head for Avignon Train station to board the lightning fast TGV train to Paris arriving early afternoon and heading for our last hotel on tour, the Millennium Opera Hotel in a very central chic part of the ‘city of light’. Paris awaits us and so does another magical evening! Our final “Feast for the Senses Extraordinary Experience”! Tonight we dine and make a toast to our new friends and the end of an unforgettable tour. |
| 27 Sep 2014 | <b>Paris France (BBD)</b><br>Sadly it's time to say “au revoir”...for now! Our tour ends after breakfast and we go our separate ways after a holiday packed full of magical experiences and life long memories. See you next time!  |
| Key         | BB - Bed & Breakfast<br>BBL - Bed, Breakfast & Lunch<br>BBD - Bed, Breakfast & Dinner<br>BBLD - Bed, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  |