



Trip description

4-day bike trip in the heart of Provence

A cycling holiday in the heart of the colorful lands of Provence, between lavender fields and vineyards. Explore picturesque villages full of history and experience a warm culture.

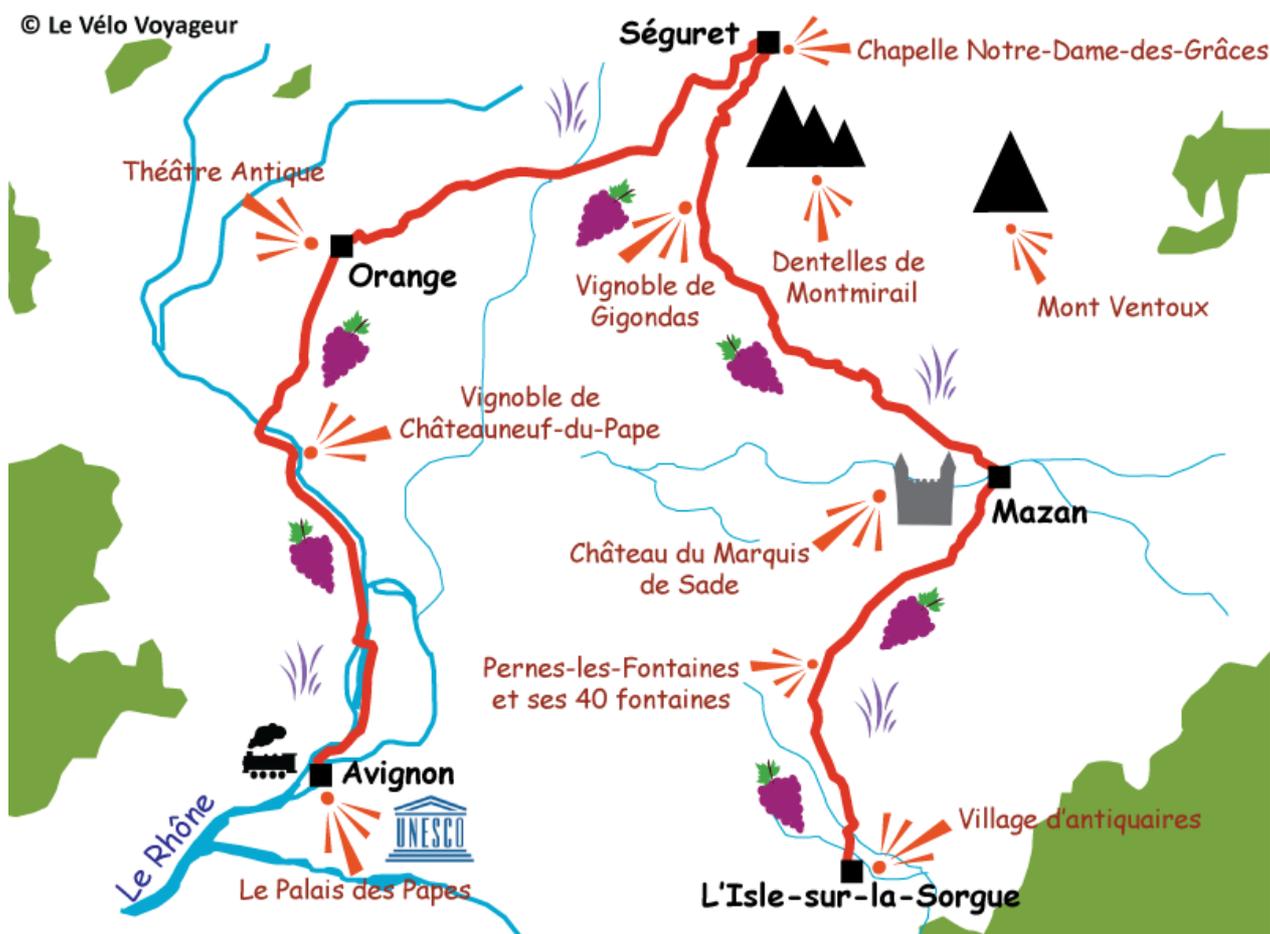


Destination	France
Location	Provence and Camargue
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From March to November
Minimum age	From 14 years old
Reference	P0402

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Hop on your bike and explore the colorful and fragrant roads of Provence, between lavender fields, olive trees and hilltop villages. You start your bike tour in Avignon, the city of Popes with its rich artistic and architectural heritage. Then, after riding through the famous vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, reach Orange and its ancient theater. With the rocky "Dentelles de Montmirail" in the background, ride through the countryside to Séguret, one of the most beautiful villages in France. Cross on your way many small typical Provencal villages and reach Mazan, at the foot of Mont Ventoux. Finally, your last stage takes you to Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, a former fishing village, renowned today for its numerous antique shops. Breathe the beautiful scents of Provence during a delightful breakaway !

