



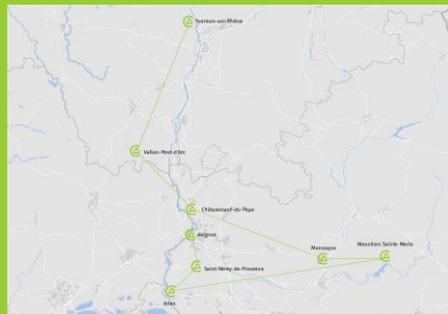
## Picturesque Provence

*For Tour dates and prices visit our website*

### The Tour

The picturesque Provence is a land of striking natural beauty and great diversity - with lavender meadows, oceans of vineyards and olive groves and the largest canyons in Europe and on the other hand lively cities and adorable villages with twisted narrow cobblestone streets.

On our Tour you can visit large cities like Avignon or Arles, but also many of the smaller villages with their natural beauty like the “wedding cake” town of Gordes. During the tour you can participate at the Feria in Nîmes, when the town is taken over by horses and bulls and also by music, dancing and wine. But the tour is also timed in a way that we go to many towns during their market days, including the market in Arles, the largest in Provence. We will also have a wine tasting at a vineyard in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The end of the tour is crowned by an historic train ride through the Doux river valley.



### Highlights:

- Visit of the L'OCCITANE beauty product factory and museum
- Historic train ride in Ardèche valley
- Wine tasting at a vineyard
- Feria de Pentecôte (Whitsun), one of the largest festive events in France
- Grand Canyon de Verdon one of the most beautiful river valleys in Europe



### Tour information

Start: Avignon  
End: Tournon-sur-Rhône  
Tour days: 14  
Non-Driving days: 5  
Max. daily mileage: 98 miles  
Total mileage: 367 miles  
Calais-Avignon: 622 miles  
Pets allowed

### Travel services

- Welcome Dinner
- Wine tasting at a vineyard
- Visit of the L'OCCITANE beauty product factory and museum
- Historic train ride in Doux river valley
- All campsites / motorhome parks with electricity (where available)
- Assistance of a multi-lingual motorhome guide during the whole tour
- Travel pack containing maps, a detailed road book with directions to the campsites, suggestions for sightseeing and general advice on motorhoming in Europe
- Secured Payment Certificate



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## **Day 1 and Day 2: Avignon**

We will start our tour in the beautiful town of Avignon with the great Pope Palace. On the first evening we will have a group dinner in a lovely restaurant in order to get to know each other. Depending on your arrival time, you can start exploring Avignon during the afternoon. The second day can be used to explore Avignon further, for a day trip to the UNESCO World Heritage site Pont du Gard, or go to Nîmes and participate in the Feria, the high point of festive life in Nîmes.

## **Day 3: Avignon – Saint-Rémy-de-Provence**

On the way to Saint-Rémy-en-Provence you can visit the Château de Tarascon idyllically located next to the river Rhône, or you have another opportunity to visit Nîmes.

## **Day 4: Saint-Rémy-de-Provence**

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is a jet set town during summer, but quiet and charming when we travel. The town was home to the prophecy-maker Nostradamus and the Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh and is the summer home of Princess Caroline of Monaco. The roman ruins of Glanum, which are well worth a visit, are a mere stone's throw away from the town centre.

## **Day 5: Saint-Rémy-de-Provence – Arles**

Before we continue our journey walk into town and stroll over the weekly market, offering many local products. On your way to Arles you can cross the hills of the Alpilles and visit the medieval city of Baux de Provence. Remember to stock up on olive oil, at one of the olive mills in Maussane-les-Alpilles.

## **Day 6: Arles**

Arles has a lot to offer. Visit the roman Amphitheatre, Saint-Trophime church or one of the excellent Mediterranean restaurants, or just take a walk through the old town. You could also use the day for a trip to the Camargue and visit the towns of Aigues Mortes, Saintes Maries de la Mer or drive through the nature park and see the flamingos and wild horses.

## **Day 7: Arles – Moustiers Sainte-Marie**

Arles has the largest market in Provence and gives you another chance to buy local products of all kinds before the longer drive to the Verdon region. On your way you could stop in Aix-en-Provence or continue along the scenic routes to Moustiers Sainte-Marie.

## **Day 8: Moustiers Sainte-Marie**

Moustiers Sainte-Marie has a rich history in ceramic craftsmanship and the faïence is renowned for its fine decoration. Use the day to drive through the Grand Canyon de Verdon, the largest river canyon in Europe. Drive along the winding roads and enjoy the spectacular views. Alternatively you can visit the town of Sainte-Croix with its beautiful lake.

## **Day 9: Moustiers Sainte-Marie – Manosque**

Today you can drive through the lavender fields of the plateau de Valensole to Manosque. Here we will visit a beauty products factory to see how lavender and other Mediterranean aromatic and medicinal plants are used in fragrances and skincare products.

## **Day 10: Manosque – Chateauneuf-du-Pape**

Today is market day. Visit either the market in Apt or leave early and travel to Gordes, the beautiful “wedding cake” town and stroll over the market there. There are many places to see nearby, like the ochre cliffs of Roussillon, Fontaine-de-Vaucluse or the Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque. In the evening we will stay at a vineyard near Chateauneuf-du-Pape, where we will have a wine tasting.

## **Day 11:**

### **Chateauneuf-du-Pape – Vallon-Pont-d’Arc**

Today we will drive through the Ardèche valley to Vallon-Pont-d’Arc. There are plenty of places to stop and admire the river and the rock formations. If it gets too hot, you can visit one of the Ardèche caves, where you can discover huge halls and amazing water basins, which are unique in Europe.

### **Day 12: Vallon-Pont-d’Arc – Tournon-sur-Rhône**

Today you will have another opportunity to visit a market before leaving the campsite. On the way to our next campsite you have the opportunity to stop at the site of the Caverne du Pont d’Arc, a cave with prehistoric wall paintings, or to visit Montélimar to buy some of the world famous Nougat.

### **Day 13: Tournon-sur-Rhône**

Today we will take a journey on a historic steam train through the most inaccessible part of the Doux valley. It is an unforgettable experience in exceptional surroundings. From panoramic carriages, you can view man-made structures overhanging the river, pitons and chaotic piles of rocks providing views of an untouched and preserved landscape

### **Day 14: Departure and end of tour**