

France 2009 Itinerary

Sept. 12th—20th

Joan Clark has been hosting women's circles and retreats for over 20 years. Joan is the owner of Goddess Aromatica—a line of pure essential oils and plant spirit medicines. She is an intuitive energy therapist, reiki master, kundalini yoga instructor, artist and writer. You can explore more about Joan at www.joanclark.com



This year's Moon Goddess retreat is a pilgrimage to France where we will visit sacred sites where the Goddess was received and honored. Many of the sites are now churches but were once Temples dedicated to the Goddess. It is in these places we will do our work to raise and awaken the original intention of the presence and essence of the Divine Feminine. This year's trip will be dedicated to working with the Goddess Mystery School Teachings™ which were received by Joan from her work with Mary Magdalene.

Day One: Bonjour Paris (Saturday, Sept. 12th)

We begin our journey in Paris (Par-Isis) – the City of Lights where we will open our ceremony and review the 7 Goddess Mystery School Teachings.

“Isis is here”- is a familiar Goddess chant that you will hear as you walk the steps at Sacred Coeur- which was once a sacred portal for the Mystery School energies of Isis.

We will open ceremony at the highest point overlooking Paris and call forth our guides for this sacred journey, Isis (Crone) - Mother Mary (Mother) - Mary Magdalene (Maiden). We will visualize the golden flame being lit within the first chakra to awaken the kundalini life force so that these spiritual teachings can be revealed to us on a deeper personal level.



Day Two: Travel to Chartres (Sunday, Sept. 13th)



We travel to Chartres where we will visit the world famous Chartres Labyrinth which was once an ancient Druid Mystery School dedicated to the Goddess. The presence of Isis, Mother Mary & Mary Magdalene are felt very strongly here. It is on this site where the veil of Mother Mary is held as well as where the famous Chartres labyrinth was built.

We will work with the 1st Goddess Mystery School Teaching – Humility.

In the evening we will have the opportunity to experience the Festival of Lights that is held each year. The city is filled with an amazing light show where sacred images are projected onto the buildings and beautiful music is filtered into the streets. It is magical, inspirational and empowering.

Day Three: Rocamadour (Monday, Sept. 14th)



We will explore this amazing little village which clings to limestone cliffs overlooking the valley of the Alzou River.

During the middle ages it was a pilgrimage destination dedicated to the Virgin Mother. There is a complex of seven small sanctuaries that make up the spiritual heart of this village which is also known as the “Holy City”. The sanctuaries encircle a church square that is 216 steps above the village street level atop the great stairway. A statue of the Black Virgin is enshrined in the Chapel of Notre Dame, which is said to be built over a Druid Stone. In 1172 a monk from the village published the “Book of Miracles” where he details 126 miracles that occurred after pilgrims prayed for intercession to the Black Virgin.

We will work with the 2nd Goddess Mystery School Teaching- Forgiveness.

We will retire to a country chateau where we will dine and have time for an evening of relaxation and a dip in the swimming pool.



Day Four: Our Lady of Lourdes (Tuesday Sept. 15th)



We visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady Lourdes where we will work with the *3rd Goddess Mystery School Teaching – Compassion.*

Lourdes is a place where thousands of people visit each year to bathe in the sacred baths to receive a healing from the Divine Mother and to light a candle at the Grotto where she is said to have appeared to Saint Bernadette.

There will be time to explore the different Sanctuaries at Lourdes, visit the grotto, partake in the healing bath ritual as well as stroll around the magical streets of this special village.

Day Five: Alet Les Bain - Carcassonne (Wednesday, Sept. 16th)

Alet Les Bain is a beautiful little village not far from Carcassonne.

In this area we will visit a temple ruin which was dedicated to Isis. This is also the town where Nostradamus lived. He was a master perfumer and also worked with the rose for healing the sick.

We will work with the *4th Mystery School Teaching – Trust.*

In the evening we will have an opportunity to visit the town of Rennes Les Bain where healing baths are available.

We will stay at a beautiful old Hostellerie in this area.



Day Six: Rennes Les Chateau, Angel Sanctuary, & Carcassonne (Thursday, Sept. 17th)



We spend our day today visiting Rennes le Chateau – the Church of Mary Magdalene and the mysterious legends associated with this area.

We then visit a beautiful Sanctuary created in honor of the Angels.

We will meditate, walk the land and have a beautiful lunch with our hosts Lorrie and Eugene who were inspired to create this sanctuary.

Then we are off t Carcassonne to explore this fascinating medieval town and it's lore.

We work with the *5th Mystery School Teaching – Love.*

Day Seven: Saintes Marie – del- la - Mer (Friday, Sept. 18th)

We visit the magical village of Saintes Maries-del-la Mer in the heart of the Camargue, which is abundant with wildlife and the famous white horses in that region. It is said that Mary Magdalene landed after being set adrift from Palestine.

It is here where the famous annual pilgrimage of the gypsies is held to pay homage to Sara their patron saint. The village church is said to be associated with receiving the Holy Grail Family when they arrived and a beautiful painting of Mary Magdalene is housed in this village church --as well as a sacred well- and the Statue of St. Sara.

We will spend time on the beach working with the *6th Goddess Mystery School Teaching – Ecstatic Joy* and have time to explore the quaint village as well.

Later that evening - We drive to St. Baume - where we check into a lovely refurbished monastery and have a fabulous meal and relax.



Day Eight: St. Baume- Visit the Grotto of Mary Magdalene (Saturday, Sept. 19th)



Today we will visit the Church of Mary Magdalene and the grotto where she is said to have lived the last 33 years of her life.

The grotto is a 45 minute climb and together we will create a prayer walk of gratitude to honor the life, path and teachings of Mary Magdalene and all the Goddesses that hold the essence of the Divine Feminine presence.

We will work with the last, *7th Goddess Mystery School Teaching – Oneness.*

Evening– Drive to Nice, check into a beautiful hotel over looking the sea and have our farewell dinner together.