

Le Royaume de France

Three hours immersed in French art and culture



Views of the home and objects shared by Boris Joffo.

A home filled with objects and stories to share

I would like to open my Bethlehem home to New Zealanders curious about France, lovers of French culture and French-New Zealand families. Conceived in the spirit of a small private museum and a music salon, Le Royaume de France offers an intimate introduction to French art in a lived-in home.

From Baroque to Art Deco, a scroll of decorative ironwork, the detail of a bronze, a sculpture or the lines of a piece of furniture invites a closer look. Through an approachable illustrated talk and conversation, objects become a way to explore styles, materials and craftsmanship.

The project extends the world of Boris Joffo Design International: French interiors, decorative arts and the heritage of the Loire Valley.

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Discover the decorative arts

The pleasure of looking, the curiosity to understand



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Ironwork and bronze

Curves, relief and patina reveal how metal becomes decoration, and how an artisan's work gives an object its presence.

Furniture and interiors

Wood, glass, mirrors and decorative objects come together in the home. Explore proportions, ornament and the balance of an interior.

Sculpture and the art of looking

Pause over a figure, a movement or a material. Share what you notice and feel, with no previous knowledge of art required.

The proposed programme

Three hours to discover, listen and share

60 min

Piano and French songs

An hour of piano and French songs, bringing the atmosphere of a music salon to life and offering a warm introduction to French culture.

60 min

French art through objects

A guided talk from Baroque to Art Deco, exploring interior decoration, artistic ironwork, furniture, bronzes and sculpture. Discover how a single detail can reveal the character of a style.

30 min

The châteaux of the Loire Valley

An introduction to the châteaux, their interiors and gardens, connecting architecture, history and the French art of living, with inspiration for a future visit.

30 min

Imagining a life in France

An introductory conversation about moving to France and investing in property: preparing a project, exploring ownership options and legal structures, and identifying questions to discuss with qualified professionals.

This is a general introduction; legal, tax and financial decisions should be considered with the relevant qualified professionals.

Would you like to discover Le Royaume de France?

Please contact me to express your interest and hear about the first gatherings. Dates, prices and visiting arrangements will be announced.

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