



BEST OF PROVENCE

A Sea of Colors

You cycle through lavender fields and along rows of olive trees. Oleanders bloom against a backdrop of sun-filled landscapes. Cypresses and red-tile roofs line the road. You hear the screech of cicadas and breathe the scent of wild thyme and lavender: arguably the most irresistible region in France, the Provence has an atmosphere all of its own. Its sensual inducements include sunshine, food and wine, and the heady perfumes of Mediterranean vegetation. Its colors, its landscapes and its beautiful old towns are unique, as well as its culture and its long history. You explore great Roman ruins in Orange and walk the narrow streets of Arles, immortalized on canvas by Van Gogh. You marvel at the Roman Pont du Gard and the Gothic Palais des Papes in Avignon. And all the while you experience the relaxed rural lifestyle of Southern France.

Nearly all of the routes are asphalted, partly following bike-trails and hiking trails. The stretches are flat, some slightly hilly.



DAY 1 - ORANGE ARRIVAL

After arrival take a walk: in Roman times Arles was a major trading centre and monuments like the two-storey amphitheater bear witness to its rich cultural heritage. It is still in use, mainly as bullfighting arena.

Hotel: Park Inn*** (Orange)



DAY 2 - FRENCH WINE

Orange - Avignon, ca. 50km

Your first cycling-stage takes you to the famous wine region around Châteauneuf-du-Pape. You ride on small country-roads and bike-paths along River Rhône to Avignon, another city with an impressive history, famous for its bridge and its pope palace.

Hotel: Hotel Danieli*** (Avignon)



DAY 3 – ESSENTIAL PROVENCE

Avignon - Arles, ca. 55km

Cycle through olive gardens and fruit plantations to the town of St. Remy, where painter Van Gogh spend his last years. Keep on cycling to Les Baux, "The City of Rock", and to Arles, once the second-biggest city of the Roman Empire.

Hotel: Du Forum*** (Arles)



DAY 4 –MEDITERRANEAN BREEZE

Arles - Camargue - Arles, ca. 45km

Ride south to the Camargue and experience the unique natural landscape of the Rhône river delta with brackish water lakes, vast salt steppes, wild horses and the famous pink flamingos. The route takes you on almost traffic-free paths back to Arles.

Hotel: Du Forum*** (Arles)



DAY 5 - TWINS ON RIVER RHÔNE

Arlès - Nîmes, ca. 50km

Make your way through rice fields and vineyards to Tarascon and Beaucaire, sitting on either side of the Rhône. Many cafés at the canal are inviting you to take a break. In the afternoon you reach Nîmes, with both spectacular Roman and modern architecture.

Hotel: Best Western Hôtel L'Orangerie *** (Nîmes)



DAY 6 - PONT DU GARD

Nîmes - Uzès, ca. 50km

Today's stage takes you through the vineyards of Costières de Nîmes to Pont du Gard, the famous Roman aqueduct. The fragrance of aromatic herbs will accompany you while you ride into Uzès, one of the most beautiful towns in Provence.

Hotel: BW Pont Du Gard *** (Uzès)



DAY 7 - ROLLING HILLS

Uzès - Orange, ca. 55km

The last stage takes you through the hilly landscape of the Garrigue, with its oaks and Mediterranean herbs. You cycle through other famous wine regions of the Côte du Rhône (Lirac, Laudan), cross River Rhône and get back to the city of Orange.

Hotel: Park Inn*** (Orange)

DAY 8 - ORANGE EXTENSION OR DEPARTURE

Please note that hotels can differ from the listed accommodations due to seasonal demands and availability. We reserve the rights to use substitute hotels, which will be of similar standards, whenever possible.

