

The Way of Mary Magdalen

~ A Divine Reunion in the Languedoc Region of France ~

October 1- 9, 2017

Optional Extension Oct 9-11



'Mary Magdalene of the Roses'
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Day 1 Sun, Oct 1 ARRIVE IN TOULOUSE, FRANCE

Today we arrive in Toulouse, France ready to begin our Divine Adventure! We are transported to our hotel where tonight we have a 'meet and greet' complete with dinner and bubbles!

Overnight in Belvianes (D)



Day 2 Mon, Oct 2 MONTSEGUR & BELESTA

The Cathar Castle of Montségur towers above the town on a steep and rugged knoll. Known as the 'secure mountain', it is the eternal symbol of Catharism and their true devotion to Mary Magdalen, Jesus and 'The Church of Love.' It is here that some of the Cathars – successors of Mary Magdalen - faced their final standoff with nearly 10,000 Roman Catholic Church crusaders who demanded them to either renunciate their faith or be burned at the stake. After ten months, the Cathars were no longer able to resist. Subsequently, 225 Cathars were burned at the stake for their belief in the Divine Feminine and the sacred union between Mary Magdalen and Jesus.

Legend says that just before the fall of the fortress, four Cathars were seen carrying a treasure

down the steep mountain. Some believe the treasure was the 'Holy Grail,' others the 'Book of Love.'

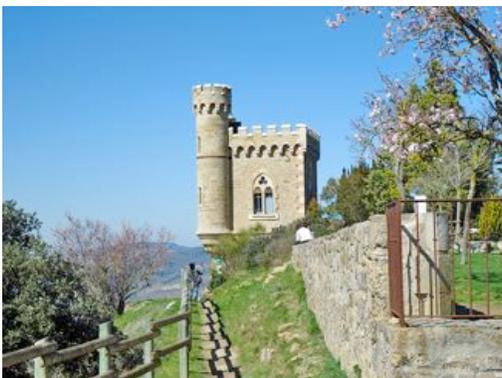
As we walk the path of the Cathars to their 'secure mountain' fortress, we contemplate their journey and their faith. To understand them further, we explore the medieval village with its little church, Black Madonna and the Cathar Museum. Here we honor the Cathars and heal that part which has been persecuted, wounded or suppressed.

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)



Day 3 Tues, Oct 3 RENNES-LE-CHÂTEAU

Today we explore the enigma of the Sacred Temple Valley, the Magdalen's wisdom and the origins of the mysterious discoveries of priest Abbé Béranger Saunière in Rennes-Le-Château. This is the fabled village of Holy Grail lore where Magdalen allegedly preached. For centuries, treasure hunters have been looking for the 'Holy Grail' in and around the village. In the 19th century a country curate priest, Berenger Sauniere, an ardent worshiper of Mary Magdalen, mysteriously came into a large sum of money. We wonder what treasure he found! With this money, he built the Tour Magdala and renovated the church in an unusual way and dedicated it to Mary Magdalen.



This area is located within a natural pentagram with each node designated by a mountaintop. The pentagram, a symbol of Venus (the goddess of love), appears to be defining a temple which some refer to as a Venus Temple. Within this sacred geometry, the Magdalen energy is very present. Some say that the Holy Family once lived on the banks of the Ruissau des Couleurs and that she taught nearby from the *Book of Love*.

Legends also say that an ancient Temple of Isis is deep in the Earth below the village. It is known as a 'doorway to heaven' – a portal to a new world and to personal and universal transformation. Here we connect with the Black Madonna, Magdalen and Venus energies to support our journey through the portal.

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)



Day 4 Wed, Oct 4 RENNES-LES-BAINS & BUGARCH



Our day is filled with powerful energies as we venture to Bugarach and Rennes-les-Bains. Bugarach and the surrounding area are shrouded in mystery and myth. Mt. Bugarach is a mysterious geological anomaly because the top layers of the rocks are older than the bottom creating an 'upside down' mountain. Energetically, it is a conduit for energies with ley lines streaming out in a multitude of directions - possibly a Stargate where other dimensions and realities pass into the earth. Because of this unusual structure, there are many legends — light ships, UFO activity, underground cities, the myth of Agartha and the hollow Earth.

Both Nostradamus and Jules Verne were local to the area. Jules Verne wrote about Bugarach and the existence of an underground civilization. Pagan Celtic religions saw the subterranean networks and hollow hills as entrances to other worlds, specifically the realm of the fairies.

Mt. Bugarach is also reputed to be the site of an ancient Essene community. We absorb the energies here as we drive up this mystical mountain. It represents the masculine strength that brings divine balance to this land.

