

AUTHENTIC PROVENCE (Immersive Luxury Experience)

CHARMING BOUTIQUE HOTELS & CHATEAUX (upon request)

SELF DRIVE or CHAUFFEUR DRIVE, 7 Days / 6 Nights



Avignon

Aix En Provence

Roussillon

The south-west area of Provence is a land of light and colour, where the languid river Rhône winds its way through fruit orchards and fields of lavender before melting into the watery maze of the Camargue. Dive into dramatic cliff top villages, set among the olive groves, and vines where you can look out across a land of Van Gogh, sunflowers and starry, starry nights.

The Package to be quoted in EURO per person in a Double Room and would potentially include:

- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 4-star **CHATEAU DE MAZAN** in **MAZAN** with Welcome drink
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 5-star **HOTEL LES BORIES & SPA** in **GORGES**
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 4-star **COUVENT DES MINIMES** Hotel in **MANE EN PROVENCE**
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 5-star **HOTEL LE DAYA & SPA** in **ROQUEBRUNE SUR AGENS**
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 4-star **CESANNE BOUTIQUE HOTEL** in **AIX EN PROVENCE**
- ✈ 1-Night accommodation at the 4-star **CHATEAU DE ROUSSAN** Hotel in **SAINT-REMY DE PROVENCE**
- ✈ Bed & Breakfast
- 🚗 7-Day car rental as mentioned above for 1,400km OR
- 🚗 Private transfers
- ☎ Telephone assistance in case of emergency
- 📖 Road book and maps, with GPS addresses and relevant tourist information
- 📍 Cities: Starting in Marseille, ending in CDG Paris Airport
- 🚫 Package excludes airline ticket on Air France

Package excludes:

- 🎫 Entrance fees to monuments, museums or attractions, unless specified in the program

Highlights:

- 🌿 Relax in six sumptuous top standard boutique hotels in 7 days
- 🌿 Stand on the edge of the plateau of **Vaucluse**, **Gordes** is one of the "in" villages of **Luberon** where many movies stars and artists have made their home.
- 🌿 Feel the sensation of soaring over Provence from the summit of **Mont Ventoux** - unforgettable views.
- 🌿 Soak in the Mediterranean Sea at **Roquebrune Sur Agens** - the Côte D'Azur but discrete and less flamboyant.
- 🌿 Visit some of the most beautiful villages of **France** - including '**Les Baux De Provence**' positioned spectacularly in the Alpilles mountains, and set atop a rocky outcrop that is crowned with a ruined castle overlooking the plains to the south.
- 🌿 Taste vintage wines and divine food.
- 🌿 The provençal style of life is world renowned. Rest up, and experience, for a week, *la vie à la française*.



CITIES

**MARSEILLE – AVIGNON – MAZAN – VAISON LA ROMAINE – MONT VENTOUX – GORDES –
 ROUSSILLON – MENERBES – MANE EN PROVENCE – ROQUEBRUNE SUR ARGENS – AIX EN
 PROVENCE – SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE – LES BAUX DE PROVENCE – AVIGNON**

With their fields of lavender, olive groves, rolling hills, thick cork-oak and pine forests, vineyards, mountains and dazzling blue sea, Provence is an embarrassment of scenic riches. The region is blessed with almost year-round sunshine and a divine light, making travelling to Provence a delight whatever the season.

The diversity of landscapes is truly astonishing for such a small pocket of the world: you can go from beach to snow-covered peaks in just an hour. There are many unusual gems to seek out: fossils trapped for eternity in rock formations; Europe's deepest canyon; hills of vibrant yellow and red ochres; rare wildlife; and crystalline Mediterranean coves.

This 7-day/ 6-night trip takes in the very best of Provence.

SELF DRIVE ITINERARY

- ⊕ Day 1: Marseille - Avignon - Mazan: 110 Km
- ⊕ Day 2 : Mazan - Vaison La Romaine - Mont Ventoux - Gordes: 115 Km
- ⊕ Day 3 : Gordes - Rousillon - Menerbes - Mane En Provence : 90 Km
- ⊕ Day 4 : Mane En Provence - Roquebrune sur Agens : 164 Km
- ⊕ Day 5 : Roquebrune sur Agens - Aix En Provence : 150 Km
- ⊕ Day 6 : Aix En Provence - Saint-Remy De Provence : 100 Km
- ⊕ Day 7 : Saint-Remy De Provence - Les Baux De Provence - Avignon: 60 KM

OPTIONAL

Tasting at 8 different wineries or local food producers

Hot Air Balloon Flight above Forcalquier

Spa Deluxe 2-hour treatment at Spa L'Occitane at Couvent des Minimes



ITINERARY

Day 1 - MARSEILLE - AVIGNON - MAZAN (110km)

