

FRENCH ART IN PROVIDENCE

Let's see French art in Providence! The **RISD Museum of Art** is part of Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), a fine arts and design college located in Providence, RI. It has consistently been ranked among the best educational institutions in the world for art and design. We will tour art by French artists in the Museum from 11:00 to 12:00. The tour will be in English.

Please bring your parking ticket to the main desk to be stamped so that your parking* fee will be cut in half. We will meet at 10:45 at the Chase Center, the door located at 20 North Main Street.

If you get to Providence and park by 10 AM, go see the **Atheneum**, which is free, across the street from RISD Museum located at 251 Benefit St, Providence, RI. This is a wonderful library from the 1700's with a significant French collection. After the visits, go eat with like-minded friends (suggestions below).

Please call Linda Zabor at the AFdeH (860-278-9999) to reserve your spot.

Send a **check for \$20** by September 12th made out to **Alliance Française de Hartford**, 75 Charter Oak Ave. Hartford, CT 06106.

Estimated Timeline:

Saturday, September 14, 2019

7:30 Leave Connecticut

10:00 See the Providence **Atheneum**

10:45 Meet at **RISD** for tour of French art (20 North Street)

11:00 Docent led tour of French art at **RISD Museum of Art**

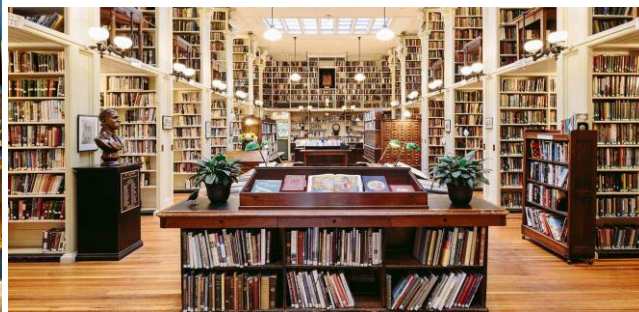
1:00 Eat nearby. Suggestion of French restaurant "Chez Pascal"

2:30 or so, leave Rhode Island

4:30 ish – arrive home in Connecticut



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The Providence Atheneum

*Parking suggestions: First, we suggest that you carpool. If you offer to drive a car, please let Linda know. Usually on a Saturday one can find parking at a meter along South/North Main Street. It's not a problem. There is also the Metro Park lot. Use the address of New Rivers restaurant at 7 Steeple Street, Providence. It's in the same corner.

RISD Museum of Art 224 Benefit St, Providence, RI. **Atheneum**, 251 Benefit St., Providence, RI

CHOICES FOR EATING BEFORE GOING HOME

French eatery one mile away from RISD Museum.

Chez Pascal on 960 Hope St offers lunch on Saturdays until 2:30. Some of the menu selections: Wurst, onion soup, salads, escargots, mussels, tarte flambé etc.

Not French, but walking distance

a) The Met is the RISD cafeteria, in the building next to the museum on Benefit St; the museum has a lovely cafe with limited choices

b) Café Choklad at the bottom of the hill (either exit RISD on S. Main and walk to the right / north to the corner of Thomas, right past the First Baptist [historic] church, or, if you exit near the museum cafe you will be on Benefit St, turn left, and walk down Thomas St on the other side of the First Baptist Church to S. Main) - they have wonderful pastries and very good but again limited food choices;

c) Thayer Street is the 'main drag' for Brown U and has numerous choices, Middle-Eastern, Greek, Mexican, Southern, Asian, etc etc. Everyone will find something they like in that three - block area. Exit RISD on Benefit, go left and then up the hill (you can wind your way and explore the stairs across from the museum). That left will be Waterman St - walk about 1/2 mile to Thayer, all the restaurants, shops etc will be to the left, for about a three block area, with overflow on the cross streets.