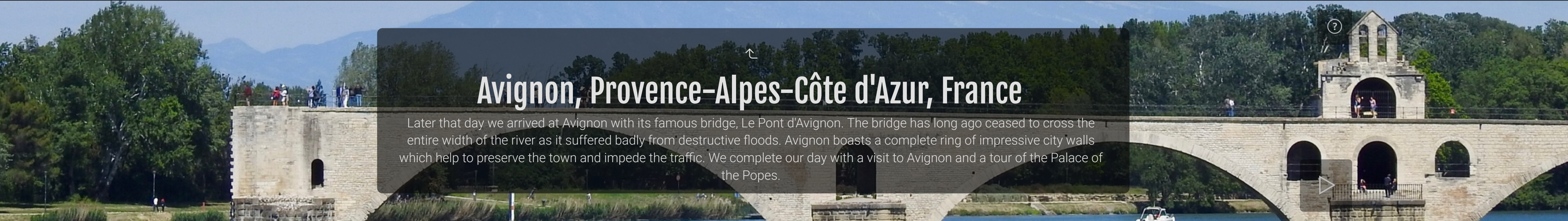


An aerial photograph of the Scenic Sapphire cruise ship sailing on a river. The ship is white with blue accents and has "SCENIC SAPPHIRE" and "MT" visible on its side. The water is a deep greenish-blue. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text and navigation icons. In the top right corner of the image, there is a small dark square button with a white question mark icon. In the bottom right corner, there is a larger dark square button with a white right-pointing triangle icon.

201904-05 Singapore, UK, France, Singapore (Part B)

Our Europe trip started and ended with stopovers in Singapore to visit family and help with jet lag. Our first stop-off in Europe was to visit family in the UK, in Cheshire and London. Then we travelled to France on the EuroStar to Paris for the beginning of our Scenic adventure. The Scenic Sapphire took us from Challons-sur-Saône to Avignon (on the Rhône) with many side trips to châteaux, wine tastings and mediaeval villages. A great trip making wonderful new friends, consuming far too much and experiencing the föhn wind.



Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

Later that day we arrived at Avignon with its famous bridge, Le Pont d'Avignon. The bridge has long ago ceased to cross the entire width of the river as it suffered badly from destructive floods. Avignon boasts a complete ring of impressive city walls which help to preserve the town and impede the traffic. We complete our day with a visit to Avignon and a tour of the Palace of the Popes.



Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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Approaching Avignon with Mont Ventoux in background, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Truncated Pont d'Avignon (with tourists), Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Roofscape of Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



River view of Avignon showing city walls, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Le Pont d'Avignon with Mont Ventoux behind, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Le Pont d'Avignon, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Roof top sculpture, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Marianne, the national emblem of France, on the Monument du Comtat, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



City Walls, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



City Walls, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Painted windows in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Town houses in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Town house with painted window in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Gryphon gargoyle on Palace of the Popes in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Ram gargoyle on Palace of the Popes in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Entrance to Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Commercial buildings in Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Transport at the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Place du Palais near the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Inside main courtyard of the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Old doorway in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Inside second courtyard of Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Tower in corner of second courtyard of Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Model of Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Preserved frescoes in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Barrel-vaulted roof of main dining room in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Conical roof to serving kitchen in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Collection of statues in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Roof of Grand Chapel with beautiful acoustics in Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Painted windows in side street of Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



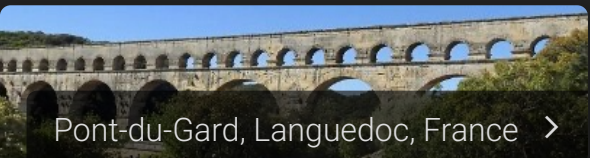
Mont Ventoux from the Rhône River near Sauveterre, Languedoc



