

THE JOURNÉE JACQUES GARCIA



Fouquet's Barriere

A journée (whole day) spent immersed in what the French refer to simply as "le style Garcia" is an appropriate climax to a week filled with amazing Interiors. Jacques Garcia is well known to professional interior designers, but my discovery of his work took a more circuitous route.

Having my head buried in history books, I was not familiar with his name. In a twist of fate, it was the history side that really introduced me to Jacques Garcia. I had been invited to visit the Château de Groussay because of the Marie-Antoinette connection (with the Duchesse de Tourzel, governess of Marie-Antoinette's children). I was so impressed by the décor there that I began to talk to the owner about my "Paris Interiors" concept. He had some fabulous ideas and also kindly organized for me to visit Jacques Garcia's masterpiece - his private château in Normandy.

Since then, the pieces of the puzzle came together like magic. I realized I was, in fact, very familiar with Jacques Garcia's work. He was responsible for the design of the Marie-Antoinette exhibition at Carnavalet. I remembered seeing the simple plaque crediting "M. Jacques Garcia, Décorateur de Paris" at the Musée de la Vie Romantique. He had been also asked to handle the artistic direction for the Château of Versailles' fabulous new exhibition "When Versailles was furnished with silver" (November 2007 to March 2008). I understood why Jacques Garcia's biography, "Decorating in the French Style," had been written by Franck Ferrand, a famous French historian. You'll receive a personalised signed copy of the latest edition of this fabulous book to grace your coffee table - a permanent souvenir of your unforgettable "Paris Interiors" week.

Apart from the history connection, Jacques Garcia had been responsible for the décor of some of my favorite places in Paris such as Hôtel Costes and Ladurée on the Champs-Élysées. He had also decorated le Fouquet's (where Nicolas Sarkozy went to celebrate his victory on election night) and other famous hotels and restaurants (24 so far) such as L'Avenue and le Ruc, and one of the Paris hotels I regularly recommend - l'Hôtel des Beaux-Arts.

Jacques Garcia's interiors are featured from the first night of our tour, with our special welcome dinner. During the week, we'll enjoy a glass of champagne in chic spots featuring "le style Garcia". Most of the final day is spent at his private château. (For more information on Jacques Garcia and Champ de Bataille, see our website - www.frenchtravelboutique.com).

See you in Paris!

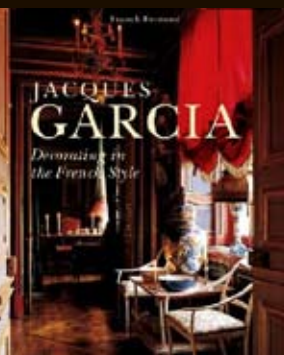
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Le Ruc



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