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APPETIT

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Unearthing the secrets
of Lot Valley truffles

Ancient Arles

Spend a weekend in the Provençal city
with an impressive Roman past

£4.50



CURIOSITY CORNER

A fascinating museum at
the heart of Montpellier

EXILES IN DIEPPE

The English artists drawn
to the Normandy port

VIENNE BEAUTY

Take a stroll around
Angles-sur-l'Anglin

EPIPHANY TREAT

Why the *galette des
rois* is the king of cakes

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Take up a new hobby or refine your skills in an unbeatable French setting at one of these creative workshops



GO POTTY

Get your hands dirty on a fun-filled pottery course in peaceful Lot. Led by Wiltshire-based potter Jennie Gilbert and other expert potters, courses at Le Mas Sarlat in Lherm are perfect for beginner crafters and more experienced potters alike. On the courses you'll enjoy tuition in a fully equipped pottery with free time to be spent honing your skills in the workshop or exploring this idyllic area. Accommodation can also be provided on-site in Jennie's sister's holiday cottage. Jennie's next French pottery courses with availability are at the end of September. Two-day courses are £200 per person and £400 for four-day courses. jenniegilbert.com

SNAP HAPPY

Capture France's Camargue horses in their natural habitat on a photography workshop with Create Away. As the only photo workshop tour company based in the Camargue, Create Away can offer unrivalled access to the magnificent white



stallions under the tutelage of expert photographer Serge Krouglikoff. To experience the best of this beautiful area, try their Ultimate Camargue workshop – highlights of the week-long tour include three galloping horse shoots in the marsh and sea, a shoot with the sparring stallions, and two shoots of the Camargue's colourful bird life with a professional BBC Wildlife specialist bird photographer. The Ultimate Camargue tour costs from £2,997 per person and includes six nights B&B in Aigues-Mortes as well as airport transfers. create-away.com

BRUSH UP YOUR SKILLS

Make like the greats of the art world and be inspired by the south of France's natural beauty on a painting holiday with Painting in France. With the glorious Languedoc and the Mediterranean shores within easy reach, you'll never be short of views to fill your canvas. Run by English/South African couple Simon and Monica Roberts, these friendly holidays welcome singles as well as friends and couples – non-painting partners are also welcome. The varied itineraries mean you'll get to see a wide range of French landscapes – one day you might be painting the historic port at Marseillan, another you could be installed in the pretty, shaded square at Villeneuve. Dates from June to September 2021. A five-day itinerary with single occupancy is £2,085. painting-in-france.com

Main:

One of Jennie Gilbert's popular pottery workshops

Above:

Getting up close and personal on a Create Away workshop in the Camargue

Right:

The old port of Marseillan provides artistic inspiration for a Painting in France guest

