

JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN FRANCE FROM PROVENCE TO BORDEAUX

presented by WITF and AAA Travel

September 5-14, 2020

Saint-Remy



Deposit air inclusive package by March 6, 2020 and receive \$150 off per person



HIGHLIGHTS

- Saint-Remy, France
- Provence
- Truffle Hunting
- Gordes, France
- Avignon, UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Popes' Palace
- Pont du Gard
- Carcassonne – UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Saint-Emilion – UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Bordeaux Winery Tour
- La Cite du Vin-Wine Museum

Savor Paris with a Culinary Twist!

Obtain details about WITF's unique optional Paris excursion package by checking the box on the tour registration form or ask your AAA Travel Agent.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

3

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Roundtrip transfers to Philadelphia International Airport
- Roundtrip airfare – Philadelphia to Marseille, with return from Bordeaux to Philadelphia
- Roundtrip transfers airport/hotel
- Guided tour from Provence to Bordeaux
- Hotel accommodations for 8 nights
- Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 3 Dinners
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portage for one suitcase per person
- WITF Host

PRICE PER PERSON

OCCUPANCY

	Rate
DOUBLE	\$5,669
SINGLE	\$7,149



Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 15 passengers.

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ITINERARY

Saturday, September 5: Depart for Provence, France

Motorcoach from Central PA to Philadelphia International Airport for an overnight flight to Marseille, France.

Sunday, September 6: Saint-Rémy, France

Welcome to the historic village of Saint-Rémy. Settle in for a 3-night stay in this quaint provincial town with pretty, narrow streets and charming boulevards. Tonight, meet your fellow explorers over dinner as you toast to the beginning of a grand adventure. Hotel: *Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues*, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (Dinner)

Monday, September 7: Saint-Rémy

Join your Tour Manager this morning for a short orientation of Saint-Rémy. Next, let an unforgettable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt led by a local chef and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Savor the unique experience of a farm tasting in the countryside, among landscapes said to have inspired Van Gogh, Picasso, and Renoir. Hotel: *Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues*, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (Breakfast, Lunch)

Tuesday, September 8: Saint-Rémy - Gordes - Saint-Rémy

Depart this morning for the picturesque town of Gordes. Along the way, visit the Lavender Museum and learn the origin of this beautiful, fragrant flower that the village is famous for. Then, enjoy some free time in Gordes to explore its vibrant local market. The afternoon is yours to explore Saint-Rémy at leisure -**OR**- you may choose an optional tour to the hilltop town of Les Baux-de-Provence where you will experience one of the world's most impressive multimedia presentations: the Carrières de Lumières. Making use of a former quarry, iconic works of art are projected onto the surrounding rock and the images are accompanied by stirring music. Hotel: *Hotel Le Vallon De Valrugues*, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence (Breakfast)

Wednesday, September 9: Saint-Rémy - Avignon - Pont du Gard - Carcassonne

Today you travel to the incredible village of Avignon (UNESCO), often called the "City of Popes." Gain an inside look at all this village has to offer during a walking tour with your local expert guide. End with a visit to the dramatic Popes' Palace, the seat of the European papacy from 1309 to 1377. Next, depart for Carcassonne. En route, marvel at the Pont du Gard, a surviving stretch of aqueduct built in the 1st century A.D. Get an up-close look at the ancient structure with an exclusive bridge crossing before enjoying some free time for lunch. Later, we arrive in Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage site and virtual storybook replete with drawbridges, towers and cobblestone streets. Hotel: *Hotel de La Cite*, Carcassonne (Breakfast)

Thursday, September 10: Carcassonne - Dordogne Valley

This morning, **it's your choice!** You can enjoy leisure time to explore the city as you wish, perhaps visiting the 12th-century castle on your own -**OR**- you may embark on a medieval themed walking tour with a gallant knight or noble lady who will highlight the legends, mysteries, and architecture of the Middle Ages. After enjoying free time for lunch, we continue our journey to the Château des Vigiers, known as "Petit Versailles." Tonight, enjoy a fine dining experience in this 16th-century estate. Hotel: *Chateau des Vigiers*, Monestier (Breakfast & Dinner)

Friday, September 11: Dordogne Valley

Venture to the countryside to explore some of the Dordogne Valley's quaint villages. Make your first stop at the inspiring village of Issigeac; then it's off to Eymet, one of Southern France's iconic "bastides" (fortified towns). Next, you are in for a treat when you visit a wine cooperative and symbol of the Bergerac region since the 16th century – best known for its dessert wine. This afternoon, explore the château grounds at leisure. Perhaps you will take in a round of golf or relax and enjoy the luxurious spa.* Hotel: *Chateau des Vigiers*, Monestier (Breakfast) * Golf and spa services are at your own expense.



Saint-Émilion



Saturday, September 12: Dordogne Valley - Saint-Émilion - Bordeaux

Travel to Saint-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of France's largest winemaking areas. Take a guided walking tour of the Old Town featuring a visit to the underground Monolithic Church. Once you are acquainted with the village, enjoy time to take in this perfectly compact French village. Complete your Saint-Émilion adventure with a walk through a winery to absorb the atmosphere of the vineyards, discover its coveted grapes, and taste this highly prized wine. Bid adieu as you depart for your hotel in Bordeaux, a region known as much for its vibrancy and dynamism as its world-renowned wine. Enjoy the evening at leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Bordeaux. Hotel: *Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel De Bordeaux*, Bordeaux (Breakfast)

Sunday, September 13: Bordeaux

This morning, discover a local's perspective of Bordeaux during a guided walking tour. Embark on an interactive journey through a world of wine and culture at La Cité du Vin. Referred to as the "Guggenheim of wine," this sensory adventure takes you on a fascinating discovery of wine, culture and history. Then enjoy some free time to explore the city on your own. A local restaurant famous for its sélection de vins and regionally sourced meat invites you to a culinary adventure expertly pairing locally sourced foods and wine. Compare notes and experiences with fellow travelers as you say *au revoir* to the magic of Southern France. Hotel: *Intercontinental Le Grand Hotel De Bordeaux*, Bordeaux (Breakfast & Dinner)

Monday, September 14: Bordeaux

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Philadelphia and your transfer to Central PA. (Breakfast)

Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.

Activity Level:

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

PAYMENT

A deposit of \$500 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by June 23, 2020.

Solo Travelers Rewards Club maximum voucher redemption: \$100

CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure	\$25 per person, plus...
February 6, 2020 – July 6, 2020	\$500 per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From July 7, 2020 – Aug. 20, 2020	30% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
From Aug. 21, 2020 – Sept. 4, 2020	50% per person, plus additional suppliers fees
After Sept. 4, 2020	NON-REFUNDABLE

***Airfare is non-refundable after final payment**

INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airlines 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flight schedules may contain code share agreements.

CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for this region in September average in the upper 70s. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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