



Sept 30 - Oct 08, 2007

A Painting Adventure in France with Lisbeth Firmin

The Great River Arts Institute is pleased to announce a unique opportunity to travel to the Loire Valley, known as the “Garden of France,” and to work with celebrated painting instructor Lisbeth Firmin. The food will be magnificent, the wine memorable and the scenery spectacular.

Lisbeth Firmin is a painter/printmaker working within a long tradition of figurative American realism and is known for her urban landscapes. For over three decades Firmin’s paintings and prints have been exhibited at numerous galleries and institutions across the country and internationally. Awards include a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, the New York Print Club Emerging Artist Award, the CCVA Award (awarded by Michael Gitlitz, Director, Marlborough Gallery) at the Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts, first prize of \$5000.00 in the LANA International Arts Competition (awarded by Wayne Thiebaud) along with full fellowships to the MacDowell Colony, National Seashore Residency, the Vermont Studio Center and the Saltonstall Arts Colony. Firmin has exhibited her monotypes at the Institute of Culture in Lima, Peru and in a major exhibition at Kingborough Community College in Brooklyn. She has been a visiting artist at the Vermont Studio School, working with Master Printer Sarah Amos in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. She is currently working on her next solo show at the Klaudia Marr Gallery, Santa Fe, NM which opens in the fall of 2007 and will be included in an exhibition “Five Women Artists in New York” opening in NYC in May 2008 as well.



Lisbeth Firmin

This fall, join Lisbeth Firmin and other like-minded enthusiasts on the experience of a lifetime on *Landscapes of the Loire*.

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Boston departure:	<b>\$4470</b>
Land Only (no airfare included):	<b>\$3670</b>
Single supplement:	<b>\$650</b>

*Airfares are available from many other U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

<b>Airfare:</b>	Roundtrip air from Boston to Paris All customs fees and airport taxes included.
<b>Hotels:</b>	8 nights accommodation in first class hotels. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
<b>Coaching:</b>	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast and dinner daily.
<b>Guides:</b>	Discover Europe tour director throughout.
<b>Instruction:</b>	Daily classes with Lisbeth Firmin.
<b>Entrances:</b>	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.
<b>Insurance:</b>	Complete travel insurance including cancellation coverage.



Le Manoir les Minimes



**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** **Overnight: Flight**  
 Evening departure from Boston, Logan Airport.

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** **Overnight: Paris**  
 Morning arrival in Paris, where you will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. After checking in, there will be time to unpack and relax before we have an afternoon orientation meeting. A welcome dinner is included this evening. **(D)**

**Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Overnight: Amboise**  
 This morning we leave the city in our private minivan and head south west to the “garden of France,” as the Loire Valley is known. We’ll stop in Chartres on the way to visit its magnificent cathedral, and arrive in Amboise mid-afternoon, where we will make our base for the next few days. **(B, D)**

**Wednesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** **Overnight: Amboise**

Four days to explore the surrounding countryside, take excursions to the nearby chateaux, and to paint, paint, paint. Throughout the stay you will be accompanied by Discover Europe’s representative and will have transport by private minivan at your disposal. Breakfast is included every day, but 2 evenings have been left free for participants to discover the delightful local restaurants. **(B, some D)**

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** **Overnight: Paris**  
 Today we return to Paris for a final evening in the city. Dinner will included at a restaurant near our hotel. **(B, D)**

**Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** **Overnight: Home**  
 Morning transfer to Paris airport for return flights to the USA. **(B)**



*Le Manoir les Minimes - our base in Amboise*



*The Chateau of Chenonceau*

Please Note:

The actual day-by-day order of events, during the stay in Amboise, will be determined by the final course curriculum and the weather.

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner*

