

Essential Provence

No matter what the season, there's a certain magic in Provence. Whether the fields are filled with scarlet poppies, lush rows of purple lavender, the white or pink blossoms of almond and cherry orchards or, in autumn and winter, the copper and gold leaves of fading vineyards (or even the occasional blanket of glistening snow), Mother Nature never fails to put on a colourful show. But the landscape is just one part of it: Discover the magic of the region on a "town-and-country" tour designed to give you a true taste of this stunning region. Visit Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its Papal Palace, one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. Stroll along the tree-lined Cours Mirabeau in Aix-en-Provence, birthplace of Paul Cézanne, stopping to sample *calissons*, an almond-flavoured sweet and local delicacy. Trace the footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh in both Saint Rémy and Arles, or take a day to *chiner* in Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, browsing for treasures in its plethora of antique shops. And be sure to set aside time for stops at a few of the region's many Châteaux to taste the local wines, most notably the exceptional Provence rosés. Like our Essential Riviera itinerary, our Signature Collection Essential Provence itinerary is designed to offer you a "best-of" experience, introducing you to the highlights of this extraordinary region.



Recommended itinerary length:	4-7 days
Maximum number of people	8
Destinations (varies depending on length of travel)	Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Saint Rémy, Arles, Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, Roussillon, Gordes, Lourmarin, Fontaine de Vaucluse, Pont du Gard
Optional activities	See Experience Provence itinerary
Recommended add-on Signature Collection Itineraries	Essential Riviera, Wine and Wellbeing
Optional add-on destinations	Riviera, Italy
Optimal seasons	Year round, with some activities changing according to the season
Audience	Adults, adaptable for families with children
Areas of interest	Art, Wine & Gastronomy, Culture, Experience