

EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- A WEEK IN FRANCE -

SEPT 20 to 26, 2026

7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS



VACQUERAS - GIGONDAS

AVIGNON - CARPENTRAS

BEAUMES-DE-VENISE

L'ISLE-SUR-LA-SORGUE

Please join us, Eddie and JP, for a week during our holidays in France. In this activity-driven voyage, you will experience the **charm** (sometimes), the **reality** (always), the **beauty** (most of the time) and the **authenticity** (that's the whole point!!!) of the French way of life. Our voyage through famous Provence includes Avignon, as well as discovery of abbeys, castles and secret villages! Enjoy a pure week of wonder and live a true, authentic, unadulterated **Cultured Discovery Experience of France**.

PROVENCE IS CELEBRATED FOR ITS RADIANT LANDSCAPES, TIMELESS CHARM & LONG HISTORY.



Sunday : CHECK-IN AT "BRUNO" : RELAX AND GET READY FOR ONE FABULOUS TRUFFLE DINNER.



WHEN CHEF BRUNO WAS A KID, HIS GRANDMOTHER TREATED HIM TO A "TRUFFLE BROUILLADE" EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL! ALL HIS OWN TRUFFLE DISHES ARE JUST AS SIMPLE YET STUNNING!

A CULTURED DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE OF FRANCE

Monday : VISIT A PERFECTLY PRESERVED 13th C. ABBEY, A BREATHTAKING ARCHITECTURAL GEM.



EXPLORING "ABBAYE DU THORONET" FEELS LIKE TIME TRAVEL - AN ALMOST MYSTIC EXPERIENCE.

1pm : GOURMET PICNIC ON THE WAY TO A VILLAGE PART OF PROVENCE GASTRONOMIC ROUTE.



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TAKE A LEISURELY WALK TO DISCOVER LOCAL ARTISANS OF AUTHENTIC CHESTNUT DELICACIES.

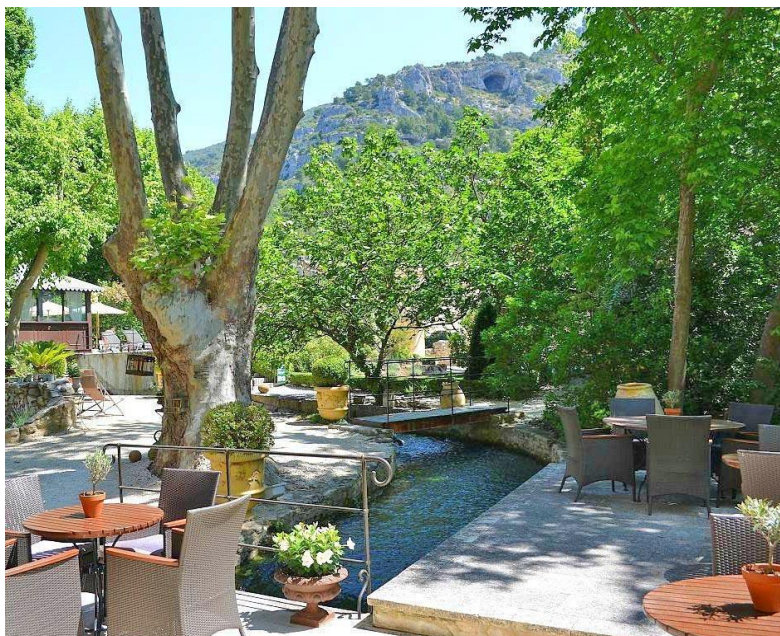


COLLOBRIÈRES IS FAMOUS FOR CHESTNUT-BASED CREATIONS : TASTE THE “MARRONS GLACÉS”!

3pm : ENJOY A WINE TASTING AT A “GRAND CRU CLASSÉ” CHATEAU : EXPERIENCE A TRUE GEM !



6pm : OUR HOTEL DE CHARME IN LUBÉRON - EXPECT FIVE NIGHTS OF PURE PROVENCAL BLISS !



CHECK-IN IN OUR QUAIN T HOTEL WITH ITS PROVENCAL GARDEN SHADED BY GIANT PLANE TREES, THEN REST IN YOUR ELEGANT BEDROOM BEFORE DINER ON A PEACEFUL, WATERFRONT TERRACE.

