

# 11D8N SOUTHERN FRANCE

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## COUNTRY FOCUSED

Discovering Southern France's Essence:  
From Lavender Fields to Historic Charm.

LAVENDER FIELD IN VALENSOLE, PROVENCE, FRANCE



Wifi  
Router



Whisper  
System



Relaxed

Active



# HIGHLIGHTS

## FRANCE

### NICE

- Old Town
- St Reparate Cathedral

### MONACO

- Fragonard Parfumeur
- Royal Palace
- Courthouse
- Monaco Cathedral

### VALENSOLE

- Moustiers Sainte Marie
- Lavender Fields
- Valensole Village

### PROVENCE

- L'Occitane Factory

### LUBERON

- Lavender Museum
- Gordes Village
- Lavender Fields
- Abbey of Sénanque
- Roussillon Village

### SAULT

- Aroma Plantes

### AVIGNON

- Pont d'Avignon
- Palais des Papes
- Old Town

### PONT DU GARD

### CARCASSONNE

- Fortified City

## BARCELONA

### GIRONA

- Jewish Quarter
- Girona Cathedral
- Palanques Vermelles Bridge



## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

8 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

## 4★ HOTELS

**NICE** Mercure

**AIX EN PROVENCE** Novotel

**AVIGNON** Novotel Centre

**CARCASSONNE** Mercure

**BARCELONA** Novotel Cornella

\* Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.



PROVENCE, VALENSOLE PLATEAU



## 01 HOME ▶ NICE

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and get ready to depart for **Nice**, France.

## 02 NICE

Welcome Dinner

Welcome to the French Riviera! Begin your day by strolling through the enchanting streets of Old Nice, where you can admire the Opera, peruse the antique market, and marvel at the grandeur of **St Reparate Cathedral**. Afterward, embrace the freedom to explore the alluring coastal town at your own leisure, discovering its beauty and charm at your pace.

## 03 NICE ▶ MONACO ▶ NICE

Breakfast

Uncover the mysteries of the renowned French perfume industry during an enchanting visit to **Fragonard Parfumeur**, where expert perfumers delicately release exclusive scents from their stoppered bottles. Afterward, enjoy a drive along part of the **Grand Prix circuit** in **Monaco** and take a leisurely stroll through the old town to see the **Royal Palace** and the yacht-filled harbor. Continue your exploration by visiting **Monaco Cathedral**, which houses the tomb of Princess Grace. The rest of the day is reserved for you to enjoy the French Riviera at your own pace or embark on an optional experience to the medieval hill-top village of Saint Paul de Vence.

*Optional: Saint Paul de Vence*

## 04 NICE ▶ VALENSOLE ▶ AIX-EN-PROVENCE

Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Explore **Moustiers Sainte Marie**, a village nestled under a rocky cliff, and enjoy free time to discover its rich ceramic heritage. Next, journey to the captivating **Plateau of Valensole**, where you'll be mesmerized by the endless lavender fields against the backdrop of the magnificent Alps. Pause to capture unique and unforgettable pictures amidst this stunning scenery. Stop along at **Valensole village** for traditional lavender products and delights like lavender ice cream. Conclude with a visit of **L'Occitane Factory** in Manosque, experiencing its renowned beauty products firsthand before transfer to Aix-en-Provence.

*Note: the lavender fields are seasonal, typically blooming from approximately mid-June to mid-August.*

## 05 AIX-EN-PROVENCE ▶ LUBERON ▶ AVIGNON

Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Embark on the lavender route in **Provence**, starting with a visit to the **Lavender Museum**. You will discover lavender from every angle: botany, production, harvesting, distillation, history from the 16th century to the present day, know-how, uses and benefits of real lavender. Next, stop for panoramic photos from the hilltop **village of Gordes**, offers an extraordinary vision of a stone village erected on a massive rock. Continue your journey to the iconic **Abbey of Sénanque**, surrounded by lavender fields at an altitude of 350-700m, predominantly featuring lavandine. Continue to **Avignon** to enjoy views of the remaining arches of the **Pont d'Avignon** and stroll through the medieval narrow streets of the **Old Town**, where you can admire the imposing old **Palais des Papes**, resembling a fortress.

## 06 AVIGNON ▶ SAULT ▶ AVIGNON

Breakfast

Drive to the town of **Sault**, renowned as the capital of lavender, and indulge in numerous photo stops amidst the enchanting lavender fields. From the center of the village, you will have a wonderful view of the purple fields below and the majestic Mont Ventoux above. Visit the **Aroma Plantes**, a family run lavender farm & distillery on the slopes of Mont Ventoux. Next continue to the picturesque village of **Roussillon**, perched atop an ochre-colored cliff of red and yellow clay, the village has been a significant source of ochre pigment since the 18th century.

## 07 AVIGNON ▶ PONT DU GARD ▶ CARCASSONNE

Breakfast, Dinner - Escargots & Duck Confit

Discover the impressive **Pont du Gard**, an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge that has stood since the 1st century AD, gracefully spanning the Gardon River. Continue your journey to **Carcassonne**, one of Europe's largest and best-preserved fortified cities, boasting 53 watchtowers and 1.5 miles of accessible ramparts for public exploration. Join a local guide to explore this enchanting real-life Magic Kingdom and unravel its captivating history, reaching back to the pre-Roman era.

## 08 CARCASSONNE ▶ GIRONA ▶ BARCELONA

Breakfast, Dinner - Catalan Pasta Paella

Depart to Spain, stop at the city of Girona, one of the most impressive historic centers in Catalonia. You will explore the numerous filming locations of the sixth season of the Game of Thrones. Get lost in a maze of narrow streets, and venture into the best-preserved **Jewish Quarter** in Europe. Admire the **Girona Cathedral**, home to the widest Gothic nave in the world. Marvel at the brightly colored houses on the banks of the Onyar River where you will also get to see the **Palanques Vermelles Bridge**. Afterwards, spend some free time at leisure exploring the heart of **Barcelona**, where you can do some shopping along the most famous boulevard **Las Ramblas**.





# 11D8N Southern France



CARCASSONNE, FRANCE



GORDES



SAGRADA FAMILIA

## Suggested Excursions:

Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and are entirely optional.

\*Minimum group size may apply.

- Saint Paul de Vence €69
- Barcelona Full day €99
- Sanctuary of Montserrat €69

## Service Fee Guideline: (based on 11D8N)

- €88 per person

## Notes:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- During major events, accommodation may be relocated to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.
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## 09 BARCELONA (Free day)

### Breakfast

Enjoy a free day at leisure for some shopping or sightseeing at your pleasure. You may wish to join an optional full day Barcelona tour that includes a visit to Park Güell, Casa Milà and an outlet shopping spree at La Roca Village.

*Optional: Barcelona Full Day Tour*



## 10 BARCELONA ▶ HOME

### Breakfast, Meals on Board

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## 11 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.