

PROVENCE & RIVIERA

8 Days FROM \$2,366



ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(4) Avignon • (3) Nice



- No. of overnight stays

— - By deluxe minivan

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Provence's rugged beauty and rustic charms that continue to captivate hearts
- Delve into Orange, a UNESCO world heritage site featuring an imperial Roman past best seen in the crumbling antiquities of Nîmes and Aix-en-Provence
- Journey to the famed vineyards of the Rhone Valley to taste award-winning wines and explore unique markets and attractions in three special Provencal villages: St. Remy de Provence, Les Baux de Provence, and Arles
- Allow yourself to be seduced by the unfettered charm of Gordes, Roussillon, and Uzès
- Tour of the Principality of Monaco and indulge in the luxuriousness of Monte Carlo
- Take in stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea from the small hilltop village of Eze and stroll along the French Riviera boardwalk of Nice
- Visit the medieval village, Saint Paul de Vence, then get to know the glitzy beach town of Cannes, known for its namesake film festival

DAY 1 | AVIGNON Arrival at Avignon railway station and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to start discovering this lovely and charming town.

DAY 2 | AVIGNON | ORANGE | ST. RÉMY DE PROVENCE | LES BAUX DE PROVENCE | ARLES | AVIGNON Your day begins with a visit of Orange, a UNESCO World Heritage site. After a visit of the well preserved Roman Triumphal Arch, a symbol of the Roman imperial glory, your driver will take you on a journey through the vineyards between Orange and Chateauneuf-du-Pape, where a wine tasting session of the most prestigious red wine in the Rhone Valley awaits you. Continue to St. Rémy de Provence, a picturesque market town. The medieval streets of the Old Town jumble together to form a maze filled with upscale boutiques and pretty shops stocking Provençal products. Continue with a visit of Les Baux de Provence, a village set upon a rock, and of Arles, a good example of the adaptation of an ancient city to medieval European civilization. (B)

DAY 3 | AVIGNON | GORDES | ROUSSILLON | AVIGNON Morning tour of Avignon, the City of the Popes. See the Popes' Palace, the largest gothic palace in the world, and the majestic Pont d'Avignon. In the afternoon, continue to Gordes, a hilltop village in the Luberon region. Its houses and buildings of white stone root themselves into the sharp cliff of the mountain. Its labyrinth of "calades", narrow cobblestone streets, do not leave the visitor indifferent to its charms. Continue to Roussillon, a village that has seduced many artists. Its houses offer the passers-by a harmony of enchanting colors, art galleries, and some very good restaurants. After a visit of the Senanque Abbey and Lavender Museum, we head back to the hotel. (B)

DAY 4 | AVIGNON | NIMES | UZÈS | AVIGNON Start with a tour of Nimes, known for the greatest wealth of ancient buildings. See the Pont du Gard, the majestic Roman aqueduct, the Maison Carré, a gorgeous example of a Roman Temple, and the Arena, the best-preserved arena in France. Continue with a visit of Uzès, a charming medieval village, and self-proclaimed first duchy of France. (B)

DAY 5 | AVIGNON | AIX-EN-PROVENCE | NICE Today visit the fountain-filled Aix-en-Provence and step back in time. Vestiges of the Roman city are still visible at the Thermes Sextius spa, Gothic cloisters can be admired at the Cathedral, and sumptuous neoclassical houses that long inspired writers and artists can be seen in the Mazarin quarter. Visit of Paul Cezanne's studio. Continue to Nice and check in at your hotel. (B)

DAY 6 | NICE Today tour the lovely town of Nice. See the Promenade des Anglais, the famous waterfront boulevard, the elegant Belle Époque-style buildings, and Marché aux Fleurs. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 | NICE | CANNES | SAINT PAUL DE VENCE | MONTE CARLO | EZE | NICE Your day is filled with exciting visits. Start with a visit of Cannes, the glitzy town known for its film festival. After a visit of Saint Paul de Vence, a medieval fortified village, we continue to the Principality of Monaco. From casinos to elegant balls, Monte Carlo has plenty of luxurious attractions to draw international jet-setters. The next stop will be the tiny village of Eze, perched on a rocky hill above the sea. With narrow cobblestone, pedestrian-only streets, wonderful views of the surrounding hills and the azure water below, it is just as it was centuries ago. After a visit of the Fragonard perfumery we head back to the hotel. (B)

DAY 8 | NICE TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Morning transfer to airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast



INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- 7 included meals consisting of:
 - 7 buffet breakfasts
- Touring by deluxe air-conditioned minivan
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional driver/escort for the entire length of the program
- Sightseeing, including all entrance fees as follows:
 - Tour of Provence, including visits of Orange, St. Rémy de Provence, Les Baux de Provence, and Arles
 - Tour of Avignon, including entrance fees for the Pope's Palace and Pont d'Avignon
 - Tour of Gordes
 - Tour of Roussillon
 - Tour of Nimes
 - Visit of Lavender Museum
 - Tour of Uzès
 - Tour of Aix-en-Provence, including entrance fee for Paul Cezanne studio
 - Tour of Monaco
 - Tour of Eze
 - Tour of Nice
 - Tour of Saint Paul de Vence
 - Tour of Cannes
 - Visit of Fragonard perfumery
 - Wine tasting and visit of a cellar in Chateauneuf-du-Pape
- Transfer from Avignon railway station to Avignon hotel
- Transfer from Nice hotel to airport
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Avignon	4	Hotel de L'Horloge	First class
Nice	3	Massena	First class

2019 TOUR DATES & PRICES

January - December	Price
Daily Departures	
Minimum of 6 people	\$2,366
Minimum of 4 people	\$2,548
Minimum of 2 people	\$3,116

Supplement for July arrivals \$125

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: On Request

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available

Price is per person based on double occupancy.