# KARLA DUTERLOO Mosaic Workshop -2025 South of France – Avignon, Provence

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

#### Thank you for registering in the Mosaic Workshop with Karla Dutrerloo

Valérie Nicoladzé is very happy to host Karla DUTERLOO at Esprit Mosaique Studio (Provence, south of France), for the third time, after previous successful workshops ! Karla Duterloo is a great mosaic artist from Netherland, living and working in South Africa. She will share her marvelous colorful vision of art, and teach us how to incorporate the beautiful african beads into the mosaic, using also intuitive painting.

#### The Workshop

From wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 6th sept 2025/ 3 ½ days class : The workshop will be given in English, with a french translation by Valérie Nicoladzé. French and Spanish are also spoken, if needed.

Hours: 9:30 am to 4.30 pm (Lunch break 1h - meals at everyone's expense)

The studio is large and very well equipped, A.C which allows us to stay cool even when it's hot outside. All tools and materials will be provided for participants' use during the workshop. However, for those who would like to bring personal items such as a favorite tool or specific materials to customize your mosaic artwork, (beads, jewelry...) feel free to bring them with you.

Lunches are not included during the workshop, so everyone has to organize is own lunch. The studio will stay open during the one-hour break and participants, of course, can share a good time together at lunch for those who will choose to stay.

For others, there is many places around, offering various kind of food and lunch.

#### The Studio

Esprit Mosaique Studio is located in the city of Les Angles, a 10 minutes' drive from the city center of Avignon. More information on how to get to the studio is provided in section 2 below.

Address:	10 rue du Compagnonnage			
	City : Les Angles – F	Postal Code: 30133		
<u>Website:</u>	www.espritmosaique.fr	Instagram & FB :espritmosaique		
Valerie's phone: +33 6 13 33 49 59 ( available on WhatsApp)				

1.National Transportation in France How to get to Avignon once landed in France?

There is no airport in Avignon, but there are two train stations as follow:

 $\checkmark$  'Avignon Centre' train station, mainly used for local and regional travels. It is located in the city center.

 $\checkmark$  'Avignon TGV' train station, a high-speed train line, mainly used for national travels. It is located 10min far by car from the city center. A shuttle can take you to the center . In France, two cities have international airports with efficient train connections to Avignon TGV Station:

• The city of **Paris**, Roissy-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)

There is a train station connected to CDG Airport offering direct travel to Avignon TGV (about 3:00 hours),

There is a train station in Paris' city center called "Gare de Lyon" with direct travel to Avignon TGV (length of direct travel is about 2:45 hours)

• The city of Marseille, Marseille Provence Airport (MRS)

From the MRS Airport, a 30-minute shuttle will take you directly to the city center 'Gare Saint Charles' train station. Most of the trains going from Marseille to Avignon TGV last for approximately for 30 to 40 minutes.

You can look for additional information on the following websites:

Paris airports:	http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/en
Marseille airport:	http://www.marseille-airport.com
Train ticket booking (Sncf):	http://en.voyages-sncf.com/en/

We are happy to answer general questions, but students should arrange their own travel to and from Avignon.

# 2 Accommodation.

When the workshop doesn't include accommodation and everyone is free to choose where to stay but we highly recommend the hotel we are used to work with for many years and has room reserved for our dates:

(and because we think that it is nice for the group to stay at the same place)



https://hoteldelatelier.com/

The place is one of the most perfect around, a combination of provencal atmosphere, nice rooms and patio, delicious breakfast, and a very good location, between the studio and Avignon city. The staff is nice and will be able to arrange everything with you.

The hotel accepts credit cards (Visa, Master Card and American Express), cash and French checks.

(You must confirm the reservation yourself at the hotel, with the dates that suit you, do not forget to mention "Esprit Mosaïque group" when making your reservation)

The hotel is located in **Villeneuve-les-Avignon**, 8 min from the studio by car or taxi, a typical lovely provincial town, lively during the day and calm during the night, full of friendly places such as restaurants, café bars, shops, and wine bars among others. Villeneuve-les-Avignon is a upper middle class provincial village, and the environment is safe all day and all night long.

Of course, here is no obligation, and there are many hotels around the workshop, for all budgets and styles. You can choose to stay in the big city of **Avignon**, very close and attractive, prefer the typical Provençal village, very lively and very close: Villeneuve les Avignon, or find a bed and breakfast nearby.

#### 1.In Villeneuve-les-avignon

There are some fabulous places, more expensives

- Maison Orsini : https://maisonorsini.com
- Les jardins de la livrée\*\*\* ( with pool ): <u>http://www.la-livree.fr</u>
- Hôtel la suite \*\*\*\* (heart of town ) http://www.hotellasuite.fr

#### 2.Sur Avignon :

If you prefer to stay in Avignon : there are a LOT of places and we cannot list them here, but a charming and ideally located hotel:

Hotel Central https://www.hotel-central-avignon.com

Also in Avignon, a multitude of proposals too numerous to reference here, on the BOOKING sites: <u>https://www.booking.com</u> and AIRBNB: <u>https://www.airbnb.fr</u>

#### Some very nice ones in LES ANGLES, on booking.com: (Les Angles 30133)

- « Bergerie en chambre d'hôte » , magnifique !
- « Petit terme »
- «D'Or»

## 3.Environment and Weather around Avignon

### ✓ Environment

**Avignon** is a nice, medium sized city of 100.000 inhabitants, surrounded by ancient battlements and fortifications, crossed by the Rhone River and full of provincial charm. It is easy and safe to walk around in the city center and to visit main touristic attractions, notably thanks to a well-organized public transportation network and many bike rental possibilities for the most adventurers!

Esprit Mosaique Studio is located in the commercial area of **Les Angles**, located 10 minutes away from the city center of Avignon and from the hotel. Workshop participants can take/share a taxi to and from the studio. (see below)

The environment is usually safe, nonetheless, like in any touristic town, it is suggested to carry carefully your valuable belongings, notably in crowded places.

### ✓ Weather and Clothing

The ancient city of Avignon enjoys the wonderful Mediterranean climate, known for its warm and dry summers and pleasant winters. In summer, normal temperatures are around 30 degrees Celsius (in the 80 and 90s), but we recently had hotter summers going up to 35- 40 degrees, with sometimes heat waves.

Fall is normally mild with a superb light and ginger color , but could be sometimes rainy. The Provincial wind "Mistral" is famous and it is advised to bring a light jacket or sweater/ wrap.

# 4. How to get to the Studio by car, taxi or bus?

✓ Car : Free car parking at the studio

From Avignon : Direction 'Les Angles', crossing the bridge Daladier, turn second right after the bakery « Boulangerie Marie Blachère »

From Nîmes: When driving on the highway, take the exit 'Remoulins', direction to Avignon. At the roundabout next to the shopping mall Leclerc, take direction 'Les Angles'. When arriving at the restaurant la Strada, located on your right, take left at the junction.

✓ Taxi: about  $15 \in /20 \in$  from the city center of Avignon during working days (a bit more during week ends)

✓ **Bus :** Line 40 (departing from the train station in Avignon city center). Take direction "Grand Angles" and get off at « les Mousselières » bus stop.

✓ We recommend our favorite taxi drivers for transport: Taxi PERFETTI: 06 84 00 27 47 / infos@taxis-villeneuve-lez-avignon.com Nathalie is nice and can take you anywhere!

Should you have any question please don't hesitate to contact us; We will make everything possible for you to enjoy fully this creative journey!

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Studio!