

Loire Valley, Burgundy and Provence tour Tour de France in 10 days

The tour starts with 2 nights in the **Loire Valley**. A selection of the most beautiful châteaux has been created for you: Amboise, cradle of the Renaissance, Villandry and its incredible gardens, Chenonceau the “Castle of the Ladies”, and Chambord with its immense forest.

You will then head for **Burgundy** for 2 nights. A region full of surprises, Burgundy will invite you to discover its remarkable historical heritage, in the heart of a luscious natural setting. Through the ‘Grand Crus’ of Burgundy, you will be introduced to ‘bourguignon flavours’ at the tables of restaurants which serve only the best quality fare.

After this you will head south for a spectacular finish to your tour with a discovery of the culinary marvels that France has to offer. Stop over for 3 nights in **Provence**, a region coloured and perfumed with a certain charm and the unrivalled relaxed pace of life. From Gordes to Rousillon, appreciate the history of these perched villages, their monuments and traditions. Be seduced by their heritage as well as the quality of the environment and town layout. Lavender fields nestled in valleys...

The final part of your tour will take you to the **Côte d'Azur, the French Riviera**. Here you will be charmed by a full day excursion to **Marseille and Cassis**. Discover the town's complexity through its thousand year old history, wander through its parks and gardens before reaching the Old Port. In Cassis, a cruise round the magnificent ‘calanques’ will be a memorable experience. The last few days will be dedicated to visiting **Nice, Cannes and Grasse**. Nice is reputed for its local cuisine, inspired by the Mediterranean. You can enjoy a walk along the famous “Promenade des Anglais”. A wonderful place to finish this tour, amongst the most beautiful areas of France.

All our tours are private and depart daily. They can be fully customised, lengthened or shortened according to the number of participants and to suit individual interests and schedules.

(10 Days - Departs Daily on a Private Basis)

Day 1: ARRIVAL IN THE LOIRE VALLEY

High speed 1st class train transfer to Tours in Loire Valley. Half day private tour of Amboise with the visit of the Royal Château of Amboise and the last residence of Leonardo da Vinci. Night at a 4* hotel.

Day 2: LOIRE VALLEY CHATEAUX

Full day private tour of Loire Valley châteaux with a visit to the Château de Villandry and its outstanding gardens and the Château de Chenonceau, a supreme example of Renaissance architecture. Wine tasting is also on program in Vouvray. Night in Loire Valley.



Day 3: CHAMBORD AND BURGUNDY

You will discover the impressive Château de Chambord and its beautiful park. Private transfer to Beaune, located in the heart of Burgundy. Time for relaxing at the 4* hotel. Night at the hotel.

Day 4: BURGUNDY WINE TOUR

Full day private wine tour with the discovery of vineyards and wine tastings with your guide. Night in Beaune

Day 5: PROVENCE

Private transfer to the charming city of Avignon. Lunch and afternoon to discover the famous "Palais des Papes", the authentic streets and enjoy the atmosphere. Night in Provence.

Day 6: PROVENÇAL VILLAGES

Full day private tour of some of the nicest villages of the Provençal region (Isle sur la Sorgue, Fontaine de Vaucluse, Gordes, Abbaye de Sénanque, Roussillon). Night in Provence.

Day 7: PROVENÇAL VILLAGES AND AIX EN PROVENCE

Discovery of the authentic villages of Saint Remy de Provence and Les Baux de Provence. Arrival in Aix en Provence and scenic tour of the city. Night in Provence.

Day 8: ESCAPE TO MARSEILLE and CASSIS

Full day private tour of Marseille, its colourful port and vibrant streets. You will also enjoy a boat cruise to discover the wonderful 'calanques' of Cassis. Night in Provence.

Day 9: FRENCH RIVIERA TOUR

Full day private tour of the French Riviera. Then transfer to Nice, visit Cannes and a perfume factory in Grasse. Night at the 4* Hotel in Nice.

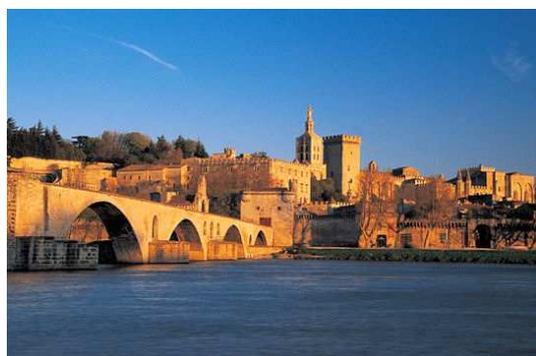
Day 10: END OF THE TOUR

Time to explore the wonderful village of Eze, the exotic garden and the exceptional views. Transfer from Eze to Nice train station or Nice airport. Go back to Paris (train tickets or flight not included).

This tour starts in the Loire Valley and finishes in Provence and can easily be combined with several days in Paris or with touring elsewhere in France.

ACCOMMODATION

- 2 Nights in a 4* hotel in Loire Valley
- 2 Nights in a 4* hotel in Beaune
- 4 Nights in a 4* hotel in Provence (2 in Luberon area, 2 in Aix)
- 1 Night in a 5* hotel in Nice



Price on request

Inclusions

- 9 Nights accommodation.
- Breakfast daily.
- 10 Full day private tours with a private English speaking guide and transportation included.
- 1 Boat cruise in Marseille. (45 minutes ride)
- All private transfers and high speed 1st class train tickets.
- All entrances fees.
- Our local assistance.
- Fees and taxes.