

**WHERE THE PRIESTESS AND THE SHAMAN MEET  
IN PLACES OF THE CELTIC AND MAGDALENE  
MYSTERIES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE**

**October 27 - November 3, 2009**

**Facilitated By Nancy Safford**



Join me on this eight day journey for men and women into the magical lands of the Languedoc in southwestern France, to experience the spirit of the Earth through the timeless traditions of the Priestess and the Ancient Celtic Shamans.

As we step beyond the many legends of intrigue that have called thousands of people to the Rennes Le Chateau area questing for hidden material treasures, *our quest* will lead us to the spiritual treasures that include the real Holy Grail mysteries which Priestesses and Celtic Shamans honored for thousands of years: the rocks, trees and sacred springs, healing thermal baths and ancient mountains, standing stones and hidden caves that still serve as doorways to an expanded experience of the Divine - within and without.

This is an opportunity - during the ancient Festival of Isis - "Samhein" - to step through the veils into the "other world", October 31- November 1, to explore this "non-ordinary" reality, as it is also identified in shamanic traditions. The Goddess has always been associated with the moon which influences nature's cycles of life on the Earth and the psyche of all who live upon her. Because the Goddess seems to hold a "power" over the "unseen", her mystery has been associated with the hidden or dark nature of life and all beings.

In Ancient times, Priestesses, represented the Goddess and were the wisdom keepers of the Earth who embraced the sacredness of all life. For more than 25,000 years, doing their cyclic ceremonies, it is believed they helped align the Earth with the Cosmic bodies in the Heavens, to keep everything in balance.

For more than 40,000 years, Shamans incorporated ways of traveling to "other worlds", "non-ordinary reality", to connect with helping spirits, gain knowledge or for healing and survival. They learned from the plants and animals, the rocks, mountains, and waters, and from the sun, moon and stars. They guided their people to live in harmony with the universe in an intimate relationship. And they acknowledged the *Goddess as the Earth*, as the giver of Life, Birth, and then Death.

The Celtic people believed in the *Spirit of Place*, whose unseen

nature often manifested into a physical form, that they then dedicated to the Goddess. They honored the communion between the visible and invisible worlds knowing that the continuity of existence was an unbroken chain linking the elements of all universes. "Scrying" was derived from the belief that the essence of the land - its seasons, weather patterns, trees, animals and rocks became part of a person's psyche, which they carried with them. It became a shamanic practice to learn the patterns a person carried. Many famous Celtic poems and writings were inspired from this belief.

Our journey will lead us to many ancient places in the Rennes Le Chateau region, to explore more deeply, places such as: the Sacred Water Source and the Cave of the Magdalene, the 5000 year old stone Seat of Isis and spring next to it, timeless standing stones and guardian stone beings, ancient fairy forests, and ruins from Celtic villages on ridges high above the healing thermal waters.

Our journey will also weave us to Cathar Castles, a Black Madonna, and the church and Tour Magdala dedicated to Mary Magdalene, situated high in the village of Rennes le Chateau. It is found to be on one of the five points of the natural landscape pentagram here, marking a site more ancient and

once dedicated to Isis, Venus and aligned to other star systems.

As our journey weaves us through the sacred Celtic lands, we will explore “scrying”, journeying for helping spirits and work with the elements and other ancient shamanic practices to understand how the Celts experienced their natural world. We will have a better understanding of how it interfaced with the ceremonies and practices of the Priestess, as she honored the spirits of nature and the cycles of the universe. Yet, it was the Priestess who called people to embrace their dreams and aspirations, their physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual natures.

So if you are ready to discover the truth about how you have been living your life - and if you have not been honoring yourself or the land, the Priestess is inviting you to WAKE UP! Please join me as we walk through this holy landscape to commune with the ALL, in the way it was once done by Mary Magdalene, the Celtic people and the early Priestesses of Isis. We will embrace, from another perspective, what we have carried with us and how we can identify our deepest aspirations, dreams and authentic natures, to live a more sacred life - one from the HEART - the essence of the true Holy Grail.



## **OUR FACILITATOR:**

**Nancy Safford**, is an author, visionary, intuitive counselor, and Priestess of the Isis and Magdalene Mysteries, facilitating others to wake up to their inner



knowing. She has been a Shamanic practitioner using ancient “core” shamanic healing techniques to help others for over 14 years. Nancy’s gift is guiding others to be more present in their daily lives, through ceremony, personal retreats and sessions, vision quests and by facilitating sacred journeys and pilgrimages both in Sedona, Arizona, and in southern France. She is a member of the French Knights Templar Order (OSMTH) in the Commanderie of Mary Magdalene, in the Languedoc, and a founding member of the Sacred Order of Venus Templars.

