

SUSAN WORNER TOURS

Gardens and Natural History

Itinerary prepared for the Denver Botanic Gardens

SUPERB GARDENS OF THE COTE D'AZUR AND OF PROVENCE

23 June – 02 July 2021



“My dream... to restore the old Soubeyran orchard as it used to be in my father’s time... A thousand trees, and between the lines there will be rows of muscat grapes on wire; you’ll walk between the walls of bunches, you’ll see the sun through the grapes—and that, Galinette, will be a monument! It will be as beautiful as a church, and a true peasant won’t enter it without making the sign of the cross!”

Marcel Pagnol, Jean de Florette, 1963

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Our tour starts in Nice on the Côte d'Azur visiting beautiful gardens along the coast and around Grasse, an important centre for perfume originally based on locally grown flowers. Gardens benefit from a special microclimate being protected by high mountains to the north. Mostly on terraces, we discover a vibrant collection of plants in delightful settings. Our hotel, La Perouse, is well-placed near the fascinating historic centre, the colourful market and with views of the Mediterranean.

We travel on to Provence and our base in Provence is a most gracious, beautifully restored hotel just behind the Palais des Papes in Avignon. Hotel La Mirande, originally built in the eighteenth century, is family owned and managed. It is renowned for its gastronomic restaurant where the head chef and his team create dishes typical of the region featuring seasonal produce. The final two nights are in a perched village at Chateau de Mazan near Mont Ventoux.

A particularly good selection of private gardens in Provence has been chosen created by leading local landscape designers. Those in the Luberon are influenced by the late Nicole de Vésian, who created her personal garden, La Louve, in Bonnieux. We visit an impressive Land Art garden near Eygalières at the foot of Les Alpilles designed by Alain David Idoux, a pupil of de Vésian. In addition we discover gardens created by Dominique Lafourcade, an influential designer from St Rémy de Provence.

Cypress trees, country roads lined with majestic plane trees, olive trees and vines, all seen against a backdrop of craggy limestone hills or forested mountains, are just part of the superb Provençal landscape. The climate is challenging: Hot summers with the fierce Mistral blowing down the Rhône valley, a lack of water, and even cold winters. Yet the gardens are stunning.

The lavender fields near Sault and Valensole together with olive trees and sunflowers evoke images painted by Van Gogh.



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DAY ONE Wednesday, 23 June **D**

HOTEL LA PEROUSE, NICE

Arrival in Nice airport – transfer to Hotel La Perouse.

Welcome aperitif and short talk on the programme before dinner together.

DAY TWO Thursday, 24 June **B L**

HOTEL LA PEROUSE, NICE

Our morning visit is to Fort France, the gardens of Valérie and Pierre de Courcel. The garden was initially created by Lady Fortescue in the early 20th century and portrayed in her book 'Perfumes of Provence'. The garden has been restored with a definite eye to colour by Valérie who is a well-known artist. We have lunch nearby. South west of Grasse we visit an extensive private garden recently restored. The garden was originally designed by the noted designer and landscape architect Russell Page and documented in one of his books; it has now been restored to Page's original specification and is very beautiful. There are also orchards and an olive grove from which oil is pressed. Return to Nice. Evening at leisure to discover restaurants in the nearby Cours Saleya – flower market square in the old part of Nice.

DAY THREE Friday 25 June **B L**

HOTEL LA PEROUSE, NICE

We follow the coastal road to Villefranche towards the peninsula of St Jean Cap Ferrat to visit the remarkable Villa Ephrussi Rothschild and its gardens. Constructed in a Venetian style by the Baroness in the early 1900s who insisted on the garden resembling an ocean liner. The gardens are a series of rooms each with a different theme created by the landscape architect Achille Duchêne. The interior of the Villa can also be visited. We have lunch in the garden.

An afternoon visit to the gardens of Serre de la Madone in Menton. Created in the 1930s by Lawrence Johnston of Hidcote Manor fame in the Cotswolds (UK), the terraced gardens are on a steep hillside. It benefits from a special microclimate and many plants from all over the world have been introduced and thrived. We return to Nice. Evening at leisure.