- 🕒 Arrival at the airport in Marseille.
- 🕒 Pick up your rental vehicle: Your vehicle will be a compact French car (automatic or manual, Category C) designed for winding along French back roads. You will have a customised road book and maps to help navigate touristy highlight to restaurant to hotel.
- 🕒 Meet your English and French speaking local guide
 - He or she will be a specialist from Provence, know the region like the back of their hand and be available from 9am - 6pm every today to explain through facts, jokes and anecdotes the way of life in Provence. The guide can incorporate your requests and adapt the itinerary as you see fit.
 - Your guide's vehicle will be an 8 seater comfortable air conditioned van similar to a Mercedes Vito.
- 🕒 OPTION LOCAL GUIDE (if self-driving): Walking tour of the heart of the city, with English speaking licensed and professional tour guide
- 🕒 OPTION TASTING: Taste 3 wines of appellation « Côtes du Rhône » accompanied by small cheeses at "La Bouteillerie". Drive to Mazan (36km)

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4* CHÂTEAU DE MAZAN

This Chateau is located in Mazan, at the foot of the Mount Ventoux. Chateau de Mazan is situated 19 miles east of Avignon, in the south of France. It is an ideal base for exploring the region. It has an outdoor swimming pool and offers rooms and suites with views of the landscaped grounds and floral terrace. The Mazan Chateau's features a culinary restaurant, L'Ingénue, which serves traditional cuisine.
www.chateaudemazan.com/uk/chambres-et-suites.php

Day 2 - MAZAN- VAISON LA ROMAINE - MONT VENTOUX - GORDES (115km)

- 🕒 OPTION TASTING: Depart for wine tasting in the appellation Côtes du Ventoux
- 🕒 Depart for Vaison la Romaine. OPTION LOCAL GUIDE (if self-driving): Guided visit with English speaking licensed and professional tour guide in Vaison La Romaine (an ancient Roman city). Depart to Mont Ventoux. Depart for Gordes

5* HOTEL LES BORIES & SPA

The Hotel Les Bories and Spa is in Gordes on a 20 acre estate of olive trees, cypresses, oaks and lavender. It has 2 swimming pools. The hotel restaurant serves Garrigue inspired cuisine.
www.hotellesbories.com

Day 3 - GORDES - ROUSSILLON - MENERBES - MANE EN PROVENCE (90km)

- 🕒 Depart for Menerbes. OPTION TASTING: Tasting and Visit Museum of the Corkscrew
- 🕒 Depart for Mane En Provence

4* COUVENT DES MINIMES

Once a convent, built in 1613, it is now a fusion of medieval architecture and contemporary design. Located in Mane, this hotel has a period facade and a terraced garden with botanical species. The restaurant Le Cloître serves Provençal and Mediterranean cuisine.
www.couventdesminimes-hotelspa.com



Day 4 - MANE EN PROVENCE - ROQUEBRUNE SUR ARGENS (164km)

- ☞ Depart through the Gorges du Verdon. OPTION TASTINGS: Enjoy wine tasting before dinner

5* HOTEL LE DAYA AND SPA

Set in Roquebrune Golf Course, Hotel Le Daya offers luxurious rooms and suites with sea and golf course views. Issambres Beach is a 10-minute drive from the hotel. Free private parking is also possible on site and Saint-Raphaël is 10 km from Hotel Le Daya.

Day 5 - ROQUEBRUNE -SUR ARGENS - AIX EN PROVENCE (150km)

- ☞ Depart for the Abbaye du Thoronet. OPTION TASTING: Wine tasting
- ☞ Depart for Aix En Provence, through the tourist route

4* HÔTEL CÉZANNE BOUTIQUE-HÔTEL

This boutique designer hotel is in the center of Aix-en-Provence. The breakfast is available until noon and features specialties including benedict eggs, truffle or honey omelets, French toast with honey and orange flower water, goat's cheese, pancakes and "Ruinart" champagne.
www.hotel-cezanne.fr/en/

Day 6 - AIX EN PROVENCE - SAINT-REMY-DE-PROVENCE (100km)

- ☞ OPTION TASTINGS: Depart for and visit to Domaine de La Brillanne (or similar if not available)
- ☞ Depart for Saint Remy de Provence

4* CHÂTEAU DE ROUSSAN

Chateau de Roussan is a 17th-century chateau surrounded by a 15 acre park. Rooms at Chateau de Roussan feature antique furniture and terracotta floors. Chateau de Roussan's restaurant, La Table de Roussan, serves authentic cuisine that guests can enjoy under the dining room's vaulted ceiling. Guests are invited to relax in Roussan's library with its rare 19th-century books or in the salons featuring 17th-century decoration. One of the salons opens onto a terrace. Guests can also explore the chateau's garden, greenhouse and ponds...
www.chateauderoussan.com

Day 7 - SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE - LES BAUX DE PROVENCE - AVIGNON (60km)

- ☞ OPTION TASTING: Depart for visit and tasting at Moulin Castellas
- ☞ Depart for Baux de Provence
- ☞ OPTION TASTING: Depart for Estoublon Château (or similar if not available)
- ☞ Depart for Avignon TGV train station and hand back the rental car

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO – ENRICH YOUR STAY

While we love Paris for its world-class restaurants, cafés and museums, there's plenty more to see in France than just the capital. The country's towns and villages have beauty to rival any major city in the world, with hilltop villages and views, flower-lined canals, medieval fortresses (some are hundred-years old), adorned gardens and pastel buildings pulled straight from the pages of a storybook.

