



Discovering Provence

Sunday, June 9: Arrival at Marseille Provence Airport (time to be confirmed)

Transfer from Marseille airport to the city center, by bus and metro (€10 + €1.70) or VTC Uber (approx. €40), at your convenience.

Arrival at your accommodation in Marseille for 4 nights.

Meeting with your host Sandra, followed by suggestions for outings according to your arrival time and preferences.

Suggestions for nearby restaurants.

Overnight stay with your host Sandra.



Monday June 10: Marseille

Breakfast included at your host's.

Guided walking tour of one of Marseille's emblematic districts in a small group (max 8 people) with your guide Eric, in the form of a fun treasure hunt. You'll discover hidden treasures that even most Marseillais don't know about (3h30).

Lunch on your own (a list of our favorite restaurants in the various districts of Marseille will be given to you).

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy Marseille's beautiful beaches.

Dinner on your own and overnight stay with your host.



Tuesday June 11: Marseille / Côte Bleue / Martigues

Breakfast included with your host.

Head for Marseille Saint Charles station to take the Côte Bleue train and its many wonderful stops to Martigues. The Côte Bleue lies to the west of Marseille.

The 22 km of coastline form an unspoilt landscape where wild fauna and flora enhance this rich heritage, bordered by beaches, coves and harbours.

The Côte Bleue railroad line required the construction of 18 viaducts, 2 bridges and 23 tunnels, built between 1907 and 1915.

We'll give you our recommendations for a pleasant stroll along the Douaniers trail, a path suspended above the sea. We'll also tell you which stops you shouldn't miss, depending on what you're looking for.

Walking tour of Martigues, at your own pace, with a map and tour of the city's highlights.

Return to Marseille on the Côte Bleue train at the end of the day.

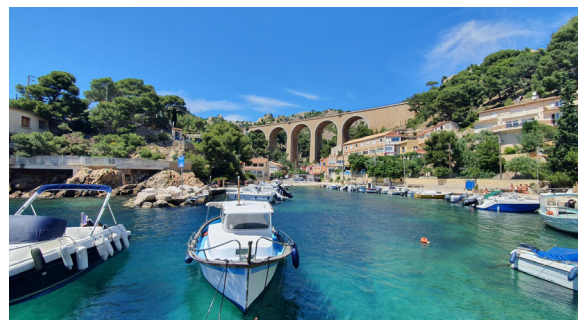
Dinner and overnight stay with your host.

Wednesday June 12: Marseille and its Calanques

Breakfast included with your host.

Today you'll discover the Vieux Port district, before setting off on foot to explore Marseille's famous calanques. You'll spend half a day walking along the Corniche. A unique experience.

Return in the early afternoon, for a lunch break that could see you sample some of Marseille's best grilled sardines and panisses.



This afternoon, we suggest a visit to the Bobo district, home to the famous Notre Dame de la Garde Cathedral (nicknamed La Bonne Mère).

This guided tour lasts 2h30 and takes in some of Marseille's finest sights.

End the afternoon relaxing on a terrace (we'll let you know our best addresses).

Dinner and overnight stay with your host.

Thursday June 13: Marseille / Aix en Provence

Breakfast included at your host's.



Today, you'll take a direct bus from Marseille to Aix en Provence.

You'll arrive in Aix-en-Provence in less than an hour.

When you get off the bus, it's a 15-minute walk to your accommodation in the heart of Aix-en-Provence's historic center.

Settle into your charming studio for 2 nights.

Afternoon exploring Aix en Provence.

Thanks to your Pass, valid for 48 hours, you'll have free access to numerous tourist sites, museums, cultural centers, tourist trains and guided tours.

You'll also benefit from discounts in many Aix-en-Provence stores. We'll provide you with a full list.

Dinner and overnight stay in your apartment.



