

Press release

The National Gallery joins Van Gogh Europe

On 1 June 2023, the National Gallery officially joins Van Gogh Europe, the network of thirteen heritage locations and ten museums in four countries, all connected by the life and work of Vincent van Gogh. The National Gallery joins the Van Gogh House London to become Van Gogh Europe's second partner in the United Kingdom, the country where Van Gogh lived from May 1873 until October 1874, and again in the first half of 1875.

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Dr Gabriele Finaldi, Director, The National Gallery: "We are delighted to join the family of Van Gogh museums and attractions in Europe as we prepare for our major Van Gogh exhibition (14 September 2024 – 19 January 2025), a key strand of our programme for the Gallery's 200th anniversary in 2024. We are also celebrating during that year the centenary of the acquisition of *Sunflowers*, one of the most cherished pictures in the Gallery's collection. We look forward to working together with our partners in Van Gogh Europe so as many people as possible might be inspired by the works of this extraordinary artist."

Alain van der Horst, Chair of Van Gogh Europe: "The addition of the National Gallery to Van Gogh Europe was a long-standing aspiration, and I am delighted that the museum has now joined the network. Thanks to this fine collaboration, we are even better positioned to offer a broad audience access to Van Gogh's cultural heritage and to inspire people with his work and life story".

Growth

Van Gogh Europe has expanded rapidly in recent years. The network has welcomed Musée d'Orsay as a new partner, as well as the Municipality of Asnières-sur-Seine, Maison du Dr Gachet in Auvers-sur-Oise, Chateau d'Auvers and the Centraal Museum Utrecht. Van Gogh Roots, Atout France, NBTC and Marketing Drenthe have all also joined Van Gogh Europe as associated partners.

Anniversaries

Van Gogh Europe partners will celebrate a number of anniversaries in 2023, including that it will be exactly 150 years since Van Gogh arrived in London, and 140 years since he stayed in Drenthe. The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The anniversary exhibition *Van Gogh in Auvers. His Final Months* is on display at the museum until 3 September, and will subsequently travel to Musée d'Orsay in Paris.

In 2024, the National Gallery in London is organising a major exhibition on Van Gogh: *The Credit Suisse Exhibition – Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers* (14 September 2024 – 19 January 2025), featuring world-famous artworks including *Sunflowers*, *Garden of the Asylum* and *The Bedroom*.

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