



Americans in Paris

In the Footsteps of Visionary Artists & Heroes

with TeOndra Phillips, Interim Director/Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Tera Hedrick, Curator

April 7 – 13, 2024

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOW in the footsteps of American artists who made the perpetually enchanting City of Light their home, including Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Thomas Eakins, and Winslow Homer

GAIN exclusive access to some of Paris's most cherished private art collections and attend private evening receptions at special venues

DELIGHT in a private morning visit to the Musée d'Orsay, where a curator will guide you through the world's largest collection of Impressionist masterpieces and other highlights from artists such as Gustave Courbet, Édouard Manet, Paul Cézanne, and Cassatt

ENJOY privately guided tours of the Louvre's incomparable collections and the Musée des Arts Décoratifs's rich collection of furniture, sparkling jewelry, and fashion from the 15th century to the present day

TAKE an exclusive excursion to the historic sister city of Wichita, Orléans, including lunch with the mayor and meetings with distinguished local residents

JOIN experts for special inside looks at the ateliers of Picasso, Renoir, Van Gogh, and other masters on a walking tour of Montmartre, Paris's historical neighborhood for artists and creators

CRUISE the Seine for an unforgettable view of the city, participate in a dine-around at some of Paris's most acclaimed restaurants, and savor delicious wines at an exclusive tasting

STAY in delightful accommodations at a centrally located hotel, the perfect base for exploration, shopping, and savoring the revered Parisian gastronomy

NOTE: Itinerary details are subject to final confirmation.

TRAVELING WITH YOU



TeOndra Phillips, a Wichita native, holds a BBA in Accounting from Wichita State University. As a successful business owner, TeOndra offers consulting and accounting advisory services catering to a diverse range of clients. Active in the community, she has served on multiple local boards including the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum, Junior League of Wichita, Storytime Village, and the National Association of Black Accountants (Wichita Chapter). At the Wichita Art Museum, she concurrently assumes the role of Treasurer on the board and interim Director and CEO, exemplifying her multifaceted commitment to both her profession and her community. Outside of her professional endeavors, TeOndra has a personal passion for travel, exploring new cultures and experiences around the world.



Dr. Tera Hedrick was appointed Curator at the Wichita Art Museum in 2018. A native of Wichita, she began work at WAM as a research fellow in 2016 before joining the staff full time. She has curated exhibitions including *Beth Lipman: All in Time* and *Paper Dreams: Alfred Maurer and American Masterpieces*. She holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and earned her B.A. and M.A. in Art History from the University of Kansas. Before joining WAM, Dr. Hedrick taught art history at Kansas State University and Binghamton University.

Dear Murdock Members,

Paris exerts an irresistible charm on numerous American artists, drawing inspiration from its legendary cobblestone streets. Visionaries like Mary Cassatt, the Pennsylvania-born Francophile who made an indelible mark on French Impressionism, and iconic figures such as John Singer Sargent, James Abbott McNeill Whistler, and Winslow Homer, found a second home in the City of Light, immersing themselves in its vibrant art scene and leaving lasting legacies.

Embark on an exclusive cultural odyssey with Curator Dr. Tera Hedrick and me as we retrace the footsteps of these American artists through Paris. Whether you're an experienced traveler or a first-time visitor, this meticulously curated journey offers hidden gems and delightful surprises.

Join us for private receptions at exclusive venues, with behind-the-scenes tours led by curators and experts. Explore renowned museums like the Louvre in a new light and discover Paris's lesser-known yet superb art spaces. You'll also follow in the footsteps of American heroes.

Venture to Orléans, Wichita's sister city, celebrated for its historic liberation by Joan of Arc in 1429 and its liberation during World War II by U.S. troops, including the brave 137th Infantry from the Kansas 35th Division. The mayor of Orléans will graciously join us for lunch, providing an occasion to mingle with other distinguished local residents and honor the historic bonds that unite our two cities. Delight in Paris's artistic treasures, including special visits to its incredible private galleries.

Enjoy a private morning tour at the Musée d'Orsay, home to the world's largest collection of Impressionist masterpieces, featuring works by Cassatt; an exclusive visit to the Musée de l'Orangerie to behold eight paintings from Claude Monet's Water Lilies series; and expert-led explorations of the Louvre as well as the nearby Musée des Arts Décoratifs, a treasure trove of furniture, jewelry, and fashion spanning centuries. Take a guided tour of Montmartre, the bohemian art enclave that inspired Picasso, Van Gogh, and Toulouse-Lautrec, including private visits to their legendary studios and an inside look at the splendor of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

We extend an invitation for you to join us on this extraordinary voyage, promising to enrich your soul.

Sincerely,



TeOndra Phillips

Interim Director/Chief Executive Officer, Wichita Art Museum



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Cruising the Seine, Paris



Monet's Water Lilies, Musée de l'Orangerie, Paris

SUNDAY, APRIL 7: DEPARTURE

Depart for Paris on an overnight flight.

