

IMPRESSIONIST PARIS ITINERARY, April 2012 Questions? tdavis@gmavt.net, 802 425 2700, or karen@parisbydesign.com, 800 430 5436/802 456 8770							
	Saturday, April 21	Sunday, April 22	Monday, April 23	Tuesday, April 24	Wednesday, April 25	Thursday, April 26	Friday, April 27
9 - 12	Arrive Paris.	Breakfast at the hotel, 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.	We'll tour the Louvre - the largest museum in the world, and a wonderful repository of painting, sculpture, and artifacts. We'll visit the Mona Lisa, view museum highlights and learn about early aspects of art history with a guide.	Fortified by croissants and café au lait, we'll take in the great Impressionist works at the newly renovated Musée D'Orsay.	Sleep in or stroll the neighborhood. 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 with time to sketch.	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 is a cozy, family-owned hotel in the heart of the city. Our neighborhood is the Marais - the city's most vibrant arrondissement, a short walk to great food, small museums, fashion, and more.	We'll join Parisians for a favorite Sunday activity - brunch - and learn more about daily Paris culture.	Perhaps a picnic in the Tuileries Gardens, a favorite setting of Impressionist painters. Relax and sketch here, or view more of the Louvre on your own.	Lunch on your own in the museum café, with time to explore the excellent museum bookstore and view a bit more work on your own.	Perhaps crêpes for lunch today, at a crêperie beside an artful fountain.	Lunch at Giverny - perhaps a picnic - return to Paris.	
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 sketch Paris monuments from wonderful vantage points on the city's water taxi.	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, or an optional visit to the bell tower.	We'll regroup at 2:00 to 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! We'll walk in the footsteps of Impressionist painters, compare current locations with their paintings, discover artists at work, and the city's leading fabric market.	Spend the afternoon as you'd like. Musée Marmottan belongs to Claude Monet's son; Musée Branly displays totems of indigenous peoples. Or perhaps a visit to Père Lachaise cemetery, & the tombs of famous Frenchmen and women.	
5-8	Explore the neighborhood on your own, or relax in a nearby park.	Optional visit to the Eiffel Tower, or free time.	Time to spend as you'd like - with others or on your own; people watching in a cozy café, exploring boutiques, or observing the fashion scene.	Perhaps an early dinner tonight, followed by a concert in a Paris church or an evening bike tour of the city. We'll help you explore the possibilities and get tickets.	Time to look more on your own, shop, or relax. We'll suggest places that you will love.	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 an elegant restaurant, where modern French cuisine is made with market-fresh ingredients.	

