Dear PHS Members and Friends,

I hope you will join me as we explore exceptional gardens in Provence. We’ll visit traditional farmhouse-style gardens, as well as contemporary, and Mediterranean country gardens. Most gardens are privately owned and have been designed by leading local designers.

If you have any questions, please email me at sbetts@pennhort.org or call 215-988-8819. I look forward to traveling with you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne

Suzanne W. Betts
Membership Director

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday, June 9
Depart for Marseille, France.

Day 2 – Sunday, June 10 - (D)
Hotel – Hotel de l’Image (4 nights)
Flight arrives in Marseille where you will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel in the village of St Remy de Provence. Optional afternoon guided walk in St Remy. Aperitif and short talk on the tour schedule before dinner together in the hotel.

Day 3 – Monday, June 11 - (B, L)
Morning visit to a superb private garden high in the garrigue* of Les Alpilles designed by the well-known landscape architect, Dominique Lafourcade. Lunch in the village of Eygalières. Afternoon visit to an exceptional contemporary private garden at the foot of Les Alpilles designed by the landscape artists Alain David Idoux and Marc Nucera. Evening at leisure.

*Garrigue is the name given to the Mediterranean scrubland made up of low growing, bushy plants.

Day 4 – Tuesday, June 12 – (B,D)
Our morning visit to a spectacular private garden where Tim Rees, a London-based landscape architect, has worked for many years. Peter Coates and Rosemary Verey preceded him. An extensive garden, the head gardener gives a superb insight into its development and planting. Return to St Rémy at lunchtime. Our afternoon visit is to a private summer residence where adjacent cottages have been added to the main house. The result is stunning: a Mediterranean garden with water fountains, columns of cypress trees, and a checkerboard-designed bed opening into a rural olive grove. Dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

Day 5 – Wednesday, June 13 – (B,L)
The weekly market fills the streets of medieval St Rémy and well worth a visit. Late morning, we visit the newly created personal garden of a well-known, leading garden designer who offers us a light lunch. Van Gogh painted extensively during his stay at St Rémy – he came south, drawn by the quality of the light. Afternoon visit to the attractive cloister and gardens of the clinic where Van Gogh stayed and painted the surrounding landscape. Evening at leisure.
Day 6 – Thursday, June 14 - (B,D)
Hotel – Chateau de Mazan (4 nights)
Morning excursion to the Camargue, the Rhone delta with its rice fields, tamarisk trees and marshland. Flamingos feed in the lakes, local white horses and black bulls graze in the wild delta wetlands. Lunchtime at Saintes Maries de la Mer on the Mediterranean coast. We head northward to the perched village of Mazan at the foot of Mont Ventoux, and to our hotel Château de Mazan. Dinner together on the hotel terrace.

Day 7 – Friday, June 15 - (B, L, D)
Leave for the Luberon to the perched village of Menerbes, to visit two private gardens, one completely designed by Nicole de Vesian. Gardens created on terraces of ancient olive trees under-planted with Mediterranean drought-resistant plants, orchards of cherry trees and a potager. We are invited to a buffet lunch in one of the gardens. In Bonnieux we visit a renowned garden owned by the late Nicole de Vesian. We return through the Ventoux hills. Dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

Day 8 – Saturday, June 16 - (B, L, D)
Morning visit to a chateau garden just north of Avignon with Italian origins from the period when Avignon was the seat of the Pope. It features columns of cypress, flowing water and clipped hedges. We enjoy an aperitif and light lunch before leaving for tastings at a local wine producer. Dinner together in the hotel restaurant.

Day 9 – Sunday, June 17 – (B, D)
Relaxed start at Mazan leaving late morning for Avignon to enjoy an interesting guided tour of the historic centre and the Pope’s Palace. We visit the gardens of the old chateau ruins while overlooking the River Rhone and the famous bridge. Return to Mazan for dinner together.

Day 10 – Monday, June 18 – (B)
Depart for Marseille airport. If your return flight requires an overnight stay in a connecting city, accommodations can be arranged for an additional fee.

TERMS & CONDITIONS
This trip has been organized by Susan Worner Tours for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS). Please read this information carefully. Contact Suzanne Betts at 215-988-8819 if you have questions.

Trip Fees
The price has been determined in accordance with currency calculations as of July, 2017.

Price per person based on double occupancy:
$4,000 PHS Members - $4,200 non-member
Single occupancy of a room requires additional payment of $1,000.

Tour Price includes:
- Hotel accommodations based on two people sharing a room with private bath, hotel service charges, tips and gratuities, taxes and porterage per itinerary. Four (4) nights at Hotel de l’Image, St Remy de Provence and four (4) nights at Chateau de Mazan.
- Group arrival and departure transfer for Marseille Provence Airport when traveling on “suggested” flights
- Ground transportation by private motor coach on touring days
- Meals per itinerary
- Entrance fees and local guides
- Services of professional tour leader
- Gratuities for driver and guides
- $300 tax-deductible donation to PHS

Tour Price does not include:
- Airfare
- Airport transfers for traveling to and from airport independent of “Group Transfer”.
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, Internet/business center expenses and room service
- Alcoholic beverages
- Trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss and supplemental medical expense insurance. Trip insurance is required.
- Passport/visa processing costs
- Immunizations and prescription medications required for travel
- Meals, tours and entrance fees not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
Reservation and Payment
A deposit of $600 per person is required at time of booking. Written confirmation will be provided upon receipt of deposit. **Balance of payment will be due 120 days before departure or on or before January 31, 2018.** Payment of your trip deposit will constitute your acknowledgement that you have read and agree to our full Payment Terms and Conditions.

