

Take a **quick** French holiday...



or a **slow** French holiday...



or **both!**

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Bonjour, je m'appelle Véro, Hi, I am Véro, of VeroTours. I am a French Australian, born in Paris and I have lived in Occitanie in the south of France for many years. And I'm your guide for your VeroTours holiday.

VeroTours is offering a choice of three holidays options for 2023.

Option 1: a 12-day, hitting-the-high-spots tour down the centre of France.

Option 2: is just the opposite: 2 weeks at a leisurely pace, in Occitanie in the south of France with the beautiful Mas de Villeclaire as our base, getting to know the locals and making a few friends.

or, if you have time, take the third option – both!

Option 3: the best of all – a combination of Options 1 and 2!



Option 1

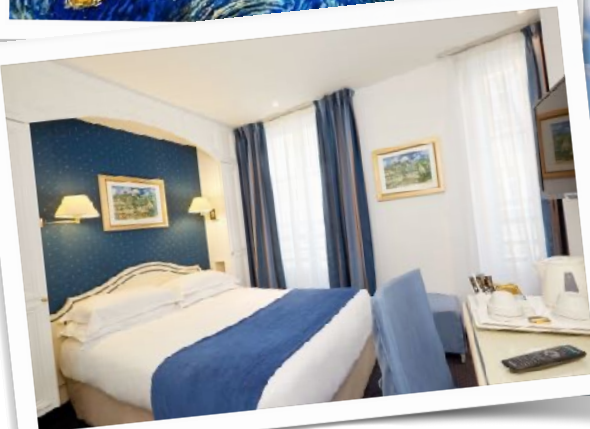


12 Days Discovery of Five Emblematic Cities

21 Aug – 2 Sept 2023

4 nights in Paris
2 nights in Lyon
1 day in Marseille
3 nights in Arles
3 nights in Nîmes

Maximum 9 people



Tour the emblematic cities of France, from the beauty and romance of Paris, to the culinary centre of the cosmos Lyon, and on to the magic of the south of France.

Above:
Austin's St-
Lazare hotel
in Paris.
Top: The
Atelier des
Lumières in
Paris.



Marseille



Vieux Lyon



Cathédrale Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Lyon.



Roman theatre and Amphitheatre, Arles



Maison Carrée, Nîmes

12 Days Discovery of Five Emblematic Cities (continued)

PARIS. A Guided Tour of Unforgettable Paris

4 NIGHTS, 21–25 August. Austin's Saint Lazare Hotel, in the 9^e arrondissement.

If it's your first or fiftieth time in Paris there's always too much to see. Visit the iconic sites of the Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Montmartre, or maybe something a little different, exploring the studios of famous artists. <https://www.beauxarts.com/lifestyle/8-cites-dartistes-mythiques-a-denicher-a-paris/>

LYON. Fifteen Michelin-starred restaurants says what Lyon is best at.

2 NIGHTS, 25–26 August. Hotel Lyon Perrache.

Lyon is ground zero for foodies so Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse is high on our list! To walk off the calcs, do a walking tour, or a walking food tour — or maybe just another food tour, through the streets of Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon). Catch some jazz at the Hot Club. Lyon has a fine Fine Arts Museum too. <https://shop.visiterlyon.com/visites-guidees.html>

MARSEILLE. Much more than the world's best bouillabaisse!

1 DAY, 27 August

Spend a day in the oldest city in France, visiting the old town, the market, the old port and town hall, then along the quays, stopping at the Musée Regards de Provence. Catch a late train to Arles. <https://www.museeregardsdeprovence.com/en> <https://www.marseille-tourisme.com/en/>

ARLES. The town of Van Gogh.

3 NIGHTS, 27–30 August. Logis Hotel le Rodin.

Arles is synonymous with Van Gogh. We'll visit the Musée Van Gogh, Arles Amphitheatre, the Antique Museum of Arles, the Cloister of Saint-Trophime (Unesco World Heritage site), Musée Jacques Réattu, and the Cryptoporticus. During our visit, the international photography festival, Rencontres d'Arles, will be on show throughout the town. <https://www.arlestourisme.com/en/discovery-city-arles.html>

NÎMES. The most Roman city outside Italy.