Nancy’s early career, as a photojournalist, at one time, took her to France to document the French peasant farmers working with oxen and in traditional ways. Then, through her own non-profit Research Institute, she pioneered holography (the 3-D image) into education throughout New York State and curated a show for four years at the New York State Museum: “Holography In the Classroom” with holograms from her eight piloted schools each year. She has always created programs for children who experienced and saw the world differently, who often were called: gifted, highly gifted, kids at risk, special needs, and then with students from Harlem, the Hopi and Navajo reservations and some of the Indian Pueblos in New Mexico. Thus, she has always seen between the worlds, in her own life and then helped to facilitate others to have a deeper understanding of their experiences. Nancy is based between France and Sedona, Arizona.

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### **Day 1 - Oct. 27, Tuesday**

I will pick you up in Toulouse (or Carcassonne) at the airport between 12 and 1 pm, then stop for lunch, before arriving at our beautiful B&B near Rennes Le Chateau. We will settle in, relax and explore the exquisite surroundings as our journey begins within the

We are situated next to *Valley of Colors*, where the located. We will have a the area, before getting to plane journeys.



natural landscape pentagram. the *river of colors* here, in the cave of the Magdalene is brief introductory overview of bed early to rest from the long

We will stay 3 nights in Rennes Le Chateau area and then 4 nights in Rennes Les Bains area to access the special places of our inner and outer journey.



### **Day 2 to Day 4 - Oct 28 - Oct. 30 (Wednesday - Friday)**

Breakfast each day. Then we will have a group centering and on our first morning together we will set individual intentions and then perhaps a group intention. As we begin our journey we will attune to the Earth and elemental forces of nature, so alive on this land. In both places we will do much inner shamanic work,

work with the spirits of nature. While in the Rennes Le Chateau area we will explore the outer mysteries: the Magdalene Cave, Rennes Le Chateau - the museum, the Magdalene Church, (renovated by the Abbe Sauniere where he discovered coded documents that he took to Paris and returned with a large sum of money) and the Tour Magdala, built and dedicated to Magdalene by Sauniere. We will explore the idea of "treasure" from the mysteries of the one Sauniere found, which, even today, no one knows exactly the truth about it. Rennes Le Chateau, was also



known to be an ancient Temple of Isis enhanced by an exquisite view from its steep hilltop.



**Day 4 to Day 8 Oct.30 - Nov.3 - Friday to Tuesday**

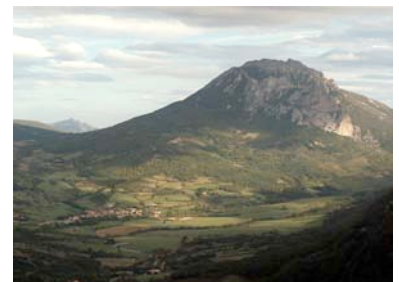
As we step through the doorways to unveil deeper mysteries, with the Samhein full moon approaching, we will move on to Rennes Les Bains to experience the famous thermal healing waters, ancient “sources” (wells) and springs. One is next to the 5000 year old stone “Seat of Isis” and another one at the ancient place referred to as the “Source of the Magdalene”, and others flow freely along the river Salz here.

These are places of the Priestess who were the keepers of these sites and knew that the timeless wisdom revealed through water would enhance one’s experience of love and oneness. Star systems and celestial bodies were often aligned with the earth in these magical places, coded with alchemical memory.



We will work with ancient stone beings and guardians and explore Celtic villages accessible here. We will connect with the ancestors and visit the holy Mountain *Bugarach*, an inverted volcano, said to be the site of one of the early civilizations on the planet. It also hosted an Essene and later Cathar communities.

Jules Verne once lived here and based many of his writings on the hidden secrets within the mountain that many might have thought was just imagination. Then we will experience an ancient fairy forest said to be 1000s of years old where fairies, elves and Druid priests are so present. Before we end our journey, do our last ceremony, we will visit a church with a Black Madonna with its famous *Well of Visions*, known for centuries to heal people’s eyes or help them gain more clarity for their life vision.



All “visions’ and inner clarity, invite us to look at our dreams and aspiration, our own hidden “treasures”, unrevealed to the world, that now call us. On our last day, we will visit the “Fountain des Amours” to give thanks for our experiences and the support

from the nature spirits. It is here we, ceremonially, will honor our ancestors, this sacred journey and our own selves with the new wisdom received to step forward in our own lives.

