

# PROVENCE

## THE FRENCH RIVIERA

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# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings.

This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the daily rhythms of the South of France, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Explore the **medieval streets of Avignon**, where popes ruled in the 14th century.
- ▶ Marvel at the ingenuity and beauty of Provence's **Roman architecture**.
- ▶ Savor a glass of Rhône wine at a vineyard in the **village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape**.
- ▶ Visit the site where **Vincent van Gogh** created some of his greatest works.
- ▶ Discover the **chic Provençal life** in Aix-en-Provence.
- ▶ Stroll the elegant promenade in **sun-splashed Cannes**.
- ▶ Revel in the **glamour of Monaco** inside one of its legendary casinos.





## Dear Alumni and Friends,

Please join us on a fascinating journey to Provence and the French Riviera as we experience the best of southern France! During your nine-night stay, you'll enjoy a range of excursions that showcase this unique region: Avignon's storied religious past; the charm of Provençal towns; the grand architectural ruins of the Roman era in Arles and Orange; the winemaking village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape; the elegant old-world glamour of Cannes; and the spectacular beauty of the Côte d'Azur.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting journey to include an exclusive educational component that is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad® programs. During your travels, you'll gain a deeper appreciation of the people and the culture from expert local speakers. At the same time, you'll appreciate the security, ease and value of group travel, as well as opportunities for exploring on your own. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

This incredible program fills up quickly, so please be sure to make your reservation today. Go Green!

*Regina Cross*

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Director of Alumni Travel  
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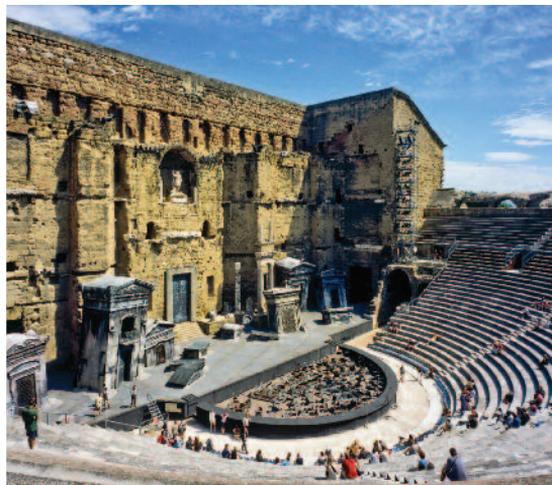
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### | UNESCO |

Four of France's UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured in this comprehensive program:

1. **Historic Center of Avignon:** Papal Palace and Avignon Bridge
2. **Roman Theatre and its Surroundings** and the **Triumphal Arch of Orange**
3. **Pont du Gard**
4. **Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments**





Aix-en-Provence

In the South of France, color and light combine in a very special way to create captivating, magical vistas. Powder-blue skies stretch over swaying purple lavender fields. Ocher and sand-colored villages stand amid lush, green olive groves and vineyards. White boats bob and sparkle in the cobalt blue waters of the Mediterranean. Discover for yourself this breathtaking region of France.

DAY ONE

**IN TRANSIT**

Depart for Marseille, France.✈

DAY TWO

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**MARSEILLE, FRANCE | AVIGNON**

Arrive in Marseille and transfer✈ to Avignon and check into the Mercure Pont d'Avignon Centre Hotel.

Tonight, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

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**AVIGNON**

**Educational Focus: *Avignon's Papal History*.** Learn how Avignon was transformed in the 14th century from a sleepy riverside community to the capital of Roman Catholicism as the residence of seven French popes.

**Excursion: *All About Avignon*.** Discover the

**YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE**

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed elective activities to allow you to craft your individual travel experience. Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



**ELECTIVE** experiences are available at an additional cost.

historic highlights of this walled city nestled on the banks of the Rhône River, including the impressive Palace of the Popes.

**Excursion: *Rhône River Cruise*.** Embark on a leisurely cruise and dine onboard for lunch.

DAY FOUR

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**AVIGNON**

**Independent Exploration:** Pursue your own passions today in Avignon.

**ELECTIVE | *L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue*.** Spend the morning at leisure in one of Provence's most charming towns, known for pathways and cafés along the Sorgue river, as well as its numerous delightful antique shops.

**Local Flavor:** Sample delectable Provençal dishes at dinner in Avignon.

DAY FIVE

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**ORANGE | CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE**

**Excursion: *Roman Ruins and Rhône Wine*.** Visit Orange to see the Arc de Triomphe and the well-preserved Roman Theater. Later, journey to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where the famous Rhône wine is produced. Tour a working vineyard and then enjoy lunch at the winery.

**Educational Focus: *The Wines of Provence*.** While at the winery, learn about the factors that shape these top-quality vintages.

**Excursion: *Pont du Gard*.** Travel to this ancient technical masterpiece, an enormous three-tiered aqueduct built by the Romans in 19 B.C. as part of a 30-mile canal to supply water to the town of Nîmes.

DAY SIX

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**ARLES | LES BAUX | ST. RÉMY**

**Educational Focus: *Architecture of***



**Romans in Provence.** “Provence” derives from “Provincia Romana,” the Roman name for the region they conquered. Learn more about the Roman architecture that remains.

**Excursion: Arles, Les Baux and St. Rémy.**

Journey to Arles to see the amphitheater and other Roman ruins. Enjoy lunch on your own in Arles. Continue to the hill town of Les Baux. Its tiny squares and fortress offer a glimpse of medieval life. End in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence to visit the monastery hospital where Vincent van Gogh once lived and created some of his finest work.