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Tuesday : DISCOVER NATURAL BEAUTY AND SPECTACULAR SETTINGS OF LUBERON WILDERNESS.
DRIVE ALONG THE DEEP CANYON AND MARVEL AT THE ROAD ENGINEERING THAT TOOK PLACE!



A DELICIOUS LOCAL LUNCH AWAITS YOU IN A CHARMING VILLAGE AT THE EXIT OF THE GORGES.



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TRAVEL SCENIC ROADS AT THE FOOT OF MONT VENTOUX – THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN OF LUBERON.



TRADITIONAL FRENCH GASTRONOMY IS ALSO SERVED IN PROVENCE BEYOND LOCAL DELICACIES.



A LEISURELY EVENING WALK TO EXPLORE LOCAL ARTISAN SHOPS - LAST DRINK ON A TERRACE?



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Wednesday : EXPLORE AVIGNON, A LARGE MEDIEVAL CITY w/ MUSEUMS & PEDESTRIAN STREETS.



THE CITY IS MOST FAMOUS FOR ITS BRIDGE BATTERED BY RIVER FLOODS & LEFT SINCE THE 17th C.

ROAM THE OPEN-AIR “MARCHÉ”, ITS MOUTH-WATERING DISPLAYS AND LAID-BACK AMBIANCE.

