

Provence & The Ardeche

18 DAYS | 9TH TO 26TH JUNE 2021

Early Bird Price: £1950 per unit (includes two people)

Full Price: £2050 per unit (for bookings made after 31/12/2020)

Loyalty Discount: £50 off | Deposit: £350 | Additional passengers: £350

This 18-day tour focuses on inland Provence and the Ardeche, the area immortalised by Peter Mayle's 'A Year in Provence'. Avoiding the over-commercialised south coast, this tour is characterised by stunning mountains in the Haute Alps, medieval cities, idyllic hill-top towns and villages, wide open plains, ridges and gorges. In Provence, our route takes us from Avignon in the west, passing around Gordes in the Luberon and on to Sisteron in the mountains. On our route to and from Provence we visit the rugged charms of the Ardeche region in the Rhone-Alpes, best known for its caves, gorges and valleys. This area is one of the most beautiful in France.

ON OR NEAR OUR ROUTE:

- The cities and towns of Avignon, Sisteron, Aix en Provence, St Remy de Provence, Dignes les Bains, Orange, Montelimar, Valence, St Montan, Gordes and Les Baux de Provence.
- The vineyards, hilltop villages, plains and ridges of the Luberon National Park.
- The rugged valleys, ridges and caves in the Ardeche including the Pont d'arc.
- The monasteries including Thoronet, St Paul de Mausole, Notre Dame de Ganagobie and Senanque.
- The mountain roads, villages, lakes and ravines of the Provence Haute Alps.
- The lavender fields.

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NIGHT BEFORE: We stay on a campsite close to Dover where we provide a full briefing for the tour and advice on motorhoming on the continent in general. This is a complimentary night and you are welcome to join us at no additional cost.

DAYS 1 - 2: Over the next two days, we travel deep into France with overnight stops in the Champagne and Burgundy regions.

DAYS 3 - 5: We head into the heart of Ardeche with three nights close to the famed Pont d'Arc. This is a great base to visit the valleys, ridges and villages of the region.

DAYS 6 - 8: We head into Provence today and to the city at the heart of the region, Avignon. Sitting on the Rhone river, the walled centre is rich in medieval history and is home to the famous half-finished bridge.

DAYS 9 - 10: We head into the Luberon today staying in the middle of the range close to the dramatic hill-top town of Gordes. You can also visit the Senanque Abbey, which if we are lucky will be framed with lavender at this time of year.

DAYS 11 - 13: It's into the mountains today and to our site near Sisteron. This is a spectacular drive as we head through the Provence Haute Alps. There are

various walking and cycling trails in this area, which is a magnet for outdoor types. There are plenty of towns and villages if you are feeling less energetic.

DAYS 14 - 15: We go back into the Ardeche today on the eastern side close to historic town of Valence. The town sits on the Rhone river with architecture dating back to the 11th century.

DAYS 16 - 18: We start our journey north today with stopovers in the Burgundy and Champagne regions before heading for Calais and our scheduled afternoon crossing. Alternatively you may choose to extend your stay and take advantage of your flexible return ticket.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/COSTS:

- There are toll charges on French motorways.
- We recommend a low emission zone sticker for France.



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