



Announcing: CAVA's 2024 Palettes de Gascogne Painting Holiday! June 28–July 6, 2024

Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists (CAVA) is excited to announce our partnership with **Palettes de Gascogne** to host a plein air painting and cultural excursion in southwestern France in summer 2024.

Our trip will accommodate up to twenty people. CAVA artists members and their guests will enjoy a peaceful and culturally enriching holiday at LaSalle, a beautiful country house in southwestern France's "Little Tuscany."

The area is renowned both for its beauty and history, with tiny hilltop villages perched above rolling fields of sunflowers and vineyards. There is little motorized traffic on the winding country roads. Five of UNESCO's official "most beautiful villages in France" are located here, as well as the UNESCO world heritage site at La Romieu, and the Roman villa of Seviac with its amazing mosaics.

The trip will be open to twenty CAVA Members and/or guests to participate in this wonderfully planned trip, which will be unforgettable for both artists and art/culture appreciators alike.



TRIP FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Ground transport to-from St-Puy from Toulouse Blagnac airport (TLS) (approx. 1 hour drive).
- Lodging at La Salle, Belle Vue, and Le reve d'Alice. The pools at LaSalle and Belle Vue are available for guests, and towels are provided.
- Meals included: 7 continental breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 evening meal at a restaurant, 3 lunches at LaSalle with wine or soft drinks, 6 evening meals at La Salle with wine or soft drinks.
- Daily local excursions, including a wine tasting; tour of a local historical Chateau; a Glass Gallery Exhibition; visit to a private lime tree orchard; and a visit to a UNESCO world heritage village to paint and/or explore. For non-painters, there are options to join Pilates sessions, enjoy a spa visit, or visit an Armagnac distillery for a tour and tasting.
- Palettes de Gascogne provides some studio and French easels, stools, and drawing boards at the Chateau and on excursions. Artists should bring their own brushes, palettes, medium of choice, paper or canvas board.



Details:

DATES: Flight dates: departure June 28, return July 6, 2024.

TRIP COST: \$1,750 per person, single or double occupancy (does not include airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Toulouse Blagnac airport (ORD-TLS)).

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE: A deposit of 15% (263.00 per person) will be due **September 30, 2023** to reserve; balance due by **April 28, 2024**. Use the Pay Pal button on the CAVA website to reserve your place on this artistic journey!