DAY SEVEN

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### AIX-EN-PROVENCE | CANNES

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and enjoy a scenic drive to Cannes via Aix-en-Provence.

**Excursion: Aix-en-Provence.** Explore this classic Provençal town with its colorful markets, thermal springs and the beautiful main avenue, Cours Mirabeau.

**Local Flavor:** Savor a delicious lunch in Aix.

This afternoon, travel to the French Riviera and check in to the Mercure Cannes Croisette Beach Hotel.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner in Cannes.

DAY EIGHT

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### CANNES

**Educational Focus: *The French Riviera.***

Learn more about this resort destination,



Casino, Monaco

a favorite of the wealthy set for centuries.

**Excursion: Cannes & Sainte-Marguerite Island.**

Cannes exudes a swanky aura with luxury seaside hotels, posh boutiques and waterfront villas. It also hosts the renowned film festival, celebrating its 70th year in 2017. Take a short walking tour of elegant Cannes.

Then, journey by boat to the serene and car-free Île Sainte-Marguerite. On a guided walk, admire its tranquil landscape, filled with eucalyptus trees and Aleppo pines.

DAY NINE B | L

### MONACO

**Excursion: Monaco.** While tiny in size, the principality of Monaco is best known for its larger-than-life glamour. Step inside the legendary and lavish Casino de Monte Carlo and see the luxurious gaming rooms that attract an international clientèle, before enjoying lunch. Then drive along the dazzling coastline to St.-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, and visit the



elegant Villa Ephrussi, which houses unique art and antiques and offers splendid views.

**Educational Focus: Contemporary France.** Discuss current events in France.

DAY TEN

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### CANNES

**Independent Exploration:** Create your own agenda for the day in Cannes.

**ELECTIVE | Art & Perfume.** Head to the hill town of St. Paul de Vence to visit the Foundation Maeght, a renowned gallery of contemporary art. Tour the town before enjoying lunch. Continue to Grasse, the center of France's perfume industry, and visit the Fragonard perfume factory. Learn how perfume is made and how natural essences are distilled. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at a restaurant in Cannes.

DAY ELEVEN

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### CANNES | IN TRANSIT

Transfer✈ to the Nice airport for the return flights to your gateway city.

**Note:** *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.*

*BLVD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.*

**E** *Elective experiences available at an additional cost.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Five nights in Avignon, France, at the first-class Mercure Pont d'Avignon Centre Hotel.
- Four nights in Cannes, at the first-class Mercure Cannes Croisette Beach Hotel.

## TRANSFERS

- Deluxe motor coach transfer in the Land Program and baggage handling.

## MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including nine breakfasts, four lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

## YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **The following excursions:**
  - Discover the treasures of Avignon.
  - Relax on a Rhône River cruise.
  - Visit Roman monuments in Orange.
  - Learn about winemaking at a vineyard in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.
  - Marvel at the Pont du Gard aqueduct.
  - See the Roman ruins in Arles.
  - Delight in Les Baux's unique ambience.
  - Visit the monastery hospital in St. Rémy where van Gogh painted.
  - Wander through Aix-en-Provence.
  - Tour Cannes and travel by boat to Île Sainte-Marguerite .
  - Explore glitzy Monaco.



Mercure Pont d'Avignon Centre Hotel



Mercure Cannes Croisette Beach Hotel



## AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *Before you go:*

- ▶ **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

### *Once you arrive:*

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

MERCURE PONT D'AVIGNON  
CENTRE HOTEL | AVIGNON



MERCURE CANNES CROISSETTE BEACH  
HOTEL | CANNES



Our travel experts have selected these luxury properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.

**Reserve your trip to Provence & the French Riviera today!**

**Trip #:5-23199W**

Send to: Provence and the French Riviera  
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c/o AHI Travel  
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Please contact AHI Travel at **800-323-7373** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation. You may also call the MSU Alumni Association at **888-697-2863**.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

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Sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (Form sent separately.)

**I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:**

**Land Program and AHI FlexAir**

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Marseille, France; with a return from Nice to depart from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

**Land Program**

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

**Single Accommodations**

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$895 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 18, 2017** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 pp required) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.
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If you are interested in making independent travel arrangements before and/or after this program, please contact **AHI Travel** at **800-323-7373** no later than **60 days prior to departure** and they will be happy to assist you with your reservations. *A nonrefundable service fee and additional air/land charges based on reservations apply.*

# LAND PROGRAM

June 2-11, 2017

Full Price

\$3,545

Special Savings

\$250

Special Price\*

\$3,295\*

\*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.  
VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional \$895 (limited availability).

**NOT INCLUDED**-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

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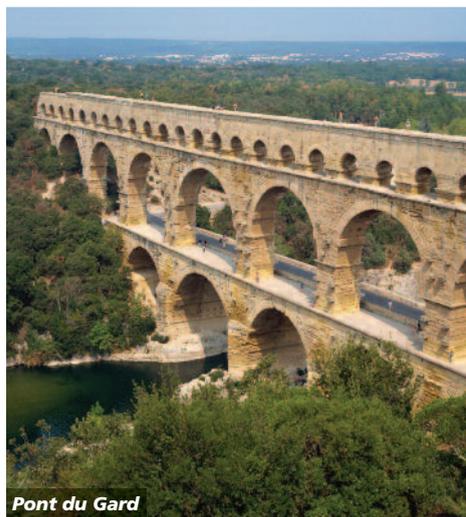
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Château-neuf-du-Pape



Old Town, Cannes



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**With AHI you can rely on:**

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
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