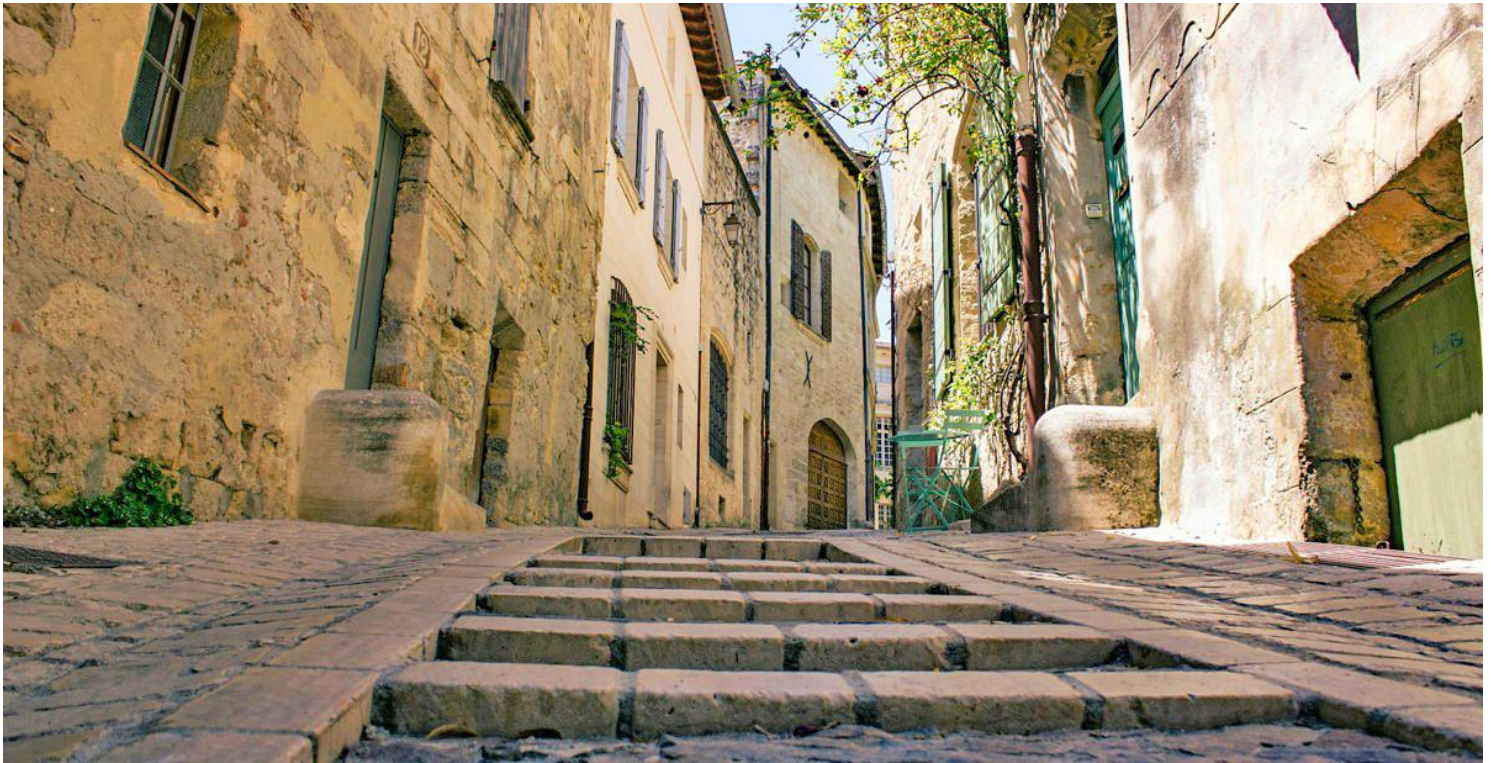


ARCHITECTURAL TOUR OF FORMER PRIVATE MANSIONS HOUSING THE BEST MUSEUMS IN TOWN.



ENJOY A LEISURELY LUNCH ON A CAFÉ TERRACE - WATCHING GOOD LIFE & LOCALS PASSING BY.

PM : CONTINUE THE EXPLORATION OF THE CITY WITH A DIGESTIVE WALK THRU WINDING LANES.



MEDIEVAL CITIES ARE ALWAYS SET ON HILLS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSE - BE READY TO CLIMB STEPS!

VISIT A WINERY ON THE WAY BACK & SAMPLE LOCAL WINES, PRIOR TO DINNER IN OUR VILLAGE.



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Thursday : VISIT THE MOST CHARMING VILLAGES OF LUBÉRON & ENJOY LUNCH IN THE CUTEST.
START THE MORNING w/ DISCOVERY OF SENANQUE ABBEY, FOR A SERENE & HARMONIOUS LIFE.



CISTERCIAN ARCHITECTURE IS SIMPLE BUT BREATHTAKING, SEEKING INNER DISCOVERY OF PEACE.

ENJOY “LUNCH WITH A VIEW” AT THE EDGE OF A CHARMING MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF PROVENCE.



PROVENCAL DISHES MAKE THE BEST OF LOCAL & FRESH INGREDIENTS, PREPARED HOME-STYLE .

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THE COUNTRYSIDE IS FULL OF SURPRISES – AMAZING STONE BUILDINGS AND A CEDAR FOREST.



“BORIES” ARE ANCIENT CLUSTERS OF DRY-STACKED STONE HUTS, WELL PRESERVED IN LUBERON.



SCENIC DRIVE THRU PROVENCE COUNTRYSIDE PRIOR TO A DELICIOUS DINNER IN OUR VILLAGE.

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Friday : VISIT MEDIEVAL CARPENTRAS AND STROLL ITS SPRAWLING PROVENÇAL OPEN MARKET



DISCOVER “MUSCAT DE BAUMES-DE-VENISE”, A “MOELLEUX” WINE FROM THE EPONYMOUS VILLAGE – WITH A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE ROCKY FORMATION “DENTELLES DE MONTMIRAIL”.



LUNCH IN A TYPICAL FAMILY-RUN “BISTROT DE PAYS” LOCATED IN A TINY VILLAGE UP THE HILLS.

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PM : DRIVE THROUGH CHARMING PROVENCE, WITH BEAUTIFUL PANORAMA STOPS ON THE WAY.



THE LUBERON IS DOTTED WITH HISTORICAL BUILDINGS – ESPECIALLY CHAPELS OUTSIDE VILLAGES.

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ENJOY ONE LAST WINE TASTING IN THE QUAIN T VILLAGE OF GIGONDAS – PURCHASES POSSIBLE!



FINAL DINER IN OUR PREFERRED RESTAURANT - BY NOW, WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN FAVORITE.

Saturday – LAST WATERSIDE TERRACE BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL - UNTIL ANOTHER ADVENTURE!

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CDEF TOURS INCLUDE:

