

| IMPRESSIONIST PARIS DRAFT ITINERARY, April 2010 | | Questions? tdavis@gmavt.net, 802 425 2700, or karen@parisbydesign.com, 800 430 5436/802 456 8770 | | | | | |
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| | Saturday April 24 | Sunday April 25 | Monday April 26 | Tuesday April 27 | Wednesday April 28 | Thursday April 29 | Friday April 30 |
| 9 - 12 | Arrive Paris. | Breakfast, then a multi-sensory Treasure Hunt. Pick up ideas, objets, maybe some ripe fruit at the most vibrant market in Paris – a combination flea market, covered market, and open-air market. Then we'll visit an artist in his studio nearby. | We'll tour the Louvre - the largest museum in the world, and a wonderful repository of painting, sculpture, and artifacts. We'll see the Mona Lisa and other Louvre highlights as we learn about early aspects of art history. | Fortified by croissants and café au lait, we'll take in the great Impressionist works of the Musée D'Orsay. | We'll begin with a drawing activity. Then we'll learn about Post-Impressionists at Centre Pompidou - the city's modern art museum. | We'll take the train to Giverny, and visit Monet's home and gardens. | Enjoy a last stroll or café experience. Think about the sights and sounds and smells that made your Paris visit special. You've become a part of this vibrant, beautiful city - and your sketchbooks will help you revisit once you're home. |
| 12 - 1:30 | Check into your room with a view and unpack. Our base in Paris is a cozy, family-owned two-star hotel in the heart of the city. We'll stay in the Marais - the city's most vibrant arrondissement, a short walk to great food, fashion, shopping and more. | We'll join Parisians for a favorite Sunday activity - brunch - and learn more about day-to-day Paris culture. | Lunch in the Louvre, and time to work in your sketchbook or view more work on your own. | Lunch in the museum café, with time to explore the excellent museum bookstore and view a bit more work on your own. | Crêpes for lunch today, at a crêperie beside an artful fountain. | Lunch at Giverny - perhaps a picnic - and time to sketch. | |
| 1:30 - 5 | 1:00 Meet for an orientation. Karen and Teresa will share strategies for getting the most from the week. Then we'll join the locals for lunch at a neighborhood café, and see many Paris highlights from a water taxi. Optional visit to the Eiffel Tower. | Enjoy views of Paris from many angles, as we walk along an elevated garden, across a canal, and onto the city's islands. Drawing time at the incomparable Notre Dame. | We'll regroup at 2:00 to walk to the Tuileries, where we'll absorb the ambiance of this lovely classical Paris garden. Then we'll visit Musée l'Orangerie, where two round rooms were built expressly for Monet's huge water lily canvases. | We'll spend the afternoon on foot - discovering hidden back streets, learning more about Paris Impressionists, and sketching in the gardens at Musée Rodin. | Montmartre! Discover the city's leading fabric market, artists at work, and views of Paris rooftops on a guided walking tour. | Spend the afternoon as you'd like - return to a favorite museum, visit a new one, explore any of the city's incomparable highlights. We'll give you suggestions and help you get there. Your museum pass gives you free access to many museums. | |
| 5-8 | Explore a bit on your own, rest, or sketch. | Free time. Return to the hotel, discuss new insights with a fellow traveler, sketch, or continue exploring on your own. | Time to spend as you'd like - with others or on your own; people watching in a cozy café, exploring boutiques, or observing and sketching fashion. | Perhaps an early dinner tonight, followed by a concert, or the ballet. We'll help you explore the possibilities and get tickets. | Time to look more on your own, touch base with others, shop, or relax. Perhaps a stroll along the Seine or down the Champs-Élysées under the lights. | Pack and prepare for a final night out. | |
| 8 - 10 | Perhaps a light meal of crusty baguette and cheese. Then early to bed to shake off the jet lag. | Dinner in small groups, to talk about what you've seen throughout the day. We'll recommend several delicious restaurants, and help you get there. | A fantastic group dinner at a restaurant in the neighborhood. | | Reflect on the day's adventures over dinner with a friend. We'll suggest possibilities near the hotel. | Celebrate the week at Macéo - an elegant restaurant, where modern French cuisine is made with market-fresh ingredients. | |