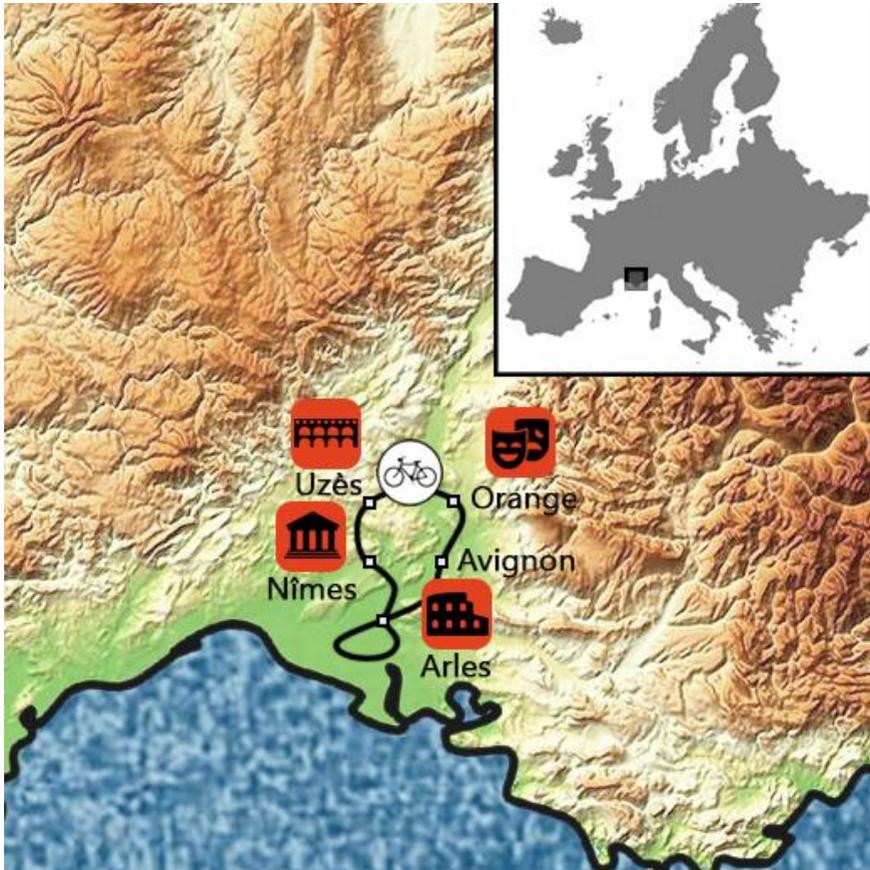
Tour Duration 8 Days / 7 Nights

Total Distance 300km

Daily Cycling 45km - 55km

Countries France

Highlights Roman Cities Arles, Avignon, Orange; Roman Aqueduct Pont du Gard; Camargue Natural Reserve



PROVENCE: A SEA OF COLORS

PRICES AND SERVICES 2019

Arrival Dates: 23.03. - 19.10.2019, Every Saturday and Monday

Minimum Number of Participants: 2

Additional Departures upon request for groups 4+

Booking Deadline: 30 Days prior to Arrival

Terms of Payment:

25% of total amount as deposit when booking (non-refundable)

75% to be paid 30 Days prior to Arrival

(Full amount is to be paid if booking is made 35 Days - 30 Days prior to Arrival)

PRICES

Per Person (Shared Double Room)	1.190 EUR
Single Room Supplement	300 EUR

SERVICES

Accommodation: 7 nights in hotels averaging 3-stars with breakfast

Luggage Transfer

Detailed Travel-Documents

Telephone Briefing and 7-Days-Service Hotline

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GPS-Tracks on Request

Not Included

Services not mentioned above, i.e. Journey to / from Start and End Point, Food and Drinks, Entrance Fees, Travel Insurance, Transfers, Personal Expenses and Tips

Optional

Airport Transfer (Hotel Marseille) Incl. Bicycle	One Way: 50 EUR
Airport Transfer (Hotel Lyon) incl. Bicycle	One Way: 40 EUR
Transfer (Marseille - Orange, Orange - Marseille) incl. Bicycle	One Way: 65 EUR
Transfer (Lyon - Orange, Orange - Lyon) incl. Bicycle	One Way: 75 EUR
Half Board (7 Dinners with several courses)	250 EUR
Rental Bike (incl. insurance): 7-gear with backpedal-brake (unisex/gents) 21-gear freewheel (unisex/gents)	100 EUR
Electric Bike (incl. insurance)	210 EUR
Extra Night in Orange (shared double, p.p.)	60 EUR
Extra Night in Orange (single room)	80 EUR
Extra Night in Marseille (shared double, p.p.)	79 EUR
Extra Night in Marseille (single room)	119 EUR
Extra Night in Lyon (shared double, p.p.)	70 EUR
Extra Night in Lyon (single room)	115 EUR

Upgrade

Accommodation (3-star/4-star-hotels, Shared Double Room, p.p.)	+ 350 EUR
Accommodation (3-star/4-star-hotels, Single Room Supplement)	580 EUR