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Van Gogh's Table at Casanova Restaurant

Carmel, California, October 11, 2002. Walter Georis, owner of Casanova Restaurant in Carmel departed with his family for a three month holiday in Paris.

Intrigued after reading Van Gogh's Table (the cook book), Walter took the family on a train ride 22 miles north west of Paris to have lunch at the Auberge Ravoux in Auvers-Sur-Oise, a small but well known artist's village. Vincent van Gogh spent the final seventy days of his life boarding at the Auberge where he painted the picturesque countryside, the church at Auvers, the well known portrait of his friend Dr. Gachet, and Adelaine Ravoux.

The second and third floor of the Auberge Ravoux, named the Maison de van Gogh, has since been turned into a small museum honoring the life of Vincent van Gogh. Here guests can visit the attic room where the artist lived before enjoying the hearty country cuisine of the period in the restaurant below.

Back in Paris, Walter and Dominique Janssens, the owner of the Auberge Ravoux and Maison de van Gogh, met and became great friends over a six hour lunch at Café Beaujolais on the left bank. As a symbol of their new friendship, Dominique honored Walter by giving him "Van Gogh's Table" where Vincent ate while residing at the Auberge Ravoux in Auvers-Sur-Oise. The table will make its permanent home at Casanova Restaurant in Carmel where Walter will dedicate a private room. Here, guests may view and enjoy a special meal at Van Gogh's Table.

In anticipation of Van Gogh's 150th birthday, Casanova Restaurant has planned a series of dinners. At these dinners, guests will savour recipes from Van Gogh's Table prepared by chef Didier Dutertre as well as featured guest chef Christophe Bony from the Auberge Ravoux. These special events will be held at Casanova Restaurant during the month of December and the second and third weeks of January.

The evenings promise to touch the spirit and soul of Vincent van Gogh's time in Auvers-Sur-Oise. Reservations should be made well in advance for this unique event. Van Gogh's Table will also be available for private events at a home or other off site locations. For more information please call (831) 626-VANG (8264).