Châteauneuf-du-Pape from the Rhône River near Sauveterre, Languedoc



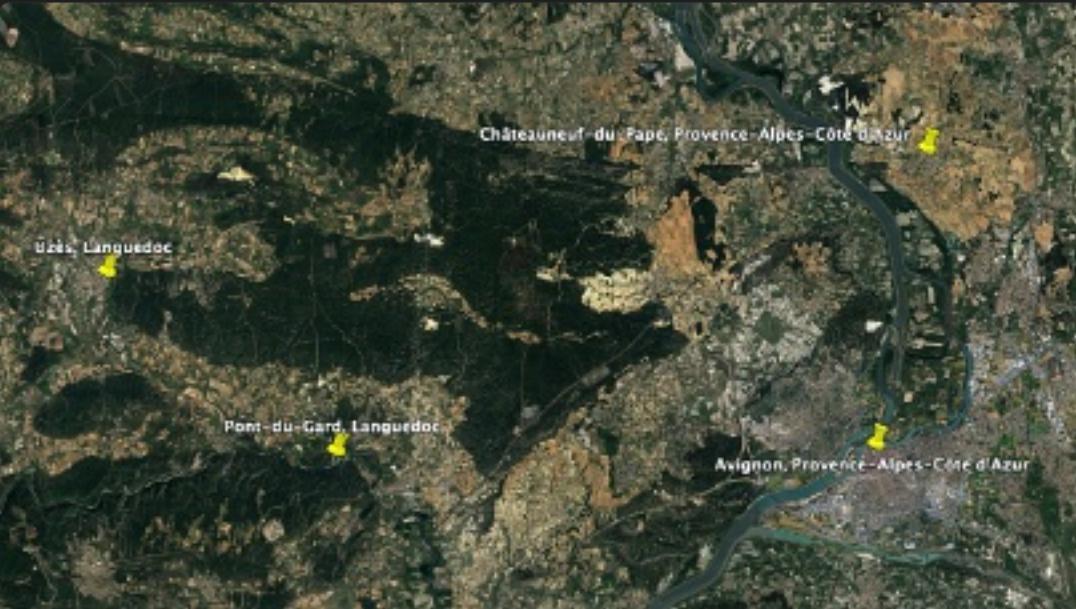
Sculpture on Cathédrale d'Avignon, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc, France

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We next visited the Pont-du-Gard, in the Languedoc region. This spectacular Roman bridge was part of a 50-km long aquaduct providing water to the town of Nîmes to the west. (I have memories of crossing the top of the entire bridge in younger and much more foolish days!)



Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc

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Le Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc



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Arch of Le Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc



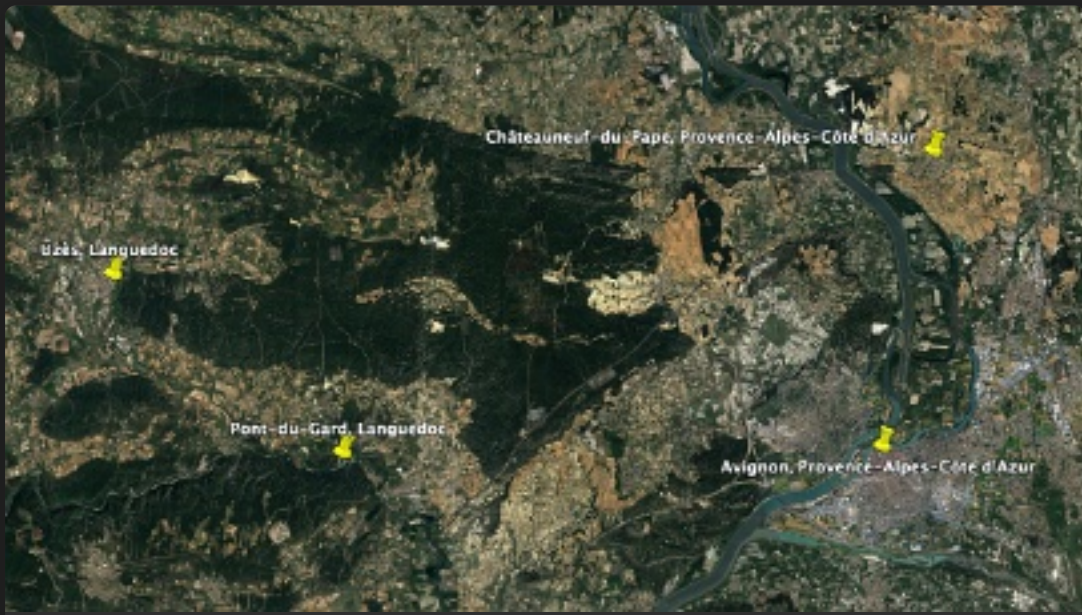
River Gardon downstream from Le Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc



