

Sweet Taste Of Provence

By Longitude 180

Discover and enjoy the symbol of Provençal Art De Vivre with its unique and charming villages. Exceptional visit of L'Occitane, which has drawn inspiration from the field of Provence for over 30 years



LONGITUDE 180
BOUTIQUE VOYAGE

PRICE PER PERSON (DBL) : cad 5590.00

Price includes :

- 7 nights accommodation
- 8 breakfasts
- Chauffeur / Guides
- Airport transfers
- Visits as mentioned in itinerary

Not included

- International airfare
- Personal expenses and personal insurance



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ITINERARY

Day 1

On arrival in France, at either Marseilles airport or Avignon TGV station, you will be met by a Representative, shown to your waiting vehicle and transferred to your hotel, just outside Avignon.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

You will be confirmed for three nights at Hostellerie Les Frenes.

Overnight: Hostellerie Les Frenes

Meal Plan: B

Day 2

Avignon/ Chateauneuf du Pape/Avignon

Today transfer to Avignon city center and meet your English-speaking local guide for a half-day walking tour (3hrs) in the magnificent papal stronghold of Avignon. Visit the Clock Square before entering the huge Palais des Papes, where seven exiled popes lived between 1309 and 1377 and where the main rooms are decorated with some excellent 14th century frescoes. In the afternoon, travel north to Chateauneuf du Pape with your driver-guide.

The town is renowned for its fabulous wines and is set in the hills overlooking its famous vineyards. There are now 35 Chateauneuf du Pape domains strictly controlled by the government. Visit a famous Domaine and enjoy a wine tasting before being driven back to your hotel. If time allows, you may like to enjoy a stroll in L'Isle sur Sorgue, famous for its antique shops and have time to browse for that perfect souvenir of your trip.

Overnight: Hostellerie Les Frenes

Meal Plan: B

Day 3

Avignon/ Les Baux/St Remy/Avignon

Today meet your local English-speaking driver-guide and private vehicle for a full-day (8 hours) sightseeing tour to Les Baux-de-Provence, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and Arles. The medieval village citadel of Les Baux sits high above the surrounding countryside and boasts the truly astonishing "Cathedral of Images", where large coloured photographs depicting the life and works of Picasso are projected onto the walls of a huge cave, accompanied by atmospheric music. You will also be able to visit St-Rémy-de-Provence with its Roman antiquities.

OPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING: Private Tour of Avignon and surrounding areas in a Citroen 2CV

Discover Provence in a Citroen 2CV with your own private English speaking driver-guide. Experience the small winding streets of Avignon in a traditional French car and receive a unique view of Provençal daily life.

Overnight: Hostellerie Les Frenes

Meal Plan: B

Day 4 (Wednesday)

Avignon/Lubéron/Mane en Provence

The Lubéron, inspiration for the book "A Year in Provence", is a region of rolling hills and verdant nature dotted with churches and rural

communities. Your driver-guide will take you to the great 12th century Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque and to the enchanting village of Gordes

before heading towards upper Provence. Stop en route in Cavaillon for a 2hr Melon

Discovery Tour (available June to September only – this is a public tour). The tour includes a

visit to a Melon Farm where full explanations behind the famous Melon de Cavaillon will be given. Tasting of the local delicacies is a must before heading on to the Luberon and upper Provence.

Later this afternoon settle into the Couvent de Minimes, a former Convent that has been transformed into a hotel nestling below the Alps mountainside.

You will be confirmed for three nights at Le Couvent des Minimes.

Overnight: Le Couvent des Minimes

Meal Plan: B

DAY 5

Mane en Provence

Today with your driver-guide you will travel further into the lesser-known upper region of Provence, and in Forcalquier visit an old distillery that makes the signature aperitif of Provence – Pastis, where you will enjoy a tasting.

Overnight: Le Couvent des Minimes

Meal Plan: B

DAY 6

Mane/Moustiers Ste Marie/Gorges du Verdon/Mane

This morning your driver-guide will take you to the factory of L'Occitane for a private visit of this most famous of Provence's bathroom and toiletry products, and continue to the charming village of Moustiers Ste Marie wedged in between two rocky bluffs and famous for its "faïence" potteries. Afterwards drive the spectacular road above and along the awesome Gorges of Verdon, considered one of the great natural wonders of France, and indeed of all Europe, with breathtaking views of the river cascading along its course thousands of feet below. Later this afternoon return to the delightful Couvent des Minimes.

Overnight: Le Couvent des Minimes

Meal Plan: B

DAY 7

Mane en Provence – Aix en Provence

This morning transfer to Aix, with a stop en route to visit Mont Sainte Victoire, a local landmark made famous by Cezanne, and the renowned

Chateau de Vauvenargues, Picasso's final home and resting place. Public visits to Picasso's burial site will be possible for the first time since his death and this will be only between the month of May and September of this year.

After your arrival at your hotel and once you have settled in your local English-speaking guide will meet you for a half day (3 hour) walking tour of Aix, once the capital of Provence. Enjoy the bustling Cours Mirabeau, the heart of the town, and a visit to Cézanne's studio. It was here that Cézanne painted some of his most well-known works - there is also a striking collection of simple objects which once featured in his still life paintings. You will be confirmed for one night at Le Pignonnet.

Overnight: Le Pignonnet

Meal Plan: B

DAY 8

Depart Aix en Provence

Today you will be privately transferred to Marseilles airport or Aix train station.

Overnight:

Meal Plan: B