



Trip description

Cycling Provence and Camargue from Avignon to Nimes

Enjoy the sweet fragrance of Provence and be amazed by the wild nature of Camargue. A cycling trip full of nature and culture!

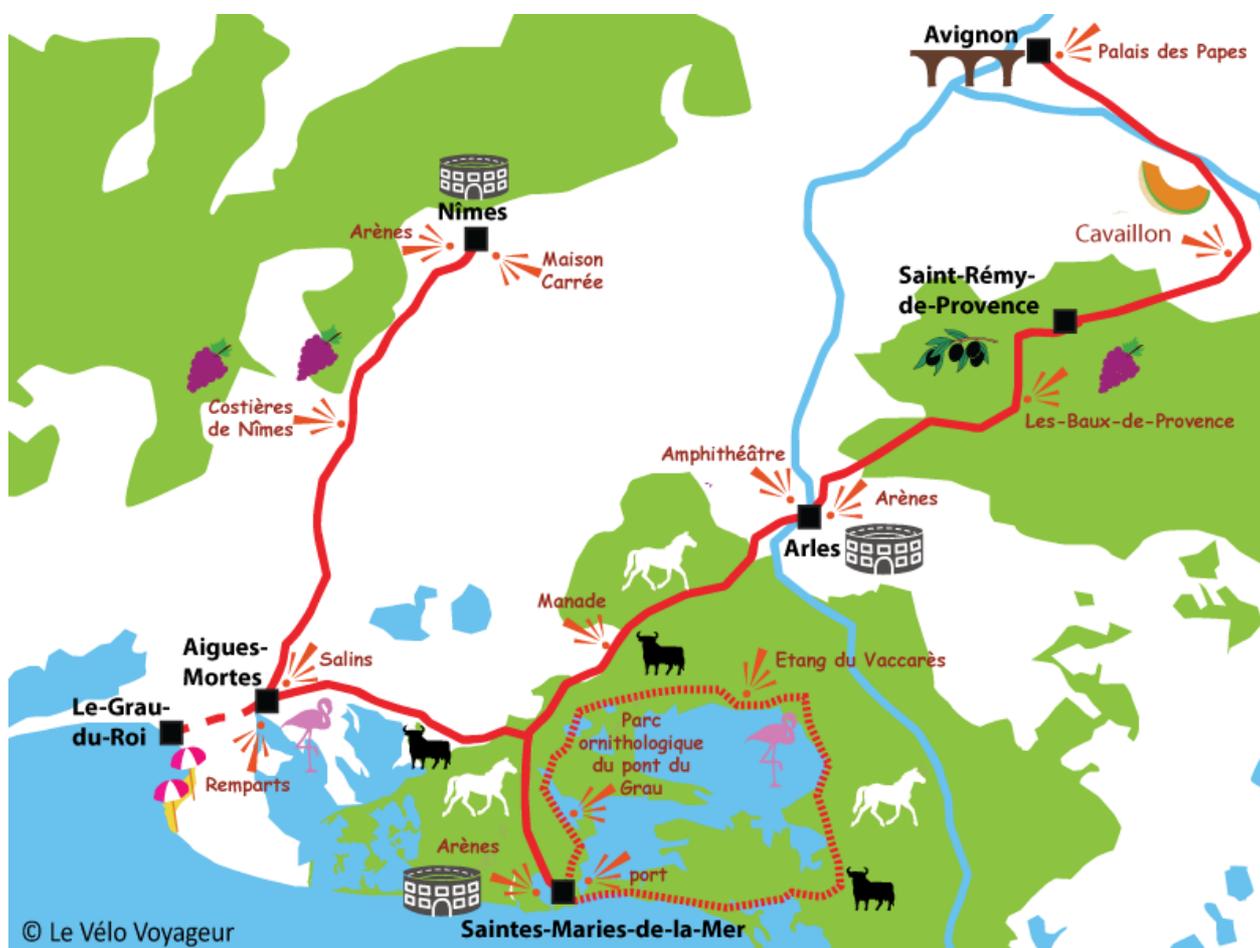


Destination	France
Location	Provence and Camargue
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From April to November
Minimum age	14 years old
Reference	P0803

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



You start your Provençal tour in the beautiful city of Avignon famous for its bridge, the Palais des Papes and its festival. You cycle through a luxuriant

vegetation to discover some picturesque villages such as St-Remy-de-Provence or les-Baux. Those typical villages will seduce you with their gentle lifestyle.

Follow your journey towards Arles, a roman city famous for its arena. You will then reach the "Camargue" region, where you can observe different animals such as bulls, pink flamingos and white horses. Discover Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a beautiful seaside village but also Aigues-Mortes, a fortified town famous for its violet salt marshes.

You will finish your cycling tour in Nîmes, an unmissable city full of Roman monuments and traditions. You can enjoy a walk in its colorful streets and visit the antical theater.

A complete cycling tour between nature and culture!

