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Immerse yourself in the landscape of Provence

Provence, known as France's sun-kissed paradise with its fertile valleys, the Mediterranean coastline, ancient and medieval cultural hubs, the fragrant aroma of herbs, and the Provençal way of life, is a remarkable cultural landscape. Its unique light and vivid colours have drawn countless painters like van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall to its embrace. Beyond its diverse and stunning landscapes, Provence beckons with its rich history, art, and architecture. Visitors are captivated by renowned architectural marvels such as the Papal Palace in Avignon (a UNESCO World Heritage site), the Arena in Arles, the Pont du Gard (also a UNESCO World Heritage site), as well as the Greek and Roman excavation sites of Glanum and the medieval city of Les Baux in the Alpilles.

One of the tour's highlights is a bike ride through the Camargue, a protected wetland in the Rhône delta. This unique landscape is home to famous pink flamingos and white horses, offering a striking contrast to the previous attractions. Throughout your journey, you'll immerse yourself in the vibrant life of Provence: the bustling cities, colourful markets, Spanish influences, village life beneath plane trees, and soothing Mediterranean tranquillity.

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Details about the bike tour in Provence

There's nothing quite like a cycling holiday to fully immerse yourself in Europe's most stunning regions, and this certainly holds true for the South of France, including Provence and Camargue. Over the course of eight days, you'll embark on a journey to discover some of the most exquisite locales and create memories that will linger in your heart long after you return home. By the end of this eight-day adventure, you'll undoubtedly find yourself enchanted by the serene and captivating ambiance of the South.

The highlights of the Provence cycling holiday at a glance

- **Picturebook landscapes:** Intense violet of the lavender fields, the bright red of tomatoes in the markets, a deep blue sky.
- **Camargue:** The protected wetland area in the Rhône Delta, is known for its pink flamingos and white horses. A spectacular contrast to Provence!
- **Culture through time:** Culture in the South of France reflects the region's eventful history. Whether visiting the Papal Palace in Avignon, Norman Foster's Carré d'art in Nîmes or the famous aqueduct of Pont-du-Gard.

Worth knowing about the bike tour in Provence

The ancient Roman city of Orange is the beginning and the end of your cycling holiday at the same time. On the way through picturesque villages and the unique nature, you cycle between 45 and 55 kilometres a day in and day out. You will cover a total of 305 kilometres by bike. The medium-difficult tour runs on mostly small, car-free roads and only a few small climbs have to be overcome.

This tour has been graded as **Medium**. Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

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Tour information



Medium



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total cycling distance: approx.
305 km

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Orange


Individual arrival in Orange, the city with famous monuments from the Roman period. Of course Orange is also known for its connection with our royal family, to this place Willem van Oranje owes his name. The Roman theater is one of the best preserved in the world and is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, as is the city arch with its three gates. Taste the regional specialties, rabbit in white wine sauce and drink a good glass of wine.

DAY
2

Orange – Châteauneuf-du-Pape – Avignon

approx. 50 km

The first stage takes you to the world famous wine village of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The place was already known for its viticulture in the 13th century. Many hours of sunshine, the mistral and the soil of the soil provide perfect conditions for good wines. The journey continues to Avignon.


 ca. 50 km

DAY
3

Avignon – St. Rémy – Arles


approx. 55 km

Your route continues to St. Rémy, the birthplace of the famous Nostradamus and perhaps the most beautiful and certainly one of the most typical towns in Provence. The old town streets, fountains, restaurants and cafes are ideal places to enjoy the flair of Provence. An interesting sight are the ruins of the Roman city of Glanum to the south of the city. You drive past Les Baux, the "City in the Rock", to Arles. In addition to a plethora of Roman-era monuments, which today belong to the world's cultural heritage, Arles has attractive sacred and palace buildings. At times, this city was home to Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. You will spend two nights in Arles.


 ca. 55 km

DAY
4**Arles – Camargue – Arles** approx. 45 km


Today it goes into the fascinating landscape of the Camargue with its salty steppes and numerous shallow lakes. The height hardly limits the view. The vegetation is quite sparse, yet more than 400 species of water birds live here, including the famous pink flamingos. Other well-known animal species in the Camargue are the Camargue horses and the black Camargue bulls. From Mejanes you can take a little train into the middle of this fascinating landscape before returning to Arles.

