



BEAUTY & TREASURES OF THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

10 Days/9 Nights from \$ 4999 double*

“The sun smiles on Provence. Its warmth makes the soil generous and the people open-hearted. Its bright rays are reflected in the crafts, customs and traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation.”

Provence... flavored with open-air market stalls, lavender honey, oven-warm breads, candied fruits, crisp rosé wines and earthy black truffles... textured with centuries-old cobblestones, historic mansions, limestone spurs and lavish fountains ...fragrant with wild herbs, lavender, flavors of Provençal cuisine...discover the beauty and treasures of amazing Provence.

Day 1:

Arrival at Avignon train station. Pick up your rental car at the train station and head for the great city of Avignon. Enjoy the rest of the day discovering this amazing city with a private guide. Overnight at La Mirande.

Day 2:

Departure for an unforgettable day with your private guide to combine pleasures of the palate and pleasures of the eyes. Discover picturesque places and medieval villages, such as Chateauneuf du Pape; enjoy a local farmer's market, wonderful landscapes and family run wineries and chateaux. Taste some of the best wines in the area (Rhône Valley, Côteaux des Baux, Côtes du Luberon and Ventoux) and discover the well-kept secrets of your favorite wines. Overnight at La Mirande.

Day 3:

Spend the afternoon exploring the historical city of Aix en Provence, famous for its remarkable medieval and baroque heritage. Your guide will show you the preserved and restored architecture of this city of art and culture, its private mansions, ancient fountains and shaded narrow streets. Overnight at La Villa Gallici.

Day 4:

Today, discover famous traditional Provençal cooking and the virtues of sun in the kitchen. Enjoy the sheer delight of wonderful flavors with a food lover, Marc Hercale. After strolling in the food markets in the old town of Aix, he will be delighted to introduce you to the preparation of a typical local Provençal meal in a traditional kitchen in the Arnajon bastide. Overnight at La Villa Gallici.

Day 5:

Departure for Mane en Provence, a tiny village in the countryside. On your way, stop by Lourmarin, one of the most beautiful villages in France, nestled in the middle of vineyards, olive groves and almond trees. Also, take the opportunity to visit Manosque known for its colorful market and its tasteful fruits. If you have a chance, share the bee-keepers' passion for honey and be tempted by all these honeyed delights. Overnight and dinner at Le Couvent des Minimes

Day 6:

Discover Mane of Provence, the little jewel in the countryside. In the village, you will notice the typical Mediterranean architecture in its winding narrow streets, lovely old restored houses, and well shaded public squares where you can immerse yourself in the relaxing Provencal ambience. Overnight at Le Couvent des Minimes.

Day 7:

Pamper yourself and forget the rest of the world. Enjoy the opportunity to experience the popular and unique Provencal spa, L'Occitane, in the heart of the countryside. The treatments are absolutely wonderful and relaxing...truly unforgettable. Overnight at Le Couvent des Minimes.

Day 8:

Departure for the village of Moustiers Sainte Marie, an attractive town known for its earthenware and tradition of art. Let the murmuring of its lovely old fountains awaken your senses, spend the day strolling in the narrow streets and take the time to stop by a workshop to discover the handmade and traditional methods to produce earthenware. On your way down to the coast, drive through the amazing Verdon Gorges and be marveled by the breathtaking cliffs, the wonderful shades of rocks and the emerald colored waters. Overnight at Le Mas de Candille in the charming village of Mougins.

Day 9:

Today, discover Grasse, the world perfume capital. In the heart of the old town, visit the historic 19th century fabric and learn the process and methods of the creation of these aromatic products. Take your time to appreciate the villages and their charms.

Day 10:

Enjoy a final morning in the unforgettable French countryside before returning you rental car in Cannes or Nice.

Package Price Includes:

- 9 nights accommodation at luxurious countryside hotels in superior or deluxe rooms
- Daily breakfast, 1 gourmet dinner
- 1 private cooking class followed by lunch
- Private discovery tour of Avignon and Aix en Provence
- Great wines and famous sites full day tour
- 10-day midsize car rental, manual, ac, insurance
- Service charges and VAT

*Rate per person, for low season and subject to change due to currency exchange rate. High season rate = \$6099 double. Entrance fees & gratuity not included.

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