

A painting of a woman in a white, fur-trimmed dress reclining on a red sofa. She is holding a fan and looking towards the viewer. A dog is lying on the floor in the foreground. The background features large green leaves and a dark, textured wall.

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Paris & the Belle Époque
Private Treasures From Impressionism to Art Nouveau
with Jennifer Dasal, Lecturer

May 3 – 10, 2025



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GAIN exclusive before-hours access to the **Musée Marmottan Monet**, home to the world's largest collection of Monet's works, including *Impression, Sunrise*, the painting that named the famous art movement

STEP into a Belle Époque time capsule on a private tour of the **Musée National Eugène-Delacroix**, the beautifully preserved home and studio of one of the 19th century's most influential painters

DELIGHT in a private visit to the **Atelier Anne Hogue**, one of France's three remaining fan-making workshops, observing master artisans practicing this centuries-old art

INDULGE in a sumptuous dinner at the world-famous **Moulin Rouge** while watching the dazzling *Féerie* show, experiencing the cabaret immortalized by Toulouse-Lautrec's iconic posters

DISCOVER why painters flocked to Montmartre with guided visits to the **Musée Montmartre**, where you will see Renoir's actual garden featured in his work

SAVOR a private wine tasting at the **Vignes du Clos Montmartre**, Paris's last working vineyard and a living link to the area's rural past



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Dear Travelers and Friends,

Picture yourself in Paris circa 1895. A world of unprecedented artistic innovation and sartorial elegance comes alive before your eyes, a renaissance known as the **Belle Époque** (1871–1914). Coiffured women flutter silk fans in crowded salons as gas lamps flicker along tree-lined boulevards. Atop Montmartre’s windswept hill, you might find the artist Toulouse-Lautrec sketching animated can-can dancers for his bold graphic posters.

As the author of the forthcoming book *The Club: Where American Women Artists Found Refuge in Belle Époque Paris*, I invite you to join me in Paris from **May 3 to 10, 2025**, taking you back to this beautiful era that shaped modern art. With **behind-the-scenes access** to hidden ateliers, private collections, museum galleries, and historic homes, we’ll rediscover the city that inspired some of the world’s greatest artists, from the Impressionist masters to Art Nouveau icons.

Curators at leading museums will bring us face to face with the masterpieces of **Claude Monet**, **Pierre-Auguste Renoir**, and trailblazing female painters such as **Berthe Morisot** and American-born **Mary Cassatt**. From an exclusive before-hours tour of the Musée Marmottan Monet, home to the world’s largest collection of Monet works, to an expert-guided showcase of the world’s most extensive Impressionist collection at the Musée d’Orsay, we’ll witness how this era’s painters captured modernity in their pioneering canvases.

I’m excited to spotlight lesser-known masters, including a private look at artworks inside the final home and studio of **Eugène Delacroix**, the 19th-century painter whose layered colors and expressive brushwork influenced Monet and Van Gogh. We’ll discover the essence of Belle Époque Paris on an expert-guided tour of the city’s great artists’ havens: Montmartre, where we’ll stand in Renoir’s garden, and Montparnasse, where we’ll share an inside look at the Musée Rodin, the world’s greatest collection of sculptures by the Belle Époque artist.

We’ll savor every aspect of Belle Époque culture, including **a behind-the-scenes look at a historic atelier** keeping the centuries-old tradition of silk fan-making alive; a private wine tasting at the Vignes du Clos Montmartre, Paris’s last working vineyard; and **a festive dinner at the timeless Moulin Rouge** accompanied by the legendary *Féerie* revue.

To reserve your place on this journey, please contact the Museum Travel Alliance at Arrangements Abroad at 855-533-0033 or trips@museumtravelalliance.com. I hope you join me on this behind-the-scenes experience that will thrill even frequent travelers to the City of Light.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Dasal
Lecturer

TRAVELING WITH YOU



Jennifer Dasal is an art historian, lecturer, and tour director. She is the author of the book *ArtCurious: Stories of the Unexpected, Slightly Odd, and Strangely Wonderful in Art History* (Penguin) and is beloved as host of the worldwide hit podcast

ArtCurious (2016-23). Her second book, *The Club: Where American Women Artists Found Refuge in Belle Époque Paris*, will be released by Bloomsbury in mid-2025. Dasal frequently lectures and hosts international tours focused on artists like Vermeer, Van Gogh, Kahlo, and O’Keeffe. She previously served as Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the North Carolina Museum of Art for 13 years. Dasal earned her M.A. in Art History from Notre Dame University and pursued Ph.D. work at Penn State University.

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Paris & the Belle Époque

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SATURDAY, MAY 3: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Paris.

SUNDAY, MAY 4: PARIS, FRANCE

Upon arrival, transfer to the **Hotel Montalembert** for check-in. Then head to a cozy local bistro for lunch, the first of this journey's many opportunities to savor classic French cuisine.

On the right bank of the Seine, embark on a short walking guided tour in the **Grands Boulevards** and **Opéra** neighborhoods of the 9th arrondissement, where you will see some of the Belle Époque's most enduring architectural achievements.

Marvel at the **Galleries Lafayette Paris Haussmann** department store and its Art Nouveau-style dome, an iconic symbol of the Belle Époque created by master glassworker Jacques Gruber. At the **Palais Garnier**, a 19th-century opera house commissioned by Napoleon III, admire its majestic façade adorned with sculptures of composers like Mozart and Beethoven.

