

EVERYDAY EXTRAORDINARY in Provence Sample Itinerary*



Day One

Pick up from the Avignon TGV train station and transfer to our "home base." Meet your hosts and fellow guests. We'll make our first memory of Provence with private lesson/workshop to jumpstart this inspirational week. Champagne Welcome and light supper following. Free time to unpack, relax in the beautiful garden, enjoy a dip in the pool and explore your surroundings.

Day Two

After breakfast, we'll travel to the quintessential Provencal town of St. Remy de Provence, closely associated with Vincent Van Gogh, starting out at the famed St. Remy Market. The shopping is wonderful and you'll be able to pick up souvenirs, not to mention do some shopping for yourself at the market and the nearby shops. We'll even have the chance to visit the atelier of Catherine Bertrand, a textile artist known for her wool felting technique as well as a vintage textile dealer, Impressions de Antine. After a Dutch lunch, we'll visit Les Olivades, printer extraordinaire. Rounding out the day is a petanque lesson and competition followed by dinner at the house.



Day Three

After breakfast, we'll hit the road to embark upon a full day tour of Lyon. Our stops in Lyon, the cradle of the textiles and silk industry, include guided visits to Musee Textile and Decorative Arts, Maison de Canuts, Prelle and Tassinari & Chatel. To end of the day, an appointment at Soirerie Vivant and a walk thru the traboules. Lunch in Lyon to taste the famous Lyonnaise dishes included. Late supper at home.





Day Four

We'll more of Provence, their markets, mills and vineyards. We'll start at the Eygalieres market then a. After lunch, on our way back to the house, we'll make a textile stop or two, enjoy the Provencal countryside; have an olive oil tasting and of course, an afternoon glass of wine. A stop at Le Baux en Provence and the Carriers de Luminares ends the day. After an aperitif- Light supper at home.



Day Five

Continental breakfast at home. We're heading out early today for Grasse and our appointment at Galimard's fragrance studio where we will learn the secrets of perfume. Galimard's "Nose " will transform you into a creator of perfume as you'll be creating your own personal fragrance in this workshop. Then onto Saint Paul de Vence. After lunch with a stunning view, you can explore this artists haven or the Fondation Maeght. Before heading home, we have a discovery wine tasting scheduled at the La Petite Cave de Saint Paul, a 14th century wine cellar with an amazing sommelier. Dinner at home.



Day Six

After continental breakfast, we'll travel to L'isle-sur-Sorgue, a pretty town built on a network of canals linked to the Sorgue River, world renowned for its Market brocante. Special shop visits in Isle sur la Sorgue include Boutique de Francine and her amazing textile collection. There'll be leisure time to explore the famous Sunday antique market along the quays and in the antique "villages." (vintage textiles, trims, printing blocks, original designs can be found) Wander the colorful traditional outdoor market, brimming with local produce and specialties. Enjoy a leisurely, wine-paired lunch on your own on the terrace of a local restaurant overlooking the river. *Tastes of Provence* dinner at the house.



Day Seven

Continental breakfast at home. We'll be home today for a woad (similar to indigo) dyeing class held by master Denise Lambert. You'll learn the history of woad, dye your own vintage textiles collected during your stay or brought from home. After lunch under the plane trees, we'll finish the process to take your pieces home. Farewell Dinner by our private chef at home.



Day Eight

Flexible 1/2 day to pack and leave Provence sadly via TGV at Avignon.

***Itinerary as of 2-14-2017**

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change. Final itineraries will be provided just prior to your departure. We want to give you the most complete, exclusive experience we can; so if opportunities arise we will adjust our itinerary to take advantage of them.