Ochre earth, twisted silvery olive trees, blue skies, red roofs and sunflowers... Our visual images of the south of France have been defined by the artists who have painted there since the end of the 19th century, drawn by the fierce light of the Midi. Join us as we discover this region—one of the best places in the world to appreciate the landscapes that inspired the masters - Cézanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso and a host of others. Admire their works in several world-class museums and, as the summer crowds disappear, discover bustling markets and honey-colored hill-top villages. Our carefully designed program focuses on this alluring corner of south-eastern France where we use St. Remy de Provence and Nice as our bases. Our program ends in Saint Paul de Vence located amongst forests of green and white oaks, meadows of almond trees and swathes of wildly growing flowers. The rhythm of an eternal Provence.

**Tour Highlights**

**St. Remy de Provence - 2 nights**

*Le Vallon de Valrugues*
- Visit the Papal Palace and the charming Musée d’Angladon in Avignon
- Have drinks at the studio of one of France’s leading contemporary wire mesh sculptors.
- Enjoy a specially-designed tour of the Roman City of Arles where Van Gogh created his most vibrant works
- Walk through the Fondation Van Gogh which showcases Van Gogh’s artistic heritage
- Meet the staff from the Luma Foundation
- Attend a presentation by a contemporary American painter who lives in Provence

**Nice - 3 nights**

*Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée*
- Visit Aix en Provence and Paul Cezanne’s studio, a place that has miraculously survived much as he left it
- Take in the iconic port of St. Tropez and tour the Musée de l’Annonciade
- Visit galleries in St. Tropez
- Explore the old town of Nice with its colourful food market and bustling streets
- Discover the medieval port of Villefranche and visit the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild
- Enjoy a special tour of the legendary Villa Santo Sospir

**St. Paul de Vence - 2 nights**

*La Colombe D’Or*
- Marvel at the works of the Picasso museum in Antibes
- Explore Vence Market, a riot of color
- Admire the Fondation Maeght, an important collection of 20th century artists
- Marvel at Matisse’s Chapel of the Rosary, considered to be the “culmination” of his life’s work
- Enjoy a gala farewell dinner surrounded by a priceless collection of art

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O ur trip begins with the group meeting in Avignon for a welcome lunch. After visiting the Papal Palace and the Musee d’Angladon with the only original van Gogh on show in Provence drive to St. Remy de Provence, famous for its luminous sky and a prime location for many artists for decades. From St. Remy explore the Roman city of Arles, including visits to the Fondation Van Gogh, scheduled to open in April, 2015, and the Luma Foundation recently granted permission to develop a series of huge 19th century sheds where trains were once made and repaired – into a radical new art campus.

En route to Nice stop at Château la Coste, here the vision is to create a special place where wine, art, architecture and land came together. Close by is Aix en Provence. Beyond the thermal foundation – the Aquae Sextiae that gave Aix its name – Roman columns, baroque fountains and medieval palaces frame local markets full of fresh produce.

At the iconic port of St Tropez discover its charming streets, inspiration to artists since Signac sailed in at the end of the 19th century. Pop into the jbArt Gallery, tucked away in the backstreet of St. Tropez before ending the day in Nice.

Spend a day exploring Nice including morning coffee in the Cours Saleya to watch the hustle and bustle of Nice’s oldest market square. Enjoy lunch with a contemporary French artist before visiting the Chagall museum with the “Biblical Message” cycle of paintings he left as a legacy to France.

Drive to the medieval port of Villefranche and visit the fisherman’s chapel, gaily painted by Jean Cocteau. We have arranged a special visit to the legendary Villa Santo Sospir for a very unique lesson in art history. This is where Jean Cocteau lived for years and covered the entire villa in frescoes. Visit the simple summer home of Le Corbusier. His small hut, quite in contrast to the villas which surround it, sits on a slip of land between the coast and the railway with views of the sea and coast in both directions.

Walk through the important Picasso museum in Antibes and visit Mougins to view the private collection of Christian Levett, at the Mougins Museum of Classical Art.

Our home in the walled medieval hilltop village of St Paul de Vence is the iconic Colombe D’Or, part of the 100 Best Hotels on Conde Nast’s Travelers Gold List for 2015. Here we sleep and eat amid a priceless collection of art donated, in lieu of payment for room and board, by Léger, Picasso, Braque, Modigliani and others.

Admire the Chapel of the Rosary designed by Henri Matisse. Austere in its simplicity, its white interior is suffused with color from the blue, yellow and green of Matisse’s dominating stained glass windows. Stop at the Maeght Foundation, a gallery set up by art dealing friends of Henri Matisse. As well as the Giacomettis, the Braques, the Bonnards and the Chagalls enjoy a delightful outdoor labyrinth designed by Joan Miro with monumental but playful sculptures including a giant egg in a pool of water.

Our final celebration is a gala dinner at our hotel with the works of some of the world’s finest artists gazing down upon us.

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