



THE EXTRAORDINARY PROVENCE 5*

7 Days / 6 Nights

Arrival in: Marseille Airport or Aix TGV

Departure from: Marseille Airport or Aix TGV

Highlight of the itinerary

- A week immersion in Provence
- Theme around gastronomy, wine and culture
- High Hand Services

From 2 person sharing

Explore your tour:

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival and transfer to your Hotel « Le Pignonnet 5* ».

Day at leisure.

Night at the Hotel Le Pignonnet 5*, Deluxe room.

Day 2: Discovery of the Alpilles

Morning: Your guide will take you to visit Les Baux de Provence, the “Carrières de Lumières” and tasting at a winery (appellation Baux de Provence). Twelve scattered areas on either side of the rock des Baux-de-Provence. The wines of Les Baux-de-Provence are defined both by the character of their land, unique and multiple, as by the men’s choices. Recognized since 1995 by a “controlled appellation of origin”, the winemakers of Baux-de-Provence are united since their first grapes by the willingness to preserve their land intact, naturally protected and dried by the mistral.

Lunch : You can have lunch in a restaurant in St Rémy de Provence.

Your expert recommand's you : le café de la Place.



Afternoon: Walking in the streets of St Remy de Provence where you can find nice shops, art galleries and local products. Known for its quality of life and beautiful landscapes, St Rémy has seen among other Nostradamus and Van Gogh.

Wine tasting in a vineyard with the Appellation: Baux de Provence

Dinner at leisure.

Night at the Hotel Le Pigonnet 5*, Deluxe room.

Day 3: Cassis and its Calanques

Your guide takes you to discover the wines of Cassis and its « Calanques »

You will savor two wine tasting in vineyards « appellation Cassis »

There are more than 2600 years ... The Phocaea's, during they founded Marseilles, implanting the first grapes in the Cassis bay. They introduce the « Ugni Blanc », still present today. Later, the Romans perpetuate the culture of the vine in Cassis and ship the wine by sea. As evidenced wine amphora were found in the Cassis bay.. You have to come back in the middle Age to find the first writings about the cassis Vineyard. In 1381, a notarial text recounts the presence of vineyard land in a place called "The Arena", by the sea.

From the beginning, the winery moved to the Mediterranean Sea to then expand into the slopes of the surrounding mountains. In the sixteenth century, Cassis sealed his destiny: the vineyard specializing in the development of white wines. A revolution in Provence! Moreover, the red wines dominate.

Lunch: you could have lunch in a restaurant in Cassis.

For lunch, your guide will recommends you: le Bistort de la Villa Madie with a beautiful sea view

Afternoon: Explore the Calanques de Cassis with a private boat (possibility of bathing therefore provide swimwear).

Calanques were formed there are 120 million years. To the west of Cassis, the Massif Calanques is made of white limestone over 400 m thick. Marine valleys have widened, creating real miniature fjords, sometimes containing great natural coves.

Dinner at leisure.

Do not hesitate to ask your expert to reserve a table at a fabulous restaurant in the area.

Night at the Hotel Le Pigonnet 5*, Deluxe room.



Day 4 : Day at leisure at l'Hotel Le Pignonnet 5*

Le Pignonnet 5* represent the Provençal "Art de Vivre" situated in the center of Aix en Provence. Wonderful garden, a Spa, rooms with terrace and a marvelous restaurant invite at you to relaxation.

Do not hesitate to ask your expert to add a Provençal cooking class with a chef during this day. (not included)

No meals included

Night at the Hotel Le Pignonnet 5*, Deluxe room.

Day 5: Discovery of the "Palais des Papes" in Avignon and the wines of Chateauneuf du Pape.

Morning: You will visit the "Palais des Papes" and the Pont St Benezet (with audio guide). "The Palais des Papes" is the church of radiation symbol on the Christian West in the XIV Century. Edified in 1335, in less than twenty years, it is the leadership of two builder popes, Benedict XII and his successor Clement VI. The monument is the largest Gothic palace in the West (15 000 m2 of floor or of 4 Gothic cathedrals) and has more than twenty places, events theaters universal impact, notably with the private apartments of Pope and their fabulous settings frescoes (executed by Italian artist: Matteo Giovannetti)

Do not hesitate to ask your expert for a private guide in the "Palais des Papes".

Afternoon: You can have lunch in a restaurant of Avignon.
*Ask your expert for a reservation at the restaurant "La Maison Christian Etienne" 1*at Michelin guide.*

Two wine tasting in vineyard estates appellation Châteauneuf du Pape (Châteauneuf du Pape is one of the most famous wine regions in the world where you can visit some of the oldest wineries in France and see old castle ruins dating from the Popes' 13th century.) Châteauneuf du Pape has no rival when it comes to red wines of world class (10% of the high-end production is white and pink is not cultivated). You'll love the landscapes and places that we have selected and that most visitors do not get to see).

Dinner at leisure.

Night at the Hotel Le Pignonnet 5*, Deluxe room.



Day 6 : Discover the wines of Bandol

Morning: Two tastings at wineries in Bandol (Bandol is one of the first regions where the Phoenicians came cultivate vines in a privileged site that will contribute to its growth. The land then has not changed and is still the one we know today, many drawn by its geological barriers, "Big Brain" in the South, « Mount Caume » in the East, in the north the massif of Sainte Baume, with the natural opening to the Gulf of Bandol. In this fabulous scenery along the coastline, you will be seduced by exceptional wines.

Afternoon: you can have lunch in a restaurant in a medieval village.
Your guide will recommends you: le « Pied de Nez »

Walk in in the beautiful medieval village: the Castellet dating from the 12th century.
Last tasting in a vineyard in Bandol.

Dinner at leisure.

Night at the Hotel Le Pignonnet 5* , Deluxe room.

Day 7: After breakfast in your wonderful Hotel, you will leave this fantastic region and your guide will transfer to Marseille airport or the TGV station Aix en Provence

End of our services.

The tour includes :

Airport / railway station transfers,
Driver-guide expert on the destination
Transportation
Tours (entries in the vineyards, visit with Audio Guide Palais des Papes and Pont d'Avignon)
6 Nights at Hotel Le Pignonnet5* , in Aix en Provence in a Deluxe room, Continental breakfast,
Tourist taxes.



The tours not includes:

The flight or train to Marseille or Aix TGV

Lunch and dinner,

All personal expenses

Ask your expert to add an option to your tour: Cooking class of Provençal fine cuisine with a Chief of the region