



LIFE DRAWING IN PROVENCE 24TH - 30TH SEPT'24

COURSE FEES £1000 ALL INCLUSIVE

Accommodation from £520 for 6 nights

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The Site:

I am pleased to invite you to come and immerse yourself in this creative environment. Set in the beautiful house and grounds of Maison Sylvette a 17th century house built on the outskirts of the walled medieval village of Camaret Sur Aigues in the Vaucluse and 8km from Orange, has been home to the French side of my family for 400 years.

Steeped in history, another story is added to it's memory – one of a young girl born to an English mother and French father – an unlikely couple who fell in love in the Parisian art school Ecole Julien in the 20's.

My grandmother went on to be an excellent artist and her paintings adorn the walls of our French home. As do those of her husband Emmanuel and daughter Sylvette, now Lydia. Sylvette watched her mother and father paint and was encouraged by her father who became a legendary art dealer on the Champs Elysée. At the age of 19 Sylvette had a chance meeting with Pablo Picasso, who changed the course of her life, giving her the self-confidence she lacked by choosing her to model for him. He made around 60 works of her ranging from great oils to drawings on paper and sculptures in sheet metal and bronze. The whole house emanates a creative vibe, and everywhere you look there is a beautiful subject to draw.

However it is old and with this comes a bit of peeling paint, a bathroom that needs a little restoration and few mod cons. There is internet in the dining room downstairs.

The Course

An introduction to Life Drawing skills which will deepen your understanding of the principals of all drawing. Over five days you will have the chance to immerse yourself in drawing techniques, culminating in a finished piece which will bring together what you will have learnt over the course. Drawing the human figure is really the cornerstone for all applied art practices. However, it doesn't have to be the painful and terrifying experience it used to be. We are all artistic and express ourselves in a wonderful diversity of ways – as varied as there are human beings on this beautiful planet of ours.

My approach to teaching life-drawing is not to follow a dogged routine of laws, but to acquaint people with ways of looking and seeing to shed the shackles of fear that restrict our real enjoyment of making marks. Fear has never been a good instructor, whereas true enjoyment and interest in the process of sketching, coupled with lots of mind evading exercises and plenty of practice, is sure to bring increased understanding of the things we draw, which in turn brings 'progress'.

Drawing is a mindful/mindless exercise. It is something which can take me to deep pools of bliss, as well as those moments of struggle which often produce the best results.

Food

Marie-Noelle is our French chef - a local lady who cooks delicious Provençal hearty meals. Local bread, cheese and wine will accompany every meal. Vegetarian and vegan options agreed in advance.

There will be a couple of trips out for an aperitif, and a walk in the Dentelles; a beautiful collection of rocks behind the famous Gigondas wine appellation. We will also do some pleine-air drawings/paintings.

A visit to a market is a must and for this particular course we could visit Orange market on Thursday morning. Orange has a magnificent Roman amphitheatre and part of the original walls can be seen amongst the later architecture. I reserve the right to change our schedule according to individual needs and the weather.

For Gallery see website: <https://isabelcoulton.com/classes2/>

Our home has 4 rooms and the Annex that are available to book

Room 1 - the Master bedroom - a large double room close to the bathroom
£120/night.

Room 2 - A double room - £90/night

Room 3 - A large single room - £80/night

Room 4 - A twin room, one double bed and one single
- £70/night

Annex - A large self-contained flat with one double bedroom and a dormitory style
room to sleep 3.

Double room - £90/night

Dorm - £30 each bed/night.

Prices:

£1000pp plus a sliding scale for accommodation from £540 for 6 nights - all inclusive.
Non participants are £1000 each

For this you will get:

A room, full board ie Breakfast, Lunch and supper and drinks (wine, tea, coffee, juice), all art materials, paper, easels etc, the model and tuition. Trips out travel is included but expenses for coffee or wine in the café are yours. You will need to bring Pleine air kit if you have it.

Contact details for more info or to book your place:

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Meet me your host and tutor: Web: www.isabelcoulton.com

Travel

By Car - Use either the car ferry from Dover or the Euro tunnel Le Shuttle from Folkestone. Both arrive Calais. Drive to Troyes for a stop overnight. Drive South to Orange and exit Orange Centre, following signs to Camaret sur Aigues - ask for further details. Around 14 hours.

Train - from London to Avignon, TGV. Pick up can be arranged...shared taxi about €50 this would be your cost. You could continue to Avignon Centre and change to get another train to Orange. I can pick up from Orange.