MONDAY, APRIL 8: PARIS, FRANCE

Arrive in Paris this morning and check into your hotel. Guests who have booked the suggested flights will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. On a leisurely boat cruise on the Seine this afternoon, gain an awe-inspiring perspective of this enchanting city while enjoying refreshments. Then gather for a welcome reception at the hotel. L,R

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: PARIS

Take a morning private visit to the Musée d'Orsay, a former train station that now houses the world's largest collection of Impressionist art. A curator will provide context on the history of the museum and its collection as you admire works by some of the most famous artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including Gustave Courbet, Édouard Manet, Paul Cézanne, and the Pennsylvania-born Mary Cassatt. After lunch, embark on a private tour of the Musée de l'Orangerie, a beautiful museum located in the Tuileries Gardens. The museum is home to eight paintings from Claude Monet's *Water Lilies*, a series of nearly 300 oil paintings that Monet composed from 1896 to 1920. The eight paintings here are displayed side by side in the museum's oval room, creating a mesmerizing and immersive experience. Later, enjoy exclusive access to a very special private art collection in a stylish venue. This evening, savor dinner at one of Paris's acclaimed restaurants. Enjoy a special educational wine tasting with your meal, an oenophile's journey through the diverse wines of France. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10: PARIS

Begin the day with a private tour of the Louvre, with special in-depth viewings of its works by American artists, including prominent landscape painters Thomas Cole and George Inness. You will have time to explore more of the Louvre's extraordinarily extensive collections on your own and enjoy lunch at leisure. In the afternoon, return to the grounds of the Palais du Louvre for a privately guided visit to the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, a museum of decorative arts and design that houses more than 100,000 objects from the 15th century to the present day. With your private guide, delve into its prestigious collection featuring celebrated artisans and designers who shaped French taste, from Boulle and Sèvres to Perriand and Starck. Explore iconic styles from Gothic and Louis XVI to Art Nouveau and Art Deco, and marvel at their exceptional Fashion and Textile collections, including ancient textiles and *haute couture* creations. Later, visit a private art collection. This evening, you will gather for a cocktail reception at a memorable venue, with dinner at leisure. B,R



Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris



Orléans

THURSDAY, APRIL 11: PARIS / ORLÉANS / PARIS

Travel to Orléans, the sister city of Wichita, located about two hours south of Paris, perched along the stunning Loire River. Joan of Arc liberated Orléans in 1429, and she is honored to this day as the Maid of Orléans. In August 1944, Americans, including the 137th Infantry from the Kansas 35th Division, were the first to liberate the people of Orléans from Nazi occupation. In 1973, Wichita and Orléans formally became sister cities. Meet local residents, including the mayor of the beautiful city who will join the group for lunch. In the evening, return to Paris and enjoy some time for yourself. B,L



Montmartre, Paris



Apse, Sacré-Coeur Basilica, Paris

FRIDAY, APRIL 12: PARIS

Today, explore Montmartre, the creative heart of Paris, where artists such as Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, Suzanne Valadon, Amadeo Modigliani, and Loïs Mailou Jones have lived and worked. For generations, talented artists of all genres have come to this neighborhood to hone their craft and commune with other artists. Enjoy a wonderful walking tour to watch current-day artists at work and take inside looks at the studios of many famous artistic masters, such as Picasso, Renoir, and Van Gogh. You will have some free time for lunch in Montmartre. In the afternoon, head to the summit of the Butte Montmartre, the highest point in Paris, to experience a guided tour of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica, completed in 1914. This beautiful white basilica stands as a visual feast amid the city's iconic skyline. Inside, look up at the ceiling of its apse, which features France's largest mosaic (nearly 5,100 sq. ft.), designed by Luc-Olivier Merson to represent the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the evening, return to the hotel to get ready for a festive farewell reception and dinner at a special venue, as we bid *adieu* to Paris. B,R,D

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 PARIS / RETURN

Depart the hotel this morning for flights home. B

PLEASE NOTE: *This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Wichita Art Museum and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.*

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ACCOMMODATIONS



HÔTEL BEL AMI, PARIS

This enchanting five-star luxury hotel is tucked away on a tranquil side street in the Left Bank's Saint-Germain-des-Prés neighborhood, known for its chic literary atmosphere. Just steps away, discover legendary nearby cafés like Les Deux Magots and Café de Flore, as well as the lush Jardin du Luxembourg. The intimate Hôtel Bel Ami offers stylish rooms and suites with views of the picturesque Saint-Germain-des-Prés square or charming street scenes. For a truly discreet, refined experience, venture into the elegant Bel Ami bar, furnished with Macassar wood alcoves, and savor the creations crafted by the talented bartenders. You may also enjoy personalized facial and body treatments in its world-class spa. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.

PROGRAM RATE

\$6,999 per person, double rate

\$8,799 single rate

RATE INCLUDES

- Five nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception; D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



WICHITA ART MUSEUM AMERICANS IN PARIS APRIL 7 – 13, 2024 RESERVATION FORM

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