DAY FOUR, Saturday 26 June **B L D**

HOTEL LA MIRANDE, AVIGNON

We depart from Nice heading west towards Provence. North of Aix-en-Provence we visit Domaine la Coste. After lunch we are guided on foot through extensive vineyards and woodland to see sculptures of high quality by Andy Goldsworthy, Tadao Ando, Tracey Emin and more. We discover the potager garden designed by Louis Benech, an important French garden designer.

Transfer to Avignon to check-in to Hotel La Mirande just behind the Popes' Palace in the historic centre. Aperitif in the garden followed by dinner together.

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DAY FIVE, Sunday 27 June **B** **L** **HOTEL LA MIRANDE, AVIGNON**

North of the River Rhone is the Abbaye St André and its Italianate garden. Originally a fortified site with an extensive Benedictine Monastery, it was partially destroyed in the French Revolution. Restored as a private home over the years and a garden was created in an Italianate style with a pergola and cypress trees. Delicious lunch under the plane trees in the attractive village of Eygalières. Return to Avignon. Evening at leisure.

DAY SIX, Monday 28 June **B** **L** **HOTEL LA MIRANDE, AVIGNON**

In the morning we visit a contemporary garden in the style of Land Art. With a backdrop of the jagged limestone hills and a sea of olive trees, the garden was laid out by the late Alain David Idoux who introduced a lavender wedge, an almond spiral and sculpted holm oaks with tree sculpture specialist, Marc Nucera. We continue to the private home and garden of Dominique Lafourcade, a prominent garden designer in Provence. Her garden has been recently restored and well replanted. Influenced by Italy, Portugal and her native Provence, Dominique will explain her ideas on garden design and her chosen palette of plants. We enjoy lunch in the garden. We head up into the majestic Alpilles to visit Domaine de l'Abbaye de Pierredon. Off the beaten track amidst the garrigue, olive trees and vines, the ancient abbey and mas are surrounded by an enchanting garden restored by Dominique Lafourcade in her inimitable style. Return to Avignon. Evening at leisure.



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DAY SEVEN Tuesday, 29 June **B** **D**

HOTEL LA MIRANDE, AVIGNON

A superb garden awaits us at Le Petit Fontanille, a private garden created by a former American ambassador with the help of notable designers, Rosemary Verey, Peter Coates and Tim Rees. We are guided through the garden by the head gardener. Free lunchtime in the medieval town of St Rémy en Provence. The jagged limestone hills behind St Rémy are Les Alpilles where we visit a newly renovated farmhouse and a richly planted garden. An eye-catching old plane tree (*Platanus occidentalis*) gives shade to the Mas (Provence word for a farmhouse) and a double line of cypress trees and lavender beds lead to a sculpture at the foot of the limestone hills. On our return to Avignon we enjoy an aperitif in the hotel's wine cellar followed by the table d'hôte dinner in the historic kitchens with the head chef demonstrating the preparation of the seasonal dishes.

DAY EIGHT Wednesday, 30 June **B** **Picnic** **D**

CHATEAU DE MAZAN, MAZAN, VENTOUX

Depart with luggage heading east in the Luberon with Mont Ventoux to the north. Our first visit is to the fascinating Musée de la Lavande to learn much about the cultivation of lavender in Provence. We continue further into the Luberon to visit the lavender and sunflower fields around Valensole continuing to the plateau de Sault. Visit to the distillery/farm and an optional walk in the lavender fields. Picnic lunch. Continue to Gordes and the Abbaye de Senanque with its lavender fields. Visit to an artisanal nougat maker in Gordes to discover the lavender nougat! Check into Chateau de Mazan (2 nights). Dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

