

DIVINE PROVENCE: OUTCYCLING PRIVATE

Ability Level: Athletic Beginner / Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

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PEDAL YOUR PASSION



Divine Provence

“La Vie est Belle” — pedal the Roman path

Experience the landscape and culture described in Peter Mayle’s “A Year in Provence” on a sensory journey that will become one of your most treasured travel experiences! Learn what Provence is most known for as you pedal on quiet roads through vineyards, fields of lavender, and sunflowers before indulging in the charming, rustic cuisine. Experience Mediterranean food and superb wines in a land that is rich both in culture and history. Embrace the aromas of lavender and alep oils as you stroll through the outdoor markets. Plump olives, rich and colorful spices, and aromatic cheeses are just a few of the sensory stimuli you will experience on this trip. Touring Provence on a bicycle poetically connects the people, places, and culture.

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TRIP ESSENCE

- Stays in chateaux and charming manor houses
- Lecture on Provençal history and culture with local experts
- Learn about the sites painted by Vincent Van Gogh
- Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Avignon
- Discover the towns of Saint-Rémy and the village of Gordes
- Enjoy the Provençal countryside by bike with the optional challenging climb of Mt. Ventoux
- Introduction to the regional wines and foods of Provence

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Use of a carbon road bike, equipped with Garmin Edge Touring GPS.
Optional: Hybrid, E-bikes, and Tandem Bikes are also available upon request. Supplement Fees may apply. More info at: <https://ciclismoclassico.com/why-ciclismo/bikes-gear/>
- Service of local, professional guides throughout the program
- Ciclismo jersey and water bottle
- All accommodations
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 5 dinners
- Van support
- 1 wine tasting and 1 cooking demo
- Walking tour of Saint Paul de Mausole
- Shuttle at the end of the tour

For a complete list of what's NOT included, see: <https://ciclismoclassico.com/why-ciclismo/whats-included/>

* Alterations to the tour itinerary

Sometimes modifications may be made to the itinerary. We will notify you of any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging. Any changes to the program are made in the best interest and safety of the group.

TRIP DETAILS

Ability Level

- Athletic Beginner

Summary of Daily Distances

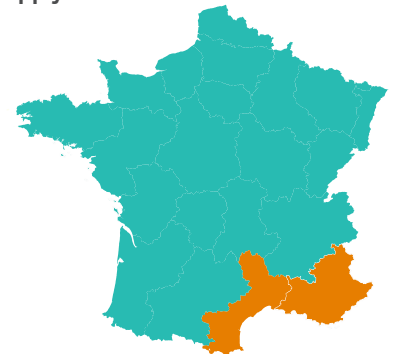
- Day 1: 27 miles
- Day 2: 40 miles
- Day 3: 40 miles
- Day 4: 41 miles
- Day 5: 43.8 miles
- Day 6: Au Revoir!

Optional extra loops available

Pricing

- \$4,490 per person
- **Book by 1/23 and save \$200**
- Single Supplement: \$775
- \$600 deposit due at the time of booking.

* If less than 12 guests are booked by 3/1, a small group surcharge TBA will apply.



Contact Us

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"Your Provence trip was an excellent travel experience... nothing but congratulations on a job very well done."
- John C. Alberta, Canada

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DAY 1

AVIGNON

Daily Mileage - 27 miles

Elevation - 580 ft.

Hotel - Hotel Cloitre Saint Louis

- Location: Avignon
- Duration: 1 Night
- www.cloitre-saint-louis.com

Meals - L, D

Highlights

Welcome to France!

We meet at our hotel at 10:30am for introductions and a light lunch at Grand Cafe Barretta. After the bike fitting and safety talk, we head out for a warm-up ride on the idyllic Ile de la Barthelasse, the longest river island in France. (Please note: Hotel check in is after 3:00pm)

Dinner tonight is at the restaurant La Cour du Louvre.

The 4-star Hotel Cloitre is a 16th-century building located in the center of Avignon and features a swimming pool and scenic garden.

DAY 2

CÔTES DU VENTOUX

Daily Mileage - 40 miles

Elevation - 1800 ft.

Riding Terrain - Rolling hills

Hotel - Château de Mazan

- Location: Mazan
- Duration: 2 Nights
- www.chateaudemazan.com

Meals - B, D

Highlights

Today's ride takes us along the beautiful grounds known as the Côtes du Ventoux, where exceptional wines grow with the impressive mountain as a backdrop. We pass through the wine mecca of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a marvelous hill town constructed in the medieval times. Of course, we stop at Domaine Ogier for a tour of the winery and a tasting. Our ride today meanders through the Provençal countryside and takes us on the road less traveled via the national velo routes. Tonight's dinner is a memorable experience at our hotel as we watch the sunset with glasses of crisp rosé in hand.

