

Experience Provence...

*with the fabulous Amanda Taylor-Ace
& co-star Judy Winter*

For lovers of fine wine, food, laughter and life -
this is the tour dreams are made of.

Aboutique small group tour carefully
created by Amanda Taylor-Ace,
inspired by her love of Provence. Join
Amanda in France as she shares her 'la Joie
de Vivre' - the joy of living!

Book in for an exceptional Party Week
in the Petite Maison, a restored 18th
Century villa, nestled in a typical Provencal
hillside village, enjoying all day sun with
in a walled garden covered with vines,
outdoor terraces and large swimming pool.
Visit some close by regional sightseeing
highlights and experience gourmet delights
while enjoying a range of lunch time and
evening entertainment.

**Register Now - Very limited
double bedrooms available!**

**Saturday 12th July -
Saturday 19th July 2014
Party Week**

A Small Group Holiday Adventure Tour for 7-9 People



Joie de Vivre
UNLIMITED

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Party Week will include the following entertainment:

Sunday 13th July:

A wonderful Bastille day party in our own village of Saint Maximin. Dinner, wine and dancing in the square followed by a cabaret act.

Cost approx. 25 Euros per person.

Come and meet the Mayor and the locals and dance the night away.



Monday 14th July:

A Bastille Day gourmet 5 course lunch at Vacqueyras one of the most important wine areas about 1 hour from the house. If you want to arrive at 10am and buy a 3 Euro glass you can sample free the wines from the Vacqueyras and Gigondas Area. Lunch starts at midday and there is a succession of gourmet food and wine to follow accompanied by bands, displays of local folk dancing in costume, and dancing for everyone. The tables are set out in the main street under rows of shady plane trees and it is a truly delightful experience.

Cost approx. 50 Euros per head and worth every penny!

During the rest of the week there will be on offer at least 2 in house dinners by Chef Judy in our delightful garden under the grape covered pergola.

Cost approx 35 Euros per head plus your wine.

Sightseeing trips to local villages and all the interesting sights in and around Provence are less than an hour away and I can suggest itineraries for you.



Friday 18th July:

Surely the highlight of the Party week.

Spectacular concert with the talented New Zealand (and International stars) Tina Cross and Rikki Morris who are flying from New Zealand to do this concert in Saint Maximin. How lucky are we?!

This will either be in the Garden of the "Maison de Maitresse" or in the village square.

Cost approx 35 Euros a head.



Appearing together in France for the very first time are two of New Zealand's premiere performers, **Tina Cross** and **Rikki Morris**.

In a career spanning more than three decades, Tina is one of New Zealand's leading ladies of stage, screen and television and she has won numerous awards including and The Pacific Song Contest and Most Theatrical Performer. Joining her is singer, songwriter and television host, Rikki Morris, whose success includes his number one New Zealand hit, 'Nobody Else'.

Rikki and Tina will wow you with their favourite songs including: *Islands In The Stream, Every Breath You Take, Memory* and *Yesterday*. Don't miss this very special concert from NZ Icons Tina Cross and Rikki Morris.

La joie de vivre - The joy of living

Additional information:

Party Week...

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Tour Cost:

Cost of the double room rate for the week is 700 Euros (limited rooms only 3 left).

This includes all the linen, use of kitchen and barbecues, use of pool, outside loungers etc.

The other events on offer are at your costs as are any "in-house" meals which have to be booked in advance.

Any other information can be given by Amanda at: amandataylorace@gmail.com or Phone (in New Zealand) 0226541761 or in France +33609175860. Website: www.joiedevivre-unlimited.com

If you need any help with your flights or travel arrangements please contact Kylee Flegg: kylee@travelvuda.co.nz, www.travelvuda.co.nz or phone her on 021899677

Your Accommodation:

For more information on Amanda's beautiful villas see: www.joiedevivre-unlimited.com.

This will be your home-away-from-home for Party Week.

Payment:

- A non-refundable deposit of EUR375 per person is required to hold your space.
- Completed booking form is required with your deposit. See the booking form for full T&C's.
- The final balance is due on or before 14th June 2014.
- Tour costs are in Euros and can be sent directly to my French Bank account or a Euros Bank Cheque sent to my address. Balance can be paid in cash on arrival (by prior arrangement) if you want to escape bank charges.



Your Tour Hostess Supreme:

Amanda Taylor-Ace:

Well where to begin... Amanda is such an amazing lady and most definitely one of kind! Amanda went to France to discover her roots



(her mother was French), fell in love with Provence and has made it her home. She has been hosting culinary tours for the last 7 years, along with hosting other guests throughout the year; to rave reviews and good times had by all.