After absorbing these masculine energies, we go home – to Mary's home in the small mountain village of Rennes-les-Bains. A place of special healing waters, thermal baths, and rejuvenating hot springs, we sit on the Seat of Isis and take time to reflect, ask for guidance and attune to the potent energies of the area. The Seat of Isis is a 5000-year-old stone seat that is mysteriously carved in a stone near the spring where three powerful ley lines pass.

Mary Magdalen is often compared with the Eternal Goddess Isis. Perhaps it is no coincidence Mary Magdalen settled here!

Nearby is Le Benitier - Baptismal Font - where the fresh and salt waters of the Sals and Blanque Rivers alchemically come together like the Divine Feminine and the Divine Masculine. We consummate this sacred union of the 'Divine One Within' at the heart shaped pool known as the Fontaine des Amours - the Fountain of Love.

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)



Day 5 Thurs, Oct 5 YOUR DAY with OPTIONAL GROUP ACTIVITIES & FULL MOON CEREMONY

We awaken in our own time to the day of the full moon – a day of clarity, reflection, relaxation and celebration! Set your own pace as you take time to commune with nature and go within to reflect upon the Divine Union. And, if anything is blocking that Union, take time to illuminate, explore and reckon with the polarities that still reside in your heart.



Later, if desired, join the group for activities to release that that no longer serves this Divine Union.

As the full moon rises, we gather under her powerful energy to receive clarity and truth! The darkness is illuminated and our souls are set free!

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)

Day 6 Fri, Oct 6 NOTRE DAME DE MARCEILLE & ALET-LES-BAINS & LIMOUX MARKET



After a lovely breakfast, we venture through a beautiful, forested valley along the Aude River to Limoux. A characteristically French city, Limoux is a mixture of old and new with a rich history of Catharism. Known for its Friday market and Blanquette de Limoux sparkling wine, we take some time to peruse the market and shop for delicacies.

Afterwards, we arrive at the beautiful basilica of Notre Dame de Marceille where we meet a special Black Madonna – a statue of Mary, the Heavenly Mother of all, depicted with dark skin. By some, she is the ancient ‘earth-goddess converted to Christianity’; the source of fertility and new life from which all life returns. According to Medieval symbolism, Black Madonnas are considered the ‘Seat of Wisdom’ since wisdom and power spring from her lap. As the Dark Mother archetype, she



is a symbol of our inner shadow-self when properly integrated.

Legend says that a farmer plowing his field found this particular Black Madonna in the earth when his ox refused to move forward. He took the statue home only to find it disappeared in the night and returned to the place where he found it. This happened three times before the local monks built a chapel there. The Black Madonna of Notre Dame de Marceille is considered to be so powerful and special that she has been kidnapped on several occasions.

We continue our exploration of goddess history in the Medieval town of Alet-les-Bains – meaning ‘The Chosen Place.’ A walled city with an abbey and moat built by the Benedictines, it is a center for Jewish scholars, Cabbalist traditions and Nostradamus. Inside the church, there stands another mysterious Black Madonna and an exquisite stained glass of a six petal rose – a symbol for the ‘Rose Line’ – which some believe is the bloodline of Jesus and Mary Magdalen.

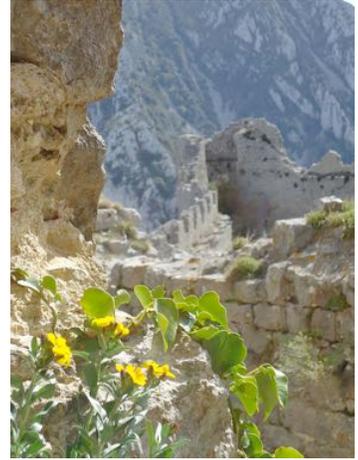


We bask in the transformative energies of this magical environment as angels silently move among the paintings, meditation spaces and healing waters. This is a perfect place for the locals to gift us with mystical stories and introduce the Book of Love.

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)

Day 7 Sat, Oct 7 PUILAURENS & GORGE DE GALAMUS

We return to the magnificent Pyrenees to the Château de Puilaurens – a Cathar and Grail castle – located on a mountain peak lined with quartz crystal. In contrast to Montségur, Puilaurens is a peace-filled place of refuge outside the territory ravaged during the crusade against the Cathars. Once owned by the Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Michel de Cuxa, it was a tranquil refuge for many Cathars. As we follow the fragrant botanical path through the woods to the castle, we investigate that place of refuge within us; the place of peace where we accept and love all that we are! And like the Château de Puilaurens, we emerge from the shadow to sparkle in the light of love.



As we pursue the higher love of Mary Magdalen and the Divine union, we take an adventurous ride into the narrow Gorge de Galamus to Saint Antoine's hermitage and to a powerful and exquisite grotto chapel dedicated to Mary Magdalen. Purportedly, Mary Magdalen taught the Way of Love here in a room next to a small spring. As we emerge from this portal to the underworld, we bring to the surface the qualities of love, of the masculine and the feminine. And, as we enter the portal of higher love, we unite them into the Divine ONE as Anneke sings the Abwoen – the original Lord's Prayer in Aramaic!