DAY NINE Thursday, 01 July **B** **L** **D**

CHATEAU DE MAZAN, MAZAN, VENTOUX

We spend a full day in the Luberon visiting gardens mostly influenced by the late Nicole de Vésian. Starting on the southern slopes of the Luberon, we visit a wine estate, Château Val Joanis with an innovative garden inspired as a potager garden created by the owner. A delightful mixture of fruit, herbs, flowers and vegetables laid out on three separate terraces. We enjoy a glass of wine before leaving. We continue to the hill village of Ménerbes with a visit to terraced garden designed by de Vésian on the hillside of Ménerbes. Lunch in the attractive perched village. Our afternoon visit is to Bonnieux and to the fabulous garden at La Louve, formerly de Vésian's home. A small village garden on steep terraces with exquisite planting including a lavender field pruned on the diagonal. Dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

DAY TEN Friday, 02 July **B**

Depart across the Luberon mountains towards Nice Airport for the departures.

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Price

€4,570 per person sharing

€1,620 supplement for single occupation of double room

Price includes:

Accommodation throughout in excellent hotels, Meals as indicated. B - breakfast L - lunch D - dinner, transport in small quality coach. Water supplied in the coach, wine and soft drinks at Hotel La Mirande, all visits and guides, tips at hotels & restaurants, accompanied throughout by Susan Worner.

Not included:

Airfares, travel insurance, items of a personal nature, tips for the driver, any meals not indicated in the itinerary.

Hotels

Hotel La Perouse, Nice

www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-la-perouse

Hotel La Mirande, Avignon

www.la-mirande.fr

Hotel Chateau de Mazan

www.chateaudemazan.com

We reserve the right to substitute any garden visit should it no longer be available to visit.

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General Information

NAME OF TOUR	DATES OF TOUR	
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS SUPERB GARDENS OF THE CÔTE D'AZUR AND OF PROVENCE	FROM	23 JUNE 2021
	TO	02 JULY 2021

How to Book

Please complete the Booking Form, sign and scan and send to info@susanwornertours.com or by post to our agents: **SW Tours Limited, PO Box 763, WETHERBY LS22 9GL, UK** who act on behalf of Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH.

To confirm your reservation, we require a deposit of €1400 (non refundable) paid direct to our bank. The final payment is due 12 weeks before the commencement of the trip. It is a requirement of our booking conditions that you have full travel/medical insurance.

Our bank details are:

Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank,
4410 Liestal, Switzerland
Account: **Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH**
Account no/IBAN: **CH19 0086 9200 3**
Client Euro account: **Clearing no 00769**

Please ensure all charges are deducted at source.

On receipt of your booking form, we shall send you a booking confirmation/invoice.

Any queries, please call us on +44 (0)1423 326 300.

The TOUR COST includes:

HOTEL & ITINERARY as shown in the brochure/on the website

- Hotel accommodation including breakfast
- Meals/half board/packed lunches/picnics where shown in itinerary
- Transfers to all walks/gardens
- Entrance fees and cost of guides and botanists
- Personally escorted throughout

Prices do not include:

- Drinks and meals not indicated
- Personal expenses: telephone, laundry, tips

Our tours are for small groups of people enjoying the programme arranged for their holiday. In consideration of this, we would ask you to ensure you are physically fit enough to cope with the walking levels indicated.

If for any reason it is no longer possible to visit a garden, or necessary to make changes to the itinerary, we reserve the right to alter or substitute.

We endeavour to make your journey as smooth as possible but cannot be held responsible for flight delays, altered timetables, missed connections and luggage arrival delays.

Travel Insurance – Important Notice

To participate, it is essential and a booking condition that all individuals must take out full travel insurance including medical cover with no exclusion clauses for pre-existing medical conditions.

We require details of your insurer, their emergency contact telephone number from overseas, and policy number and your confirmation that you are covered for any pre-existing medical conditions. This is essential at the booking stage.

In accordance with The Package Travel Regulations in Swiss Federal Law, Art 18 all passengers who book with Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH are fully protected from the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us. This includes repatriation if required arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH. This insurance has been arranged by FAIR Reisesegarant of Switzerland. For more information about financial protection go to the website:
www.fair-reisegarant.ch.



