

# The South of France - French Riviera, Provence, and Avignon

## Oct 13-20, 2025

Experience an 8-day adventure through the French Riviera, Provence, and Avignon. Start in the lively city of Nice, then explore the charming Villefranche and medieval village of Eze. Experience the luxury of Monaco before taking part in a hands-on cooking class in Aix-en-Provence. Journey through the Luberon region, known for its rustic charm, and delve into the rich history of Avignon and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. Visit local wineries to learn the secrets of winemaking and experience the best selections. Discover the beauty, culture, and flavors of southern France on an unforgettable adventure.

# **Tour Overview**

- 8 days, 7 nights
- 2 nights the 4-star Hotel Beau Rivage, in Nice
- 2 nights the 4-star Hôtel Roi René, in Aix-en-Provence
- 3 nights the 4-star Hotel de Cambis, in Avignon
- Arrival: Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE)
- Departure: Marseille Provence Airport (MRS)

#### Rate

- \$5,900 per person (double occupancy)
- \$6,700 per person (single occupancy)

## Includes

- 2 nights at Hotel Beau Rivage
- 2 nights at Hôtel Roi René



- 3 nights at Hotel de Cambis
- 14 meals
- Dedicated local French tour guide throughout the itinerary
- Local transportation via luxury coach and dedicated driver throughout the itinerary
- Welcome dinner in Nice at Boscolo hotel, 3 courses with wine included
- Farewell dinner in Avignon at La Maison de Celou, 3 courses with wine included
- 4 private wine tastings (3 at winery visits, 1 during cooking class)
- Private olive oil tasting in Les Baux-de-Provence
- Full-day tour of French Riviera Villefranche-sur-Mer, Eze, Monaco and Monte Carlo
- Villa Ephrussi tickets, overlooking the Bay of Villefranche and the Bay of Beaulieu
- Private cooking class and lunch in Aix-en-Provence
- Guided walking tours in Nice, Aix-en-Provence, and Avignon
- Full day excursion to St. Remy de Provence & Les Baux de Provence

## **Does not include**

- Airfare
- Airport transfers in France
- Any other meal, tasting, entrance fee, transfer, personal expense, tips and anything else not mentioned above in the above field "Includes".

## **Program**

## Day 1 – October 13 Bienvenue dans le sud de la France

Meals included: Dinner

- Welcome to the South of France
- Arrive at Nice airport and transfer on your own to your hotel in Nice.
- Check-in at Hotel Beau Rivage (24 Rue Saint-François de Paule, 06300 Nice). Rooms will be ready at 2:00 PM



- After lunch on your own, meet Sam and your English-speaking private French guide for a walking tour of Nice. Explore Promenade des Anglais with panoramic sea views. Visit Vieux Nice's historic center with narrow alleys, markets, and squares.
- Welcome dinner at Boscolo Hotel (12 min walk from your hotel).
- Stay at Hotel Beau Rivage in Nice

#### Day 2 – October 14 The French Riviera: Villefranche, Eze, and Monaco

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

- Villefranche-sur-Mer: Picturesque fishing village with pastel-colored houses and lively cafés
- Villa Ephrussi tour
- Èze: Hilltop village with medieval architecture with narrow cobblestone streets, and enchanting Jardin Exotique with lush gardens and panoramic terraces
- Group lunch, 2 courses including wine, at one of the charming café's in Eze
- Monaco: Glamorous principality with luxury and opulence. Historic streets of the Old Town, Prince's Palace, and Monaco Cathedral. Immaculate gardens of Casino Square
- Harbor lined with yachts.
- Monte Carlo: high-stakes gambling and exclusive entertainment
- Dinner on your own in Nice. We will have restaurant recommendations and can help with reservations.
- Stay at Hotel Beau Rivage in Nice

### Day 3 – October 15 Provence Wine

Meals included: Breakfast

- Departure to Aix-en-Provence with a half-day stop at an iconic Provence wine producer,
  Chateau de Berne (5 hours for tour, tasting, and lunch on your own)
- Guided tour and tasting of 6 selections at this award-winning 18th-century estate amid rolling vineyards. The chateau embodies luxury and tranquility with timeless elegance.
   Wines reflecting the terroir and tradition of Provence.



- The chateau and complex feature gourmet restaurants serving exquisite Provencal cuisine where you can have lunch on your own after the tasting.
- Continue on to Aix-en-Provence and check in at the Hôtel Roi René in Aix-en-Provence
- Dinner on your own in Aix-en-Provence. We will have restaurant recommendations and can help with reservations.
- Stay at Hôtel Roi René, in Aix-en-Provence

#### Day 4 – October 16 Aix-en-Provence, cooking and wine

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Authentic cooking class in Aix-en-Provence: Learn secrets of Provencal dishes from a local chef.

Lunch: Enjoy your creations over a convivial lunch with wine and local Sommelier.

Guided walking tour of Aix-en-Provence: Cobblestone streets, elegant architecture, vibrant culture.

Renowned markets, sun-drenched squares, historic fountains, picturesque alleyways, and lively café culture.

- Dinner on your own in Aix-en-Provence. Restaurant recommendations and reservation assistance available.
- Stay at Hôtel Roi René, in Aix-en-Provence

#### Day 5 – October 17 Luberon: historic villages, local food and wine

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

- Check out and depart for Avignon via Luberon.
- Experience the Luberon region with its French countryside charm, rolling hills, lavender fields, and vineyards. See quaint hilltop villages such as Gordes, Roussillon, and Bonnieux with stone houses, narrow streets, and panoramic views.
- Enjoy private wine tasting at a local winery in Luberon, renowned for its diverse wines and embodying the region's terroir and climate, from crisp whites to full-bodied reds.
- Lunch at L'Outsider restaurant in Gordes, 2 courses with wine included.
- Head to Avignon, check in at the Hotel de Cambis, in Avignon



- Group dinner at a local restaurant, Le Vintage. 3 courses with wine included.
- Stay at the Hotel de Cambis, in Avignon.

## Day 6 – October 18 Avignon, home of popes

Meals included: Breakfast

- Private, guided walking tour of Avignon (3 hours). See the Ancient city along the Rhône River with rich architecture.
- Highlights: Palais des Papes (UNESCO site, 14th-century Papacy residence), medieval ramparts. Labyrinthine streets: charming squares, hidden courtyards, picturesque gardens.
- Lunch on your own at "Les Halles d'Avignon": 40 merchants, Provençal market, local products.
- Free afternoon at your leisure.
- Dinner on your own: restaurant recommendations and reservation assistance available.
- Stay at the Hotel de Cambis, in Avignon.

#### Day 7 – October 19 Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Departure to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence in the Alpilles region, featuring picturesque streets, shaded squares, plane tree-lined boulevards. Birthplace of Vincent van Gogh, near Saint-Paul-de-Mausole asylum. Vineyards, olive groves, lavender fields.
- Group lunch in a local restaurant.
- After lunch visit Les Baux-de-Provence, a medieval village on rocky cliffs. Explore cobblestone streets, stone houses, hilltop castle ruins. Panoramic views of the Provençal countryside.
- Visit a chateau for wine and olive oil tasting. Taste Cuvée Prestige, 5 AOP wines, matured olive oil, and spirits. All while on a panoramic terrace.
- Drop-off at your hotel.
- Farewell group dinner in a local restaurant.



• Stay at the Hotel de Cambis, in Avignon.

Day 8 – October 20 Au revoir

Meals included: Breakfast

• Check-out and transfer to Marseille airport on own.