Thanks to the country's high-speed trains and easy-to-navigate roads, each location here is just an easy day trip away from... wherever you are. From wine country to the Alps, here are 21 of the most beautiful small towns in France.

AVIGNON



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Avignon is a historic city in Provence sitting on the banks of the Rhône River.

Avignon is known as the 'City of the Popes' and the impressive Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes) dominates the city centre. The square surrounding the Palais has been designated a UNESCO World heritage site due to the high concentration of important, historic buildings in this area of the city. Another famous landmark in Avignon is the Pont de Saint Bénézet, famously known as the Pont d'Avignon (Avignon bridge).

Avignon: Enrich your stay

1. Visit the Palais des Papes
2. Visit the Petit Palais Museum
3. Walk on the Pont d'Avignon
4. Admire the Basilica of Notre Dam des Doms d'Avignon
5. Enjoy a coffee in Place de l'Horloge
6. Stroll around the Jardin des Doms
7. Walk around the Old City Ramparts
8. Pick up some local produce at Les Halles Market
9. Stroll around the cobbled streets of Avignon

MAZAN



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Commune in the center of Vaucluse, at the foot of Mont Ventoux. Located at 30km from Avignon and its famous bridge. The territory of Mazan was known for its wine-growing activity from the Gallo-Roman era. The town attracts visitors for the quality of its AOC Côtes-du-Ventoux wine, a cooperative cellar and 8 private cellars, as well as the production of fruit and vegetables such as asparagus, strawberries, cherries, melons, apricots, peaches and of course table grapes that you can buy directly from producers or on the Saturday morning market. You will be seduced by the charm of its architectural and natural heritage.

Mazan: Enrich your stay

1. Abbaye Notre-Dame de Senanque
2. Chateau Pesquie
3. Chateau la Croix des Pins
4. Chateau Tour des Genets
5. Chateau Thezan Saint-Didier
6. La Cave Cantepedrix
7. Domaine Plein Pagnier
8. Domaine du Grand Jacquet

MONT VENTOUX



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1. Cycling (one of the scenes in the Tour de France)
2. Montbrun les Bains
3. Pernes-les-fontaines
4. Gorge de la Nesque

GORDES. Population: 1,974



Yet another hilltop stunner, Gordes is easily one of the most charming towns in all of France. The elevated location makes it one of the best places in Provence to watch the sunset, an excellent home base for seeking out lavender fields during the summer months. It's only a 10-minute drive from the town center to Sénanque Abbey, a 12th century church famous for its endless stretches of purple blooms.

ROUSSILLON. Population: 1,328



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Some cities are known for their connection to a specific color, like pink in Jaipur Roussillon, sitting atop one of the world's largest ochre deposits, has plenty of the mineral's reddish hue on display on buildings and the dramatic cliffs nearby.

MANE EN PROVENCE



Enrich your stay:

1. Le Couvent des Minimes Hotel
2. Castle Sauvvan
3. Citadelle de Mane
4. Pont du Gard
5. Valensole
6. The Provencol Colorado
7. Notre Dame de Beauvoir
8. Abbaye du Thoronet
9. Reserve Biologique des Monts d'Azur
10. La Caramellerie

ROQUEBRUNE SUR ARGENS



Enrich your stay:

1. Rocher de Roquebrune
2. Chateau Vaudois
3. Massif de l'Esterel
4. Domaine du Blavet
5. Domaine de l'Olivette
6. Lac de l'Arena
7. Vivier Maritime de la Gaillarde
8. Plage de La Gaillarde
9. Plage de la Garonette
10. La Chocolaterie du Rocher

AIX EN PROVENCE



Enrich your stay:

1. Cezanne's Studio
2. Chateau la Coste
3. Chateau de la Gaude
4. Cours Mirabeau
5. Musee du Vieil-Aix
6. Pavillon Vendome
7. Fontaine de la Rotonde
8. Place des Quatre Dauphins
9. Place d'Albertas
10. Place des Cardeurs

SAINT-REMY DE PROVENCE



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Enrich your stay:

1. Chateau des Baux-de-Provence
2. Site Archeologique de Glanum
3. Monastery Saint Paul de Mausole
4. Domaine de la Vallongue
5. Moulin du Calenquet
6. Peirou Lake