By participating in the holiday/tour, each participant consents to the collection, Processing, transmission and storage by The Company, its subsidiaries and any third party Administrators of any data of a professional or personal nature for the purposes of administering the holiday/tour.

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BOOKING FORM

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NAME OF TOUR	DATES OF TOUR	ROOM TYPE	ARRIVAL DETAILS
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS SUPERB GARDENS OF THE CÔTE D'AZUR AND OF PROVENCE	FROM 23 JUNE 2021	DOUBLE	ARRIVAL AIRPORT
	TO 02 JULY 2021	TWIN (2 BEDS)	FLIGHT NUMBER
		SINGLE (single occupation of double room)	ARRIVAL TIME

PLEASE FILL IN ALL DETAILS AS THEY APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT (Please use Day / Month / Year as the date format)

Title	First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Passport Number	Passport Issue Date	Passport Expiry Date	Nationality
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YOUR CORRESPONDENCE DETAILS

Full address to which all correspondence and travel documentation to be sent:

Postcode
Daytime Telephone No.:
E-mail address:
Correspondence by e-mail?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIAL REQUESTS

We will endeavour to comply with your requests but no guarantee can be given.

INSURANCE

To participate on this tour it is essential and a Booking Condition that all individuals are fully insured with no exclusion clauses. Travel/Medical insurance must be taken out at the time of booking.

Insurance Company:

Policy No:

Insurer's Emergency Tel No:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please advise the name and telephone number of your next of kin in case of an emergency:

Name:	Relationship:	Telephone:

PAYMENT DETAILS

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TOUR COSTS	Number of guests	Cost per person	Total
Tour Cost	@	€ pp	= €
Single Room Supplement	@	€ pp	= €
DEPOSIT DUE (non refundable) (required before booking can be confirmed)	@	€ 1400.00 pp	= €
BALANCE DUE = 'TOTAL HOLIDAY COST' less 'DEPOSIT DUE' (excluding cc handling fee)			= €
BALANCE PAYMENT DUE 90 days before departure			

PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER:

IMPORTANT: Both sender's and recipient's bank charges **MUST** be met by the sender.

Bank: **Basellandschaftliche Kantonalbank**
Account: **Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH**
Account no: **4317.2869.2003**
IBAN: **CH1900769431728692003**
SWIFT/BIC: **BLKBCH22**

* Please quote your Surname as reference

PLEASE SCAN & RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH

By email: info@susanwornertours.com

Or by post to our agents:

SW Tours Limited, PO Box 763, Wetherby, LS22 9GL, UK.

www.susanwornertours.com

PLEASE ENSURE THIS SECTION IS SIGNED BEFORE RETURNING TO US

DECLARATION – TO BE SIGNED BY THE LEAD PASSENGER

On behalf of all those named overleaf I accept the booking conditions and understand that the deposit is non-refundable in the event of cancellation. I agree to pay the balance due for the holiday no later than 90 days prior to departure.

SIGNED DATE / /

The contract for all tour reservations is with **Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH, Tour Operator, Aeschengraben 29, 4051 BASEL, Switzerland.**
VAT No CHE-489 534 216 MWST

Your financial protection is with
Swiss insurers: FAIR Reasegarant
www.fair-reisegrant.ch



BOOKING CONDITIONS

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1. YOUR CONTRACT

The contract for your holiday is with Susan Worner Tours (Suisse) GmbH (The Company), a private limited company registered in Switzerland with the Handelsregister no CHE-489.534.216 and subject to Swiss law.

2. HOW TO BOOK

To confirm your booking and reserve your holiday, the first named person on the booking form agrees on behalf of all persons detailed on the booking form that he/she has read the booking conditions and is authorised to be bound by them.

He/she accepts financial responsibility for payment of the booking on behalf of everyone named as well as the disclosure of their health conditions or disabilities and dietary requirements.

2.1 DEPOSITS

On booking a holiday you as Party Leader must sign the Booking Form accepting the terms of the Booking Form and paying a deposit of €1400 per person, and sending full insurance details and a completed and signed booking form. Fully inclusive travel insurance is mandatory.

