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PICTURESQUE PROVENCE

June 16 - 23, 2025

Your 8-Day Itinerary



Day 1-2: June 16 - 17: Home/Marseille, France

Depart home independently on an overnight flight to Marseille. Transfer to the Mercure Pont d'Avignon Centre. This evening gather for a welcome dinner. D

Day 3: June 18: Avignon - Nîmes

Today, embark on a real journey back in time and discover Avignon (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the result of its vivid past as the Capital of the Christian world. Visit the majestic Palace of the Popes, the biggest Gothic palace in the world. After the visit, drive to Nîmes and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant upon arrival. Continue to explore the ancient Maison Carrée temple and the renowned amphitheater: built shortly after the Colosseum of Rome, it is one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world. Before returning to Avignon, stop at a local winery for a visit of the wine cellars and taste the fragrances of fine local wines. B, L, wine tasting

Day 4: June 19: Avignon - Arles

Drive to Arles and visit the Roman necropolis of Les Alyscamps, one of the most famous of the ancient world.



Then, continue to the city center. After Rome, it is in Arles that we find the largest number of Roman remains. The Amphitheater is remarkable, both for its dimensions and for the ingenuity of its galleries, horizontal passages, and stairs arranged alternately. Close by is the Roman Theater, which still preserves part of its bleachers and its orchestra. B

Day 5: June 20: Avignon - Les Baux

Set out this morning for Les Baux, a gem of a medieval village perched atop a rock spur. First stop at the Carrières de Lumières multimedia/art exhibition set in a former stone quarry. Then explore Les Baux itself, considered another of the country's most beautiful villages, with its restored ancient houses, Renaissance-era façades, historic monuments, and stone citadel. Continue on to the picturesque village of Saint Rémy, in the heart of the Alpilles where, between May of 1889 and May of 1890, Vincent van Gogh painted Starry Night, among other of his most acclaimed paintings. After lunch at leisure, visit the Romanesque jewel of St-Paul de Mausole, the former monastery turned asylum where van Gogh was confined after severing his ear. We return to Avignon later this afternoon. B



Day 6: June 21: Avignon - Nice

Before arriving in Nice, we'll stop at the Valensole plateau and visit the lavender capital Sault. Discover the artist village of Roussillon, made famous by its spectacular ochre colors. We'll continue to a local lavender farm and distillery to learn about lavender production and essential oil distillation. Upon arrival in nice, we'll have a private cooking class to discover the traditional recipes of the niçoise cuisine. Enjoy the dishes you've prepared for dinner. B, D

Day 7: June 22: Nice

We'll start off our exploration of Nice with a guided walking tour. Along the way, we'll explore the Old Town and stop at the local Cathedral. We will also visit the renowned Promenade des Anglais. Our tour ends at the Matisse Museum and learn about the artistic evolution of the painter who lived in Nice from 1917 until his death in 1954. The rest of the day is at leisure before joining your fellow travelers for a final farewell dinner. B, D

Day 8: June 23: Departure

This morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B



Program Rate

\$5,180 (per person, double occupancy)
Single supplement: \$685

The tour is based on a minimum of 12 travelers. Should the group not reach 12 travelers, an additional per-person surcharge will apply.

Inclusions

6 night accommodations as per itinerary;
Breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 1 lunch, and 1 wine tasting; Escorted sightseeing,
transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; Airport/Hotel transfers for all participants on suggested group flights;
Taxes, service charges, and baggage handling; Pre-departure materials.