 ca. 45 kmDAY
5**Arles – Nîmes** approx. 45 km

In the morning you will visit the two cities separated by the Rhone Tarascon and Beaucaire. Sights of these places are the castles from the 12th century. In Beaucaire, numerous canal side cafes invite you to take a break. In Nîmes, many very well-preserved buildings bear witness to Roman times. Admire the arena, the Maison Carrée or the Tour Magne on a guided city tour. But modernity also sets accents, for example with Norman Foster's Carré d'art (cultural centre).


 ca. 45 kmDAY
6**Nîmes – Pont-du-Gard – Uzès** approx. 45 km

Via the castle of Tarascon, perched high above the Rhône River, you will continue through the vineyards of the Costières-de-Nîmes. Around noon you will already see the Pont-du-Gard, the famous Roman aqueduct and also listed on the World Heritage List. Aromatically scented plants such as lavender, thyme and rosemary accompany you to the pretty town of Uzès with its enchanting medieval charm.

 ca. 45 km

DAY
7**Uzès – Orange** approx. 55 km

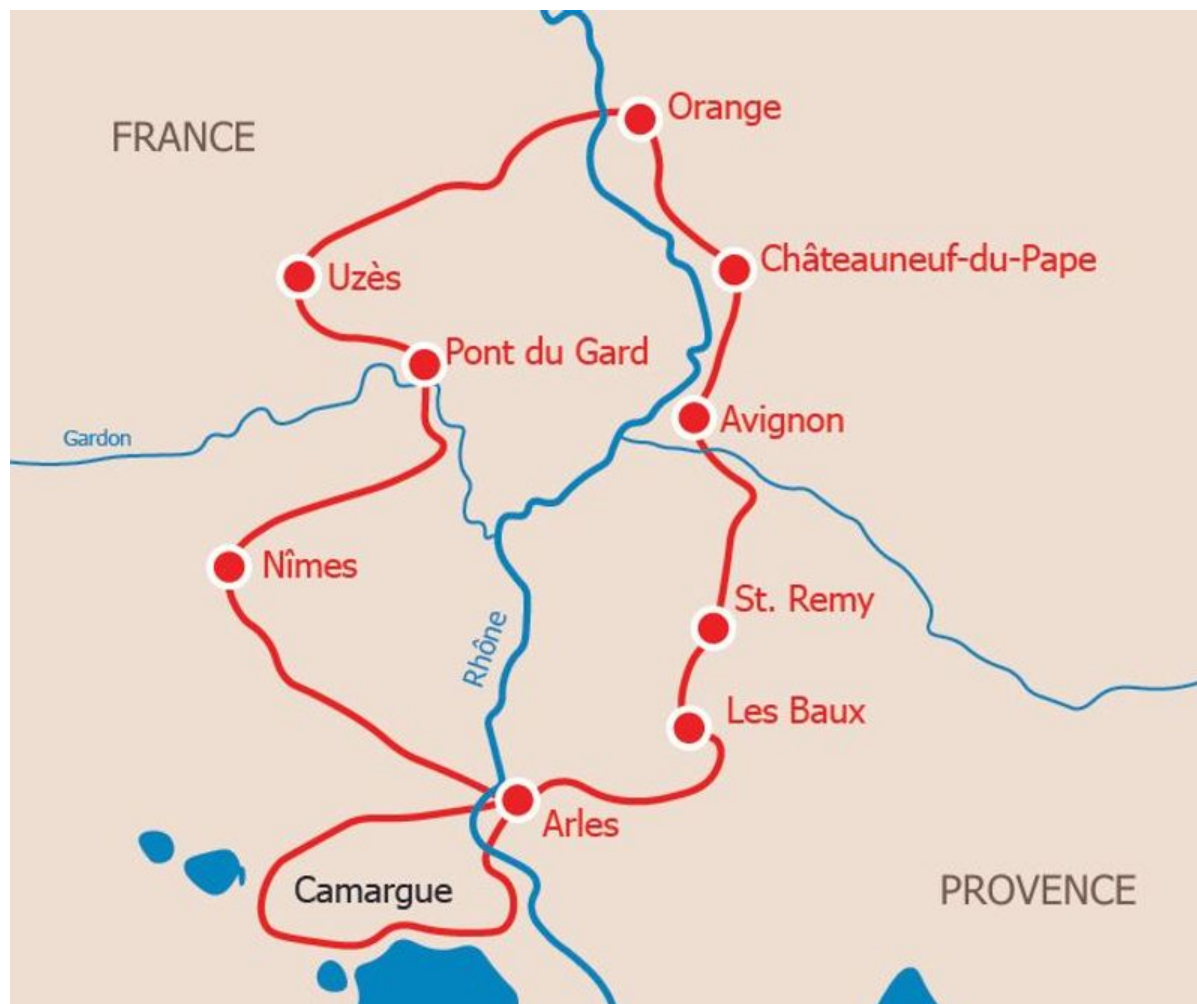
Today the landscape changes again. The last stage takes you on roads lined with holly and oak trees, and continues into hills covered with Mediterranean herbs. Then the vines and beautiful orchards of Provence dominate the view again. You cross the Rhône. On the other side of the river, you will cycle through the southern French village of Caderousse, rejoining the town of Orange in the afternoon and enjoying the typical Provencal way of life for the last time. An overnight stay in Orange.