3 NIGHTS, 30th of August – 2 September. Royal Hôtel in the centre of town.

Vestiges of the Ancient Roman Empire are throughout Nîmes, a city dating back 2000 years. We'll visit the Amphitheatre, the Maison Carrée, and the recently-opened Musée de la Romanité facing the arena, built to house the city's extraordinary archeological heritage. <https://museedelaromanite.fr/en/>

Option 2



12 Days in Occitanie

7 days in the
'Roussillon Farmhouse'
2 Sept – 9 Sept 2023

OR

12 days in the
'Mas de Villeclaire'
2 Sept – 14 Sept 2023

Maximum 10 people



The regional capital, Perpignan



Top: the newly-renovated Mas de Villeclaire.
Above: the living room at the Mas.

Forget the trains buses and planes, this is a real holiday. The 'Roussillon Farmhouse' and the 'Mas de Villeclaire' are perfectly located for the Mediterranean, the Côte Vermeille, the Pyrenees, and the regional capital Perpignan. And Spain and the Costa Brava are a stone's throw away.

12 Days in Occitanie (continued)

Between the Mediterranean and the Pyrenees, the Côte Vermeille is the most southerly and sunniest region of France.

This is where the French people holiday and your stay will include many opportunities to meet them and make new friends. We'll drive up to the Pyrenees for lunch and down to the Med to cool off. And now and then we'll nip across the Spanish frontier to Girona, Barcelona, Figueres and Cadaqués.

We'll dine and dance on the harbourside at Port Vendres (we couldn't fit it on the map but it's beautiful), and catch Visa Pour l'Image, the international photojournalism exhibition at Perpignan.

Roussillon Farmhouse is located in the peaceful, Catalan village of Villelongue dels Monts and has been sympathetically renovated to combine the charm and character of traditional French farmhouses with all modern conveniences, ensuring that your stay is as relaxing and comfortable as possible. Sleeps up to 10 people comfortably.

Mas de Villeclaire is a newly-renovated farmhouse on the outskirts of the picturesque town of Palau del Vidre. It has 8 bedrooms and 2 chambres d'hôtes and swimming pool. Also sleeps 10 people comfortably.

Come with me to my little corner of France for a wonderful experience of everything French! Allons-y! Let's go!



The nearby walled town of Villefranche-de-Conflent is a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Just over the border is the Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres, Dali's hometown.



Roussillon Farmhouse bedroom



Nissan Primastar Combi 9-seater minibus

The Primastar provides comfort for 9 and gives great all-round vision. Throughout the group's stay, the Primastar will be on hand to take us wherever we wish to go.



Salvador Dali's Cadaqués



Down the road from the farmhouse are the vineyards and fine dining of Château Valmy



Have lunch just over the border beside the ancient ruins of Empúries

12 Days in Occitanie (continued)

Here's a brief list of nearby places we can visit:

PERPIGNAN

The regional capital. Highlights include: the Palace of the Kings of Majorca; Casa Xanxo (a beautiful 16th century gothic house); 'Visa Pour l'Image', the international photojournalism exhibition every September at the Couvent des Minimes; lunch on Quai Vauban.

COLLIOURE

Its magnetic beauty has attracted artists such as Matisse, Picasso, Derain. Highlights include: a spectacular view from the 16th century Fort Elme; the 800 y.o. Château Royal; Le quartier Mouré; and aperitifs on the harbour!

PORT VENDRES

Lively colourful port lined with great seafood restaurants.

BANYULS-SUR-MER

Another beautiful Côte Vermeille town. Home of the renowned 20th century sculptor Aristide Maillol (his sculptures are all over the town); Highlights include: Musée Maillol and the vineyards of the famous 'Banyuls' wines.

ALBI

Hometown of Toulouse-Lautrec and La Perouse. Highlights include Musée Toulouse-Lautrec; Sainte-Cécile Cathedral; Berbie Palace gardens; Maison du Vieil Alby.

CÉRET

Céret has been home to big-name artists such as Picasso, Modigliani, Soutine. Highlights: Musée d'art moderne de Céret and hanging out where they hung out, la Grand Caf.

VILLEFRANCHE DE CONFLENT

Walled town officially classified as one of the most beautiful villages of France, Villefranche de Conflent is home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

NARBONNE

Hometown of Charles Trenet, singer of 'La Mer'. Highlights include his home/museum; Les Halles; Archbishop's Palace; Cathedral of Saint-Just et Saint-Pasteur; lunch on Canal de la Robine.

CARCASSONNE

Internationally-famous walled city.

AND LOOK WHAT'S JUST ACROSS THE SPANISH BORDER!

1) The spectacular medieval Catalan city Girona; 2) Salvador Dali's hometown of Cadaqués (his house/museum is a must); 3) the Catalan capital, Barcelona... and more!



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