



PROVENCE & THE ARDECHE

18 DAYS | 2ND TO 19TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Early Bird Price: £2450 per unit (includes two people)

Full Price: £2550 (for bookings made after 31/12/2023)

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

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EARLY BIRD PRICE

This 18-day tour focuses on inland Provence and the Ardeche. Avoiding the over-commercialised south coast, this tour is characterised by stunning mountains in the Provence Haute Alps, medieval cities, idyllic hill-top towns and villages, wide open plains, rivers, ridges and gorges. In Provence, our route takes us from Avignon in the west, passing around Gordes and on to Sisteron in the mountains. En route we visit the rugged charms of the Ardeche region in the Rhone-Alpes, best known for its caves, gorges and valleys. This is a rich and varied tour that provides a true picture of southern France. Highlights include the historic bridge and walled palaces at Avignon, the dramatic Pont' d'Arc arch carved out of the rock by the Ardeche river and the picturesque town of Gordes draped across the Luberon hillside.

DOVER-CALAIS FERRY INCLUDED

♥% LOYALTY DISCOUNT



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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 Ardeche with three nights around Montelimar, the home of nougat! It is also a great base to visit the valleys, ridges and villages of the Ardeche.

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.

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.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

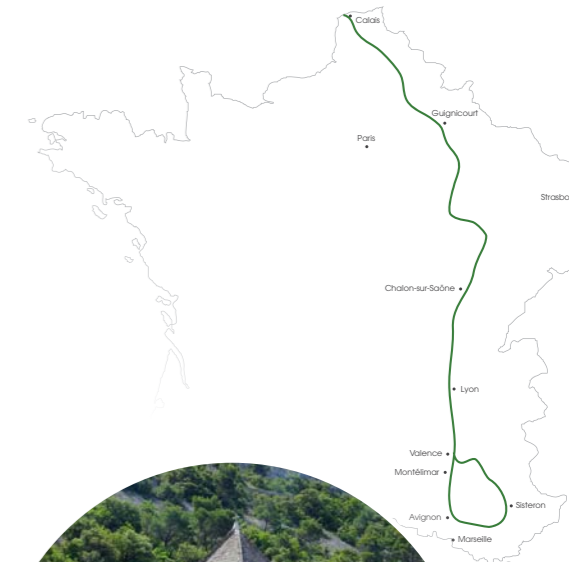
The cities and towns of Avignon, Sisteron, Aix en Provence, St Remy de Provence, Dignes les Bains, Orange, Montelimar, Valence, St Montan, Gordes and Les Baux de Provence.

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.



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/COSTS:

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