

TOULOUSE ALONG THE THREAD OF PASTEL: RENAISSANCE & KNOW-HOW

 **You will enjoy:**

- > Discovering the Renaissance city
- > Taking part in a dyeing workshop

 8 PEOPLE

FROM 105 € INCL.
 TAX PER PERSON

 TUESDAY
TO FRIDAY

THIS PRICE INCLUDES:

- Guided tour of Toulouse
- Dyeing workshop



SET OFF TO DISCOVER TOULOUSE DURING THE RENAISSANCE!

Wander through the narrow streets of the historic city centre in search of the mansions built during **Toulouse's golden age** by pastel merchants and *capitouls* (municipal magistrates).

In the historic district, you follow the traces that tell the fascinating destiny of the city, rising from its ashes like a phoenix. At the end of the 15th century, a number of events shook Toulouse's history: following the medieval university, King Charles VII decided to establish a court of justice in the form of a parliament, and then **the fashion for blue fabrics among the nobility** — the colour of the King and the Virgin — rooted a unique expertise in the heart of the **“blue-gold triangle”**.

The guide leads you between façades and gateways while unveiling the details that set tongues wagging at the time: discoveries of remains from ancient *Tolosa*, King Francis I's “love at first sight” for Belle Paule, and a rivalry of ever-higher prideful towers...

TAKE PART IN A DYEING WORKSHOP!

Meet Annette, master dyer and co-founder of AHPY, *Bleu de Pastel* Creations.

She introduces you, in the shop's lounge, to their story and the materials they work with.

She makes the connection between fabrics and pastel, between Toulouse and its blue Renaissance, sharing **the artistic approach** and passion that drive the duo Annette & Yves — artisan creators united around pastel blue.

Then you take part in a dyeing workshop: creation of a textile piece, with explanations about the plant, its agricultural cycle and the magic of dyeing, leading up to the revelation of the blue colour.

Yves assists Annette during the demonstration, allowing visitors to discover the entire work of AHPY — **a blend of craftsmanship, skill and material**.

At the end of the workshop, each participant leaves with a hand-dyed scarf, a unique and emotion-filled souvenir.