



Picturesque Provence

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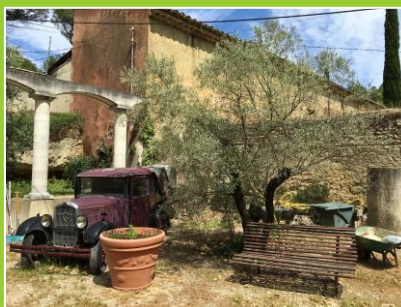
The Tour

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 the historic city of Avignon, with its stunning papal palace and famous bridge, and also the town of Arles, steeped in history and one of the best places in the Provence to experience the region's Roman heritage. We will also see many smaller villages including the hilltop "wedding cake" town of Gordes, justifiably listed as one of the most beautiful villages of France. We also have the opportunity to see other UNESCO listed world heritage sites like Pont du Gard, the highest and best-preserved Roman aqueduct bridge as well as the fascinating replica of the Chauvet - Pont-d'Arc cave. The tour is also timed in a way that we visit 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. At the end of the tour, there is the possibility to go on an historic train ride through the Doux river valley.

Highlights:

- Visit of the L'OCCITANE beauty product factory and museum
- Wine tasting at a vineyard in Châteauneuf-du-Pape
- 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
- 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 visit Nîmes with its many Roman sites.

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 – Châteauneuf-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 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where we will have a wine tasting.

Day 11:

Châteauneuf-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

Enjoy a relaxing day at the campsite before your return journey.

Day 14: Departure and end of tour