

Belle Provence

France's
Southern
Jewel



Sunny skies, multi-colored fields, perfumed air, and charming medieval villages await your discovery in picturesque Provence. Your unforgettable journey will begin in the Luberon area of Provence where you will prepare a gourmet lunch with a well-known chef and shop in a colorful outdoor market where local farmers bring their produce and goods. Explore the surrounding countryside, sample a variety of delicious Rhone wines and chocolate, and feast on Provençal cuisine. Travel north to a medieval village in Haute-Provence where you will relax in a 17th-century hotel. Round out your Provence immersion exploring Avignon, former home to seven Popes while enjoying the comfort of your 4-star hotel.

Tour Offered May 1-7 or October 2-8, 2011

\$3950⁰⁰ USD • Limited to 8 Guests

Above Prices Based on Double Occupancy; Single Supplement Charge \$600

DEPARTURE GUARANTEED WITH MINIMUM FOUR PERSONS

INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

Most meals: Daily Breakfast, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners
Superior room accommodations
Entrance fees to guided sightseeing activities, wine tasting, transportation to/from Avignon
Cooking class with well-known chef
Regional wine with dinners included on itinerary
Full-time tour leader & local professional guide

EXCLUDED

Alcoholic beverages except regional wine as described in itinerary
Personal purchases
Gratuity to local professional guide
Charges to hotel room such as phone, room service, laundry, spa services, Internet, etc.
International airfare
Travel Insurance

See other side for detailed itinerary

ITINERARY

Day 1

Lovely Luberon

Arrive in alluring Avignon then transfer to Fontaine de Vaucluse, source of the crystal clear Sorgue River. Discover this intriguing treasure of nature and its charming surrounding village on foot with your local guide. Enjoy a relaxing welcome dinner in the village while hearing about the week's exciting activities. **D**

Day 2

Senses and Colors of Provence

After an outdoor market visit, enjoy the picturesque hillside village of Gordes and the geological wonder of Roussillon known for its beautiful ochre painting materials. Venture into the Luberon Mountains visiting Lacoste, home of the Marquis de Sade. Taste the delicious wines from Domaine Ruffinatto. **B, L**

Day 3

The Taste of Provence

Learn to cook regional cuisine with a well-known local chef and help him prepare a gourmet lunch for your tasting enjoyment. Then transfer to northern Provence via Mont Ventoux with its endless vistas overlooking the Rhone Valley below and arrive at your historic hotel in the heart of Vaison-la-Romaine. **B, L, D**

Day 4

The Nectar of Provence

Enjoy a guided walk of medieval Vaison-la-Romaine, complete with a Gallo-Roman amphitheater. Discover small villages in the beautiful Provençal countryside tasting world-renowned Côtes-du-Rhône wines and famous Bernard Castelain chocolates. **B, L, D**

Day 5

Les Alpilles

Board a beautiful river boat in Avignon and cruise the scenic Rhone River south to the Les Alpilles area while enjoying live music and a four-course delicious lunch. Our guide will join us in Arles for a walking tour of this lovely city and its Roman influence visible today. Visit an artisan factory and museum where essential oils are extracted before settling into your lovely hotel inside the medieval walled section of Avignon. **B, L**

Day 6

Palace of the Popes

Enjoy a scenic drive to Les Antiques de Glanum to explore this extensive archaeological site of a former Roman city, then travel to beautiful hilltop Les Baux for shopping and a relaxing lunch. The afternoon will be spent in historically rich Avignon visiting the well-preserved wonders including the former Pope's Palace before reminiscing the week's discoveries during your farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 7

Adieu!

After breakfast, transfer to Avignon train station for your departure home. **B**

B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner

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