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St Paul de Vence®



## In the footsteps of Marc Chagall

« *I thank destiny for leading me to the shores of the Mediterranean.* », Marc Chagall.

In 1966, Marc and Vava Chagall left Vence to settle in Saint-Paul. They had a big house built on the edge of the village, called **La Colline**, where Chagall could work - for although the artist was almost 80 his work was very much in demand! Many of the pictures he painted in Saint-Paul are vibrant odes to love: **loving couples entwined against calm blue skies, surrounded by birds and bunches of flowers, floating over the village and its ramparts.**

Marc Chagall was often to be seen with friends at the **Colombe d'Or** or the **Café de la Place**. They included André Verdet and **Aimé and Marguerite Maeght**, whose house, **Le Mas Bernard**, was next to the artist's. Several of Marc Chagall's works feature in the **Fondation Maeght's** permanent collection including *Les Amoureux*, a big mosaic that welcomes visitors at the entrance to the Foundation, and *La Vie*, an immense painting whose colours explode on the canvas.

There are also two other mosaics in the village: **Le Grand Soleil**, dedicated to Vava, made by Marc Chagall for his villa in Saint-Paul, and **the mosaic on the primary school in Saint-Paul de Vence** made in 1986 a year after the artist's death from an original drawing by Marc Chagall, which Vava gave the municipality permission to reproduce as a mosaic. Chagall, who loved children, included among others a child with a radiant smile, a symbol of joy.

**The artist, who died in 1985, is buried in the cemetery of Saint-Paul de Vence.** This man who so loved the Mediterranean lies in the "most Mediterranean" of cemeteries alongside his wife Vava and his brother-in-law Michel.



### La Côte d'Azur des Peintres

Public path along Chemin Sainte Claire. Admire the very same landscapes that the artist would contemplate before capturing them on canvas. Your itinerary is punctuated by reproductions of three of the artist's paintings presented in display cases, a mosaic on a wall in the school playground, and the artist's grave.

#### Guided tours "In the footsteps of Marc Chagall"

Guided tour with a guide from the Tourist Information Office. Plunge into Marc Chagall's Mediterranean and Saint-Paul years, hear stories of his life in the village and learn about his paintings.

- Price: €7 per person. Free for under-12s.
- Tour in French and English. Tour from Monday to Saturday, on request.
- Reservation necessary.
- Information from the Tourist Information Office: +33 (0)4 93 32 86 95.

Download photos of Marc Chagall from the library on the website.

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