

# French Impressionism Weekend in Seattle

Nov. 7-8, 2015



Join a group of Portlanders for an organized weekend tour of Seattle's French art and culture, Nov. 7-8, 2015. The highlight is a private tour of the [Intimate Impressionism](#) exhibit at the Seattle Art Museum. The collection is from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC and this is the first time it has *ever* gone on tour. The exhibit features 68 paintings that are considered to be the jewels of French Impressionism, including works of Manet, Renoir, Monet, Boudin, Cézanne, Degas, Gauguin, and van Gogh. The weekend package includes a private museum tour and a group dinner with Jack Cowan, the Honorary Consul of France for the state of Washington. Tour participants will individually arrange their transportation to/from Seattle as well as accommodations; special hotel rates have been arranged as an option for participants.



PICKING FLOWERS, 1875, AUGUSTE RENOIR.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Participants will arrange their own transportation to Seattle. BoltBus and Amtrak are options. The recommended hotel has on-site parking for those wishing to drive.

**LODGING:** Tour participants have the option of securing their own accommodations or taking advantage of preferential hotel pricing of just \$149 plus taxes at the beautiful [Warwick Hotel](#) in downtown Seattle. *Note that the preferential tour-group rate is only available for reservations confirmed prior to October 16.* Tour organizer Linda Witt advises, "Act quickly to get the preferred rate. This is a great hotel and it's convenient to the museum and to our group dinner event. In the past I have paid \$300/night at the Warwick, so snap up the \$149 rate!"



## SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 2015

- 1:45pm** **Meet in Warwick Hotel Lobby** (401 Lenora Street). From there we'll walk, cab or Uber over to the Seattle Art Museum. Linda Witt and staff from the FACC office will lead.
- 2:30pm** **Exhibit Private Tour:** The tour accommodates English and French speakers. The main tour will be conducted in English by a Seattle Art Museum docent. Those wishing to tune their French can listen to a professional translator who works in tandem with the main docent. The pre-paid tour package covers the price of admission to the museum as well as the private, bilingual small-group tour. After the tour, participants can explore the museum exhibits at their leisure and return to the hotel to finish check-in and freshen up.
- 5:45pm** **Meet in Hotel Lobby** for walk over to Le Pichet.
- 6:15pm** **Dinner at Le Pichet.** The pre-paid tour package includes \$40 toward dinner at Le Pichet near Pike Place Market, recently nominated as Seattle's Best French Restaurant for 2015. The group dinner will be attended by the Honorary Consul of France, Jack Cowan. Drinks, food and gratuity above the \$40 pre-paid price will be paid individually by guests.



**SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 2015.** Optional breakfast at Brasserie Margaux in the hotel (guests will pay individually). Free time and return to Portland on your own schedule, or arrange with the hotel for another night's stay to explore the area.

## Tour Pricing & Reservations – Reserve by Oct. 16

The group experience which includes all activities on Saturday, Nov. 7 (guided tours of the exhibit and group dinner with the Honorary Consul) is \$175. Alliance Française and FACC members' price is \$165. Click [here](#) to reserve. As soon as your core package is reserved, you'll receive an email that gives you the hotel manager's contact information for booking the tour room rate (for those who opt to stay at the Warwick Hotel and take advantage of the special pricing only available for this tour group).

*This tour is organized as an educational service by the nonprofit France Education NW with promotions support of the Alliance Française of Portland. Email [linda.witt@comcast.net](mailto:linda.witt@comcast.net) with questions or call 503.516.5914. Tour maximum size is 10-12 persons.*