



## Romantic France Getaway Tour: Paris & South of France

11 Nights

May - September 2018



### Summary

The romantic lifestyle of France sweeps across the wide avenues of Paris, the splendid beaches of Cote d'Azur, and the lavender fields of Provence. Embrace the sophisticated ambiance of a candlelit dinner while floating down the calm waters of the Seine River. Relish the private view of the Mediterranean Sea from the comforts of your hotel room. Immerse yourself in the culture of the countryside during a handheld stroll along the cobblestone streets of a medieval village. Your custom romantic France getaway tour accentuates the passion emanating from the landscape and art, cafes and coastline.

### Overview

**Dates:** May - September 2018

**Interest:** couples – family – seniors – group

**Level of Comfort:** 5/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** none

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** French - English
- **Transportation:** private car or bus
- **Dialing Code:** 33
- **Recommended vaccines:** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** It is better to exchange currencies before you go

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**Day 1: Paris**

Upon arrival at Paris's international airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel  
Rest of the day at leisure

**Day 2: Paris**

Today your guide meets you at the hotel, eager to lead you on a tour of Paris's inherent romance, from the antique neighborhoods to the inspiring architecture

**Day 3: Opulent Manor**

In the morning, your guide meets you at the hotel and escorts you to the lavish gates protecting the Palace of Versailles. The magnificence of the estate captivates you upon your arrival. Gilded rooftops and upper windows glint in the sunlight. The rosy façade adds a jovial luster to the structure.

**Day 4: Paris**

Day at leisure

**Day 5: Provence**

Today, your private transfer escorts you to the Gare Lyon train station for your first-class trip to Avignon. Outside the window, the city disappears behind rolling hills.

Once in Avignon, your guide greets you at the train station and leads you on a tour of the marvelous city

**Day 6: Provence**

In the morning, you wake up to the charms of a typical 18th-century Provencal farm estate. The rooms nestle against nearly 57 acres of lush vines. Cypress trees border the driveway, and antique olive trees grow across the landscape. The aroma of fresh lavender encompasses the grounds. You and your partner enjoy a rich cappuccino with breakfast. Bask in the marvelous image of the French countryside before beginning your tour. Isle-sur-la-Sorgue rises out of a split in the Sorgue River, which surrounds the town like a moat. On market days, such as Sunday and Thursday, vendors selling handcrafted goods and local produce fill the antique streets. The zesty aroma of oranges and lemons emanates from the produce stands.

The 12th-century church has a Baroque interior. Gilded statues swirl around the nave. Upwards of 70 antique giant wheels line the 18th-century canals. The wheels powered the historic silk factories and paper mills. Little bridges cross over the river where you can see the water rushing past town. The grounds around the village of Menerbes have been inhabited since prehistoric times. An ancient cemetery near the city walls dates back to Roman times. The medieval walls were erected in the 13th century. Restored old homes bring the past to dramatic life. Ivy drapes across the antique stone. An ancient convent accentuates the quality and charms of the village overlooking the verdant trees of the Luberon Valley.

**Day 7: Provence**

The French countryside lends itself to pure romance. The morning light washes over the verdant fields. Cypress trees sway in the gentle breeze. The ever-present scent of lavender is refreshing. Today you continue your exploration of the majestic beauty of Provencal villages beginning with the whitewashed buildings at Gordes. The stone rises out of the plush trees growing along the edge of the Plateau de Vaucluse. The village spirals around the rocky outcrop. Tall houses run along the climbing streets. Old doorways radiate from the white and gray stone. The Abbey of Senanque hides beneath the verdant canopy of the valley.

Lavender fields blossom with bright purple petals. The elegant 12th-century arcade wraps around the inner courtyard. In the village of Roussillon, you find an absence of modern development. A large ochre deposit colors the landscape and the buildings are a rusty-red. Old men play boules at the edge of Place de la Mairie. The tranquil atmosphere guides you through the shops and cafes. An orange colored path leads you through the bright ochre canyon outside of the village, where you can look back and see the hues shining against the trees.

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#### Day 8: Cote D'Azur

In the morning, the breeze rustles the leaves and the vines spreading across the estate. Your private transfer greets you in the lobby of the hotel and leads you on a scenic drive through Provence en route to Cote d'Azur. You stop in the delightful city of Aix-en-Provence, birthplace of famous artist Paul Cezanne. The sun-drenched city maintains a relaxed pace all year round. Cobblestones line the lanes. Fountains cast a refreshing spray across majestic public squares. Therapeutic waters fill the antique baths of Thermes Sextius, a modern spa built on the foundations of the luxurious Roman complex.

The city maintains a village-like atmosphere filled with vibrant aromas, quiet streets, and bustling cafes. The main street of Cours Maribeu contains four contrasting fountains. The 19th-century Rotonde Fountain adorns the center of the streets southern edge. The fountain has a diameter of 134 feet with two basins. Four lions guard the lower pool. Cherubs of cast bronze ride on swans. The lavish décor embodies the beauty of the city but contrasts Aix-en-Provence's relaxed ambiance. Enjoy a quiet wine tasting in a cellar located in the heart of the city before continuing to your hotel overlooking the shimmering waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

#### Day 9: Cote D'Azur

Transfer is at your disposal, allowing you to visit the cities of Cote d'Azur at your pace. Nice has inspired impressionist painters of the late 19th century and beckoned British aristocrats searching for a winter home.

The palace exemplifies the artistic heritage of Nice and the Cote d'Azur. Stroll alongside the narrow passageways or hand in hand down the coastal Promenade des Anglais for an immersive look at the city.

#### Day 10: Cote D'Azur

A waterfall in Nice trundles over the cliffs of Castle Hill and mists the air around the fountain's pool. The beach clubs glow with candy-striped umbrellas set against the turquoise water and golden sands. At breakfast, you and your partner have an unadulterated view of the countryside of Cote d'Azur. The day is yours once again to explore the beauty of the coastline and rugged mountains framing the luxurious cities and enchanting towns.

#### Day 11: Cote D'Azur

Fishing boats fill the natural harbor in the picturesque village of Villefranche-sur-Mer. Cheerful buildings of Italian design overtake the waterfront. Olive groves border the village streets alongside banana trees. After breakfast, the day is once again yours to relish the beauty of Cote d'Azur at your leisure. Spend time relaxing on the famous beaches of Antibes. Clear turquoise water laps at the gold sand of Juan-les-Pins coastline. Bright orange and white umbrellas create the perfect shade along the sun-drenched shore.

Old Town Antibes glows with honey-hued medieval stone walls and orange-shingled rooftops. Gourmet shops and cafes look out to the tranquil sea. Bougainvillea drapes across the alleyways. The Chateau Grimaldi houses the celebrated Picasso Museum. The 13th and 14th-century defensive towers provide a dramatic exterior. The interior offers insight into the artist's life during his time living on the Cote d'Azur, highlighting the context of Picasso's creativity and Joie de vivre. The museum displays 245 works attributed to Picasso, including the painting, The Goat.

#### Day 12: Nice

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Paris return from Nice  
(economy class)  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
11-night accommodation at hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast  
Tours and excursions as per the program  
Assistance of our representative in France

#### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Optional Tours  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

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#### Starting Price Per Person in US\$

Hotel	Double
3* Hotel	5890
4* Hotel	7455
5* Hotel	11750

- *Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking*

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Paris	AF 5107	07:55	11:35
Nice	Paris	AF 7701	10:15	11:50
Paris	Beirut	AF 5106	13:40	18:55

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