



## "Art and Design in Nature"

**Five day painting holiday (including one 'free day') with six nights full-board accommodation at *Vacances Vertes les Belles***

### 2008 DATES:

- Monday 10th March – Sunday 16th March
- Tuesday 3rd June – Monday 9th June
- Tuesday 23rd September – Monday 29th September
- Thursday 9th October – Wednesday 15th October
- Saturday 18th October – Friday 24th October



Please email [anna@vacvertes.com](mailto:anna@vacvertes.com) if your group would like to book a course on any other date, or if you would like to stay on at *Vacances Vertes les Belles*. For more information, including travel assistance, please contact us or visit [www.vacvertes.com](http://www.vacvertes.com).

**PRICE: €800 (approx. £575) per person, based on 2 sharing a twin / double room.**

Price includes breakfast (6), lunches on tuition days (4) and evening 4-course meals (6).

*Materials provided:* Plywood sheet, masking tape, water colour / acrylic paper /sketching pad, pencils, acrylic paints and all brushes. Plus fold-up chairs to have a rest on when out on a visit! Of course, you may want to provide your own, favourite materials.

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If you have always had an appreciation for the environment and nature around you, but were not sure about how to put those feelings down on paper, then this is the time to experience our 'Art and Design in Nature' painting holiday. Let your imagination be fired by the 'land of a thousand lakes'!

This is the perfect art course to celebrate the natural beauty of rural France and your artistic potential will be encouraged whatever your current standard. We hope you will learn:

- How to improve your water colour and oil techniques
- Ways to introduce structure and balance into your work
- Techniques to improve your composition
- How to control the effects of light and shade
- How to use natural forms to create stunning displays
- New ways to apply the effects of perspective

We aim to do as much 'outdoor work' as possible but should there be a rainy day, we have a bright room within the house at your disposal. Please have a look at our suggested programme - if any guests would like to adapt the course to their needs, do not hesitate to get in touch.

With over 30 years art and teaching experience, Barbara Doms is our perfect choice to lead this course. She is very keen to find your creative side and is happy to accept all ideas, so that you make the most from your painting experience at *Vacances Vertes les Belles*.

## Day 1

- Travel to *Vacances Vertes les Belles*.
- Welcome and evening meal.



## Day 2

### *Breakfast*

- General introductions and welcome.
- The tutor's background, organic growing experience and an overall look at the course.
- Talk about the importance of 'Structure and Balance' in your work – why shapes and structures are so important in a painting and what can 'hang together' to make a good picture.

### *Lunch*

- Site visit - encouraging your artistic potential / abilities at a countryside location!

### *Evening meal*

## Day 3

### *Breakfast*

- Watercolour techniques.
- Why Monet was inspired by Limousin.

### *Lunch*

- Site visit to our local mountain beauty spot!
- Watercolour techniques.

### *Evening meal*

## Day 4

### *Breakfast*

- Day to be spent at your leisure!
- We can help you decide where to go, lay on transport or provide local information.
- For those wishing for a more 'organised' day, we will be taking a trip to the beautiful Lake Vassiviere and the National Contemporary Art Centre (entry included in the price).

### *Evening meal at our local restaurant (included in price)*

## Day 5

### *Breakfast*

- The effects of colour, light and shade.
- We will study the techniques of how to show the ever-changing light around us on your canvas.

### *Lunch*

- Site visit: the effects of colour, light and shade.

### *Evening meal*



## Day 6

### *Breakfast*

- Collage work: using other forms of shape in artwork.
- Talk about the use of more daring materials in artwork.
- How we can use forms in nature to create a stunning display.

### *Lunch*

- Afternoon site visit: using other forms of shape in artwork.

### *Evening meal*

## Day 7

### *Breakfast*

- Departures.



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