 ca. 55 kmDAY
8**Return trip or extension**

After breakfast, the individual return journey follows or your extension starts in Orange.

Route information

Easy to medium. The bike rides are between 45 and 55 km long and lead through the different landscapes of Provence. With the exception of small climbs in the Garrigue hills and in the Alpilles, an easy and varied tour awaits you even for inexperienced cyclists. This mainly runs on small, car-free streets and asphalted farm roads. With our e-bike, this trip is an easy journey for everyone.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Provence Highlights**

Place of arrival: **Orange**

	Season 1 18.03.2023 - 05.05.2023 08.10.2023 - 21.10.2023 Saturday, Monday	Season 2 06.05.2023 - 16.06.2023 03.09.2023 - 07.10.2023 Saturday, Monday	Season 3 17.06.2023 - 02.09.2023 Saturday, Monday
Provence Highlights, Cat. B, FR-PRRHP-08B			
Base price	959.00	1,019.00	1,059.00
Single room surcharge	259.00	199.00	259.00
Provence Highlights, Cat. A, FR-PRRHP-08A			
Base price	1,199.00	1,269.00	1,339.00
Single room surcharge	579.00	579.00	579.00

- **Category A:** You stay in comfortable 3*** to 4**** Hotels (French classification) with facilities, some with air conditioning and swimming pool
- **Category B:** You stay in well maintained 2** Hotels and 1x 3*** Hotel (French classification) with facilities

Additional nights

Place of arrival: **Orange**

	Season 1 Mar 18, 2023 - May 5, 2023 Oct 8, 2023 - Oct 21, 2023 Saturday, Monday	Season 2 May 6, 2023 - Jun 16, 2023 Sep 3, 2023 - Oct 7, 2023 Saturday, Monday	Season 3 Jun 17, 2023 - Sep 2, 2023 Saturday, Monday
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Orange			
Double room Cat. B	66.00	66.00	66.00
Single room surcharge	40.00	40.00	40.00
Orange			
Double room Cat. A	70.00	70.00	70.00
Single room surcharge	45.00	45.00	45.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
Unisex E-Bike	239.00
30-Speed Bike PLUS	159.00
Prices per person in GBP	

Services / Information

Services

Included

- 7 nights in the chosen category, including breakfast
- Luggage transfer(s) max. 1 piece of luggage 20 kg per person
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, suitcase labels)
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally

Arrival information

- Train: Orange station, from Paris by TGV to Orange. Start hotels are approx. 2-3 km from the train station
- Airport: Lyon or Marseille
- Parking Category A: Free parking spaces are available on the hotel grounds. Reservation is not possible and mandatory
- Parking Category B: Hotel L'Herbier d'Orange has no parking spaces, but cooperates with the "parking du théâtre antique", which is nearby. We recommend driving to the hotel for loading and unloading luggage. On request, you will receive a parking card for €5 at the reception, which allows you to park for 24 hours in the "parking du théâtre antique". Booking in advance is not possible. You can pay on the spot