Overnight in Belvianes (B, L, D)

Day 8 Sun, Oct 8 COLLIOURE

Collioure – a charming seaport on the Mediterranean Sea – has its own mysterious past as a place where secret cargoes and saints from the Holy Land entered France. This land of troubadours, Knights Templar, inspired artists, and unsurpassed beauty has had many masters from the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Visigoths, Aragon, Spanish and French each with their own set of beliefs and intentions. However, it was made famous by the Knights Templar and the tale of 'illusive' treasures that they left as they passed through on their crusade routes to the Holy Land.



Locals acknowledge the existence of strange energies in the area. Mix that with the unique quality of light and brilliant colors due to its position on the Mediterranean Sea, artists and mystics have been drawn to Collioure. Could 'this place without shadows' be a transformational portal?

Standing guard above the town is the French royal castle Château Royal de Collioure. Originally a castle of the Templars, it also has had many masters that have added and modified it to suit the needs of the time.



Here we relax and enjoy the peace and beauty as we integrate our powerful journey! Later we celebrate our time together with a closing dinner.

Overnight in Belvianes (B, D) (NOTE: Lunch is on your own)

Day 9 Mon, Oct 9 TOULOUSE to HOME

Some time after breakfast, we bid farewell to our guides and transfer to the Toulouse airport to connect with our international flights home. We take time to ponder and integrate the Divine Union and sense how our lives will be forever changed. The choice is yours to live a NEW LIFE – a DIFFERENT LIFE – a DIVINE LIFE that is truly a Divine Adventure! (B)



OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MARSEILLE

Day 1 Mon, Oct 9 TOULOUSE to MARSEILLE

Some time after breakfast, we bid farewell to our guides and friends not continuing on to Marseille and transfer to the Toulouse train station to connect with our train to Marseille. We settle into the gentle rocking of the train for the 5 hour ride to Marseille where we transfer to our hotel.

Overnight in Marseille Area (B)

Day 2 Tues, Oct 10 BASILICA of ST MAXIMIN & GROTTO OF MARY MAGDALENE



We follow the last steps of Mary Magdalen to St Maximin-la-Ste Baume, the region where Mary Magdalen retreated to live in penance until she died. The secluded mountain cave is now known as the Grotto or La Baume of Mary Magdelene – a medieval pilgrimage site. We climb in silence through an enchanting old forest to the ancient grotto of Mary Magdalen that lies at the base of a rugged cliff, embedded in the side of the mountain. As we approach, we join with her in prayer and meditation. In the silence, can you sense her spirit?

Many feel Mary Magdalen died here as well and was buried on the site that later became the Basilica of St Maximin. Before we return to our hotel, we visit the crypt to see the



golden reliquary of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine in the grand Basilica of St Maximin.

Tonight we reminisce and celebrate this journey to our Divine Union through the Way of Mary Magdalen. We know she will be with us always as a guiding light!

Overnight in Marseille (B, D)

Day 3 Wed, Oct 11 MARSEILLE to HOME



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Price of Tour*:

MAIN TOUR:

Price per Person in US dollars for the 9 DAY / 8 NIGHT Journey:

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$3,999; Single Supplement: ADD \$499 (NOTE: All prices are land only and based upon cash/check payment. Fees apply for Credit Card/Wire Transfer payment)

Price includes:

- A fully guided tour featuring local guide, author, photographer and producer Anneke Koremans
- Accompanied by Dr Patti Ashley and Divine Adventures group leader, Junia Imel
- 8 nights of lodging at specialty hotels
- Group transportation to and from Toulouse airport
- All land transportation within France
- All meals noted in itinerary: 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 8 dinners
- Optional guided ceremonies and spiritual processes
- All entrance fees for group excursions listed in itinerary
- Basic gratuities for group travel (i.e. drivers, bell boys, tips for group dinners, French guide)

Price does NOT include:

- All airfare - International airfare to and from home city to Toulouse, France
- Individual transportation to and from Toulouse airport if travel at times outside the group travel
- Other meals not noted & all beverages
- Additional gratuities beyond group travel (i.e. room maids, US guides) or for exceptional service
- Miscellaneous expenses (i.e. phone calls, laundry, personal expenses, shopping)
- Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance (HIGHLY recommended). Be sure it covers the program as well as your flights.