- CHAMPAGNE WELCOME DRINK AT YOUR HOTEL ON THE FIRST EVENING : MEET & GREET YOUR FELLOW TRAVELERS, AND ENJOY A SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE UPCOMING TOUR.
- 6 NIGHTS IN CAREFULLY SELECTED HOTELS : ARCHITECTURALLY CHARMING PROPERTIES, UNIQUELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY'S HISTORY AND/OR OF THE CULTURAL SPECIFICS OF THE REGION BEING TOURED. STAY IN A SECRET HOTEL AWAY FROM THE CROWDS!
- AL-FRESCO DAILY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON YOUR HOTEL WATERFRONT TERRACE – OR, ENJOY CROISSANTS & VIENNOISERIES FROM A LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED BOULANGERIE.
- DAILY LUNCH, INCLUDING LOCAL WINE, AT HAND-PICKED RESTAURANTS AND BISTROTS WITH A QUAIN INTERIOR DÉCOR, SERVING REGIONAL & DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD.
- ENTRY FEES AT MONUMENTS / MUSEUMS / POINTS OF INTEREST.
- TRANSPORTATION BY PUBLIC NETWORK AND/OR PRIVATE BUS DURING THE TOUR AS NECESSARY - MOST DISCOVERIES WILL BE DONE THROUGH LEISURELY STROLLS ALONG CITY STREETS, IN CHARMING SMALL TOWNS AND LUSH COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPES.
- ASSISTANCE IN ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING TRANSLATION, CULTURAL COMMENTARY ABOUT VISITED SITES, AND SOUVENIR SHOPPING IN LOCAL SHOPS.

CDEF TOURS START AT THE WELCOME DRINK IN YOUR HOTEL.

CDEF TOURS END AFTER BREAKFAST ON THE LAST MORNING.

CDEF TOURS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- AIRFARES (OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION) TO AND FROM YOUR HOTEL IN FRANCE.
- AIRPORT OR RAIL STATION TRANSFERS TO/FROM HOTEL BEFORE AND AFTER THE TOUR. (ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION IS GLADLY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST)
- ALL DINNERS, OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SOUVENIRS, HOTEL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.
- EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE TOUR (WHICH MAY BE ARRANGED).

PRICE:

US\$ 4180.00 PER PERSON ON A TWIN (SHARED) ROOM BASIS

US\$ 4830.00 PER PERSON ON A SINGLE ROOM BASIS

! THIS TRIP IS EXTREMELY LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 8 PEOPLE, INCLUDING OURSELVES !



TRAVEL TIPS & POLICIES

General recommendations

Tours run regardless of weather conditions, rain or shine. As the tour involves regular walking, we recommend that you wear rainproof shoes, as well as comfortable clothing, in layers to adjust for changing temperatures. Please bring with you a collapsible umbrella in case of a sudden shower - but do not worry, in France a café is never far away to provide shelter from the rare downpour!

There is an unenforced but nonetheless important rule of good taste in France that people should dress modestly, unless you are near or at the beach. As you will be visiting many sacred churches and cathedrals of different faiths, we highly recommend that you dress appropriately.

Booking Terms

CDEF Tours requires a down-payment of US\$ 1000.00 per guest (refundable) to secure your space on the tour. As a final confirmation, full payment must be made at the latest 90 days prior to the tour departure date. We accept payments solely through electronic banking methods such as Zelle.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that sometimes things happen, and plans should be able to change. However, as we keep our tour limited to 8 people, including ourselves, it is important for us to fill the group. Therefore, we kindly ask that you inform us as soon as possible of any changes in your travel plans, so that we can invite other guests.

Cancellation up to 90 days prior to the tour departure date will receive 100% refund of payment(s) made.

The remaining balance of the tour price (minus down-payment) is refundable up to 60 days before departure.

Cancellation between 60 days to 72 hours of tour start will receive a refund of 50% of the remaining balance.

No refund is available in these cases:

- Cancellations made within 72 hours of the tour departure date.
- Late arrivals, when latecomers cannot easily join the commenced tour and/or no-shows.

No refund is available to any guest that fails to arrive at all, arrives after the tour's departure time on any day of the tour, or must leave the tour earlier than scheduled. We will make every attempt for late guests to be able to join the tour after it started, but only when it is possible to do so without disrupting the on-going tour.

Tour cancellation by CDEF

In case a tour is jeopardized or impossible due to force majeure, weather events, pandemic, political disturbances or strikes, tours can be canceled or modified if we believe it is necessary.

If the required minimum number of participants is not reached, CDEF reserves the right to cancel the tour. We will offer rebooking options and/or refund the tour price. Further compensation claims are excluded.

Insurance

CDEF Tours recommends that all guests purchase travel insurance for their trip to cover cancellations, delays and medical issues etc. that might impact on your ability to attend your tour. You agree that CDEF Tours is not liable for loss associated with any unforeseen event and all claims must be processed through the guest's insurance company (and not with CDEF tours).

CDEF Tours reserves the right to modify the itinerary as necessity arises. All hotels, restaurants, locations, places, photos and activities described in this document are indicative only and are subject to change without notice.

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