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Cycling period: all year round

Best of Provence: Self-Guided Tour, a big title, really considering all the great aspects to be found and experienced in this enchanting region of France!

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Exploring the Best of Provence is an enticing adventure, unveiling the myriad treasures of this enchanting French region. With its rich tapestry of experiences, it's not an exaggeration to dub it the 'Best of Provence.' This tour weaves together elements from several of our captivating journeys, with extended rides to introduce you to diverse landscapes and destinations.

The journey unfolds through the enchanting Drome Provencale, picturesque Vaucluse, the rustic beauty of Luberon, the charm of Alpilles, the allure of Gard, and the serenity along the Rhone River. You'll find yourself immersed in a world of great wines, immersed in the rich history of charming villages, and surrounded by fragrant lavender fields and ancient olive groves. Immerse yourself in the timeless stories of castles and the artistic legacy in local museums.

Starting your journey from Avignon provides a superb central hub, allowing you to explore the city's historical gems with ease. As you traverse the idyllic countryside, your journey culminates in Avignon, bringing you back near the majestic Palais des Papes. Our meticulously crafted itineraries ensure you avoid the hassles of traffic and focus on the region's highlights. You can choose between standard and deluxe hotel options, both promising a remarkable experience. Whichever you pick, be prepared for an unforgettable exploration of the 'Best of Provence,' a journey that encapsulates the essence of this captivating region.

Highlights of the tour:

- Côtes du Rhone' de Chateauneuf-du-Pape
- Roman ruins of an ancient Roman village of Vaison la Romaine
- Mont Ventoux
- Ochre Hills
- Fontaine de Vaucluse
- Alpilles Mountain Range and the rock of Les Baux de Provance

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Avignon

Arrival in Avignon, which is easily accessible from Paris by TGV. Make your way to the first hotel on your own. After checking in at your hotel, you will have the opportunity to explore the many sites of Avignon. **Included:** emergency support, phone not provided, mobile guidance

application, roadbook, travel book, orientation with a local guide, luggage transfer, bedroom, and breakfast.

Day 2

From Avignon to St. Paul 3 Châteaux - 77km

In the morning, ride through the vineyards of the renowned appellation 'Cotes du Phone' de Chateauneuf-du-Pape, and then continue on the Serigan du Comtat, then Rochegude before reaching St. Paul in the lavender country. **Included:** luggage transfer, bedroom, and breakfast.

Day 3

From St. Paul 3 Châteaux to Bedoin - 61km

Today the ride is somewhat long, but over flat to rolling country and will bring you to the village of Visan, then to Vaison la Romaine, built in the Middle Ages, and with original Roman ruins of an ancient Roman village. Then, to Bedoin, where you will stay at the foot of the imposing Mont Ventoux. If you have the legs and desire, you can climb Mont Ventoux from Bedoin - the classic climb is 21km to the top and a minimum 2-hour round trip for strong riders! **Included:** luggage transfer, bedroom, and breakfast.

Day 4

From Bedoin to Gordes - 51/68km

Ride to Gorders with an option to ride to Roussilon and back to Gordes. This itinerary will bring you through the village of Fontaine de Vaucluse, before climbing to Gordes, your final destination. If you choose to go to Roussilon, you can discover the famous ochre-colored soil, that is mined and used in pigment to color homes locally and far away! **Included:** luggage transfer, bedroom, breakfast, and dinner (no drinks).

Day 5

From Gordes to St. Remy - 51km

A ride from Gordes to Saint Remy de Provence. You leave Vaucluse, to join the Bouches-du-Rhone department, with an itinerary that will take you via Coustellet, with its lavender museum to melon-town Cavaillon. A short steep walk (or ride) will take you to the top of the village of Eygalieres, a panoramic viewpoint from where you see the Durance River Valley, Alpilles Mountain range, and the rock of Les Baux de Provence. Then, finish your ride in St. Remy de Provence, the epicenter of Provencal culture, the native town of Nostradamus, and the residence of Vincent van Gogh. **Included:** luggage transfer, bedroom, and breakfast.

Day 6

From St. Remy to Avignon - 74km

Straight to Avignon is not so far, but to miss the fantastic site of the Pont du Gard would not be

doing the best, so we take you on a route west of Avignon, to see the Pont du Gard. Arriving in the afternoon at the Avignon center, you can visit Avignon after checking in to your hotel. *NOTE: You won't have many possibilities to buy supplies on the route between the Pont du Gard and Rochefort du Gard. During summer we recommend that you buy some water bottles in St Remy de Provence or Tarascon.* **Included:** luggage transfer, bedroom, and breakfast

Day 7

Departure from Avignon

Today is departure day, you can take your time getting started in the morning, have breakfast, and depart at your leisure from Avignon by train for Paris or other destinations. (Depart on your own). Additional nights can be arranged, please inquire. **Included:** breakfast

Booking Information

Add your start date

- All prices are based on double rooms - for bookings & inquiries: send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com

Tour rates

- Basic Hotel: €1500 - Single supplement: + €305 - Solo traveler: €1980
- Standard Hotel: €1620 - Single supplement: + €385 - Solo traveler: €2105
- Upgraded Hotel: €4240 - Single supplement: + €1800 - Solo traveler: €4800

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
3. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
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5. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

Included

- 6 nights of accommodation in superior hotels of charm with private shower and/ or bath
- Daily breakfast at each hotel, 1 dinner included
- Hybrid bike rental included
- Complimentary gear (including water bottle, drawstring bag)
- Guidance application (phone not provided)
- Orientation in person with a local guide
- Detailed road book, including detailed maps, touristic information, step-by-step itinerary, and cue sheets
- Comprehensive trip literature
- Technical and emergency support is available at all times
- All luggage transfer

Upgrade your bike - from/per person:

- Electric Assisted Bike - Standard €115
- Road Bike - Standard €115
- Road Bike - Excellence €260
- Road Bike - Premium €320
- Gravel Bike - Standard €115

Not Included

- Airfare to and from the trip
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Drinks
- Some meals are not included in each destination, which gives you the opportunity to explore regional cuisine on your own. You will find all the information needed with our team support in your roadbook
- Multirisk travel insurance