



# France

## Pleasures of Provence

### Inspiring Moments

- Immerse yourself in the artist’s life with a tour of **Paul Cézanne’s studio**.
- Gaze in wonder at the **Pont du Gard**, built by the Romans in 19 B.C.
- Bask in the tranquil beauty of historic **Saint-Rémy-de-Provence**.
- Visit lush Arles, famed for inspiring **Vincent Van Gogh**, and for Les Arènes, its **Roman amphitheater**.
- Feast on the  **freshest seafood**  in the Provençal fishing village of Cassis.
- Stroll **Aix-en-Provence’s picturesque Cours Mirabeau** boulevard.
- Cruise through the steep-walled inlets of the **Calanques of Marseille**.
- Savor a glass of Rhone wine at a vineyard in the village of **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city ✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Marseilles and transfer 🚗 to Aix-en-Provence/hotel
- Day 3** Aix-en-Provence | Cassis
- Day 4** Avignon
- Day 5** Arles | Les Baux-de-Provence | Saint-Rémy-de-Provence
- Day 6** Marseille
- Day 7** Provence
- Day 8** Aix-en-Provence
- Day 9** Transfer 🚗 to Marseille Airport and depart for gateway city ✈

Flights ✈ and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

### Included Features

- Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
  - **7 nights** at the first-class Grand Hotel ROI René, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- Transfers** (with baggage handling)
  - Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.
- Extensive Meal Program**
  - 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
  - **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
  - **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
  - **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
  - **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise |** Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.

Above: Lourmarin countryside





## A World of Discovery

**AHI Connects | Les Pastras.** Meet the Franco-American owners and take a tour of their organic Provencal farm and black truffle plantation. Then, led by professional truffle hunters, join the search for France's elusive "black gold." Enjoy a sampling of fresh truffle hors d'oeuvres, Champagne and various oils. After a Provencal buffet lunch, learn to play the game of *pétanque*!

### Aix-en-Provence & Cézanne's Studio.

On today's guided tour, stroll upon the Cours Mirabeau, considered one of the most beautiful boulevards in Europe. Then, immerse yourself in the artist's life with a Cézanne studio tour. Travel on to the sun-drenched fishing village of Cassis on the Mediterranean coast for a fresh seafood lunch before taking a relaxing cruise through the deep, narrow inlets of the Calanques.

**Avignon & the Pond Du Gard.** In Avignon, explore the impressive Palais des Papes—a fortress-like medieval masterpiece with "ramparts, towers and turrets—which sits on the banks of the Rhône River. After lunch, travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Pont du Gard, an ancient technical masterpiece with an enormous three-tiered aqueduct built by the Romans in 19 B.C.

**Châteauneuf-du-Pape.** Explore this historic Rhone wine region in the stunning countryside of southeastern France's Rhône Valley. Relish a winery tour and tasting of the powerful, full-bodied red wine.

### Arles, Les Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

Journey to Arles for a guided tour to see the amphitheater of Les Arènes and the Cathédral Saint-Trophime, a masterpiece of Romanesque style. Then, in the hill town of Les Baux-de-Provence, see a glimpse of medieval life with its tiny squares and cobblestone streets. Travel to nearby Saint-Rémy-de-Provence to see the lush green, perfumed valleys that inspired Vincent Van Gogh's paintings. Visit Moulin de Calanquet, for a tour and tasting at this olive oil mill.

**Marseille.** Discover France's oldest city, founded around 600 B.C. by Greek settlers from Phocaea. Today, Marseille is a dazzling metropolis on the Mediterranean. On a guided coach and walking tour, see the Palais Longchamp, admire the magnificent view from Notre Dame de la Garde, and take a stroll through Le Panier, the oldest district of Marseille. Enjoy lunch and explore Marseille further at leisure this afternoon.

**Lourmarin & Cucuron.** Relish a panoramic tour of two of the most beautiful villages in the Luberon massif. Lourmarin was once home to Nobel Prize-winning author Albert Camus, and author Peter Mayle.



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## Enrichment

### – Splendors of Aix-en-Provence and the South of France

#### UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Historic Center of Avignon: Papal Palace**
2. **Point du Gard: Roman Aqueduct**
3. **Roman and Romanesque Monuments, Arles**

## Accommodations

**Grand Hôtel ROI René | Aix-en-Provence**



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**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

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