

# Provence

Departs 16 September 2017 for 8 days

*Staying in historic Avignon and delightful Nice the tour offers beautiful scenery, quaint unspoilt villages and the unique culture of this lovely region of France, plus two fascinating narrow gauge train journeys through the picturesque countryside.*

## TOUR COST

From London  
St Pancras: £1320.00

Single  
Supplement: £380.00

Deposit: £250.00

## TOUR INCLUDES

- \* 1st Class Rail from London St Pancras to Avignon - Nice London
- \* Standard class rail travel to Lamstre and Annot
- \* Seven nights' accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- \* Breakfast at the hotels
- \* Lunch at Lamastre
- \* All road excursions and transfers in Nice by private coach
- \* Services of a Railtours Manager

### Saturday 16 September:

Depart London St Pancras on a lunchtime Eurostar service to Lille, travelling in 1st class- lunch with drinks included. Connect onwards by high speed TGV train through France to Avignon, again in 1st class reserved seats, early evening arrival. Stay four nights in a 4-star hotel within the city walls and just a short walk from the station.

### Sunday 17 September:

Morning visit by road to the impressive Roman Aqueduct of Pont du Gard. The afternoon is free to explore Avignon, where you might consider a visit to The Palais des Papes, The Pont St Benedet bridge made famous by the song or perhaps take lunch in the delightful 'Clock Square' in the city centre.

### Monday 18 September:

Morning visit by road through the Vaucluse countryside- the village of Fontaine de Vaucluse with its waterfall and water-powered paper mill, the narrow streets of the hilltop village of Gordes , the wine growing village of Chateauneuf du Pape where there will be an opportunity to taste the excellent wines, or maybe a visit to the castle for great views over the surrounding countryside and a visit to the small winemaking museum.

### Tuesday 19 September:

Travel by road to Tournon for a two hour narrow gauge steam train

journey along the lovely Doux Gorges to the village of Lamastre. We have included a leisurely lunch in a hotel near the station with plenty of time afterwards for a leisurely stroll around the village before returning by road to Avignon.

### Wednesday 20 September:

Depart mid-morning, by rail, via Marseille to Nice, including a scenic run along the Mediterranean coast. Stay 3 nights in a centrally located 4-star hotel.

### Thursday 21 September:

A full day to explore Nice at your leisure. Stroll along 'The Promenade des Anglais,' or through the narrow streets of the old town. Visit the harbour area, the chateau or pay a visit to the morning flower market. Optional afternoon excursion by rail to fashionable Monte Carlo just 20 minutes away.

### Friday 22 September:

Excursion by narrow gauge train from Nice, through The Var Gorges and past the hilltop monastery at Entreaux, to the lovely Provence village of Annot. Take time to explore and have lunch before returning to Nice by rail.

### Saturday 23 September:

Depart Nice mid-morning by TGV back along the Mediterranean coast, then continuing north through central France to Lille, where we connect with Eurostar to London St Pancras, arriving early evening. Dinner with drinks included on Eurostar.

*A minimum 10 persons is required for the tour to operate  
Connecting rail travel tickets to London St Pancras International available from us at special fares.*

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