Day 1

Avignon

Your bike trip begins in the heart of Provence. Discover Avignon, a city with exceptional architectural and artistic heritage. The walled city has a town center enclosed with ramparts. You might want to take a river cruise on the Rhone River or meander the winding streets and cross the historic Saint Benezel Bridge. The city is filled with historical churches as well as modern day cafes.

Day 2

Avignon- Saint Rémy de Provence

Bike
56km

You leave the "Cité des Papes" and cycle in the countryside. Pass through the village of Cavaillon, famous for its watermelon. The next part of the route will lead you to Saint Remy de Provence, a very typical provencal village. Have a nice walk into its small streets and enjoy the taste of Provence!

Day 3

Saint Rémy de Provence- Arles

Bike
34km

Altitude
±160m

You leave St Remy de Provence, a picturesque village and ride along the Alpilles mountains to reach another typical village called "Les Baux de Provence". You cycle with a magnificent view over the mountains. This is the hardest part of the trip, we advise you to rent an electric bike if you are not used to cycle some hills. The next part of the route leads you towards Arles: enjoy the perfume of the olive trees along the way.

Day 4

Arles-Saintes Maries de la Mer

Bike
40km

Stroll into the streets of Arles and visit its arena and amphitheater. Leave the city using a cycle path to proceed into Camargue where you will enjoy a dry and wild nature. Meet white wild horses and bulls in the countryside!

You finish the day in "Les Saintes Maries de la Mer", a beautiful and typical village from the region. Have a walk in the marina and enjoy the beautiful lights of the sunset.

Day 5

Bird park loop

Bike
18km

The smallest loop will lead you towards the Camargue. You will discover "les Mas" (typical houses) but also "les manades" (you can do horseriding in les manades). You can finish your day at the ornithological parc called le Pont du Gau. It is a must see. You can discover a lot of gorgeous pink flamingos and other species of birds inside this parc.

Vaccares pond loop

If you cycle the biggest loop, you will discover Vaccares pond, a place full of animals and

Bike
64km

nature. You will cycle all around the pond and also cycle along the seashore.

Day 6

Saintes Maries de la Mer- Aigues Mortes

Bike
35km

You follow the road along the vineyards and reach today Aigues Mortes, a fortified town. You can enjoy a walk inside the city and visit its salt marshes. Do not miss the visit by small train to discover the process of collecting salt. You will enjoy the purple waters full of salt but also the beautiful view over Aigues Mortes ramparts. You have to opportunity to continue riding to the sea by reaching Le-Grau-du-Roi at the end of your step.

Day 7

Aigues Mortes - Nîmes

Bike
46km

Today, you leave Aigues Mortes and cycle towards Nîmes. Ride through the village of Gallician and continue cycling along the "Costières de Nîmes", where you can enjoy a wine tasting. Pass through typical villages before reaching Nîmes. Be sure to have a walk inside the city to discover its famous arena and roman ruins!

Day 8

Departure from Nîmes

Enjoy your last walk in the beautiful streets of Nîmes before taking your train or extend your stay!

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.



* 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!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category C

You'll enjoy a higher level of service in these 4-5 Star properties. Properties are selected for their high standards and impeccable service. This category is for guests looking for a higher-end vacation. 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.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A

€ 889/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in ** / *** hotels
7 breakfasts
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
the luggage transport
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents in France
7/7 hotline

High season extra (*) € 70 /pers

Surcharge during Festival d'Avignon and Nimes Feria (**) (***) € 100 /pers

Half-board € 29 /dinner

Extra for a single room (***) € 48 /night

Extra night in Nimes € 55 /pers

Extra night in Avignon (except during Festival season) € 70 /pers

Category B

€ 999 /pers

Double room fare

7 nights in *** hotels or B&B's
7 breakfasts
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
luggage transport
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents in France
7/7 hotline

High season extra (*) € 90 /pers

Surcharge during Festival d'Avignon (**) € 120 /pers

Half-board € 31 /dinner

Single room extra (***) € 60 /night

Extra night in Nimes (except during Nimes Feria) € 65 /pers

Extra night in Avignon (except during Festival season) € 75 /pers

Category C

€ 1499 /pers

Double room fare

7 nights in ****/***** hotels or maisons d'hôtes
7 breakfasts
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
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High season extra (*)	€ 100 /pers
Surcharge during Festival d'Avignon and Nîmes Feria (**)(***)	€ 150 /pers
Half-board	€ 43 /dinner
Extra for a single room (***)	€ 98 /night
Extra night in Nîmes (except during Nîmes Feria)	€ 95 /pers
Extra night in Avignon (except during Festival season)	€ 100 /pers

Options

Extra E-bike (7 days)	€ 85 /pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	€ -95 /pers

(*) High season :

from 01.07 to 15.09.2019

(**) Festival d'Avignon surcharge is valid from July 5th to July 23th 2019.

(***)Nîmes Feria from June 6th to June 10 th 2019

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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