

FRANCE TOURS

MAY 17th arrival

MAY 18th: [Cinque Terra](#). Will take train. No need to sign up in advance

Our hotel is situated at 800 meters far from the train station, you can easily walk or reach it by bus. The bus number 82 is running often to the train station and there is a stop just 50 meters from the Hotel.

To reach the Cinque Terre area from Santa Margherita you can use the public boat (300mts. far from us), in summer period there are excursion organized during the week, or by train running frequently all day long.

MAY 19th: [Portofino](#). No need to sign up in advance. Portofino is 5 Km far from us and you can reach it by boat, bus or by a nice promenade nearby the sea and on the hill.

MAY 20th: in route to Nice drive along the coast with a stop in [Noli](#).

MAY 21st from Nice

8am Departure from the hotel

8.15am to 9.30am Visit of the Old town

9.30am to 10am : Drive to the [Ephrussi Rothchild Villa](#) through the Lower coastal Road

10am to 11.15am Visit of the Villa and the gardens

11.15am to 11.45am Drive to [Monaco](#)

11.45am to 12.30am Visit of the Rock

12.30 to 1pm Visit of the Grand Apartments of the Prince Palace where [Grace Kelly](#) lived from 1956 to 1982

1pm to 2pm Free time for lunch

2pm to 2.30pm walk down the parking slot and drive to [Monte Carlo](#)

2.30pm to 3.30 pm Visit of Monte Carlo

3.30pm to 4pm drive to [Eze](#) through the Middle Coastal Road

4pm to 5.30pm visit of Eze including the [Exotic garden](#)

5.30pm to 6pm drive back to the hotel

Total duration of the tour : 10 hours

Total cost with guide and 3 admission fees: \$65 pp

May 22nd from Nice

8am departure to Saint Tropez via freeway

10am arrival at Saint Maxime - Crossing with the shuttle boat 15 minutes

Stay in [Saint tropez](#) from 10.15 to 1:30 pm

2pm drive to [Cannes](#) through the Coastal Road (beautiful scenery)

3.30pm Arrival at Cannes

6pm drive back to Nice through the [Cap of Antibes](#)

7pm arrival at the hotel

Duration of the tour: 11 hours

Total cost with guide, bus and ferry: \$55

May 23rd from Nice:

9am : Visit of [Antibes](#) drive along the Cap of Antibes and Juan les Pins, a city founded by the Murphy's who invited people like Francis Scott Fitzgerald and his wife Zelda who lived there for 3 years during the 20's, Cole Porter, Hemingway, and introduced the jazz music in Europe. Visit the Picasso museum.

11.30am : Departure for [Gourdon](#)

12.00 arrival at Gourdon

Visit, free time for lunch until 2pm

2pm to 2.45 Drive to [Saint Paul](#) through the Loup Canyon , Tourettes sur Loup and Vence

3pm to 5.30 Visit and free time in St Paul de Vence

5.30pm to 6pm : Drive back to the hotel

Duration of the tour : 9 hours

Total cost with guide and admission fee: \$40

May 24th from Nice

Then we will depart Nice on the 24th and make our way to Arles with the following itinerary:

9am : departure to Arles via [Saint Maximim](#) and [Aix en Provence](#)

11am : arrival at Saint Maximim la Sainte Baume

11am to 12am Visit of the basilica where Maria Magdalena is resting

12am to 1pm Lunch

1pm to 1.30pm drive to Aix en Provence

1.30pm to 3.30pm Free time in Aix en Provence with maps for everyone

3.30pm to 4.30pm Drive back to Arles

No Cost

May 25th from Arles

9 a.m.: Head to la Camargue region which is really unique of the king. First, Go to [Stes Maries-de-la-Mer](#) for the Provençal market and the famous fortified church and of course, walk in the village and by the seaside. Then head towards [Aigues Mortes](#) for its ramparts. We will take a tour on the [petite train](#) for a nice little tour. Lunch there and have coffee in a French café

afternoon : back to [Arles](#) and visit the Roman sites (like les Arènes, the largest monument in Gaul, and follow the Van Gogh spirit) and the town.

Cost with guide, bus amphitheatre & petite train admission: \$45

May 26th from Arles.

Avignon (3 hours), and visit the [Palace of the Popes](#). Then wonderful Fontaine de Vaucluse (lunch there) painted in green by its water that goes out from the spring in the cave, [Gordes](#) (the perched village). Then [Roussillon](#) where you could have a walk in the village and in the ochre path(1hour). Then finish with les [Baux de Provence](#) by les Alpilles'. So wonderful landscape and back to Arles. (maybe you could stop by St Remy de Provence to visit the St paul de Mausole. I should have a final itinerary for you in the

next 2 or 3 weeks. **Cost with guide and entry fee to Baux de Provence and Palace of the Popes: \$45**

Now, some information about the sites:

1. Les Baux de Provence is a 18,07 km² medieval village situated on a rocky spur of the Alpilles massif which overhangs 200 m the countryside. It is dominated by a vast fortress, today in ruins, opening a wide view on the plains of the South, towards Arles and the close Camargue. It is divided into 2 parts : the living village, with houses, churches, shops... and the Deserted Village where the castle and dependant buildings were razed in 17C. The village is only accessible on foot but you can park your car at the village entrance. On the foothills, among the olive trees, you could lunch a Provencal cuisine in a 2 or 3 stars restaurant.

2. the Roussillon village stands on the highest of the hills between the Coulon Valley and the Vaucluse Plateau. These hills are composed of almost 17 different shades of ochre rock, that are reflected on the local houses. These ochre sands were used for colorings and paintings before being substituted by the chemical colors of today. The quarries of ochre offers an impressive landscape.

3. Avignon, often referred to as the "City of Popes", is today the largest city of the prosperous Vaucluse region. The ancient town centre is still surrounded by its astonishing medieval ramparts. It is gay, intimate and produces an annual drama festival. The visit of the Palace of the Popes may last 1 hour.

<http://www.palais-des-papes.com/anglais/index.html>

Some of the places in Arles to visit (we will see some of these on our tour with Anita, others you can do on your own).

Amphithéâtre d'Arles **We will see on our tour**

Théâtre antique d'Arles

Thermes de Constantin **From outside should be enough**

Cloître Saint-Trophime

Musée Départemental Arles Antique

Cryptoportiques

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Use this form to mail in your check:

Name: _____

Please sign up for the tours by April 1st

May 21st – Monaco/ Monte Carlo -----	\$65
May 22nd – Saint Tropez -----	\$55
May 23rd – Antibes/ Gourdon -----	\$40
May 25th - Stes Maries-de-la-Mer/ Aigues Mortes -----	\$45
May 26th – Avignon/ Gordes/ Roussillon -----	\$45
Fuel surcharge increase since the balance due letter -----	\$21

Very sorry about this \$21 charge but in the weeks since the balance due letter the fuel surcharge has continued to go up and we must collect it.

Total enclosed:

Mail to: Singles in Paradise, P.O. Box 130126
Carlsbad, CA 92013-0126

Bill my credit card: Add 3% for credit cards and fax to 760.298-1640

Card #: _____ Expires: _____

You can also just email us to give us instructions to bill your credit card for the tours you'd like to sign up for.

We will be sending out a form with a grid as we get closer to the trip where you can see what everyone has signed up for.