### **Nov. 3 - Tuesday**

**Breakfast.** An early departure for Toulouse for flights back home or to other designated places.



**TOUR RESPONSIBILITY WAIVER**  
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Our Journeys are of the greatest integrity, heart and intention. The following waiver content does not reflect the tone of the journeys, but it is necessary to state in case of possible rare occurrences.

The Primary Agent, Nancy Safford and/or her agents act only in the capacity of an agent for the passengers in all matters connected with lodging accommodations, sight-seeing tours and land transportation in France and shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, loss, accident, health impairment, delay, irregularity or incident resulting from strikes, weather, fuel outages, government regulations or Acts of God. Nor shall they be responsible for any act of omission of any individual or organization providing the transportation, services or accommodations in connection with this journey, nor any delay or expense incurred due to disruptive or revision of schedules, nor for any cause beyond its control. Nancy Safford and/or her agents retain the right to withdraw a tour or decline to accept any person as a member of the tour or make changes in the published itinerary whenever in sole judgment of conditions warrant or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the passengers.

The primary agent is not responsible should a presenter advertised as attending or presenting, during the tour, cancel for any reason. The Primary Agent is not responsible for any physical, emotional reaction or trauma or ailment, during the tour or occurring after the tour.

Your dated signature on the Registration Form confirms acceptance of all conditions this Tour Responsibility Waiver and the accompanying pages of tour information.

Our intention for the 2009 October Journey to southern France is to serve the highest good and to increase heart openings and blessings for all.

## TOUR DETAILS

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**TOTAL COST: 1450 Euros or \$1995**

***Please talk with Nancy about this payment, as her late inspiration for this journey requires either payment in euros or wiring payment into her US bank – as she is already in France.( Ask about credit card payments or partial credit card payments).***

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancellation made 15 days prior to departure will receive a 50% refund of amount paid, not including non-refundable deposit of \$500 used to secure lodging. No refunds will be made on later cancellations.

#### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- All ground transportation including pick up and drop off at the airport. It ***does not include*** round-trip airfare from USA to Toulouse. *One flies from whatever your city of departure to **Toulouse, France** - usually with one plane change either in a European country or a US state - depending on the airline which must arrive by 12 noon on September 11th*
- All B&B accommodations based on double occupancy and includes French traditional breakfast.
- Single room supplement (if requested and available) for \$400 extra cost
- All tips, entrance fees, special presentations and 3 dinners, including our first and last evening celebration dinner
- several accommodations have cooking facilities so we can create some of our own meals

## **FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS**

- All flights must **arrive by noon** at the Toulouse airport on October 27th.
- Departure from the USA is a day before on October 26th.
- Our van/bus **departs the Toulouse airport** for Rennes Le Chateau area by 1 PM on October 27th.
- Schedule your November 3rd departure from Toulouse, France NO EARLIER than 10:30 AM. Our van/bus will arrive at the airport by 9AM to allow enough time before flights

## **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

A valid passport plus a Xerox copy to take with you in case of passport loss

## **BAGGAGE AND TRIP DETAILS**

Bring only *one small piece of luggage* – maximum size 24"x13"x10" - preferably with wheels, plus one carry-on. No larger baggage because we need *to fit everyone's in the van*.

- You will be responsible for carrying your own bags, often up stairs two or three floors
- A backpack is useful for day trips
- Wear comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing, including a jacket and sweater for morning and evenings. In September afternoons can be warm, but mornings and evenings can be cool as fall approaches. Include a lightweight rainproof poncho or an umbrella. Bring a swimsuit for the thermal waters
- Bring ceremonial cloths (whatever feels right) for any co-created ceremonies on the land

**WELCOME TO THE 2009 JOURNEY**  
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Please Fill Out The Following Information, Sign and Return

Name As It Appears On Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Name you wish to be called \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (month/date/year): \_\_\_\_\_

In (Case of Emergency Notify:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Any Special Dietary and/or Health Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Supplement for Single Room (\$400) \_\_\_\_\_

Time Of Arrival In Toulouse on 10/27/09 \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Toulouse Departure on 11/3/09 \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_

I Have Read the Tour Logistics/Tour Responsibility Pages and Agree to the Conditions:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

I am looking forward to your presence on this special Journey In Southern France:

**WHERE THE PRIESTESS AND THE SHAMAN MEET, 2009.**

May Many Blessings and May Much Good Fortune Come Your Way.

Nancy Safford