Friday June 14: Aix en Provence

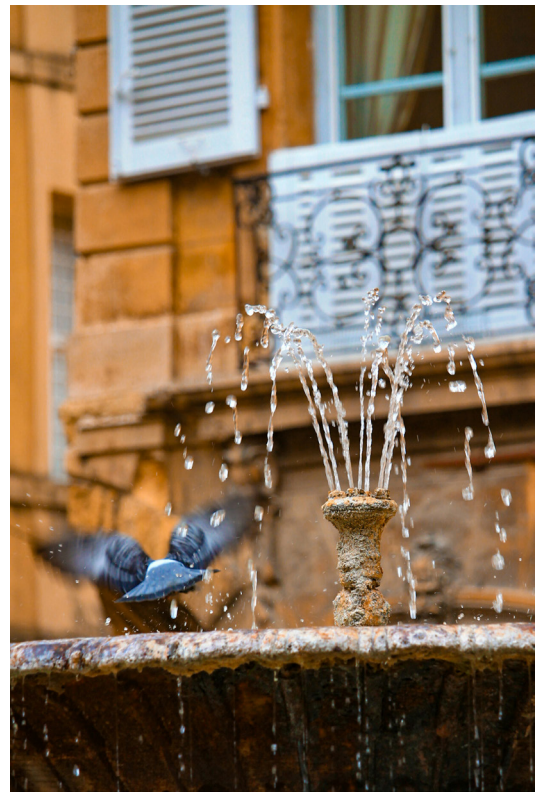
A free day to discover the charms of Aix en Provence.

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Lunch and dinner on your own.

Night in your apartment.



Saturday June 15: Aix en Provence / Ardèche

Breakfast on the terrace to enjoy the atmosphere of the Provençal market.

Today, you'll leave Aix-en-Provence by bus for the Marseille train station.

You will then take a direct train from Marseille to Montélimar. You'll reach Montélimar in 2.5 hours.

Upon arrival in Montélimar, you'll pick up your rental car, which is a must in the Ardèche to visit the region's beautiful villages.



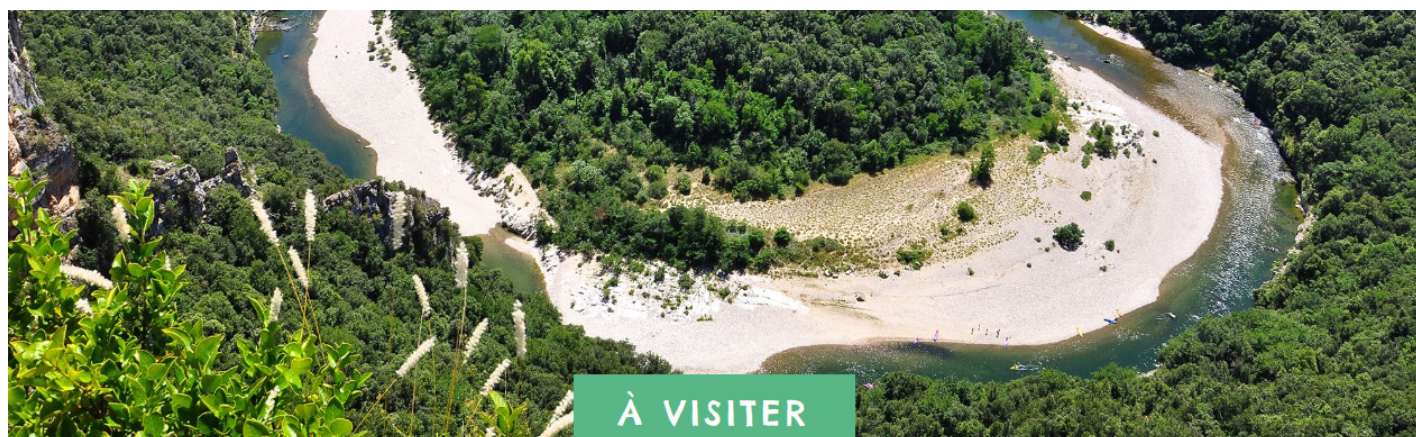
You'll then drive to the village of Montréal (you can't make this up!!!) in the Ardèche, where you'll settle into your comfortable wooden chalet, complete with kitchenette.

