



## Lavender Fields

# THE BEST OF PROVENCE

## 5 Days/4 Nights Itinerary

### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Private transfer from airport or train station. Accommodation and overnight at your hotel.

### DAY 2: HALF DAY TOUR - AIX-EN-PROVENCE & GOURMET WALKING TOUR

Morning at leisure. Meet your English speaking guide at your hotel and start your gourmet walking tour in the historical center of Aix en Provence. Thanks to this guided tour, you will be able to discover this charming provencal town and also to please yourself with the diversified scents and flavours of the region. Let your senses be amazed by the colors and the smells of several local products, be tempted by some Calisson, the sweetest candy of all time created in Aix en Provence, appreciate a toast of green or black tapenade, taste a piece of cheese or a glass of wine from one of the local wine appellations. Everything is organized in order to allow you to discover what Provencal gastronomy truly means. End of the tour in the old town. Overnight

at your hotel. **(B)**

### DAY 3: FULL DAY TOUR - CASSIS & CARMARGUE (This tour is valid only Thursday)

Pick-up at your hotel by your driver guide and transfer to Cassis. Some places let you fall in love at first sight, and Cassis is part of them! Drive from Aix to the Cape Canaille, the highest maritime cliff in France and enjoy the panoramic view on the bay. Spend some free time at leisure in the charming fishermen harbor. Join a cruise to discover the calanques, limestone cliffs diving in the clear blue waters of the Mediterranean sea and creating natural coves (fat, rocky claws that resemble Norwegian fjords and poke out into the sea).

This afternoon, drive through Arles, to the Regional Natural Park of Camargue where bulls and horses roam free in wide spaces. Arrival in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, the capital of Camargue, along the wild and picturesque Route de Cacharel. Visit the fortified church with its famous



legend and free time in the village (possibility of swimming or sunbathing) before going back to Aix-en-Provence. Back to Aix-en-Provence.

Overnight at your hotel. **(B)**

### DAY 4: FULL DAY TOUR - VALENTOLE, MOUSTIERS-SAINTE-MARIE, VERDON

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick-up at your hotel by your driver-guide, and drive through the valley of the





## Provence

Durance river, and discover the Plateau of Valensole specialised in the cultivation of « lavandin », where small roads are winding through the fields of flowers. Many stops are included by the fields in bloom. Stop at a farmer/ producer's place lavender and lavandin essential oils, olive oil, lavender honey. Stop in the perched village of Moustiers-Ste-Marie, so famous for its earthen ware workshops (free time for visit and lunch not included on your own). In the afternoon, continue to the breathtaking opening of the Grand Canyon of the River Verdon. Photo stop in the lavender fields. Free time in the picturesque village of Sainte Croix du Verdon settled by Sainte Croix Lake (possibility of swimming or sun-bathing: don't forget your swimsuit) before going back to Aix. Overnight at your hotel. **(B)**

### DAY 5: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at your hotel and check-out. Private transfer to the train station or airport. **(B)**

### Legend

B	Breakfast	CT	Cheese Tasting
L	Lunch	CL	Cooking Lesson
D	Dinner	A	Aperitif
WT	Wine Tasting	HD	Half Day

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private transfers & transport in air-conditioned minivan with the services of a qualified English-speaking driver-guide according to the above program.
- 4 nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Entrance & Visits according to the above program
- Private transfer on day 5
- Shared Tour: Aix-en-Provence Historical & Gourmet walking tour (This tour is valid Wednesday and Saturday).
- Shared Tour : Cassis and Camargues (This tour is valid Thursday)
- Shared Tour: Valensole, Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, Verdon (This tour is valid: From Monday to Sunday)

### NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks, other meals
- Any other options, tips or personal expenses, luggage handling.
- Insurance.

