



# From Gigondas to Châteauneuf-du-Pape via the Dentelles de Montmirail

7 days / 6 nights from Avignon

## Day 1: Friday, October 4: Arrival in Gigondas

Arrive with your own vehicle in Gigondas, at the foot of the magnificent Dentelles de Montmirail, in the late afternoon.

Alternatively, you can arrive at Avignon TGV station and we'll reserve a rental car (electric, hybrid or combustion) for you for the duration of your stay (it's a 1-hour drive from Avignon TGV station to Gigondas).



Your room is at your disposal, in the heart of the pretty village of Gigondas.

We'll give you our recommendations for choosing your restaurant this evening.

Night in Gigondas.



## Day 2: Saturday, October 5: Gigondas

Breakfast on the pleasant terrace of your accommodation.

Today, we've arranged for you to visit one of the oldest and largest estates in Gigondas. Your guide will take you behind the scenes of this renowned estate, before leading you to the "high" plots of Gigondas, at the foot of the Dentelles de Montmirail.



On the way back, enjoy a tasting of the estate's wines. We'd like to draw your attention to the latest Gigondas Blanc, but Marie can explain the subtleties of this nectar better than we can.

Lunch at your leisure in one of Gigondas' restaurants: we'll be happy to give you our recommendations.

In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the charming pedestrian streets of Gigondas, discovering local craft stores.

At the end of the afternoon, we've planned an original ride through the vineyards in a 1965 Volkswagen Combi. With its colorful hippie decor, comfort and music, this vintage minibus seats 6 for a gourmet tasting experience.

Whether you're a couple, a family or a group of friends, for almost an hour and a half, you'll criss-cross the vineyards of Gigondas, admire the Dentelles de Montmirail, listen to the history of the Domaine and, above all, taste the wines in the heart of the vineyard!



Dinner at leisure in one of Gigondas' restaurants.

Night in Gigondas.

## Day 3: Sunday, October 6: Gigondas / The Dentelles de Montmirail

Breakfast on the pleasant terrace of your accommodation.

The Dentelles de Montmirail can be explored in all its sporting glory on electrically-assisted mountain bikes. Thanks to these fantastic bikes, you'll be able to go everywhere without too much effort, and you'll easily climb the 850 meters of difference in altitude on this 22 km route to discover the wonderful landscapes of the Dentelles de Montmirail.

Your guide for this half-day tour is Régis, a cycling enthusiast who knows the region like the back of his hand.



Return to Gigondas for lunch in one of the village's restaurants.

Rest at the hotel or stroll through the pretty cobbled streets of Gigondas.

In the late afternoon, we've arranged a visit to the Caveau du Gigondas, followed by an introduction to the personalized tasting of 5 Gigondas wines in their own private space: a beautiful vaulted stone cellar. Over 100 cuvées of Gigondas are available, at the same price as at each of the properties.

Dinner in one of Gigondas' restaurants.

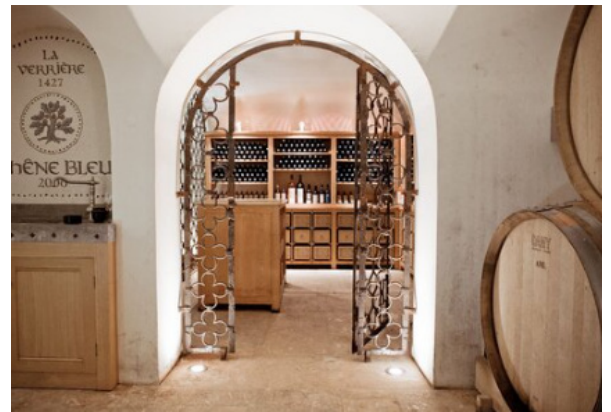


**Day 4: Monday, October 7: Gigondas / Beaumes-de-Venise / Vaison-la-Romaine (35 km)**

Breakfast on the pleasant terrace of your accommodation.

Today, you'll drive to Vaison-la-Romaine along a magnificent road that takes you along the eastern slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail.

At the start of your journey, you'll pass through the village of Beaumes-de-Venise, renowned for its wines and especially its famous Muscat.



On the way, we've booked a one-hour Initiation to Wine Tasting at a magnificent estate. You'll learn to taste and talk about wine like a pro.

And as it's time for lunch afterwards, we've put together a picnic basket for you. Fresh regional ingredients and homemade products in your Mediterranean-style picnic basket, featuring fine charcuterie and cheeses from Provence's finest organic producers and bread from our local organic bakery. Go hiking or spend a relaxing afternoon in the sun, surrounded by vines, listening to the sounds of nature.



At the end of the day, you'll make your way to your accommodation in Vaison-la-Romaine.

Valeurs Parc-labeled Hôtel de Charme, a 13th-century former coaching inn, with electric vehicle charging stations and massage facilities.



Dinner in one of Vaison-la-Romaine's restaurants. We'll provide you with our list of recommendations.

## Day 5: Tuesday, October 8: Vaison-la-Romaine / Châteauneuf-du-Pape (39 km)

Breakfast at your hotel.

Tuesday is market day in Vaison-la-Romaine. And this Provençal market is one of the largest and most famous in the region.

Take advantage of this morning to stroll the aisles of this market, with its colors and scents that evoke Provence.

For lunch, you'll be spoilt for choice between the many restaurants in the town's squares and pedestrian streets.