Nestled at the foot of the legendary Mt. Ventoux, the 4-star Château de Mazan is situated in the charming village of Mazan in the heart of Provence. The hotel features an outdoor pool, landscaped garden, a gourmet restaurant, a bar and a lounge.

DAY 3

LE MONT VENTOUX

Daily Mileage - 40 miles

Elevation - 2500/6100 ft.

Riding Terrain - Rolling hills on main loop and one mountain climb/descend for the extra loopers.

Hotel - See Day 2

Meals - B, D

Highlights

Today's ride takes us to the Roman Centre of Vaison-la-Romaine with its myriad of historic sites. We stop in Malaucène, a cycling hub and the starting point of the extra-loop. After lunch, we cycle back through the vineyards of the iconic wine of Gigondas, Vacqueyras and Beaume de Venise. The extra loop takes you up to the top of the impressive Mt. Ventoux, a nearly 6,300-foot mountain whose name comes from the strength of the Mistral wind at the top. Dinner tonight is at L'Oulo and follows a cooking demonstration from the chef.

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GORGES DE LA NESQUE AND GORGES

Daily Mileage - 41 miles

Elevation - 4681 ft.

Riding Terrain - Rolling, hilly

Hotel - La Bastide de Gordes

- Location: Gordes
- Duration: 1 Night
- www.airelles.com/en

Meals - B, D

Highlights

If you haven't heard of the Gorges de la Nesque before, you are in for a treat. With Mont Ventoux providing an impressive backdrop for the whole day, we ride on one of the most stunning cycling roads in France. Breathtaking views, low traffic volume and smooth roads make this a mecca for cyclists across Europe. Continue through the exquisite French countryside, all the way to the small village of Gordes overlooking the Luberon valley. Lunch is on your own today in the gorgeous town of Monieux at the restaurant Les Lavandes. Dinner is at our hotel tonight.

An ancestral castle built on the edge of a cliff overlooking one of the most beautiful villages in France, La Bastide de Gordes stands still overlooking the magical landscape of the Luberon.

DAY 5

ST. RÉMY DE PROVENCE

Daily Mileage - 43.8 miles (with final climb to Baux)

Elevation - 2100 ft.

Riding Terrain - Flat and rolling. Hilly final

Hotel - Le Saint Remy

- Location: St. Rémy
- Duration: 1 Night
- www.le-saint-remy.fr/en/

Meals - B, D

Highlights

A sumptuous breakfast awaits us before we head to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. We ride through Fontaine de Vaucluse and Cavaillon, home of the Charentais melon and stop for lunch in Mollège. After we settle in our hotel and before dinner we meet our private guide for a walking tour of Saint Paul de Mausole where van Gogh spent the latter period of his life. Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is a historic town where Nostradamus was born, and is located at the foot of the Alpilles National Regional Park.

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is a historic town at the heart of the Alpilles where Nostradamus was born. The town and the region boast a wealth of culture, heritage, village celebrations and festivals.

Le Saint Remy is a 5 star hotel that enjoys an exceptional location at the heart of the historic village of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence. The outdoor swimming pool's large beach is equipped with double deck chairs are the perfect place to relax.

DAY 6

AU REVOIR!

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After breakfast, there will be a group shuttle at 9 am to Avignon TGV Train Station, where you can catch a train to other cities in France.

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ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

GETTING TO AVIGNON

Option 1: Fly to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) and catch a 3-hour TGV train (<http://www.sncf.com/en/trains/tgv>) to Avignon from Paris Gare de Lyon train station. You can also take a 4-hour train directly from the airport to Avignon. The hotel is a 10-minute taxi ride from Avignon. **Option 2:** Fly to Avignon Caumont Airport (AVN) and catch a 30-minute taxi to the hotel. **Option 3:** Fly to Marseille Airport (MRS) and take the TGV train to Avignon, then a 10-minute taxi ride to the hotel.

DEPARTING FROM SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

There will be one, 30-minute group shuttle around 9 am to the Avignon TGV Train Station. From there you can get to Marseille Airport in 20 minutes by train and bus, or to Paris Airport (CDG) in 3 hours. Please plan accordingly.

OTHER INFORMATION

**For Flight Reservations,
Pre- and Post-
Accommodations, and
Travel Insurance**

Via Mondo Travel

Call: 315-707-4372 or

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Transportation

Rome2rio

<http://www.rome2rio.com>

RESERVE YOUR SPACE!

To reserve a space, call Ciclismo Classico at **800-866-7314**. At the time of registration, a \$600 deposit will be charged in order to hold your spot; payment can be made by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. The balance of your payment is due 90 days prior to departure. All prices are in United States Dollars. All travelers must review and sign a terms and conditions statement and waiver forms.

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