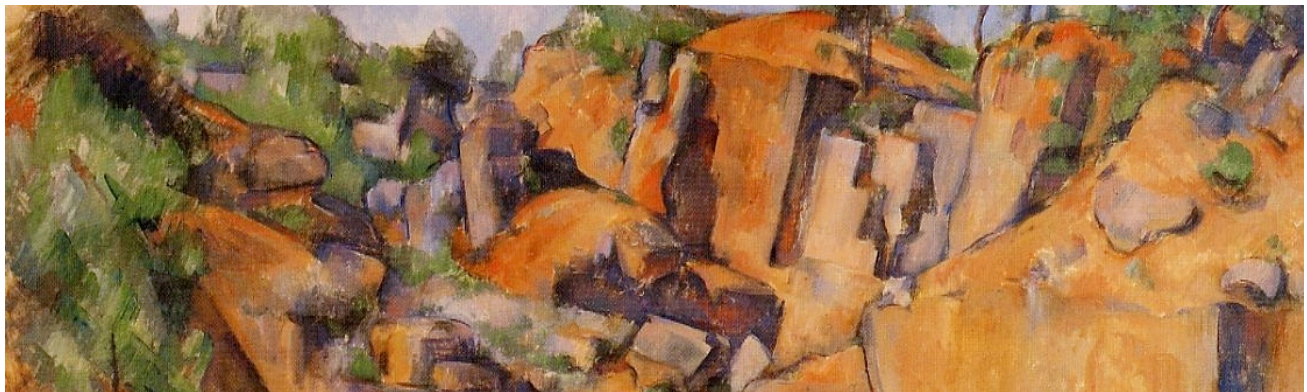


ANDY SWANN VOYAGE - SIGNATURE COLLECTION

The Stones of Provence

The history of Provence is, quite literally, a story set in stone: While the mention of Provence might conjure up images of lavender fields and vineyards, the region is also a land of rock and quarries. From the white Estailades limestone of Oppède to the brilliant ochre hues of Roussillon, the region is studded with quarries, some working, some abandoned, and some repurposed in the most unimaginable ways. Start your experience in the perched village of Lacoste, where the legendary designer Pierre Cardin has transformed the quarry of the chateau of the Marquis de Sade into a stunning performing arts venue. Go off the beaten trail to discover the hidden works of sculptors who were drawn to the region by the lure of plentiful stone, and visit the private studios of contemporary artists to see their work and learn about their artistic processes. Take a nature-lover's walking tour through brilliant ochre quarries of Roussillon, then join in a hands-on workshop where you'll learn to work with ochre pigments, or head to Fontaine de Vaucluse, the source of the river Sorgue, to see the stone grottoes carved over time by the gushing turquoise waters. Discover the Bibémus Quarries near Aix-en-Provence that inspired Cézanne and, for the perfect fusion of the natural and the man-made, head to the perched village of Les-Baux-de-Provence to wander through its sixteen *Carrières de Lumières*, an audiovisual journey that currently features works by Bosch, Brueghel, and Arcimboldo. Whether you are an amateur archaeologist, a dedicated petrologist, or simply a lover of art and nature, our Special Collection Stones of Provence itinerary is designed to give you a privileged and unusual perspective on the natural and cultural history of this extraordinary region.



Recommended itinerary length:	3-5 days
Maximum number of people	8
Destinations (varies depending on length of travel)	Lacoste, Fontaine de Vaucluse, Les-Baux-de-Provence, Roussillon, Oppède, Aix-en-Provence
Optional activities	Antiquing, Wine tasting, museum and gallery visits, hands-on stone-carving workshops
Recommended add-on Signature Collection Itineraries	Essential Art and History, Art and Artists of the Riviera and Provence
Optional add-on destinations	Paris, Riviera, Tuscany
Optimal seasons	Year round, with some activities changing according to the season
Audience	Adults or families with older children
Areas of interest	Art, nature, culture, history

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