

# FRENCH TREATS 2012

A knitting holiday with designer and expert tutor

## Fiona Morris

A relaxing week of workshops, yarns, creativity, trips, fun and much more.

10 - 17 June 2012 & 8 - 15 September 2012

LE VIEUX MONASTERE, CHARENTE MARITIME, SOUTH WEST FRANCE



Following the success of our fabulous knitting workshops since 2006 we are pleased to confirm the programme for 2012. We are delighted to be welcoming back Fiona Morris who will teach the workshops on both dates. "In 2012 we will be looking at a variety of Patchwork/modular knitting techniques, Bavarian twisted stitch patterns, textured stitches and different edgings" says Fiona. "For those of you who prefer to make projects rather than just knit samples, the stitch patterns will include a beret pattern and a fingerless mittens pattern and the Patchwork knitting can be made into a cushion cover or bag."

The holiday takes place in the beautiful retreat of Le Vieux Monastere, a monastery dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Set in the sunny Charente Maritime between La Rochelle and Cognac this is a perfect setting for promoting creativity and a sense of well being. The workshops form part of an inclusive programme which provides a complete and relaxing holiday experience.

Guests are accommodated in our luxurious cottages, and meals consist of breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine included.

The cost of this holiday is £650, which includes accommodation, airport transfers, full board, all workshops and excursions. The cost excludes travel to La Rochelle and single room supplement of £75.

*"Highly enjoyable, I really loved every minute. Nothing to do but eat, sleep and KNIT – paradise!!"  
Avril, 2011 guest*

*"Inspiring, focused, relaxing, companionable, and all washed down with free-flowing wine and delicious food"  
Sue, 2011 guest*



September 2011 workshop guests

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Arrival	Pm Eve	Arrive La Rochelle. Transfer to Le Vieux Monastere Welcome reception with complementary aperitifs to meet your hosts, tutor and fellow guests, followed by dinner
Day 1	Am  Pm Eve	Introduction to the week Patchwork knitting - single, double, triple and quadruple squares - covering the basic technique and variations. Excursion to Chateau La Roche Courbon and its gardens (small entrance charge payable) Dinner followed by knit and natter
Day 2	Am/Pm  Eve	Patchwork Knitting - Strips - different ways to join your knitting. Continue with Patchwork knitting working with squares and/or strips to develop a finished piece e.g. cushion cover Dinner followed by relax and knit
Day 3	Am/Pm  Eve	Excursion to the beautiful historic port of La Rochelle arriving in time for lunch (cost of meal not included) Dinner followed by share and solve
Day 4	Am  Pm Eve	Bavarian Twisted Stitch patterns. We will be looking at a selection of stitch patterns and knitting a beret pattern using one of the stitch patterns. Edgings including lace and novelty edgings that can be used with a variety of projects Outing to local restaurant for dinner (cost of meal not included)
Day 5	Am  Pm Eve	Textured Stitch patterns which can be worked in solid colours or multicoloured. The workshop will also include a pattern for fingerless mittens to work with the different stitch patterns Excursion to the Roman town of Saintes (and wool shop!) Dinner followed by knit and natter
Day 6	Am/Pm  Eve	Roundup of the week, help with finishing any of the stitch patterns or projects Farewell dinner
Day 7		Depart for La Rochelle. Hope to see you next year.

## Fiona Morris

Fiona Morris is a freelance designer, frequent demonstrator on Knit1.tv and an experienced knitting teacher, having been involved in teaching to all levels since the mid 1990's including City and Guilds certificate and diploma level. Her designs have been featured in a number of knitting magazines, including Let's Knit, Yarn Forward, Simply Knitting, The Knitter and Knitting Magazine and she also writes technical features for The Knitter.



You can find out more about her teaching and designs at [www.distanceknitting.com](http://www.distanceknitting.com) and read her blogs at <http://fiknits.blogspot.com>



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to check availability and reserve a place prior to sending the  
attached booking form.

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Full Name

Address

Tel (Daytime) Tel (Evening)

Email:

I would like to attend the June holiday Please tick .....	I would like to attend the September holiday Please tick.....
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Any special dietary requirements?

Which flight are you expecting to arrive on?

Workshop holiday cost £650/€745	£650	€745
Private room supplement £75/€85	£	€
Total holiday cost	£	€
Less 25% non refundable deposit enclosed	£	€
Amount Due 10 weeks before arrival	£	€

Where did you hear about us?

I accept the Le Vieux Monastere Terms and Conditions. I am over 18 years old.  
**I enclose a non refundable deposit of £/€..... and agree to pay the balance of £/€..... ten weeks before arrival**

**Name..... Signed..... Date.....**

Please make cheques payable to "Mr & Mrs G Dove". send this signed booking form and your deposit cheque to:  
 Mr & Mrs G Dove,  
 Le Vieux Monastère, 15 rue St Martin, 17770 St Hilaire de Villefranche, France

NOTE: It is advisable to arrange travel insurance against cancellation of your holiday. The workshops and lectures will be conducted in English.