

# Provence, a kaleidoscope of timeless encounters

Discover the charms of French Provence... luminous scenery, refined fragrances and savory gastronomy, leading the way to the gentle waves of the Mediterranean...

Finding France offers an experience tailored to your desires, where you'll delve into the deep heritage of the region and uncover its history, ancestral know-how and traditional culinary wonders.

Travel for 3 to 7 days along an itinerary drawn up from your own choices, crafting a unique and unforgettable custom experience.

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Here's a sample itinerary for a 7-day and 6-night route:

- DAY 1: Aix-en-Provence welcomes you upon arrival
- DAY 2: Aix and the Sainte-Victoire mountain – Tradition & culinary arts
- DAY 3: Silvacane Abbey and Lourmarin – History and nature at the threshold of the Luberon region
- DAY 4: The Blue Coast – Provence as seen from the Mediterranean
- DAY 5: Marseille – A city transcending its past
- DAY 6: Camargue – where Sea and Land comeingle
- DAY 7: Departure from Aix-en-Provence





## DAY 1

# Arrival in the City of Aix-en-Provence

*Welcome to Provence*

## AFTERNOON

- Your dedicated driver and shuttle welcome you at the Aix-en-Provence TGV station.
- Evening cocktail dinner. Your local guide gives you a taste of what's ahead with the week's detailed schedule.
- Restful night at your hotel located in historic downtown Aix-en-Provence.



## OPTIONS

- Sightsee at your own pace in the ancient paved streets of Aix-en-Provence, leisurely taking in the XVII<sup>th</sup> and XVIII<sup>th</sup> century townhouses and visiting enticing shops
- Marvel at the treasures of the Granet Museum and wonder at the details of the Caumont Townhouse, both of which are in walking distance of your hotel.





## DAY 2

# Aix and the Sainte-Victoire mountain

## *Tradition and Culinary discovery*

### MORNING

- Let a master guide walk you through the rich past of downtown Aix-en-Provence.
- Take a breather at the market, chatting with local producers and sampling regional specialties.
- Experience a one-on-one cooking class with Jean, a Provence Chef, with fresh produce just picked from the day's market stalls.
- Savor lunch with Jean together.

### AFTERNOON

- Your driver-guide will lead you up the Sainte-Victoire mountain, the slopes and breadth of which inspired many painters of the Impressionist school, like Paul Cézanne.
- Intimate dining experience in a restaurant of your choice in Aix.
- We'll provide a list of restaurants we personally checked and recommend that are within a few steps only of your hotel.
- Spend the night at the hotel in Aix-en-Provence.



### OPTIONS

- Let the wind rustle your hair in a vintage motorcycle sidecar as you tour the Aix-en-Provence countryside



DAY 3

# Silvacane Abbey and Lourmarin

*History and nature at the threshold of the Luberon region*

## MORNING

- Take a step a thousand years in the past as you visit one of the three "Cistercian sisters", an abbey located at the Roque d'Anthéron: Silvacane Abbey.
- Lunch will be provided in the village of Lourmarin, awardee of the "Most beautiful Village of France" title.

## AFTERNOON

- Will you visit the fortified medieval castle? Or peek into an art gallery to meet the painter, brush in hand? Free time - your choice!
- Discover one of the region's most famed specialties with a local producer.
- Dining in a restaurant of your choice in Aix, selected from one of our best recommendations.
- Spend the night at the hotel in Aix-en-Provence.



## OPTIONS

- Wander about in the town of Cucuron
- Weave through the narrow streets of Ansouis and visit its castle





## DAY 4

# The Blue Coast

*Provence as seen from the Mediterranean*

### MORNING

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- Outing at sea... on the hunt for that intimate cove that is the perfect hideaway. Swimming allowed from the boat.
- Fresh seasonal produce and local cooking for lunch in a picturesque inlet.

### AFTERNOON

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- Discover a quaint village of the Blue Coast, home to American singer Nina Simone in her later years; a few steps along the seaside and you'll join in on local leisure activities.
- Dining in a restaurant of your choice in Aix, selected from one of our best recommendations.
- Spend the night at the hotel in Aix-en-Provence.



### OPTIONS

- Listen to what the grapevine whispers in regional vineyards: visit production facilities and dip your lips in their best samples in a charming setting



DAY 5

# Marseille

*A city transcending its past*

## MORNING

- An eclectic and surprising combination of historical sights, landmark monuments and local crafts.
- Meet Jonas, a deep-sea diver and coral collector, at the historical fishport. He'll introduce you to fishmongers of the Mediterranean!
- With your guide, hop aboard a cute street train to visit the towering "Notre Dame de la Garde" basilica, the "Good Mother". From there, 360° panorama of Marseille.
- The Marseille chocolate delicacies won't have any secrets for you after an insider's peek inside a chocolate maker's workshop... where you're in for a surprising treat over lunch!

## AFTERNOON

- Let our knowledgeable guide walk you through the winding streets of historic Marseille, culminating with the stunning modern architecture along the seawall.
- Meet engaging craftsmen, enter their workshops and learn to handle some of their tools. Possibilities abound: Gaëlle will show you how to make coral jewelry, while others share tips on how to make clay nativity figures, knives, traditional soaps...
- Dining in a restaurant of your choice in Aix, selected from one of our best recommendations.
- Spend the night at the hotel in Aix-en-Provence.



