

Jewellery Making all inclusive Holiday - Glass & Precious Metal Clay 1,450 euros

South West, Toulouse, France

Included in the price

*Please note that holidays **do not** include flights*

This is an all-inclusive holiday

- 2 jewellery making workshops (on days 2 and 3)
- 2 glass working workshops (on days 5 and 6)
- Access to the jewellery studio daily to work on your pieces
- All materials and equipment for glass jewellery making
- Tips on how to start your own jewellery business
- Armagnac distillery visit and tasting session
- Chateau visit and wine tasting session
- Transport to and from all excursions
- All breakfasts, lunches, and 3 course gourmet dinners daily
- All refreshments (including wine etc)
- 7 nights/8 days accommodation in a private twin/double room
- Prices are based on 1 person in their own private room with en-suite bathroom (no single supplement for a private room)
- If two people travel together and share a room, a 200€ discount is offered
- Non participating partners can holiday with you, enjoying all the meals and excursions, for 570€
- Pick up and drop off from Agen train station
- Check in any time after 4pm on day 1 and check out by 10am on day 8

Holiday itinerary

During the week you will perfect the art of jewellery making with talented artist Caroline using **glass and metal clays** all set in a beautiful 19th century farmhouse sitting in 50 acres of countryside, ensuring your holiday is a relaxing haven.

Unleash your creative side and learn to make your own beautiful pieces of jewellery using **silver, copper and bronze metal clays**. This holiday is the perfect introduction to working with precious metal clays (PMC, art clays etc.) to craft pieces of silver jewellery, and these luxury items are something you will treasure forever.

Metal clays are a new jewellery making product which are easy to mould and shape – just like clay – so you're not limited to what you can design. Watch as the metal clay is fired and turns to pure silver before your very eyes, ready to be made into unique pieces of jewellery.

With expert tuition from your talented tutor Caroline, you'll learn the art of jewellery making in the **well-equipped studio** and will design and make exquisite jewellery to take home with you at the end of your trip.

As well as making jewellery, you'll also learn all about the wonders of working with glass. Learn to make your own beautiful glass jewellery and small pieces. Caroline will begin with an introduction to **glass fusing, including cutting skills and basic techniques**. This course is suitable for complete beginners so don't worry if you have never tried anything like this before! You will be amazed at the beautiful pieces you make to take home with you at the end of your trip.

Stay in a stunning renovated farmhouse in the glorious region of Gascony in South West of France with its own **swimming pool** and 50 acres of land. This is the perfect place to relax and unwind and your hosts Adam and Caroline will be on hand

at all times to ensure your stay is as enjoyable as possible. There are also **no single supplements** for solo travellers, making this a fantastic holiday for singles.

Get more from your holiday and learn to make jewellery with precious metal clays and glass in Gascony, enjoy warm hospitality, great food and wine, stunning surroundings, and skills to treasure for a lifetime.

Suitability

- This glass and jewellery making holiday is suitable for all levels from beginners to advanced
- Minimum age 10 (children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)
- Your hosts and tutors speak English and French, and lessons will be taught in English
- Dietary requirements will be catered for if these are communicated in advance of booking
- There is a maximum class size of 4 people on this holiday making it great for individual attention and also for a fun social holiday

Travelling Solo?

- These holidays make great singles holidays as there are NO single supplements and you will have your own private room for no additional cost
- There is a 200€ discount for 2 people travelling together and sharing a room

PMC And Glass Jewellery Making Holiday Start Days

- This course starts on Saturdays and runs on set dates year round
- Courses run for 7 nights/8 days
- please e-mail your preferred dates to enquiries@pmcstudiofrance.com and we'll check availability for your preferred day of arrival

PMC and Glass Jewellery Making Holiday Itinerary

The itinerary is for guidance only and is subject to change depending on the group's needs and wishes but is typically as follows:

Day 1 – Arrival day

- Arrive at Agen train station in the afternoon to be greeted by your friendly hosts before being driven to the farmhouse where your holiday will begin (airport collections can be arranged upon request for a supplement-please see the costing and extras tab for more details)
- Settle into your delightful room before getting to know your fellow students over delicious aperitifs
- Enjoy a social evening with a 3 course gourmet dinner served in the farmhouse kitchen along with a short introduction from your hosts about what to expect over the next few days