River Gardon upstream from Le Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc

Uzès, Languedoc, France

After leaving the Pont-du-Gard we visited the town of Uzès, also in the Languedoc region. The town has many impressive buildings including the Cathédrale Saint-Théodorit d'Uzès and the Duchy or Ducal Palace. Uzès is a thriving town with a vibrant market in the Place aux Herbes.



Uzès, Languedoc

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Uzès, Languedoc

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The Cathédrale Saint-Théodorit d'Uzès with Fenestrelle Tower, Uzès, Languedoc



Hotel du Baron de Castille, Uzès, Languedoc



Narrow street in Uzès, Languedoc



La Maison d'Uzès Hotel, Uzès, Languedoc



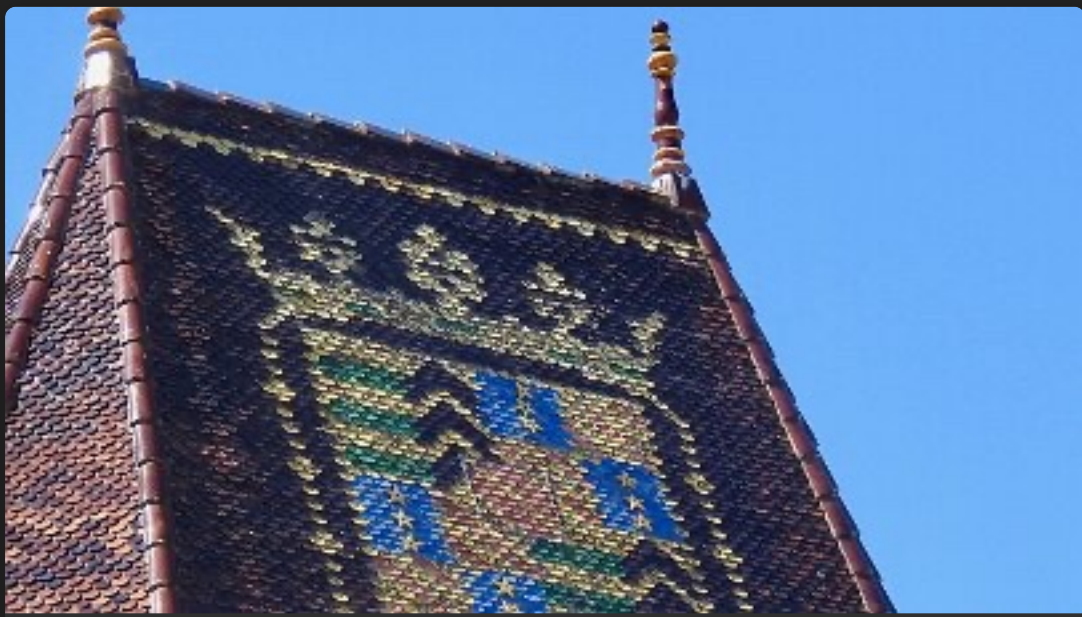
Narrow street in Uzès, Languedoc



Hotel de Ville, Uzès, Languedoc



The Duchy (Ducal Palace), Uzès, Languedoc



Detail on roof of the Duchy (Ducal Palace), Uzès, Languedoc



Garden flowers in Uzès, Languedoc



Relaxing in the Place aux Herbes (Market Square), Uzès, Languedoc



Market produce in the Place aux Herbes (Market Square), Uzès, Languedoc



Atelier des Ours (ladies clothing store) in Uzès, Languedoc



Passage ways in Uzès, Languedoc



Shaded streets in Uzès, Languedoc