Your hosts will welcome you and take you to the swimming pool, before you enjoy a delicious wood-fired pizza.



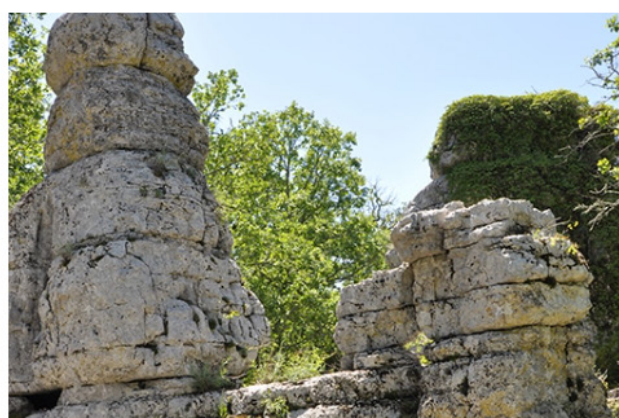
Sunday June 16: Ardèche

You can take advantage of this beautiful day to discover the magnificent treasures of this wonderful region.



LA GROTTTE DE CHAUVET 2 26 KM

Entre les stalactites et les stalagmites, dans la fabuleuse réplique de la grotte ornée du Pont d'arc, dite grotte Chauvet, vous découvrirez d'extraordinaires peintures et gravures représentant une centaine d'animaux (lions, rhinocéros, chevaux...), restitution du chef d'œuvre des premiers artistes de l'histoire de l'humanité, datant de 36 000 ans. www.grottechauvet2ardeche.com



LE BOIS DE PAÏOLIVE 22 KM

Au pied des Cévennes, au sud du département de l'Ardèche, cette forêt ancienne traversée par les gorges du Chassezac est une véritable curiosité de la région. Découvrez les richesses de ce labyrinthe fascinant à travers ses nombreux sentiers et explorez ses mystérieux paysages de chênes blancs et de blocs de calcaire sculptés par l'érosion.

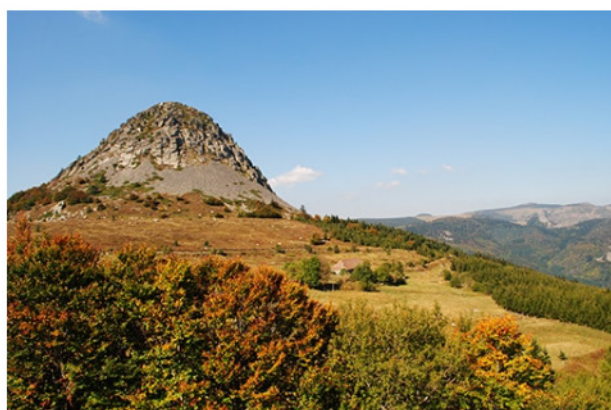


LE CHÂTEAU DE MONTRÉAL 03 KM

Hubert Fénestrier vous ouvre ses portes toute l'année... Ce maçon, passionné de vieilles pierres, désormais châtelain restaure seul cet édifice depuis 1998 ! L'été, des animations médiévales sont organisées, vous pourrez également y découvrir le savoir-vivre et le savoir-faire du Moyen-Age lors d'ateliers et de visites théâtralisées.

Idéal pour les enfants.

www.chateau-montreal.com



LE MONT-GERBIÈRE DE JONC 63 KM

Partez à la découverte des sources du plus long fleuve de France ! Car c'est bien là que commence le long voyage de la Loire jusqu'à l'Océan Atlantique. Classé depuis 1933, ce relief à la forme particulière culminant à 1551 m offre une vue époustouflante et incomparable sur les terres volcaniques. De son sommet, le lever de soleil vous promet une expérience que vous n'êtes pas prêts d'oublier !