Day 2 – Hollow forms and syringe workshop and wine tasting

- This morning after breakfast you will go to a local delightful village market to explore the area to discuss your first project designs with the rest of the group and your tutor Caroline
- You will then return home to begin your first jewellery making class
- Today you will learn the technique of making hollow forms, which is perfect for creating hollow forms such as classical silver ball earrings or a beautiful textured bead pendant for earrings
- Caroline will teach you the basic techniques with using precious metal clay (PMC) to give you maximum freedom to develop your own designs
- You will also learn syringe work with bronzes, and use stones and semi-precious beads to create your unique designs
- A delicious lunch will be served by the pool or in the farmhouse kitchen
- This afternoon, you will learn about the processes of designing, creating and finishing your pieces, including how to use tools such as kilns and torch burners, sanding and polishing tools
- Once your fine silver piece is finished you will be taught to add findings and beads if chosen so that your jewellery is ready to wear
- Late afternoon you will visit a beautiful chateau famous for its aperitifs and wines for an afternoon of wine tasting - Dinner will be served back at the farmhouse giving you time to relax in the lounge or by the swimming pool firstly, or to take advantage of one of the onsite activities such as table tennis or cycling

Day 3- Naturals and fingerprinting jewellery making workshop and Armagnac tasting

- After a leisurely breakfast, you will choose something natural of your choice, such as a leaf, to influence your fine silver jewellery designs today
- Lunch will be served by the pool or in the farmhouse kitchen with views of the countryside all around to help inspire your creative side
- After lunch, you will create your own personal fingerprint jewellery
- Fingerprint jewellery is when you set the prints of loved ones (or even pets!) into fine silver
- This is a unique process and the perfect gift or memento to keep for yourself

- Early evening, you will visit a family run Armagnac distillery (which Gascony is famous for) and learn how it is made and the history behind it and, more importantly, tasting the Armagnac and local produce
- A 3 course gourmet meal will then be served back at the farmhouse kitchen accompanied with local delicious wines

Day 4 – Free day

- Today is a free day for you to spend at your leisure
- Choose to spend more time perfecting your metal clay techniques and working on your jewellery in the studio, or take time to relax by the swimming pool with a good book
- All meals are included today, and enjoy a well-earned rest before your cookery experience begins!

Day 5 – Glass cutting; using glass frits, powders, and moulds

- This morning after breakfast you will go to a local delightful village market to explore the area to discuss your first project designs with the rest of the group and your tutor Caroline
- You will then return home to begin your first jewellery making class
- Today you will begin with an introduction to glass fusing, including cutting skills and technical information - Caroline will teach you the basic techniques with using glass to give you maximum freedom to develop your own designs
- Throughout the day you will experiment with glass, glass frits and powders, and using moulds
- The course will encourage you to think creatively about how the jewellery will be worn and you will be shown how to create holes and fittings incorporated as part of the fused piece and will also experiment with attaching fittings and bails - Late afternoon you will visit a beautiful chateau famous for its aperitifs and wines for an afternoon of wine tasting - Dinner will be served back at the farmhouse giving you time to relax in the lounge or by the swimming pool firstly, or to take advantage of one of the onsite activities such as table tennis or cycling

Day 6- Taster of Lampworking and layering glass fusing pieces

- After a leisurely breakfast, you will learn to make your first glass bead or glass earrings using the technique of a torch - Lunch will be served by the pool or in the farmhouse kitchen with views of the countryside all around to help inspire your creative side
- After lunch, you will continue to improve your glass skills including assembly, inclusions, kiln firing and slumping techniques. You will gain confidence in choosing colours and designs to make your own unique glass pieces
- Early evening, you will visit a family run Armagnac distillery (which Gascony is famous for) and learn how it is made and the history behind it and, more importantly, tasting the Armagnac and local produce
- A 3 course gourmet meal will then be served back at the farmhouse kitchen accompanied with local delicious wines
- Caroline and Adam will also be happy to suggest activities in the area during your stay

Day 7 – Friday- Final workshop day

- After breakfast you'll spend the morning finishing your final project
- Make the finishing touches to your jewellery by adding beautiful jump rings or ear wires
- You will then learn how to get the best light and background for photographing your work and ways of presenting them in a gift box to show your designs off to their best potential
- Enjoy a leisurely lunch will be served in the gardens or in the farmhouse kitchen before spending the afternoon finished your projects or simply relaxing and soaking up the sun!
- For your final night, a special celebratory dinner will be served as you reflect on what you have learnt with your fellow guests and showcase your beautiful finished products to the room, reflecting on how much you have learnt over the week