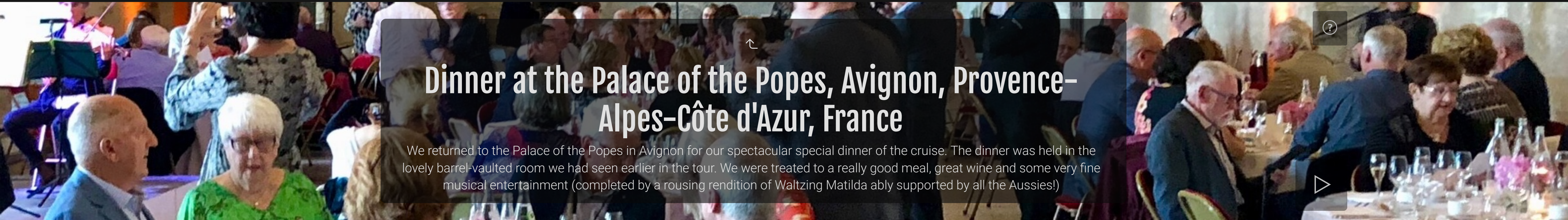
Busy shoppers in the Place aux Herbes (Market Square), Uzès, Languedoc



Flower market in the Place aux Herbes (Market Square), Uzès, Languedoc



Cheese stall in the Place aux Herbes (Market Square), Uzès, Languedoc



Dinner at the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

We returned to the Palace of the Popes in Avignon for our spectacular special dinner of the cruise. The dinner was held in the lovely barrel-vaulted room we had seen earlier in the tour. We were treated to a really good meal, great wine and some very fine musical entertainment (completed by a rousing rendition of Waltzing Matilda ably supported by all the Aussies!)



Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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Dinner in the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Musical entertainment at the Dinner in the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Anne and Dave at the Dinner in the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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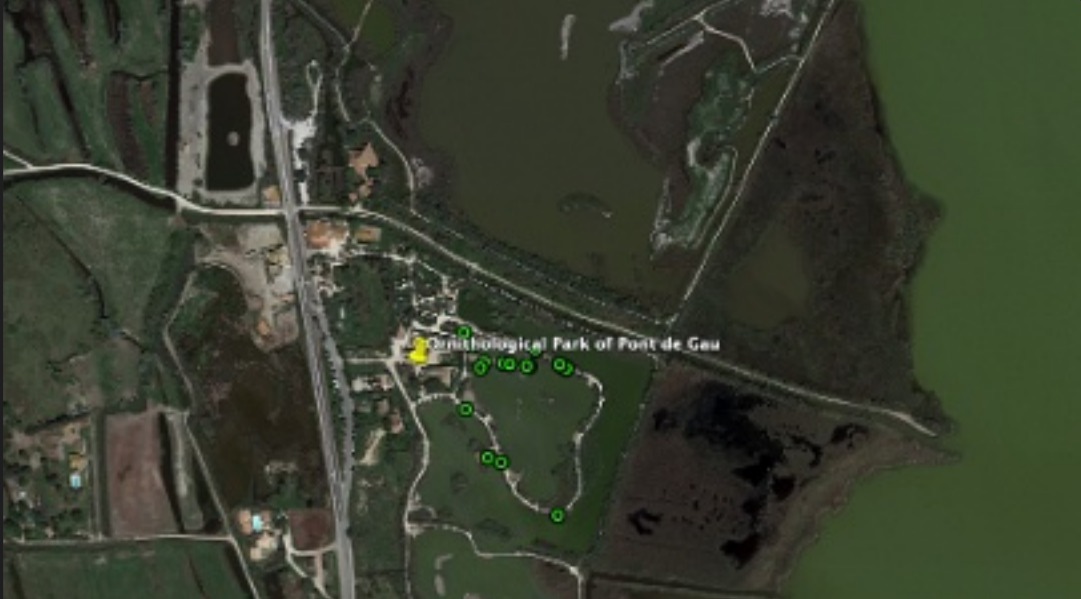
Evening view of the Palace of the Popes, Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

