

Marais I

Thursday 18 September:

Marais I – From the Bastille to Saint-Gervais.

The Marais is today defined by the borders of the 3rd and 4th arrondissements and was from the early 1500's to the 18th century one Paris's most aristocratic districts. In this first visit we will take in the southern portion of the district between the rue Saint-Antoine and the Seine. We will visit the site of the former Bastille fortress and prison and of the Paris Arsenal next to it and evoke their history during and after the French Revolution. We will examine the historic hotels particuliers and houses from the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods: the hotels de Sens, d'Aumont, Beuvais, Chalons de Luxembourg. We will end our tour in the oldest part of the Marais, the Monceau Saint-Gervais, where its first church, Saint Gervais-Saint Protais, was built. One of the least visited historic Paris churches it is a masterpiece of late Gothic and early Baroque architecture.

Place: Meet at Galerie Beckel Odille Boicos, 1, rue Jacques Coeur 75004.

Métro: Bastille (lines 2, 5,8.)

Time : 10 am for coffee or tea and 10:15 am for tour.

Course fee: 120 € for the six September and October sessions

or 25 € for one session.

Payable by check made out to: Galerie B.O.B.

Gallery Map:

September 25: St Paul to Hôtel Sully

October 2: Square du Temple to Hôtel Subise