LES GORGES DE L'ARDÈCHE ET LE PONT D'ARC 20 KM

Surnommé la « porte d'entrée naturelle » des gorges de l'Ardèche, l'impressionnant Pont-d'Arc (60 m pour une hauteur de 54 m) est une curiosité géologique unique au monde. Les gorges s'étirent sur environ 30 kilomètres, entre le Pont-d'Arc (à Vallon-Pont-d'Arc) et Saint-Martin d'Ardèche. Descente en Canoë, en Kayak, en barque ou encore en randonnée pédestre, découvrez et profitez d'une expérience unique dans l'un des sites les plus remarquables d'Europe !

www.pontdarc-ardeche.fr



LE MUSÉE DE LA CHÂTAIGNERAIE 08 KM

Découvrez l'histoire de la culture du châtaignier, l'entretien de la châtaigneraie, le ramassage, le séchage et le décorticage des châtaignes, ainsi que l'impressionnante collection d'outils anciens présentée. Vous saurez tout sur celui qu'on appelle « l'arbre à pain » ! Crèmes, biscuits, terrines, liqueurs et autres produits artisanaux à base de châtaignes vous attendent à la boutique...

www.musee-chataigneraie.fr



LE GRAND SITE DE L'AVEN D'ORGNAC 33 KM

Partez sur les traces de nos ancêtres préhistoriques ! Découvert en 1935, l'Aven d'Orgnac est situé au sud du plateau calcaire des gorges de l'Ardèche. Contemplez les gigantesques salles souterraines aux centaines de cristallisations (700 marches pour descendre jusqu'à 120 mètres de profondeur) d'une grotte classée Grand Site National depuis 2004. Profitez-en également pour partager le quotidien de nos ancêtres depuis le Paléolithique à La Cité de la Préhistoire.

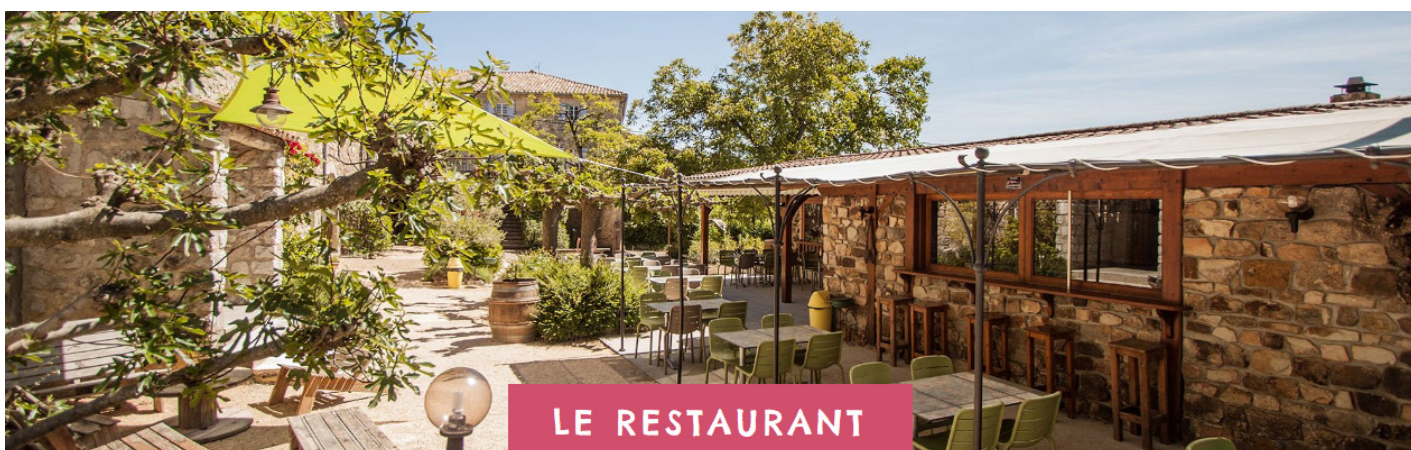
www.orgnac.com

You'll also be able to discover the magnificent Ardèche villages of:

- Balazux
- Vogüé
- Vinezac
- Labeaume
- Chassiers
- Jaujac
- Vallon Pont d'Arc...