EXTENSION: (Maximum of 8 passengers)

Price per Person in US dollars for the 3 DAY / 2 NIGHT Journey:

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$777; Single Supplement: ADD \$177 (NOTE: All prices are land only and based upon cash/check payment. Fees apply for Credit Card/Wire Transfer payment)

Price includes:

- Accompanied by Dr Patti Ashley and Divine Adventures group leader, Junia Imel
- 2 nights of lodging at specialty hotels
- Group transfer to Marseille area hotel
- Group transportation to Marseille airport
- Land transportation from Toulouse to Marseille
- All meals noted in itinerary: 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Optional guided ceremonies and spiritual processes
- All entrance fees for group excursions listed in itinerary
- Basic gratuities for group travel (i.e. drivers, bell boys, tips for group dinners)

Price does NOT include:

- All airfare - International airfare to home city from Marseille, France
- Individual transportation to Marseille airport if travel at times outside the group travel

- Other meals not noted & all beverages
- Additional gratuities beyond group travel (i.e. room maids, US guides) or for exceptional service
- Miscellaneous expenses (i.e. phone calls, laundry, personal expenses, shopping)
- Travel and Trip Cancellation Insurance (HIGHLY recommended). Be sure it covers the program as well as your flights.

NOTE:

- 1) Itineraries are subject to change
- 2) \$600* non-refundable deposit due at registration; 50% due 120 days before departure and 100% due 90 days before departure
- 3) **2017 Tour price is guaranteed unless the US \$/Euro exchange rate changes 5% or more from the 11/1/16 rates. If required, an exchange-rate surcharge will be declared in June 2017. This has never exceeded \$100 per person.*
- 4) Minimum of 15 people required

Our Spiritual Guides and Leaders

Anneke Koremans

Since 2007 a resident of the southern French department of the Aude-Pyrénées, Anneke Koremans is not only a local guide in Cathar Country, she is also an author, photographer and producer (PanOccitania Media). Since early childhood she enjoyed studying the lost history of civilization, the first centuries of Christianity, the Gnosis and Mysticism.

With her esoterical adventure novels, which were published worldwide in English under her pen name Jeanne D'Août, she has already drawn many people to this beautiful area and its mysteries. She has been a guest on many radio shows in Australia and the US, but also on a live TV Talk Show in Las Vegas in 2013. In 2012 she was interviewed for a now world famous TV documentary called "Himmler and the Holy Grail", giving her a page on IMDb. She has also worked together with the well-known American filmmaker Frank LaLoggia, writing a synopsis for a possible screenplay for her first book "White Lie", which is available together with its sequel, "The Eye of Ra", on Amazon. In the past few years, Anneke has been honored to be the private guide of several international celebrities and VIPs.



Dr Patti Ashley

Patti has over thirty-five years of experience working in the fields of education and psychology. She is the author of the book: *Living in the Shadow of the Too-Good Mother Archetype*, which is based on her personal and professional experience of mothering today. While raising her four children as a single mother she came upon the Mary Magdalen archetype as a way to more deeply understand the suppression of the feminine that she had been experiencing in her role as a mother, and also witnessing in the lives of other parents she was coaching and counseling. Having been raised Catholic, Patti was determined to find a Truth that she could hold in relation to what the Mary Magdalen story meant for her and all of us today. Patti feels that the best way to heal and integrate the lost feminine in our culture is to step into the mystery of Mary Magdalen to better embody and reclaim the intuitive, compassionate, nurturing and creative parts of self.

Currently Dr. Ashley owns and operates *Breakthrough Psychotherapy and Parent Coaching* in Niwot, CO where she helps individuals and families meet the challenges of today's world through individual, couples, family and group counseling/ coaching. Patti is also the mother of four children ages twenty-seven through thirty-five; and the grandmother to two beautiful children ages two and three. She has three degrees, and nonetheless truly believes that children are her best teachers. Having studied early childhood, special education and psychology, she helps people of all ages grow to their highest potential.



Junia Gail Imel

In 2002, Junia Gail Imel took a quantum leap. She left her MBA degree and successful twenty-five year leadership career in advanced technology and education to discover the world from a new perspective — her own intuitive awareness. Courageously following an inner call, she spent 6 months traveling solo in Peru where she was invited into ritual with the Q'ero, Shipibo and medicine men/women. There she spent time studying with indigenous shamans, curanderas, spiritual guides and mystics. Her life was changed forever...

During her first trip to South America, Junia participated in the Marrayabo Tsintikash Jiwiki Bewakani Ritual Ceremony – a ritual to heal the master plants of the world - conducted by Shipibo-Conibo shamans. The shamans bestowed upon her, her Shipibo name "Inin Beka" which means 'sweet smelling protective cloth.' Since that moment, she opened to the calling and has become a master of holding sacred space so others can journey within; safely and fully protected.



And now she has merged her love of adventure and her natural leadership into a unique travel experience called, *Divine Adventures*. Here one journeys to inner and outer worlds to unleash innate wisdom and genius. She leads sacred journeys for groups or individuals into various places of Peru including Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca and Amazon as well as other sacred places around the world. She is planning other exquisite trips in the future that combine service with personal expansion and transformation. (www.DivineAdventures.org)