The article written for a recent VIVA issue sums Amanda up perfectly, as well as describing her maison in more detail. Please find the link on Amanda's website to download this article, Trip Advisor 'Trip WOW's and more fabulous testimonials; www.joiedevivre-unlimited.com/testimonials.html

In 2012 Amanda also released a memoir of her life in France – My French Affair – which went right to the top of the best sellers list!!! See next page for more detail.

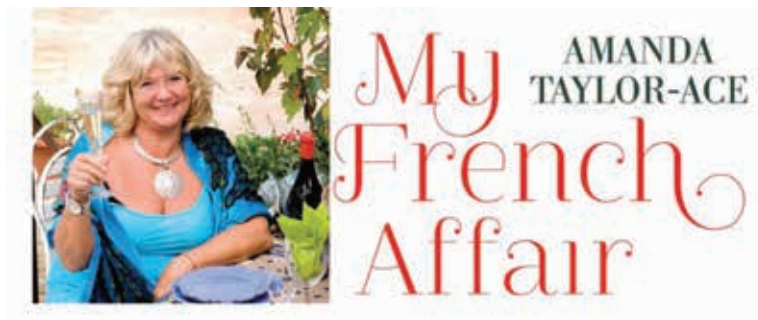
Judy Winter—about “moi”:

Amanda and my history as friends, and neighbours in the restaurant industry, goes back to the mid 80's when I owned a BYO Italian Restaurant "Numero Uno Ristorante" in Hurstmere Road Takapuna, just across the road from the old Takapuna North Post Office which Amanda had turned into "Cafe La Poste".

So we were fellow restaurateurs, drinking buddies by night and "keep fit" buddies by day. We would ride from Takapuna to Devonport, catch the ferry to downtown, ride around the waterfront to either Mission Bay or St Heliers and stop to have lunch and a bottle of wine. "Gut Buster" going back up that Devonport hill to Takapuna, particularly after the wine at lunch!! Of course, lots of girl talk, laughs and tears were had on those bike rides not to mention the spills and crashes had by both. One such crash putting me in hospital for a week and off work for 5 months. It didn't stop us!

Amanda took off on her new life adventure to France, each year returning with her exciting stories. It took me 9 years but finally 5 years ago I visited Amanda at Maison de Maitresse in St Maximin and we just fell back into place immediately, like I had always been there; cooking up a storm together, entertaining and drinking of course.

I just love the European way of life and have fallen in love with the South of France. As I am now working in the UK on an ancestry visa, I can just jump on a plane or train and be in Provence in no time, and I try to get to St Maximin at least 2 to 3 times a year. I am in love with everything French! The food, the wine (goes without saying) but the general ambience, beautiful language, weather and the big plus - my wonderful friend, full of 'Joie De Vivre'.



How a Kiwi woman found her Joie de Vivre

When Amanda Taylor-Ace's 14 year old son started mixing with a bad crowd and her life in Auckland needed a shake-up, she did something few of us would have the guts to do. She packed up her son and her life and moved to France.

Amanda Taylor-Ace's philosophy is 'Joie de Vivre unlimited' - living life with unlimited joy. So when, in 1996, Amanda Taylor-Ace looked at her life and decided she wanted more, she packed her bags and took her son to live in the south of France for a year. But life never does run smoothly and *My French Affair* is the story of how and why she decided to stay and how her new life unfurled.

After desperately searching for that perfect house and falling in love with a Chateaux only to have her dreams dashed by a sexist sheik, Amanda found two eighteenth-century villas in the small village of St Maximin. Not content with simply living there, she decided to renovate the houses and convert them into guest accommodation.

As you can imagine the French have their own way of doing things and Amanda had a lot to learn. Not only did she have to work with French tradesmen (both good and bad), and deal with French bureaucracy without speaking fluent French, she also had to get to know the local villagers, forge new friendships, renew old ones and of course enjoy lovers the way only the French can do. Throughout all this Amanda started bringing in paying guests from around the world, both to stay in at Maison de Maître and to learn the art of French cuisine in her kitchen.

Throughout *My French Affair* Amanda tells her story frankly but with humour. You will feel for her when she doubts her decision that saw her move to the other side of the world and revel in her joy when she finally finds Maison de Maître. Through Amanda you will experience French life and discover what it's really like to start over in a new country. And for those who are in love with French food Amanda has included some of her favourite recipes.

"In the twelve years I've lived in the south of France as a single woman running my own business, there have been moments of joy and sorrow, of simplicity and complication, fun and frustration, passion and disappointment... and I've relished them all."

Amanda Taylor-Ace runs the Maison de Maître guesthouse and cooking school in Saint Maximin, in the south of France. For more information about Amanda's cook school and guest houses please visit www.joiedevivre-unlimited.com



*Read all about
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