

# 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 between 3 to 8 days along an itinerary drawn up from your own choices, crafting a unique and unforgettable custom experience.

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Here's our recommended itinerary for a 6-day and 5-night tour:

- DAY 1: Aix and the Sainte-Victoire mountain
- DAY 2: Silvacane Abbey and Lourmarin - Luberon
- DAY 3: "La Côte Bleue" - The Coast near Marseille
- DAY 4: Marseille – A city transcending its past
- DAY 5: Camargue – where Sea and Land come together
- DAY 6: Arles and Pont du Gard





# Aix and the Sainte-Victoire mountain

## DAY 1

### MORNING

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- 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.

### AFTERNOON

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- Your chauffeur-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.

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- Experience a one-on-one cooking class with Jean, a Provence Chef, with fresh produce just picked from the day's market stalls.
- Let the wind rustle your hair in a vintage motorcycle side-car as you tour the Aix-en-Provence countryside

\*Please contact us for options rates



# Silvacane Abbey and Lourmarin - Luberon

## DAY 2

### MORNING

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- 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.

### AFTERNOON

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- Weave through the narrow streets of Ansouis and visit its castle
- Meet the owner of Ansouis chateau and enjoy a guided tour of his property.
- Visit the village of Lourmarin: will you visit the fortified medieval castle? Or peek into an art gallery to meet the painter, brush in hand? Free time – as you wish!

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- Wander about in the town of Cucuron

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## "La Côte Bleue" - The Coast near Marseille

### DAY 3

#### MORNING

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- Meet Richard, the captain of a little boat who will take you for a ride on the sea to admire the coast off the beaten track.
- Swimming allowed from the boat.

#### AFTERNOON

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- Discover a quaint village of "La Côte Bleue" near Marseille,, 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.

#### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- Listen to what the grapevine whispers in regional vineyards: visit production facilities and dip your lips in their best samples in a charming setting
- Fresh seasonal produce and local cooking for lunch in a picturesque inlet.

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# Marseille - A city transcending its past

## DAY 4

### MORNING

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- An eclectic 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!
- Visit "Notre Dame de la Garde" basilica. 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.

### AFTERNOON

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- 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...

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- 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

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# Camargue - Where Sea and Land comeingle

## DAY 5

### MORNING

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- 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!

### AFTERNOON

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- 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..

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- Visit the Gau ornithological bird-watching reserve

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# Arles and Pont du Gard

## DAY 6

### MORNING

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- Stroll through Arles, the capital of ancient Rome located on the banks of the Rhone river.
- Marvel at its arenas where gladiator fights took place in the 1st century.

### AFTERNOON

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- Marvel at the Pont du Gard, part of the Unesco world heritage. This three-level bridge was built in 50 AD and it was designed to facilitate the passage of a Roman aqueduct.

### AVAILABLE OPTIONS\*

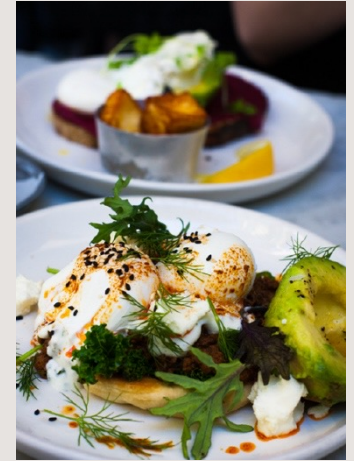
*Instead of the suggested activities in the main itinerary*

- Attend a show in the ancient amphitheater of Arles

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# Lunching and Dining

At Finding France, we strive to provide you with exceptional dining experiences suited to your particular tastes. If you choose to include meals in your tour\*, we will plan out together the types and standing of restaurants that you would like to try so that your experience is unforgettable!



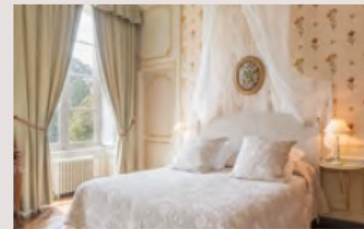
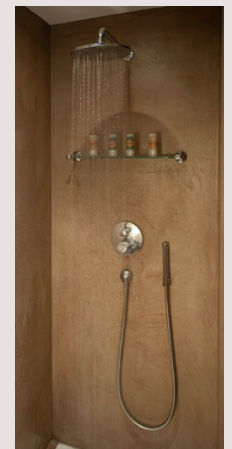
Example of restaurants and experiences. Non-contractual photos.

\*Breakfast is included in the price of all packages; lunch and dinner are optional.



# Experience the true French art-de-vivre

At Finding France, we offer you a unique selection of elegant boutique hotels.



Travel in intimate, private groups, starting from 2 persons.

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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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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 an intuition that visiting France in a more authentic and friendly manner was possible. Time is precious, and taking the time is the true meaning of leisure.

Whether you travel as a couple, as a family, or with friends, my endeavor to serve comes from the heart.

My goal is for you to create lasting memories – all in your own time.



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*The health and safety of our guests is of utmost importance to us.*

Our private tours are designed to preserve your social bubble against Covid-19.

*We implement stringent 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 after the tour at the location of your choice.

*Physical contact is limited to the strict minimum.*

Given the constant evolution of the epidemic, we recommend that all guests review their own country's local travel guidance and health advisories, as issued by health authorities, related to this outbreak.

Please click the link below leading to the France Diplomacy website. It details all entrance requirements for foreign travellers:

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coronavirus-advice-for-foreign-nationals-in-france/>