La Camargue and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

Today we visited the Camargue, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, famous for its white horses and bulls. The first part of our visit was to the Ornithological Park, near Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, with large numbers of flamingos and many other species of birds. After the park we visited Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer on the Mediterranean coast. On the way home we finally spotted some tame white Camargue horses.



La Camargue and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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Pont de Gau, La Camargue, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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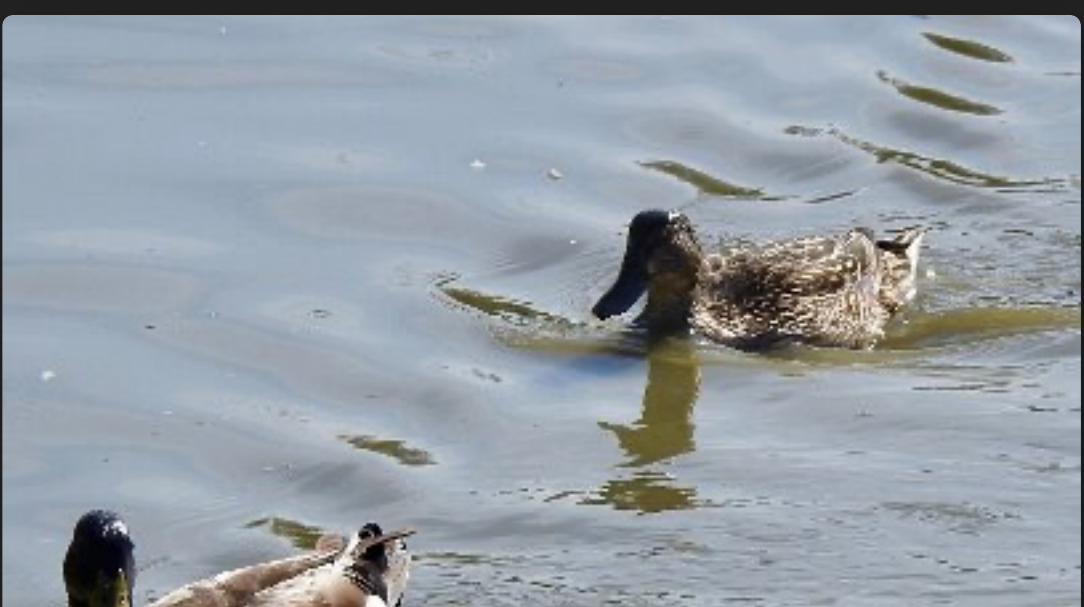
Flamingos in flight, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos in flight, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Ducks swimming, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Duck swimming, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Egret, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Egret, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food (and duck?), Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingos chasing food, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Flamingo chasing food while duck sits on nest, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Le Ragondin or Coypu (myocastor coypus) at Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Le Ragondin and duck swimming at Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Heron on the wall, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Heron taking flight, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



