



EXPLORE Provence at own pace

Day 1 : Arrival in Avignon

Upon your arrival in Avignon, we will transfer you to your first hotel, in Mazan, in the heart of the Vaucluse region of Provence. The countryside is spectacular, with the impressive Mont Ventoux as a backdrop, and small Provencal villages dotting the plains and vineyards that spread out around you. This typical small Provencal town will enchant you, with its rich 2000 year old history. Before dinner, our Trip Manager will meet up with you to go over your trip package and make sure your bikes are fitted properly. A delicious first dinner is included tonight.

Day 2 : Loop into the Vaucluse 37 or 53 km / 23 or 33 Miles

Your ride today is beautiful, taking you through several picturesque villages, such as Bedoin, Flassan, and Ville sur Auzon, each worth some meandering, and always with the impressive Mont Ventoux as your imposing backdrop. You will pedal along lovely quiet roads, and through some of the oldest vineyards in all of France. We recommend the detour into the town of Beaumes de Venise; not only is the town quite charming, but if you feel like it, after finding some lunch, you can stop for a tasting of their wonderful sweet white wines, or some of the Cotes de Rhone reds. If you prefer, take some time to explore at the shop of the local olive mill to taste the fruity artisanal olive oils. The ride finishes back on the flats to return you to Mazan for your second evening.

Day 3 : To Joucas via Isle sur la Sorgue 43 or 51 km / 27 or 32 Miles

After a leisurely breakfast, you ride southwards towards the Rhone plains. You'll ride through the small village of Venasque (considered by many as the most authentic village of the Venaissain region, and on towards Isle Sur la Sorgue. This compact town, built on the islands of five branches of the Sorgue River, is most well-known today for its huge weekend antique markets. During the week as well, it is worth taking the time to visit the many antique shops and boutiques, and to find lunch or at least a cool refreshment in one of the many cafés. From there it is not far to your destination, you may decide to add on a few kilometres to visit the village of Fontaine de Vaucluse, with its beautiful spring; save a little energy for the very end as you approach Joucas, as you pass via Gordes, perched spectacularly on the top of a hill.





Day 4 : Luberon loop ride 37 or 47 Km / 23 or 29 Miles

Your final ride is a great one: a loop ride including many of the classic Luberon villages (originally made famous in Peter Mayle's book, A Year in Provence), allowing lots of exploration. You'll ride through Roussillon, with its ochre cliffs, mined for the rich pigments, Bonnieux, with its shady squares and twisting streets and panoramic view, and Lacoste, with the ruins of the castle of the Marquis de Sade. There is an option to add the village of Menerbes, sitting on an ancient Roman Road, site of one of Picasso's homes, and rich with history. The village boasts a small truffle museum and shop and a winery - both where you can taste before heading back to Joucas for your final night. Even if you don't want to taste - stop in to admire the unique and vast corkscrew collection in their little museum.

Day 5 : Departure – Bon Voyage!

After a final breakfast, we will transfer you back to Avignon in time for your further travels.

What's included in your Provence package:

- 4 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC+ or DELUXE
- Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, 2 dinners (drinks not included with dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager at the start of the trip
- Fully equipped quality touring bike (E-bikes and Road bikes are available on request with a supplement)
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route instructions
- Regional information and advice
- Uploadable GPS file of the route to use on a free APP in your smartphone
Can be used without international internet plan (offline)
- Transfer to first hotel from Avignon train station
- Transfer back to Avignon on departure day morning
- Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Phone call support 7 days a week