**Number of Guests**
A maximum of 16 guests can be accommodated. A minimum of 12 guests are required to operate the tour at the quoted price. Purchase of non-refundable services outside of tour itinerary (such as airline tickets) before minimum number of guests have registered is at the sole risk and expense of the guest.

**Cancellations**
**Trip cancellation insurance is required and may be purchased through Travel Safe or another carrier. Please note that to ensure coverage due to any pre-existing medical conditions you must purchase insurance within 15 days of your initial deposit.**

All cancellations must be made in writing. As noted, final payment is due 120 days prior to departure and is non-refundable. Accordingly, we strongly recommend that you purchase appropriate cancellation insurance. If you must cancel, your deposit is refundable (minus a $100 processing fee) up to 12 weeks prior to departure. Cancellations must be received in writing by January 31, 2018. After March 22, 2018, no refunds will be made.

**Hotels**
Hotels are shown on your itinerary. PHS reserves the right to change any hotel through any circumstance--the substitute will be of equal or higher quality.

**Scheduled Activities**
Every effort will be made to provide such services as listed, but where unavoidable circumstances necessitate changes, the best substitute alternatives will be made at the discretion of Susan Worner Tours, PHS, or the ground operator without financial compensation to tour members.

**Physical Capabilities**
Please advise PHS of any restrictions regarding diet, mobility issues or disabilities so we may plan accordingly, when possible. This tour is designed for reasonably active people. Tours can involve quite a lot of walking. Terrain may include steep inclines, cobblestones, grass, dirt paths, uneven surfaces, in areas with restricted vehicle access and up/down stairs. Each participant must be able to navigate themselves in/out of the tour vehicle. It is strongly suggested that all tour participants be in good health.

**Luggage**
Luggage, per participant, is limited to one standard size case, maximum measurement 30x18x10, plus a day pack/purse/camera bag for the daily touring day. Any case weight more than 40 lbs/18kg may be refused in accordance to local safety regulations.

**Passport**
It is the traveler’s responsibility to ensure he/she has a valid passport and no not require a visa to their destination. **Passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond your travel date to be accepted.**

**Flight Arrangements**
Please do not purchase airline tickets until you receive official confirmation that the minimum number of guests has been reached.

Kathy Reed at Travel Answers is happy to help with flight arrangements and travel insurance.

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Bryn Mawr, PA  19010
610-525-2801
Responsibility Clause

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Susan Worner Tours act only as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotels, and all matters of reservations and tour operation. We and our agents accept no responsibility for loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or irregularity, expense, or liability caused by the defect of any vehicle or negligence or default of any independent contractors, their employees, agents, or representatives. Nor do we accept responsibility for losses or delays arising from sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, war, acts of terrorism, weather conditions, or acts of God. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the tour participant, as tour rates provided for arrangements only for the time stated and as described in this brochure.

We reserve the right to substitute services, features, and hotels of similar quality without notice. We reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We likewise reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any tour participant at any time without being under any obligation to assign any reason therefore. In the event of the exercise of this right, we shall be under no liability to such person(s) except to refund such amount as our absolute discretion deems reasonable to attribute to the uncompleted portion of the tour. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner’s risk entirely.

It is understood that air, ship, or train tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and carrier concerned. The airlines and all other transportation companies involved in this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time that the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which they are rendered.

The tour participant agrees, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to abide by the above conditions and to release and hold harmless the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Susan Worner Tours, and any of their representatives from any and all liability for any delays, damage, loss, injury, or death occurring in relation to this tour. Any payment constitutes agreement by the individual tour participant with the terms and conditions contained in this brochure.
| **Name as it appears on Passport** |  |
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| **Passport Expiration Date** | (DD/MM/YYYY) |
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| **Name for Name Badge** |  |
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| **EMERGENCY CONTACT** |  |
| **Name** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Relationship** |  |

**Room type**
- Double Room—one large bed
- Double-two beds
- Single—willing to share
- Single—sole occupancy ($1,000 supplement applies)

Roommate's name ____________________________________________________________

Special Medical or Dietary Needs/Requests ____________________________________________

**Payment Information**
*If paying by check, please make payable to PHS. AmEx, Visa and MasterCard accepted*

| **Amount:** |  |
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| **Credit Card #:** |  |
| **Exp Date:** |  |
| **Amount to be charged:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
WAIVER FORM

I/we, the undersigned member(s)/guest(s) of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, do desire and intend to participate in one or more trips and/or events as the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society may, from time to time, arrange for members and/or guests.

I/we hereby authorize the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and such officers, employees and agents thereof as may be appropriate, (a) to enter into and execute such arrangements, applications and contacts for the charter of buses, vans, automobiles, boats and other means of transportation as may, in their opinion, be required in connection with such trips and/or events, and (b) to make such arrangements or decisions as may be required to deemed appropriate by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society or any of them in connection with such charters and such trips and/or events.

In consideration of my/our agreement to participate in such trips and/or events and undertaking of such arrangements on my behalf, I/we hereby release and discharge the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and each of its directors, officers, employees and agents from all suits, causes, claims of any kind that might arise as a result of or in the course of or in connection with any such trip and/or events, such as charters or arrangements. I/we understand, of course, that this agreement will in no way affect any liability that may arise on the part of any third party.

This release and discharge shall remain in effect until revoked by me/us in writing.

Please sign and date this Waiver and Release Form and return with $600 deposit per person.

Signature____________________________________________Date______________________

Name______________________________________________________
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