

Flavors of Provence



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In a week that celebrates the world-renowned gastronomy of Provence, go behind the scenes and have access to unique experiences. From a Michelin-starred restaurant to a home-cooked meal served in the hosts' home, this journey is packed with the flavors of Provence. With a little walking to literally take you off the beaten path, this is a trip you won't find in any guidebook.



Food & Wine

Travelers **22**

Places visited **Avignon, Châteauneuf du Pape, Gordes, Saint Rémy de Provence, Arles**

Itinerary **7 days, 6 nights**

- 1 Welcome to Provence
- 2 A Day in the Vines of Châteauneuf du Pape
- 3 Avignon
- 4 An Abbey and Fruits Confits
- 5 Goat Cheese in the Mountains
- 6 The Land of Van Gogh
- 7 Arles and Adieu

Journey Highlights

- Walk through vineyards, past fields of thyme and lavender, and in the mountains.
- Visit the famous Les Halles market, where a chef will buy and prepare lunch for you.
- Learn to cook specialties of Provence.
- Visit farms and local producers, and taste their wares.
- With expert guidance and private access, experience a Provence few can.



Itinerary

DAY 1 Welcome to Provence

Meet in the afternoon in Avignon, papal city and Unesco World Heritage site. After a welcome meeting complete with local wine, meander through the labyrinth of cobbled streets in the old center, just enough to work up an appetite for a great meal in town. Cloitre Saint-Louis, *Meal: D*

DAY 2 A Day in the Vines of Châteauneuf du Pape

Start at the village of Châteauneuf du Pape, whose vines produce the greatest of the Rhône Valley wines. Walk about four miles amid the grapes. Olivier Hickman, a wine specialist, will unveil the secrets of "terroir." After a picnic lunch, taste some of Châteauneuf's best wine. Take a private cooking class, resulting in dinner (with wine). Cloitre Saint-Louis, *Meals: B, L, D*

DAY 3 Avignon

Tour Avignon. See Pope Clement V's 14th-century palace, visible from 20 miles away, and the ancient Pont d'Avignon. Visit Avignon's covered market, Les Halles, and have a lunch purchased and prepared by a chef. After lunch, transfer to the Lubéron mountains and the hilltop village of Gordes. (1.5 hours walking, 4 miles.) Hotel Les Bories & Spa, *Meals: B, L, D*

DAY 4 An Abbey and Fruits Confits

Walk today to a private tour of Sénanque Abbey, built in 1148, and framed by fragrant lavender fields. In a quiet village, Isabelle will cook and serve a table d'hôte meal in her private garden. After lunch, visit a local producer whose family has been making fruits confits, or candied fruits, for generations. (2 hours walking, 4 miles.) Les Bories & Spa Hotel, *Meals: B, L, D*

DAY 5 Goat Cheese in the Mountains

Transfer to Saint Rémy de Provence. See the farm and the herds that produce local goat cheese, and taste the result. At the crest of the Alpilles, see from Mont Ventoux to the Mediterranean. Dinner will be in the perched village of Les Baux-de-Provence, with a population of only 25. (2 hours of walking, 3.5 miles.)
Domaine de Manville, *Meals*: B, L, D

DAY 6 The Land of Van Gogh

Explore Saint Rémy de Provence, nestled at the foot of the Alpilles mountains. It's an artists' town, known for its most famous visitor, Vincent Van Gogh, who spent the last year of his life in Saint Rémy and did some of his most important work, including "Starry Night." Visit the village with a local Van Gogh expert, walking the very paths and landscapes that inspired Van Gogh. After lunch, tour the 12th-century monastery-turned-asylum where Van Gogh spent his final year. Stroll through Les Baux-de-Provence, famed for its olive oil, visit a local mill, talk with the producer, and learn all about the history and variety of the region's olives. For a farewell dinner, feast on the region's most emblematic dish: bouillabaisse. (1.5 hours of walking, 3 miles.)
Domaine de Manville, *Meals*: B, L, D



Featured Expert: Florence Fabricant

June 5 Departure

Florence Fabricant contributes the weekly Front Burner and Off the Menu columns as well as frequently writing features that appear in the Food section. Fabricant has written 12 cookbooks, including "The New York Times Dessert Cookbook" "Venetian Taste" and "Wine With Food", written with Eric Asimov. She holds L'Ordre National du Mérite from the French government, and is a member of Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America.



Nicholas Delbanco

May 15 Departure

Author of thirty books, including one written on Provence.



Helene Cooper

September 4 Departure

The Pentagon correspondent for The New York Times, Helene shared a 2015 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting.

DAY 7 Arles and Adieu

It's Saturday morning, and the town of Arles has one of the few remaining authentic markets in the region. Spend the morning meandering through the colorful and fragrant market stalls before a transfer back to Avignon or some extra nights in Arles, exploring the town's Roman monuments, including its coliseum. *Meal*: B

Dates & Pricing

DATES	PRICE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	INTERNAL AIR (FROM)	EXPERT
MAY 15, 2016 – MAY 21, 2016	\$6,395	\$1,400	N/A	Nicholas Delbanco
JUN 5, 2016 – JUN 11, 2016	\$6,395	\$1,400	N/A	Florence Fabricant
SEP 4, 2016 – SEP 10, 2016	\$6,395	\$1,400	N/A	Helene Cooper
SEP 18, 2016 – SEP 24, 2016	\$6,395	\$1,400	N/A	To be announced
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