

## Best of Provence



Enjoy the best of Provence with a small group tour. Provence is one of the places you fall in love in first sight. Its perched villages, magical landscape and seductive coastline inspired many artists, writers and film makers. The best of Provence tour designed to explore the lifestyle, the cuisine, the wines and the culture. On this Provence Tour, You will meet the people of Provence, the chef who welcomes you into his private kitchen, the chocolate maker, the vendors in the markets and families of wine makers. And what's better than touring with a local guide that knows the secrets of his region. This tour gives you an incomparable value of the length of time, activities, quality and amount of meals and authenticity above all.

Your home for the week is a former truffle farm facing the Luberon range. Vivienne and Philippe have transformed the grand house dating from the early 1800s into a stylish hotel with the atmosphere of a private home. Each room has its own decoration and character. The 5 acres parkland includes heated swimming pool, strolling trails, fine gravel terrace for outdoor dining and walking through tunnel of roses and aromatic plants that welcomes you at the entrance.



### Day 1 Saturday

The group will meet at the TGV train station of Avignon and drive to the hotel. You will have time to get to know you're surrounding before meeting for a first Provencal dinner together at the restaurant of the hotel.



### Day 2 Sunday

Wake up and smell the coffee. Your vacation in Provence off to a good start. You will head to the famous market at L'Isle-Sur-La Sorgue. The town called the "Venice" of Provence as it is built on five branches of the Sorgue River. The river flows around the town. This market also known for its antique finds. You will have time to mingle and to explore this charming town on your own and taste from the different vendors produce.



Next, we will head to another picturesque town Fontaine-de-

vaucluse. A key feature is the unique site of a river gushing up out of the ground.



Tonight, you will be greeted by one of the chefs of Gordes in his own house, and cook with him Dinner in the magnificent landscape of Provence.

### Day 3 Monday

Today, the adventure continues. Your tour in Provence takes you to some superb hilltop villages, the land of Peter Mayle who wrote the book "A year in Provence". We will start with the picturesque village of Lacoste. Lacoste known for its notorious resident, the Marquise de Sade, who lived in the old Castle at the top of the town.



One of a kind experience is next;

You will have lunch at a goat farm with specialty treats on long wooden tables outdoors and all you'll see around you are green horizons.



In the afternoon we will head to Roussillon, an ocre-red village from the outside. It is even more spectacular inside the village. Red stone buildings and colorful medieval streets. Your tour to Provence is getting better with a private visit to a family owned olive mill and tasting.



Tonight we will dine with the locals in the village bistro.

#### **Day 4: Tuesday**

Fresh crispy Croissants and homemade jam for breakfast?

After breakfast we depart to Avignon and enjoy a walking tour of this fortified city.



After working your appetite, you will eat lunch like French in Les halles market. After lunch we will drive to chateauneuf du pape, world famous for it's a wine and vineyards. You will experience wine and chocolate tasting and visit the village.



Tonight's dinner will be at a superb organic butcher shop/restaurant known to locals. It is owned by the same family since 1928.

#### **Day 5: Wednesday**

No tour of Provence is complete without visiting Saint Remy bustling market on a Wednesday. Seduced by the setting and atmosphere, many writers, painters and musicians chose to live

here. You will have time to walk around the stalls, enjoy the colors, the smells.



Before we go to lunch, we will visit a master chocolatier to taste amazing combinations.

Then, you will have an unforgettable lunch prepared by our friend LOLO at his farm.



In the afternoon, we will visit Gordes, one of the most visited villages in the Luberon, also filmed in the movie "A good year".

Tonight is your free night to choose if you want to relax at the hotel, eat something light, or simply spend some fun group time together at the grounds of our country home.

## Day 6: Thursday

Your tour of Provence is up to a great finale. Visit to Cassis, an ancient fishing and today a vacation spot. You will embark on a boat to explore the breathtaking Calanques, the Mediterranean version of fjords. These are majestic inlets with stunning steep rocky cliffs. Then, you will have time to walk around and eat lunch.



Tonight we will gather for a cooking class and Gala dinner, sharing, laughing and toasting.



## Day 7: Friday

It's hard to say goodbye. Head home or extend your stay.

A Bientot!

**The program includes:**

- ✓ All Breakfasts.
- ✓ Five specialty dinners.
- ✓ Lunch at a goat farm
- ✓ Lunch in Avignon market
- ✓ Lunch in a private country house
- ✓ 2 cooking classes
- ✓ Wine tastings
- ✓ Winery visit
- ✓ Chocolate tasting
- ✓ Private olive oil tasting
- ✓ All sightseeing
- ✓ All admissions
- ✓ Local tour guide
- ✓ Boat trip
- ✓ 6 nights' Accommodations in an authentic countryside
- ✓ Transfers

**The program does not include:**

Flights – can be arranged  
Train tickets- can be arranged  
Travel insurance- Can be arranged

Anything not mentioned in the program.

**Price:** \$3495 per person in a double room.

Single supplement: \$450

**Terms and conditions:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at time of booking to guarantee the space on the tour.

Balance of the full amount is due 90 days prior the first day of the tour.

**Cancelation**

91 days (prior to the first day of the tour) – 60days:  
25% of the total price.

60 days- 31 days:  
50% of the total Tour price.

30 days – 100% of the total Tour price.

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