White stork, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



White stork, Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Le Ragondin swimming at Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Nesting birds at Ornithological Park, Pont de Gau, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
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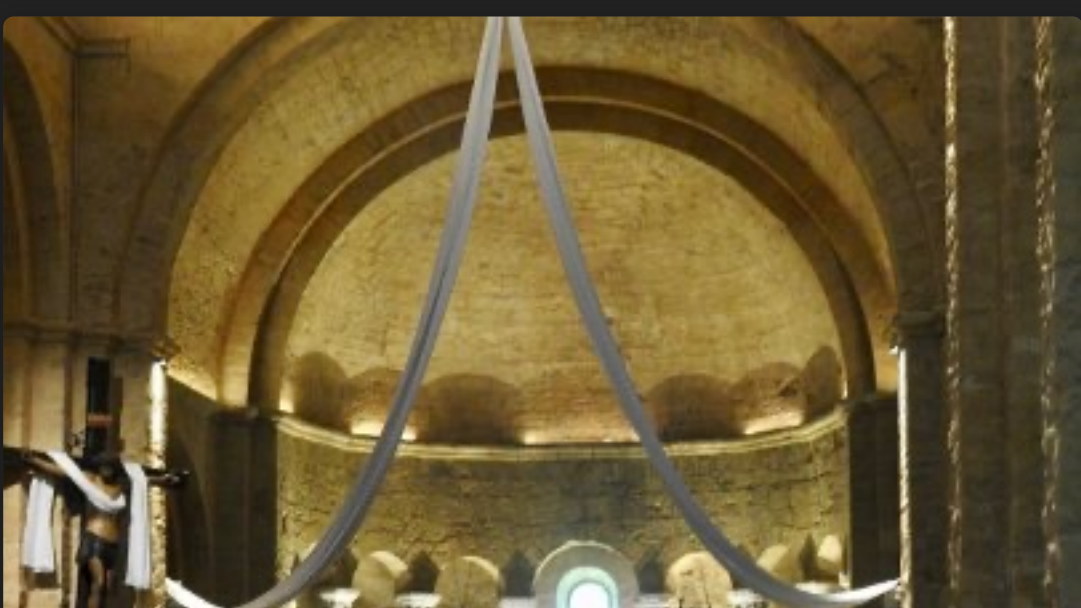
Camargue white horse statue in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



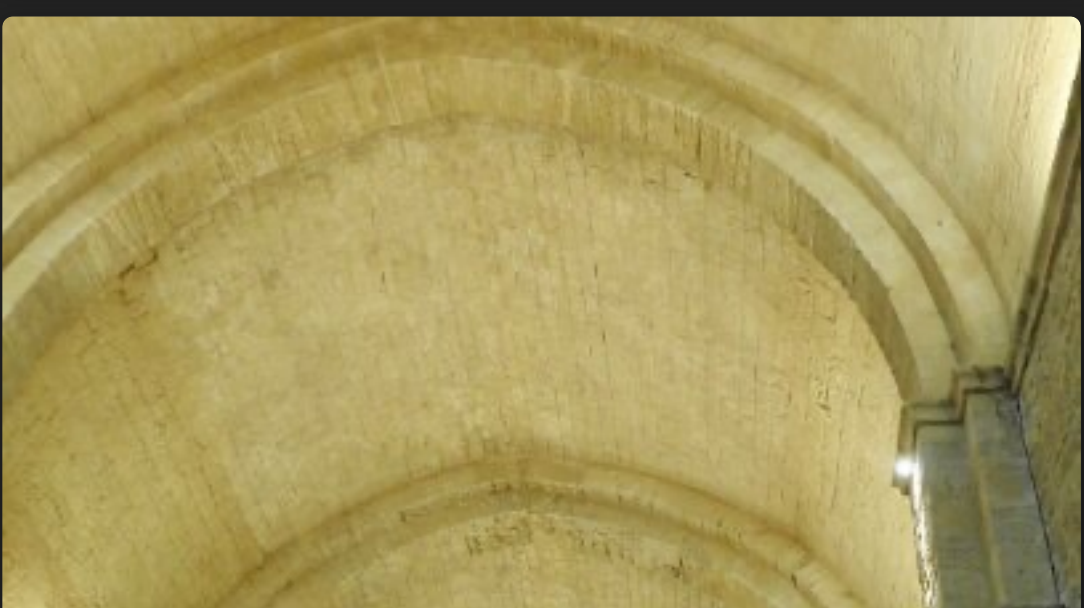
Exterior of Eglise Notre-Dame-de-le-Mer, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Exterior of Eglise Notre-Dame-de-le-Mer, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Church interior altar and surrounds, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Church interior nave ceiling, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Street scene, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Statue of the bull Arenes, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Statue of the bull Garlan, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



