

MAZAMET, SW FRANCE Floral Competition Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 April 2010



This tour has been arranged by Lucinda Sanderson and operated by ECT.

With a passion for flowers, Lucinda Sanderson is a BB&O NAFAS Area Demonstrator, known for her "Journey Through France." She has worked in the floral world both in France and England for several years and continues to promote the collaboration of our flower arrangers on both sides of the Channel.

Enjoy a weekend of workshops with European floral designers and an international competition, combined with the gastronomy of south-west France and a touch of history. At the foot of the Black Mountains, the picturesque village of Mazamet was once the world's centre of the wool and leather industry in the 18 & 19th Centuries.

Today, in addition to the natural beauty of its surrounding forests and lakes, visitors can enjoy the gastronomy of the region, exceptional wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon and a wide range of dishes from the famed French ducks. Its proximity to the unique city of Carcassonne also offers an exciting day of history, stunning architecture and shopping.

4th International Floral Art Competition of Mazamet: "CLIMATE."

The schedule of classes includes:

Tropical Climate - Cyclone, Arctic Climate, Desert Climate (imposed class), Monsoon, Ocean Climate, Climatic Garden and My Planet (craft exhibit using dried plant material).

We recommend the imposed class which is Desert Climate/Global Warming; all dried and fresh plant material and accessories provided. We also recommend the craft exhibit, which can be prepared in advance.

International panel of judges from France, Italy and U.K. Schedule available upon request.

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Price from £559 competitor; £515 non-competitor

Includes

- 3 nights family run hotel accommodation.
- Lunches on Friday and Sunday
- Dinners on Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- Competitor entrance fee
- Guided tour for non-competitors
- All excursions/events as listed opposite

Optional Extras:

- Saturday lunch at Conference Centre
- A light supper can be purchased at Toulouse airport
- Single Room Supplement £30 pppn

Easyjet fares are subject to change; exact price to be confirmed at time of booking.



We have rooms available in two small family run hotels :

Hotel le Boulevard or le Nord.

Both hotels offer basic accommodation but are very centrally located.

On Saturday evening the Hotel Boulevard offers a special Duck Tasting Dinner—a gastronomic menu featuring the different styles of duck, all specialities of the region.

Paired with local wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon.

Thursday : Depart Gatwick 1410 Arrive in Toulouse. 1655
Coach transfer to Mazamet 1.15hrs
Check in to 2* Hotel with evening meal.

Friday a.m.: For those persons **not** entering the competition:
10 a.m -12 noon. Guided tour of Mazamet.

For those persons entering the competition:

6.30 a.m. Breakfast
7 a.m. Welcome for floral art competitors at the Mazamet Conference Centre.
8 - 12 a.m. Staging of floral arrangement exhibits.
1 p.m. Judging

1pm lunch is available at the hotel; free time in afternoon.

4 p.m. Competition open to competitors and special guests
6.30 p.m. Prize giving
7.30 p.m. Cocktail party for competitors only
8.30 p.m. Dinner at Le Grand Balcon for all.

Saturday : Following breakfast, visit Conference Centre.

8.30 - 9.30 a.m. Watering/maintenance of exhibits
9.30 -12 noon Workshop with Mrs. Michele ENEL: modern composition incorporating dry and fresh plant material.

12 noon - 2.30 p.m. Lunch break in the conference centre.
2.30 - 5 p.m. Workshop with Mr. Guisy FERRARI: "nouveau style" Italian designs.

7.30 p.m. (hotel restaurant) Duck tasting dinner:

Sunday a.m.: following breakfast, check out at 9.00 am



9.15 - 10.15 a.m. Drive to Carcassonne (with luggage)
10.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Visit to famous medieval walled city, Carcassonne, and Chateau Contal. Shopping (most shops are open on Sundays)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Traditional lunch of regional specialities and local wines.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tour of the vineyards
4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Visit to local winery + wine tasting followed by tea.
6 p.m. Departure for Toulouse airport
8 p.m. Light supper at airport (not included)

10.10 p.m. Return flight to Gatwick, arriving 10.55 p.m.

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