You can then take a leisurely stroll to discover the many ancient sites, particularly in the Upper Town, at the foot of the Château.



You'll then take the road to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, passing through the 2 charming Provençal villages of Seguret and Sablet.

Your stay in Châteauneuf-du-Pape will be a historic one, as it will take place in a 19th-century Château set amidst the vines. You'll stay in one of the 11 charming rooms on the estate. It also boasts a pleasant outdoor swimming pool, a Spa and a gourmet restaurant.

We've reserved a table for you at the Château's gourmet restaurant, so all you have to do is choose your wines to accompany this delicious dinner.



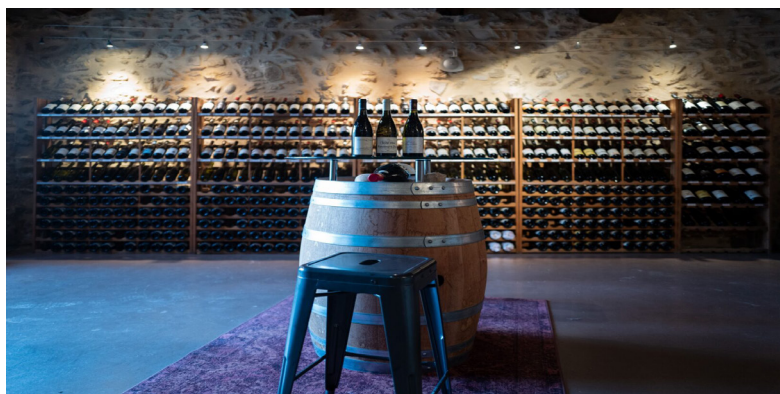
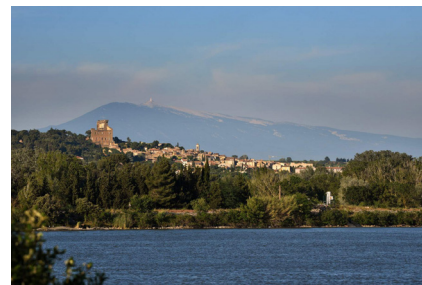
Overnight in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



## Day 6: Wednesday, October 9: Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Breakfast on the Château terrace.

This morning, we'll be exploring the charming village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, starting with the ruins of the Château Pontifical, which dominates the village and offers incredible views of the many vineyards and the Rhône.



You'll then head down to the village, where a walking tour will take you through the highlights of this ancient city.

We've then booked a wine tasting session for you in a rather exceptional location in the heart of the village. During this short hour, you'll taste 5 classic AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape vintages (4 reds and 1 white), learning about the styles of the different estates, the diversity of terroirs and grape varieties, and the history of this prized appellation.

Just a few yards away, you can choose the restaurant you'd like for lunch, next to the Grande Fontaine.

On your way out of the village, we've booked you access to the Musée du Vin, created in 1972 in the heart of a family estate. As well as teaching you all you need to know about vines and wine, we've included a gourmet tasting session. In fact, the 3 crus you're about to taste will be accompanied by 3 delicacies from Montélimar's oldest confectionery factory.



We'd like to round off this discovery with a visit to one of the appellation's most fabulous estates, dating back to 1560, where not only are the landscapes marvelous, but everything is done with total respect for nature and its ecosystem.

You'll have the privilege of tasting 7 wines, including 1 rare old vintage, all in cellars dating back to the 16th century.

Dinner at leisure, then return to the Château for a well-deserved night's sleep.



## **Day 7: Thursday, October 10: Châteauneuf-du-Pape / Avignon (16 km)**

Breakfast on the Château terrace.

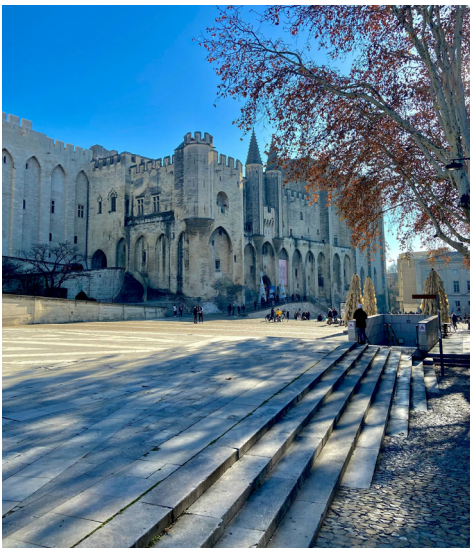
Morning relaxation in the pleasant outdoor swimming pool or Spa.

Late morning departure for Avignon.

We'll provide you with our recommendation of some of Avignon's restaurants.

After lunch, you'll end your wonderful trip with a guided tour of the Palais des Papes. For 1h30, your tour guide will show you what life was like there in the 14th century. You'll also have access to the Palace's magnificent gardens.

Then it's time to head home, or to the Avignon TGV station to return your vehicle and board your train home.



Price: €1,245 NET per person, double occupancy, excluding transport

*Price includes:*

6 nights in charming hotels

2 estate visits and 3 tastings in Gigondas

1 half-day guided VTTAE tour

1 introduction to wine tasting and a gourmet picnic on the road to Vaison-la-Romaine

1 gourmet dinner

3 tastings and 2 estate visits in Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Guided tour of the Palais des Papes in Avignon

*Price does not include:*

Car rental from Avignon TGV station 7 days: price on request

Everything not mentioned in the price includes.