Then stroll through the **Galerie Vivienne**, a stunning example of a 19th-century covered shopping arcade with elaborate mosaic floors, sparkling glass canopy, and neoclassical Pompeiiian style. This evening, gather for a festive welcome dinner. L,D

MONDAY, MAY 5: PARIS

Experience the art of fan-making during an exclusive private visit to the **Atelier Anne Hoguet**, a workshop dating to 1876. As one of France's three remaining fan workshops, this atelier offers a unique glimpse into a craft that flourished during the Belle Époque. Learn how Anne Hoguet, a fourth-generation Master of Art, continues her family's legacy by creating exquisite fans for *haute couture* houses like Dior and Hermès.

Then trace the footsteps of Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, and other masters in charming **Montmartre**, where a thriving artistic subculture forged a bohemian art enclave on a hill during the Belle Époque.

Take an expert-guided look at the **Musée Montmartre**, housed in a 17th-century residence where Renoir, Suzanne Valadon, and Maurice Utrillo lived and created. Explore its collections of paintings, posters, and other pieces capturing Montmartre's late 19th-century peak, including works by Toulouse-Lautrec and Modigliani.

While at the museum, go behind the scenes of **Suzanne Valadon's preserved studio** and step into art history in the enchanting **Jardins Renoir**, the former residence's gardens that inspired some of Renoir's masterpieces such as *La Balançoire*. Enjoy stunning views over the Clos Montmartre vineyard from the gardens.





Musée Bourdelle, Paris

Then delight in a guided inside look and wine tasting at the **Vignes du Clos Montmartre**, which preserves this once-rural area's winemaking traditions dating to the fourth century A.D. You may enjoy dinner at leisure in Montmartre before returning to the hotel. B,L,R

TUESDAY, MAY 6: PARIS

Delve deeper into the roots of Belle Époque art on a guided morning visit to the **Musée Bourdelle**, home to works by the noted early 19th-century sculptor Antoine Bourdelle. Explore how he grappled with themes of struggle and transcendence through pieces like *La France* and *Héraklès the Archer*, reflecting the tension between past and modernity that Belle Époque artists would further probe.

After lunch at **Bouillon Chartier**, a famous Art Nouveau-style establishment, take a guided tour of Paris's **Montparnasse** district, which also served as a gathering place for Belle Époque artists. Wander through courtyards and passages that evoke the area's soul during its bohemian heyday.

Next, take a guided visit to the **Musée Rodin**, perusing one of the world's largest collections of works by Belle Époque sculptor Auguste Rodin. View his famous masterpieces *The Thinker* and *The Kiss* up close alongside thousands of his other sculptures and drawings. Conclude with dinner at the historic, Art Deco-style **La Coupole**. B,L,D



Moulin Rouge, Paris, photo courtesy of Moulin Rouge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7: PARIS

Revel in an exclusive guided morning tour at the **Musée d'Orsay**, where you will experience one of the world's most storied Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art collections. Behold such treasures as Monet's *Cathedrals*, Van Gogh's *The Church of Auvers sur Oise*, and *The Dancers* by Degas. Enjoy lunch at the museum's restaurant in this former Beaux-Arts railway station.

Afterwards, visit the **Musée de l'Orangerie** to marvel at Monet's masterpiece, *The Water Lilies*, a breathtaking series that captures the beauty of nature. View a selection of 144 paintings from the famous Walter-Guillaume collection, including works from Cezanne, Renoir, Matisse, Picasso, Modigliani, and Utrillo.

Spend some time at leisure, perhaps strolling through the nearby **Jardin des Tuileries**, created by Catherine de' Medici in the 16th century. In the evening, indulge in a sumptuous dinner at the incomparable **Moulin Rouge** while watching the famous **Féerie** show, a dazzling spectacle that captures the timeless spirit of Parisian nightlife. B,L,D



Jardin des Tuileries, Paris



Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris

THURSDAY, MAY 8: PARIS / GIVERNY

Take an exclusive early-morning visit to the **Musée Marmottan Monet**, home to the world's largest collection of Claude Monet works, including *Impression*, *Rising Sun*, the painting from which Impressionism got its name.

At the museum, view Monet's many other achievements like *The Japanese Bridge* and *The House Seen from the Rose Garden*, which were inspired by the artist's home and breathtaking gardens in **Giverny**—a nearby town and our next destination.

Stop for lunch at a restaurant in Giverny before a guided tour of the **Fondation Monet**, Claude Monet's spiritual and creative retreat where he lived from 1883 until his death in 1926. You will feel as though you stepped into one of his canvases as you admire the flowerbeds he cultivated and the very bridge and lily pond he immortalized. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore Paris on your own, with dinner at leisure. B,L



Fondation Monet, Giverny

FRIDAY, MAY 9: PARIS

Rise this morning for a guided walking tour across the Seine via the **Pont Alexandre III**, an ornate bridge that exemplifies the Belle Époque's grandeur and ambition. Stop at the **Petit Palais** and explore a rich collection of fine arts within a beautiful Belle Époque building. Gaze at works from Rembrandt, Rubens, Fragonard, and Delacroix, as well as a series of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works.

Enjoy lunch at a classic Belle Époque *brasserie*. Then visit the **Musée National Eugène-Delacroix**, housed in an exquisite 18th-century building where Delacroix lived and worked from 1857 until his death in 1863. Explore paintings, drawings, and personal effects from the artist's legendary career, which influenced painters from Monet to Van Gogh.

This evening, celebrate a private cocktail event and festive farewell dinner at **Les Noces de Jeannette**, a Belle Époque institution famed for classic French dishes. For an optional finale to your adventure, consider an excursion to a legendary jazz club. B,L,R,D

SATURDAY, MAY 10: PARIS / RETURN

Depart the hotel early this morning for the flight home. B



Petit Palais, Paris

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Atelier Anne Hoguet, Paris, photo courtesy of the Atelier

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