Your accommodation in Ardèche from June 15 to 17:

Located in Montréal (07) in the Monts d'Ardèche Regional Nature Park, your holiday resort offers a warm, natural setting on a 3-hectare estate. The village offers gîtes and chalets with covered terraces, as well as a restaurant serving authentic cuisine and wood-fired pizzas.



Monday June 17: Ardèche / Aubenas

This morning, you'll need to return your rental car in Montélimar.

You will then take a 1h15 bus ride to Aubenas (bus station).

Aubenas will be your base for your workshop with Franck Lopvet.

Please check whether the organizers of your course will pick you up at the Aubenas bus station, or whether you need to take a VTC Uber or a cab.

Monday June 17 to Friday June 21: Franck Lopvet course



Friday June 21: Aubenas / Lyon

At the end of your course (timetable to be checked), departure from Aubenas bus station by bus to Montélimar station to catch your train, which will take you to Lyon in 1h40.

Arrive in Lyon in the afternoon.

Transfer to your hotel to check into your room and take advantage of your privileged downtown location to stroll through Lyon's pretty pedestrian streets.

Dinner in downtown Lyon (we'll provide you with a list of our gastronomic recommendations).

Saturday June 22: Lyon

Hearty breakfast at your hotel.

A day to discover Lyon.

We'll give you our best recommendations for discovering the treasures of this beautiful city, rich in history and cultural, architectural and gastronomic heritage.



Sunday June 23: Lyon / Montréal

Hearty breakfast at your hotel.

Then departure for Lyon airport, by direct bus (€2) or VTC Uber (approx. €50) at your convenience.

End of our services.



Marseille: Bed and breakfast on arrival 4 nights

Enjoy Marseille in the city, near the sea and the calanques, yet right in the center!

Metro, bus and bike services nearby for easy mobility.

A beautiful private room awaits you, with your own little terrace in the sun and all independent sanitary facilities, in a large apartment with two beautiful, cuddly cats!

A word from your host: "At home I'm vegan, I eat everything organic, local and in season, I aim for zero waste as much as possible... I grow vegetables and compost. I try to reduce my carbon footprint as much as possible, even if it's not always easy in the city! I'm passionate about ecology, literature, writing and poetry... A few years ago, I created a 100% ecological media in Marseille to support and promote those involved in the ecological transition in my city. And I try to make my living and working space all green! »

1 guest room with 1 double bed and 1 private bathroom.

Breakfast and towels included.



Lyon: last 2 nights before your return

Your hotel features a terrace, restaurant, bar and free Wi-Fi.

All rooms have air conditioning and flat-screen satellite TV.

A welcome tray is provided.

The private bathroom features a shower and hairdryer.

A buffet breakfast is served daily on site.

The buffet includes homemade products (cakes, jam and compote) and local products (bread,

Price : € 1,660

The price includes :

4 nights in Marseille in a bed & breakfast with breakfasts

2 nights in Aix en Provence in an apartment

2 nights in Ardèche in authentic vacation accommodation in a detached chalet

2 nights in Lyon in a city-center hotel with breakfast

Car rental for 2 days from Montélimar

A folder with your train, bus and city pass tickets, city maps and timetables, as well as your detailed program.

Train tickets for the Côte Bleue, train and coach tickets between Marseille and Aix-en-Provence and Montélimar and Aubenas, train tickets between Montélimar and Lyon

2 guided tours of Marseille

City Pass to Aix-en-Provence for 48 hours

