

Provence Camargue de Luxe - 8 days

Avignon, Arles and the Pont du Gard - 3 World Heritage Sites & Luxury Hotels!

On this bike tour you discover Provence and the Camargue - a land of light, colors and scents. Hence, many well-known painters have lived in Provence: Picasso, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Matisse, Cézanne, and Chagall to name just a few. The Mediterranean climate is pleasant, the sun shines more than 3000 hours a year. People live outside, even during the short, crisp, and windy winter, and play "Pétanque" and drink their "Pastis". A place of true inspiration that lead to a series of amusing books by Peter Mayle! Provence not only has an easy way of life, but it's also one of the richest cultural regions in Europe. Numerous monuments testify to a long and great past since the Greek and Roman period going to the middle Ages and, even into the last centuries. And on this 'de Luxe Tour' you will spend the nights in the most elegant and charming hotels of 4**** or even 5*****. That's cycling holidays with France-Bike.

Day 1: Avignon

Arrival in Avignon, at your 4-star hotel with good cuisine and a swimming pool. (The hotel is situated in a calm location, at a distance of 2 km from the city center. Parking is free of charge.) At the reception you will receive your traveler documents. Take the time to visit the historical town center of Avignon.

Day 2: Avignon > Arles, ~50 km

We will meet you at 9:30am at the hotel to adjust your rental bike - if you have rented one - and to give you all the necessary information about your tour. Then you leave Avignon and cycle through the Little Crau and on to medieval village Les Baux de Provence which is situated high up on a rock. From here the view over the surrounding lands is just breathtaking. Finally you will arrive in Arles where a stroll through the historic city center is inevitable as to many Roman sights are waiting for you to be discovered.

Day 3: Arles > Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, ~37 km

Leave Arles southwards and ride through beautiful Camargue. You will cycle around Lake Vaccarès before having lunch time near a bull fight arena in the middle of nowhere. Take the time to observe some rare bird species and then ride on to Saintes Maries de la Mer on the sandy beaches of the Mediterranean where your charming 4**** hotel is waiting for you.

Day 4: Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer > Saint Gilles, ~50 km

Take a refreshing bath in the Mediterranean before leaving Saintes Maries de la Mer. The following stage takes you through the Camargue and along some rice fields. You will cross over the Rhone River with a little ferry boat and continue your way to St. Gilles with its Romanesque church and its famous crypt.

Day 5: Saint Gilles > Remoulins, ~53 km

Leave Camargue behind you to get back to Provence. You will cycle on small roads through vineyards and orchards with a wonderful view of the Mont Ventoux to the Pont du Gard. And in your 4**** hotel in Remoulins you will rest for two nights.

Day 6: Remoulins > Uzès > Remoulins, ~40 km

On small roads and bike paths you are passing some charming small villages before arriving in Uzès, one of the most wonderful towns in Provence. Stroll through the medieval town center and visit the cathedral before heading back to your hotel in Remoulins. And on your way back you will also have the opportunity to swim in the Gardon River. So do not forget to take your bathing togs with you when you leave in the morning.

Day 7: Remoulins > Avignon, ~50 km

This last stage of your bike holidays will bring you back to Avignon. In the morning you will ride through the gently hilly landscape of the Garrigue up to the famous wine town of Tavel. Take the time and make some wine tasting and then follow your way through the vineyards back down to the Rhone River and finally to your 4**** hotel in Avignon.

Day 8: End of the tour or extra nights

Services:

7 nights in 4**** hotels (1x 5*****)
 7x breakfast
 7x tourist tax
 welcome briefing
 luggage transport (1 piece per person)
 carefully chosen roads and paths
 detailed documentation GB, DE, FR, brochures, plans, maps
 France-Bike signs along the route
 GPS tracks on request
 France-Bike security vest
 service hotline

additional services:

supplement solo traveler (luggage)	300 €
theft insurance for the bike	20 €
theft insurance for the e-bike	40 €
rental bike 21 gears	100 €
electric bike	250 €
own bike	0 €
half board	330 €

Price:

