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Ianchulev with her mother and daughter at Versailles and (inset) spending the day with a Parisian sketch artist.

### YOUR SHOT

**Photos from your travels.**

**WHO:** Massachusetts-based Virtuoso traveler Catherine Ianchulev with her mother and daughter

**WHERE:** A multigenerational trip to Paris, coordinated by Saint Louis-based travel advisor Julie Jones. She arranged for a Parisian sketch artist to spend a day touring the city with Ianchulev's 10-year-old daughter, who is interested in art. Says Ianchulev: "We'd normally never have these experiences. Being able to do that for my daughter in Paris is something I could never plan myself. It ended up being a magical trip."

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