



# MFA Boston: Van Gogh Portraits

## Wednesday, May 14

**8:15 am** – Please park and meet the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library.

**8:30 am sharp** – Departure for Boston with one rest stop en route.

**10:30 am** – Estimated arrival at the Museum of Fine Art Boston. We have timed tickets for the exhibit of *Van Gogh: The Roulin Family Portraits* to view at our own pace with audio guides. This is the first exhibition dedicated to the Roulin portraits and the deep bonds of friendship between the artist Vincent van Gogh and this family. More than 20 works by van Gogh are at the heart of this exhibition. Important works on loan from the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Museum of Modern Art in New York, and Metropolitan Museum of Art, including works by early Dutch art and Japanese woodblock prints – both of which profoundly informed van Gogh's portrait practice – provide critical insight into the artist's creative process. Van Gogh once wrote, "What I'm most passionate about...is the portrait, the modern portrait." This passion flourished between 1888 and '89 when, during his stay in Arles, the artist created several portraits of a neighboring family—the postman Joseph Roulin, his wife, Augustine, and their three children. This exhibition illuminates van Gogh's tender relationship with the postman and his family through his remarkable portrayals of them.

Lunch is on our own at one of the following MFA's dining locations:

**New American Café \$\$** - Features creative regional dishes from the Americas. Choose from a wide selection of starters, entrées, and desserts, with beverages that include North and South American wines and craft beers. A very popular dining spot, expect to wait in line. Located in MFA's soaring glass-enclosed courtyard in the American Wing.

**Taste \$** - Serving sweet and savory desserts and pastries, as well as a variety of beverages, from gourmet coffee, tea, and espresso to craft beer and select wines. Located in the Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art, Level 1.

**Garden Cafeteria \$** - Offers pizza, sandwiches, hamburgers, soups, snacks, desserts, and value menus. Enjoy seasonal outdoor eating in the beautiful Calderwood Courtyard located in the Linde Family Wing for Contemporary Art, Level G.

**3:00 pm** – Depart with an estimated return by 5:30 pm. **What to bring:** Water and snacks for the bus; water is provided on the return; dress in layers as temperatures vary on the bus and in the Museum.

**Cost:** \$145, Members; \$170, nonmembers; Includes admissions, bus travel and driver gratuity.

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds are issued for cancellations fewer than 3 weeks prior to May 14, unless you find a replacement. A \$15 fee is deducted for all cancellations received 3 weeks prior to May 14. Call 413-314-6482 if you need additional information.