2.2 FINAL PAYMENT

Two weeks after sending us your booking form, you will receive a Booking Confirmation/Invoice showing the balance of your holiday cost which must be paid 90 days before the departure date. The Booking Confirmation will form a contract between you and us. If your booking has been made within ten weeks from the departure, the full holiday price must be paid on booking.

3. CANCELLATION BY THE CLIENT

All cancellations before departure must be received in writing by The Company. Cancellation charges payable by the lead on behalf of the group are as follows:

Period before departure notification received	Cancellation charges per person
Up to 90 days	Loss of deposit plus €50 admin fee
89 days – day of departure	100% plus €50 admin fee

Please note that insurance cover gives protection against cancellation charges in most situations genuinely outside your control.

4. CANCELLATION BY COMPANY

The Company reserves the right to cancel your tour due to insufficient bookings up to eight weeks before the commencement of the tour. In

this unlikely event, we will give you the option of accepting an alternative tour of comparative standing or receiving a full refund of all monies paid to us on behalf of your party. In no case except for events beyond our control will cancellation take place within four weeks of the departure date.

The Company is not, however, liable for claims for damages for non-performance of the contract if the cancellation is due to force majeure. These unforeseen circumstances will only apply where the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs advise against travel.

5. CHANGES TO YOUR HOLIDAY

If you wish to make a change, or alter details to a confirmed booking, we will do our utmost to satisfy your requirements but it may not always be possible. The party leader must inform us in writing and any additional charges incurred will be chargeable. Any requests for flight changes will not be changeable after a reservation has been made. We levy a €30 charge for making alterations.

6. CHANGES BY US TO YOUR HOLIDAY

We reserve the right to substitute any visits when the garden/venue is no longer available, or the restaurant has altered its closing day. If a hotel/lodge closes due to unlikely circumstances which rarely happens, we will find a suitable substitute.

7. LIABILITIES

We are not liable for loss of luggage, personal possessions and money. In addition, we accept no claims for liability for international air flights, train travel, travel by boat, transportation in general or any stay in a hotel.

8. COMPLAINTS

Should you have a complaint during your holiday, please notify your Tour Manager immediately so that he/she can try to solve the problem.

9. RIGHTS OF REFUSAL

We reserve the unconditional right to refuse a booking for any reason. Some of our itineraries involve a lot of walking, steep steps and are unsuitable for wheelchair users or those with aids. Some demands for specific dietary requests cannot be accommodated. We are occasionally obliged to refuse a booking due to unsuitability of the client to enjoy the holiday. If information given by you on the booking form, is found to be inaccurate, we reserve the right to cancel your holiday.

10. ASSISTANCE

If you suffer medical problems whilst on your holiday, we are not liable for additional costs incurred by us, by the airlines or accommodation.

11. INSURANCE

Comprehensive travel insurance including travel disturbance, loss of luggage, flight delays and full medical cover with no exclusions of pre-existing medical conditions is mandatory to join our tours and should include repatriation in the event of an accident or illness. Your insurance cover should include medical expenses while abroad and repatriation in the case of Covid-19 virus related illness.

12. DELAYS

The Company is not liable for any delays with any form of transportation.

13. GROUP SUPERVISION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In signing the booking form the lead name warrants to The Company that he or she has the authority of each party member to contract with The Company on their behalf, and that all the party members are aware of these conditions as set out and have agreed to abide by them. The lead name also accepts responsibility for the good conduct of all party members. The following conditions are also enforced:

- all local laws, customs and regulations are to be adhered to.
- all party members abide by the House Rules for each individual hotel or accommodating agent.

14. ACCURACY OF TOUR DETAILS

All the facts about resorts, resort facilities, accommodation and their facilities and other services are checked so that they are as accurate as possible before going to print. The details are compiled in advance and changes do happen which are out of our control. Such changes are regrettable and where a major change takes place we will inform you wherever possible.

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