

# Come On A Sacred Journey...



## THE DIVINE FEMININE

Another **GRAIL HAVEN** adventure in the **SOUTH OF FRANCE**  
**MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

Celebrate the high vibrational healing and inspiration of the South of France. Ancient mysteries and wisdoms are encoded here, steeped in a long history of spiritual enlightenment that was maintained by the French Mystery Schools. 'The Divine Feminine' has for centuries been enshrined in the land. It's in the caverns and caves, sacred springs and Celtic rivers, and other places of power and pilgrimage. Here you can deeply experience the three manifestations of the goddess:

**MAGENTA MADONNA**  
Mary Magdalene  
Druid Forest of Baume

**WHITE MADONNA**  
Virgin Mary  
Lourdes

**BLACK MADONNA**  
Female Deity  
Rocamadour

Your **TOUR LEADERS** are knowledgeable about every aspect of this sacred journey, having led people here and other places of world pilgrimage for over 20 years. **GERALDINE TAYLOR-WOOD** has experienced the presence of Mary Magdalene in several visions. Secret teachings have been passed on to her, and she has taught them around the world. Her husband **RICHARD DE WELLES** is an international teacher and guide. Together they have lovingly restored their Grail Haven property in a village in the Languedoc, with 8 Cathar Castles nearby. They have transformed the ancient



property into a luminescent healing and spiritual education centre. For several days of the journey you will be based there. Geraldine and Richard live half the year here in France and half the year at Grail Haven, Mt Tamborine, Australia.

*\* This is not a 'coach tour'. As Geraldine says, "We work with small intimate groups catering for individual needs. Many return to come with us again and again, which is a wonderful compliment".*

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## ITINERARY

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** - Arrive TOULOUSE Airport - we travel to Arles, Provence.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** GYPSY FESTIVAL - STES MARIES DE LA MER

We gather in the Crypt of the Black Madonna 'Sara', Patron Saint of the Gypsies. Riding the famous 'white horses of the Camargue' the gypsy men bring her effigy out of the crypt and raise her high on their shoulders. In procession, she is taken into the sea where she is blessed by the Bishop. This ancient annual ceremony eclipses the older goddess blessings for the healing of the Feminine. Truly, the excitement and reverence felt on this day is magical - a once in a lifetime experience. On a previous Tour, Jocelyn described it as: "A most wonderful experience for me... it certainly expanded my Angel awareness". We stay in the ancient Roman City of Arles, made famous by the French Impressionists, notably Vincent Van Gogh.



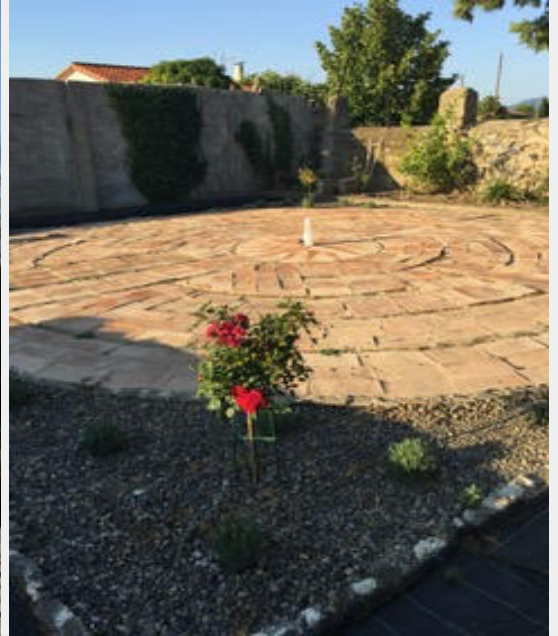
**May 25<sup>th</sup>:** MARY MAGDALENE - We travel to the beautiful, mountainous Druid Forest of Baume, where Magdalene was said to have lived and ascended. We visit her relics in the mystical Cave of Solitude. Her relics were authenticated by Rome in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, and since then this has been a major pilgrimage site of outstanding beauty.



**May 26<sup>th</sup>:** A quiet day to spend in the town of Arles, with options to visit the Museum of Art, the Van Gogh Centre, or just stroll along the banks of the river Rhone.

**MAY 27<sup>th</sup> to JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>: GRAIL HAVEN CENTRE, ESCALES.**

Nestled amidst vineyards and edged by mountains, we stay in the ancient conservation village of Escales. A stunning Labyrinth has been built in the garden modelled on the Chartres Cathedral, Paris, Labyrinth. It has been built out of terracotta tiles from the 8<sup>th</sup> Century Abbey of Lagrasse and is listed on the World Labyrinth site. We dine 'al fresco' in the rose and lavender gardens with rare species of birds under starlit heavens.



### **GRAIL HAVEN EN FRANCE - ESCALES PROGRAMME**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR** - En route from Arles to Escales we visit the spectacular fortress port, built for the Crusades and beautifully preserved for over 800 years.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>: MINERVE AND NOTRE DAME DU CROS**

Minerve is one of the most beautiful villages in France. It clings to the edge of a stunning gorge with an amazing cave system. A holy dove, the emblem of Cathars, forms part of a memorial sculpture to the 200 Cathars who were burned as Heretics here.