## OPTIONS

- Extend the day with an evening boating escapade, admiring the sunset on the Frioul archipelago and savoring a light dinner on one of its beaches
- Run with hordes of extinct aurochs in the Cosquer Cave mock-up, an exquisite reproduction of the 27,000 year-old cave complete with parietal art. Opens in 2022 in the Villa Méditerranée, itself an architectural masterpiece





## DAY 6

# Camargue

*Where Sea and Land comeingle*

### MORNING

- As the day rolls on, contemplation of this two-fold Camargue region will never grow old, with fauna and flora playing with all the senses in both the terrestrial and maritime portions of the land.
- Meet up with local farmers in their heirloom stone "mas" villages and visit their family farm.
- Let nature set the pace as you go horse-back riding to better take in the unique wilderness of the area.
- Also possible: ride at the back of a pick-up truck!
- Lunch in a grassy field with produce grown nearby.

### AFTERNOON

- Discover Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a charming village with a loaded past, capital of Camargue, delicately set at the edge of the Mediterranean Sea.
- Let a master guide walk you through its fortified church and its vicinity.
- Free time in the village. Swimming possible at the nearby beach.
- Dining in a restaurant of your choice in Aix, selected from one of our best recommendations.
- Spend the night at the hotel in Aix-en-Provence.



### OPTIONS

- Visit the Gau ornithological bird-watching reserve



DAY 7

## Departure from Aix-en-Provence

*Bon voyage, until we meet again!*

MORNING

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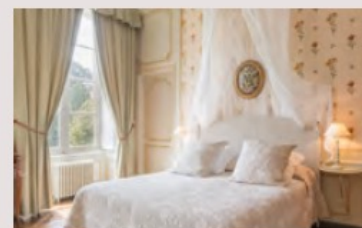
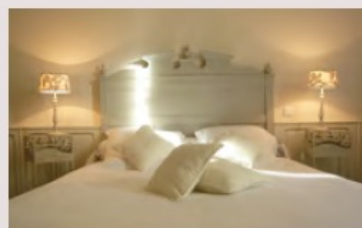
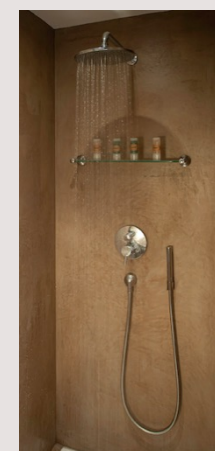
- Shopping in downtown Aix is possible before leaving.
- A private van will shuttle you from the city center to the Aix-en-Provence TGV train station.





# Experience the true French art-de-vivre

Finding France offers a unique selection of guest houses and charming bed-and-breakfasts that will open their doors for you. Families welcomed with joy!





## TARIFFS:

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7 day and 6 nights starting at 2,363 € (VAT included) per person for a 8-person reservation.  
Add-on for single room lodging: check with us beforehand.

### What's included:

Night stays in premium, top-rated guest houses and typical hotels.

All breakfasts and lunches.

A driver-guide assigned to you for your entire stay.

Transportation in a top-notch air-conditioned vehicle.

Travel to and from the Aix-en-Provence TGV train station.

Fees for local guides when visiting certain historical sites.

All tasting and sampling expenses when visiting local producers.

VIP access to all events and activities described in the itinerary.

Customized activities for persons who can only walk short distances.

Covid-related sanitary precautions: daily disinfection of the vehicle with virus-killing sanitizers, masks and hydroalcoholic gel provided daily on a use-all-you-need basis.

Finding France 24/7 emergency assistance.



Travel in small groups, from 2 to 8 persons (maximum).

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Discover the France of your dreams – from the destinations we offer, you decide which to visit and how long your stay at each should last.

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Itineraries are reviewed to ensure availability of specialty producers and craftsmen, since some are highly seasonal.

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Booking your travel experience through Finding France ensures authentic relationships with local artisans and directly supports the local economy.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WILL  
SHARE THEIR LOVE OF FRANCE WITH YOU...

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### KATRIN MERABET

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Having the gift of three tongues and happy to share what I know as a professional guide and conference speaker, words won't fail me as I welcome you in French Provence to uncover its fascinating history and artful traditions. Let's take off together for a trip replete with surprise, savory meals, story-worthy culture... and timely pauses to simply relax and enjoy the moment!



### DENIS BERNARD

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Bourgogne, my birthplace, its vineyards, and our own guest house gifted me the joy of meeting incredible persons. Since settling down in Provence in 2016, I'll be thrilled to introduce you to this land of contrasts where History wells up from under every stone. What can be better than a delicious typical Provence meal shared with friends, a glass of rosé wine in hand, mirroring the jewel-like blue of the Mediterranean?





## A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER...

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Finding France arose from my realizing that visiting France in a more authentic and friendly manner was possible. Time is precious, and taking the time to experience togetherness is the true meaning of leisure.

Whether you travel as a couple, as a family, or with friends, my endeavor is to serve you from the heart to let you experience timeless moments, all in your own time.





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We usually allow a maximum of 8 people per tour.

**We implement all the safety measures to protect you against Covid-19:** daily disinfection of the vehicle with a virucidal agent, face masks and hydro-alcoholic gel provided everyday whenever requested.

Once you are in France, we pick you up at your doorstep and drop you off at the location of your choice.

**Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum.**

Workshops and meet-ups are organized exclusively for you and your group.

Given the constant evolution of the epidemic, we recommend all our guests to review their local authorities travel guidance and health advisories related to this outbreak.

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

For all tours, a reservation will be confirmed only after payment by the customer of a tour deposit equivalent to at least 30% of the total amount of the trip.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Tour deposit is 100% refundable from date of booking until 6 months before tour departure date.

6 months to 61 days prior to departure: Traveler forfeits 30% of the total amount of the trip

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