Day 1

Avignon - Orange

Bike
42km

If you like, explore Avignon some more this morning. This UNESCO Heritage site has plenty to see. Afterwards, you'll leave the city along the Rhone River and pass through picture-perfect villages in the countryside. After crossing the river, you'll reach the world-famous wine village of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Be sure to sample some of these great wines! Your daily tour ends with a leisurely ride through the vineyards to Orange and its ancient Roman theater.

Day 2

Orange - Séguret

Bike
25km

You'll leave the historic city center to reach the surrounding plains of Orange. This route takes you past the intriguing rock formation known as "Laces of Montmirail". The rocks have been finely chiseled by erosion, giving them a "lacey" appearance. You'll pass several wineries where hosts will share their knowledge of winemaking with you. Continue until reaching the town of Séguret

Day 3

Séguret - Mazan

Bike
34km

This morning's tour leads you through the 'Grands Crus' of the Rhone Valley as you discover villages such as Gigondas, Vacqueyras and Beaumes-de-Venise. Follow the path on quiet, back country roads between scented lavender fields and olive trees. Stop in the towns of Carromb, Modène and Saint-Pierre-de-Vassols and explore the uniqueness of each place. Your final destination is Mazan, with its historic town center.

Day 4

Mazan - L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue

Bike
35km

You'll head South this morning to reach the former capital of the Combat Venaissin, Pernes-les-Fontaines. The town has preserved many medieval remains, including forty fountains! The next part of the route follows alongside the Carpentras Canal, where you'll reach the enchanting town of L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. This former fishing village was built on stilts in the 12th Century. Today, the town is known for its many antique shops. If you are looking for a bargain, check out one of the 350 secondhand goods dealers!

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.

One night is spent in a typical provincial wine estate where the owner will be glad to show you

around and have you sample the wines.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-Star hotels of Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included! One night is spent in a typical provincial wine estate with a swimming-pool. The owner will be glad to show you around and have you sample the wines.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category C

You'll enjoy a higher level of service in these 3-4 Star properties. Some nights you'll stay in a luxurious Bed and Breakfast and other nights in a hotel in an exceptional setting. Properties are selected for their high standards and impeccable service. This category is for guests looking for a higher-end vacation with a swimming pool every night. Of course, breakfast is included daily.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight for Avignon, Marseille Provence or Nîmes

By train: direct TGV trains from Paris (Gare de Lyon station), Lyon or Marseille to Avignon. The duration of the trip is about 2h40 from Paris, 1h10 from Lyon and 35mn from Marseille. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking:

If you drive to Orange, you can park in a public secured car park in the city center (decreasing daily rate of 10€/24h). There are also many places where you can park your car for free (not secured). You will find the details of the different options in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 3€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

If you chose the luggage transport, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located not far from the train station in the city center and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

385 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in ** / *** hotels

3 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddled bags, locks, toolkit)

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)

25 €/pers

Half-board

29 €/dinner

Extra for a single room (**)

45 €/night

Extra night in Avignon

55 €/pers

Extra night in Isle-sur-la-Sorgue

55 €/pers

Category B

429 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in *** hotels or B&B's

3 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddled bags, locks, toolkit)

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)

55 €/pers

Half-board

36 €/dinner

Single room extra (**)	65 €/night
Extra night in Avignon	65 €/pers
Extra night in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue	65 €/pers

Category C **515 €/pers**
Double room fare

3 nights in ***/**** hotels or maisons d'hôtes with pools
3 breakfasts
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddled bags, locks, toolkit)
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents in France
7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)	60 €/pers
Half-board	36 €/dinner
Extra for a single room (**)	86 €/night
Extra night in Avignon	100 €/pers
Extra night in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue	90 €/pers

Options

Luggage transport (4 persons basis)	55 €/pers
Luggage transport (2 persons basis)	110 €/pers
Extra E-bike (4 days)	60 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-70 €/pers

(*) High season :
from 01.06.2019 to 15.09.2019

()** valid for 2 participants minimum

Children discount (in the same room as two full rate participants)

0-4 years : -70%
5-11 years : -50%
12-17 years : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location
the drinks
the meals which are not included
the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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