**NOTRE DAME DU CROS** is a little known place of sacred waters. A vision of Magdalene sanctified the healing waters that sprung from the ground. Its power and beauty is enhanced by a small chapel and a woodland pathway with the Stations of the Cross.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>: MONTSEGUR** or Mountain of Secrets is claimed to be 'the last stand of the Cathars' and a sanctuary from the persecutions of The Roman Catholic Church. It has been linked throughout history with the treasure of the Holy Grail. A beautiful drive through the countryside strewn with the spring flowers

of France, takes us to the Castle. Mysteries surround this place, with stories of 'perfect masters' (Perfecti). An ethereal, divine energy flows here.

#### **May 30<sup>th</sup>: CARCASSONNE - LASTOURS**

Carcassonne is the oldest, working, medieval City in all of Europe. Chapels, ruins and battlements grace this World Heritage site. Its narrow, cobbled streets are alive with gypsy music and lined with fabulous arts and crafts shops. And, of course, delicious French food.

**LASTOURS:** Towering above a fast flowing river and strewn with wild flowers, the four ruined castles of Lastours offer breathtaking views and a fascinating insight into life in medieval times.

#### **May 31<sup>st</sup>: LAGRASSE**

The beautiful Abbey of St Mary of Lagrasse is a perfect example of a sanctuary dedicated to the Divine Feminine. An 8<sup>th</sup> Century Romanesque Abbey is set in a beautiful medieval village with ancient buildings, rivers, wells and gardens. The terracotta tiles for the Grail Haven Labyrinth came from this Abbey.

#### **June 1<sup>st</sup>: RENNES LE CHATEAU - ALET LES BAINS**

This extraordinary place is described as the 'greatest mystery of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'! It is featured in the Da Vinci Code and literally hundreds of other books. Make up your own mind - what is the 'ultimate secret'?

**NOTRE DAME de MARCEILLE** - A place of pilgrimage for centuries, this beautiful church holds a miraculous Black Madonna and a healing well.

#### **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>: THE BLACK MADONNA OF ROCAMADOUR**

Once the third most important Pilgrim site in all of Christendom, Rocamadour is set high in a stunning mountainous gorge. Here the healing Black Madonna has been experienced by many of our groups, some finding the experience literally overwhelming. Her healing powers are celebrated by numerous plaques on the wall of the Basilica, giving thanks for her healing help over the centuries. A remarkable and heavenly place, this is an ancient pilgrim site with a powerful energy. It's so transcendent that on a previous journey, Babula remained before the Black Madonna for five hours, sublimely transfixed. Alongside, in a steep terrace, lies a sacred woodland labyrinth holding sculptures depicting the Stations of the Cross. Many of our people have walked this barefoot and felt "lifted to heaven".



## June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>: THE HEALING SANCTUARY OF LOURDES

Once a Cathar stronghold, the vibrant River of Lourdes, with white rushing waters from the Pyrenees, flows through this town. Here St Bernadette received 17 visions of the Virgin Mary who guided her to reveal the sacred springs that have produced countless miraculous healings to this day. Here the inspiration of the Divine Mother is so powerful, 6 million visitors come each year to partake of its healing waters. You may choose to immerse yourself in the baths hewn from solid rock in the grottos. Geraldine has described the feeling after bathing here as like being “loved by a thousand mothers”. This Sanctuary holds great love, devotion and high vibrational energy. Your experience will be as unique as you are, surrounded here by centuries of love, faith and belief.

## June 6<sup>th</sup> - RETURN TO TOULOUSE AIRPORT.

Your journey has ended, but its effects will continue for some time to come. Alison said: “The experiences have stayed with me and given me extra spiritual depth and visible joyfulness. I really feel I cope with problems much better now”. Many who have come have found that pain and illness has been alleviated as a result of this unique and wonderful journey.

Gerry and Richard’s sacred journeys have taken place for over 20 years. They have followed in the footsteps of pilgrims, saints and martyrs through the British Isles, France, Italy, Greece and across the Holy Lands. Many who have come have experienced renewed inspiration and healing, helped greatly by guides who know this country well. Geraldine is an author, yoga teacher, astrologer, and international conference lecturer. Richard is an international lecturer, teacher, artist, dowser and crystal healer. Together they share an abiding passion for Europe’s sacred sites. This unique adventure will give you the opportunity to absorb spiritual energy and renewal. There is so much you will experience and take with you as you visit and attune to these powerful places.

*\* This is an alchemical journey of transformation and healing.*

## HOTELS

Hotel du Musee, Arles, Provence - We have used this charming, typically French Hotel for many years. It has 500 year old features and beautiful gardens where you can enjoy a snack surrounded by Geraniums, cascading Bougainvilleas and Jasmine.

Hotel Lion D’Or - Rocamadour - The best Hotel in Rocamadour in the centre of the village, with old world French features like a room of copper ware and open fire places. The Restaurant boasts local cuisine and the window seats look down over the beautiful, woodland gorge.

Hotel Solitude, Lourdes - Within easy walking distance of the famous Lourdes grotto, river and Basilica, this Hotel is a perfect place to relax and reflect.

Also, Grail Haven Retreat Centre, Escales, Aude, Languedoc.

## HOW DO I ENQUIRE FURTHER OR BOOK?

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FACEBOOK PAGE - Grail Haven Retreat Centre

Tour Includes: All accommodation - Breakfast - All food at Grail Haven Centre - Group transport - All activities and well-researched talks and sharing of knowledge.

PRICING: \$4,500 Twin Share - Single rooms available by request - Deposit of \$1,000 on booking. \*Personal insurance not included.

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