

# Provence

Discover the enchanting beauty of Provence, where picturesque landscapes blend with rich history and vibrant culture with our 9-day small group tour.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight Tickets
- · All transfers and excursions
- 4-star Hotels
- Daily Meals
- **Expert Local Guide**

# **PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Old Port of Marseille and the Calanques
- Aix-en-Provence and Château La Coste art trail
- Pope's Palace in Avignon
- Les Baux de Provence Castle with panoramic views
- Camargue picturesque landscapes
- Medieval walled town of Aigues-Mortes
- Pont du Gard and the Roman Amphiteater of Nîmes
- Montpellier, a blend of medieval and modern architecture





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# Your detailed itinerary

# DAY 1 • MARSEILLE

Upon arriving in Marseille, you'll collect your luggage and take a shuttle to your hotel. After settling in, your guide will meet you for a dinner cruise through the nearby Calanques. These stunning coves, carved into limestone cliffs along the Mediterranean, resemble miniature fjords with their turquoise waters—a natural wonder you won't want to miss!

# DAY 2 • AIX-EN-PROVENCE

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Aix-en-Provence, the hometown of Paul Cézanne. Explore Roman foundations, admire fountains along the Cours Mirabeau, and trace the footsteps of 19th-century painters. After lunch, a private shuttle will take you to Château La Coste, known for its excellent wines and extensive art collection. The estate features installations by renowned artists like Alexander Calder, and Frank Gehry. Dinner will be at your hotel.

# DAY 3 • MARSEILLE

Meet your guide for a full day visit of Marseille. Begin with a panoramic drive to see landmarks like the Basilica Notre-Dame de la Garde, the baroque Palais Longchamp, the 17th-century Fort Saint-Jean, and the historic Old Port, bustling with yachts and markets. After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll stroll through Le Panier, France's oldest district, featuring narrow streets, street art, boutique shops, and charming cafés. Dinner will be at your hotel.

#### DAY 4 • AVIGNON

Today, you'll explore Avignon, a UNESCO-listed city with ancient Roman roots and a former Papal seat in the 14th century. You'll tour the Pope's Palace, wander the medieval streets, enjoy panoramic views from the fortified city walls, and admire the 19th-century architecture of Place de l'Horloge, the town square. Dinner will be at your hotel.

# DAY 5 • SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE | LES BAUX DE PROVENCE

Enjoy a scenic drive to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence known as the birthplace of Nostradamus and for inspiring artists like Vincent van Gogh. Have a picnic and explore attractions like the Hôtel Estrine. In the afternoon, go on a guided tour of the Château des Baux, a 13th-century castle with panoramic views of Provence, followed by a visit to Carrières des Lumières, a former quarry hosting immersive art exhibitions. Dinner will be at your hotel.

# DAY 6 • CAMARGUE | MONTPELLIER

Explore with your guide the picturesque Camargue region. You'll visit a Manade, where local bulls and horses are raised semi-wild for bullfighting, and Camargue races. After lunch in Salin-de-Giraud, a village surrounded by salt marshes, you will head to Montpellier to check into a new hotel. You'll enjoy a free afternoon followed by a dinner at Chez Delagare, a MICHELIN Guide restaurant.

# **DAY 7** • AIGUES-MORTES

Meet your guide for a full-day excursion to Aigues-Mortes, a medieval walled town named for its surrounding marshes. Enjoy a bus ride through the Mediterranean's largest salt fields, providing stunning views and insights into salt production. After lunch, explore the town's well-preserved ramparts and learn about its history, including its role as the starting point for Louis IX's Crusades. Visit the Tour de Constance, where Knights Templar were imprisoned in 1337. Dinner in Montpellier.

# DAY 8 • PONT DU GARD | NIMES

Join your guide for a scenic drive to the Pont du Gard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built by the Romans in the 1st century AD. Contrary to its name, it is not a bridge but the remains of an aqueduct that transported spring water to Nîmes. After lunch, continue to Nîmes for a guided tour of its impressive Roman landmarks, including the amphitheater, the Gate of Augustus, and the Maison Carrée, an ancient Roman temple built in 2 AD. Dinner in Montpellier.

# **DAY 9** • **MONTPELLIER**

Meet your guide for a full day exploring Montpellier. Begin with a walking tour of the medieval town, to see Place de la Comédie, the Three Graces fountain, the Tour de la Babotte, the Arc de Triomphe, and the impressive Saint Pierre Cathedral. After lunch at a local restaurant, you'll admire futuristic buildings along the river Lez designed by renowned architects like Jean Nouvel and Philippe Starck. Dinner at a local restaurant.

# **DAY 10 • RETURN HOME**

Transfer by private shuttle to Montpellier Airport for your flight home.