Day 8 – Saturday – Departure day

- After breakfast, guests are asked to check out by 10am
- You are welcome to relax and enjoy some free time if your flight is not until later in the day, before being taken to the airport or train station for your return journey
- You will return home with fantastic memories, beautiful unique jewellery, and memories and new skills to last you a lifetime

Your Jewellery Tutor

- Your friendly and enthusiastic tutor is Caroline, who has been a qualified jewellery teacher for over 20 years and has experience in setting up and running training centres teaching practical skills
- She is a senior instructor in both PMC and Art Clay and has experience in using a wide range of clays
- Her love for teaching is reinforced every time a student looks in wonder at what they have designed and created themselves
- Caroline is passionate about jewellery and creative design, and she will be on hand at all times to assist you and help you to create beautiful jewellery
- Caroline's husband Adam will also be happy to suggest activities in the area and will be cooking delicious gourmet meals during your stay

What Will I Learn?

Jewellery Lessons

- You will learn the fundamentals of working with precious metal clay, art clay etc and gain a greater understanding of what the product is and the different types of metal clay
- Work with different clays including bronze clays
- How to use a range of machines such as the kiln and torch burner to achieve different effects
- How to unleash your creative side and design your own jewellery
- How to use semi-precious stones and beads
- Make hollow forms such as fine silver classic French ball earrings
- Syringe work with bronze
- Influence your fine silver designs using nature, such as leaves and twigs
- Fingerprint jewellery to set prints of loved ones in fine silver
- Take home beautiful unique jewellery to be proud of, and skills which will last you a lifetime

Glass Lessons

- You will learn the fundamentals of working with glass, and gain a greater understanding of what the product is and the different types of glass forms
- Work with different glass forms including frits, powders, and sheet glass
- How to use a range of machines such as the kiln and torch burner to achieve different effects
- How to unleash your creative side and design your own jewellery
- How to use glass to create images
- Make glass earrings and pendants
- Cutting and layering techniques
- Influence your glass designs using nature, such as colours and inclusions
- Take home beautiful unique jewellery to be proud of, and skills which will last you a lifetime

Your Accommodation

- You will stay in the beautiful Baron Figues, a 150 year old farmhouse in the lovely Gascony countryside with a renovated gite attached
- The farmhouse has been renovated to a high standard combining natural features with modern touches
- The farmhouse has 3 twin/double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms
- There is a large, homey kitchen in the farmhouse which has a table that can seat 14 people
- There is a beautiful gite attached to the farmhouse which has 2 twin/double en-suite bedrooms with sweeping views of the countryside
- Downstairs there is a spacious living area with satellite TV and music system, perfect for relaxing evenings
- There is a fully equipped kitchen which guests are welcome to use
- Outside there is a BBQ terrace and the farmhouse boasts its own private outdoor heated swimming pool (12m x 6m, May-September)
- The farmhouse is surrounded by 50 acres of meadows and woodlands
- Accommodation is included for 7 nights/8 days
- There are no single supplements for solo travellers and you will automatically have your own private bedroom for no extra charge
- Check in any time after 4pm on day 1 and check out by 10am on day 8

Meals

- All breakfasts, lunches, dinners and refreshments (wine, tea, coffee etc) are included for this course
- The jewellery school use fresh, local produce where possible and Caroline's husband Adam is a keen cook making the most of the delicious local foods and wines in his cooking
- If you have dietary requests these must be communicated to us at the time of booking, vegetarians can catered for

Free Time In Gascony

- During your free time, there is plenty to do at your farmhouse accommodation including relaxing by the heated swimming pool (May-September)
- The school offers a range of extracurricular activities onsite which are free of charge including table tennis, basketball, shooting, archery, cycling and board games to name a few!
- There are numerous fêtes, music festivals and exhibitions in the surrounding areas through the year and your host Caroline will be happy to advise you during your stay
- The closest towns are Nérac and Condom, and your host will be happy to suggest activities and transport should you wish to explore these during your stay

Learn to make unique precious metal clay jewellery and delicate glass pieces in a beautiful renovated farmhouse in the countryside on this glass and jewellery making holiday with a difference