



# Russia in the Yvelines

*From Bougival to Mesnil-Saint-Denis*

**10h30**

Discover the **house of Ivan Turgenev**, the « **Datcha** » nestled on the « Hill of the Impressionists » in lush greenery overlooking the scenic loops of the Seine.

You will discover the life and work of this famous Russian novelist, defender of human rights. Through manuscripts, paintings, objects, rooms the soul of this illustrious figure will envelope you, you will learn about his passion for Pauline Viardot, a celebrated French opera singer with whom he had a lifelong platonic relationship and his close relationship with contemporary writers including Flaubert, Mérimée, Daudet, Zola, Maupassant... On the upper floor you will find his study and his bedroom where he died in 1883.



**15h00**

Discover the **Skit du Saint-Esprit, a byzantine style Russian orthodox monastic site** founded in 1934 in the woods of Fay.

This church's reputation is mostly due to its frescoes painted in the interior walls by father Grégoire Krug (1908-1969), a monastic iconographer who lived here for 20 years. This outstanding set of icons is indeed of great interest.

**PRICE PER PERSON :**

**FROM 50€**

For groups up to 20 people

Visits from Monday to Friday

Price includes:

- ◆ Admission fee + guide tour of the Datcha (1h30) and the Skit (1h)
- ◆ Lunch (including drinks)

## Along the Seine river...

### Tour 3



A brief history of the Seine river ?

Have you heard of the Charlevanne fishery ?

The old locks ?

River transport at Bougival ?

This walking tour along the Seine river will be a fascinating experience into the origins of the impressionism art movement ...



## Vestiges of the « machine de Marly »...

### Tour 2



Today the town of Bougival still retains the enchanting atmosphere of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when it attracted impressionist painters who would put up their easels on the banks of the Seine river in order to capture the fleeting effects of light, color and season.

But Bougival is also known for this civil engineering marvel known as the Machine de Marly which functioned for over 133 years.

*This tour can be followed by a visit to the Musée Promenade in Louveciennes (upon request)*



## In the footsteps of the Impressionists...

### Tour 1

*De William Turner à Berthe Morisot,  
Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro,  
Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley...*

Experience the impressionist painters' emotions, thanks to the reproductions of the paintings on enamel plaques placed on the spots where the impressionist painters created them.

Furthermore :

- Discover the vestiges of the « Machine of Marly »
- The enchanting atmosphere on the Seine and its old locks
- Picturesque country homes



**Claude MONET**  
*Le pont de Bougival*  
1869-1870



**Alfred SISLEY**  
*Fabrique pendant l'inondation*  
1873

## Bougival, a village through the centuries...

### Tour 4



- The old main street, cottages, charming country houses (Berthe Morisot's house,...)
- The village church and its history from the Romanesque period (bell tower, capitals) up to the 19th century (mosaics, stained glass windows)
- The enchanting atmosphere along the banks of the Seine, which seduced impressionist painters, writers, composers.

*In addition...*

**Tailor made  
RIVER  
CRUISES**

**Don't miss it !**



## RENSEIGNEMENTS & RÉSERVATIONS

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### GENERAL SALES CONDITIONS

- Advanced booking required for each service
- Booking is confirmed upon receipt of deposit of 30% of the service. Balance is due 10 days prior to your visit.
- Cancellation of reservation can be made at least ten days prior to the date of delivery, otherwise payment is due.
- The tourist office reserves the right to cancel the service due to cases of force majeure. In such a case, the service is deferred to a later date or is fully refunded.

## Tours

# 1, 2, 3, 4

## Group booking

### PRICE

For each tour

# 140€

**Groups up to 20  
people**

**Duration : 1h30**

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required**

**Certified Tour Guides**

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# for groups



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