Flights - from London to Marseille or Nîmes and Avignon would be the best if available. Train from Marseille to Orange.

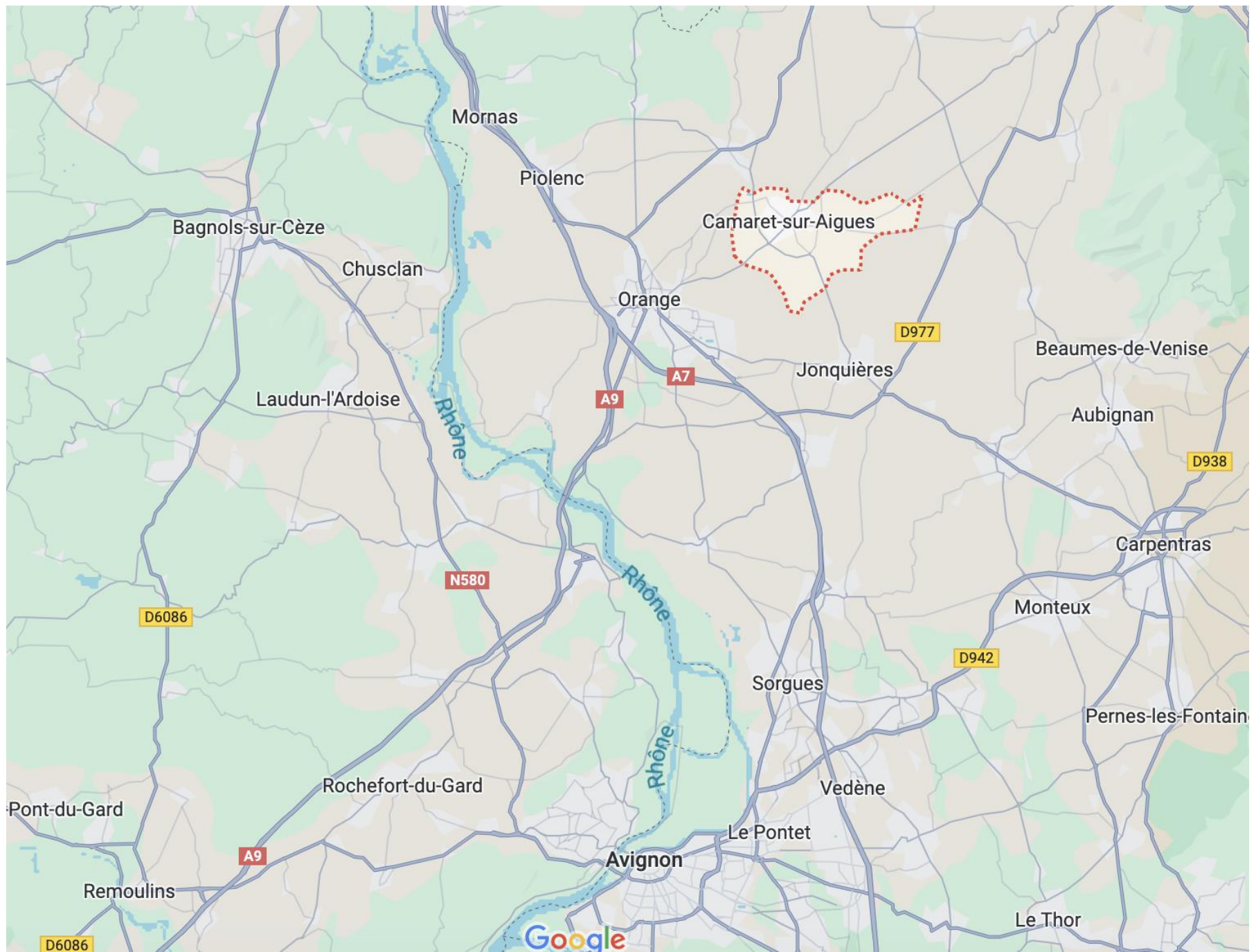
For travel advice try the app rome2rio

For advance train tickets:

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For google maps:

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Camper vans/ Gites/ Campsites

Camaret has a long list of gites which I can send you or try this link, <https://www.camaret.org/fr/tourisme/hebergements/gite> and a good website www.camaret.org

There are only 4 rooms on site plus the annex. We have room in the garden for a camper van or two plus outdoor loo/bathroom

There is a nice campsite at Violès

https://www.campings.com/fr/camping/camping-des-favards-80914#?gad_source%3D1