The seashore at the Mediterranean, Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Some tame Camargue white horses on route back to Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Some tame Camargue brown horses on route back to Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

In the afternoon we reached the southern most part of our cruise at Tarascon, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. We explored Tarascon with its Château and narrow streets.



Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

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Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

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Passageway through to Boulevard Itam, Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Rue des Halles, Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Scenic Sapphire moored at Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Château de Tarascon, Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



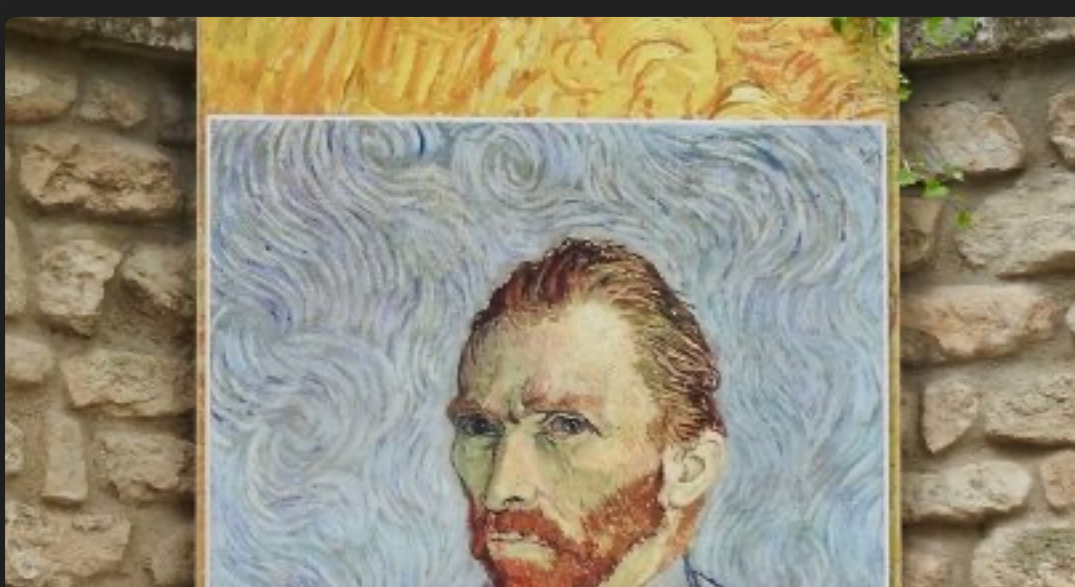
La Rue de Château, Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Entrance to Château de Tarascon, Tarascon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

**Saint Rémy de Provence, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur,
France**

The next day we visited Saint Rémy de Provence, in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. Near the bus park area are many Roman remains of the town of Glanum and views towards Les Alpilles (an outlier of the Alps further east). The town's most famous area is the Monastery Saint-Paul de Mauseole where Vincent van Gogh spent a few years - the garden displays of some of his works are well done. The town of Saint Rémy de Provence is small but interesting and hard to leave (for some).



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Farewell at Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France

Ah well, all good things come to an end. We say farewell to our wonderful new cruising friends on the upper deck of the Scenic Sapphire. Then we head off to a very forgettable experience at Nice Airport.



Farewell at Avignon from 5 out of 6, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Farewell at Avignon from 5 out of 6, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

[Geoff photo]



Farewell at Avignon from 5 out of 6, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

[Phil photo]



Farewell at Avignon from the 3 girls, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Farewell at Avignon from the 3 boys, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

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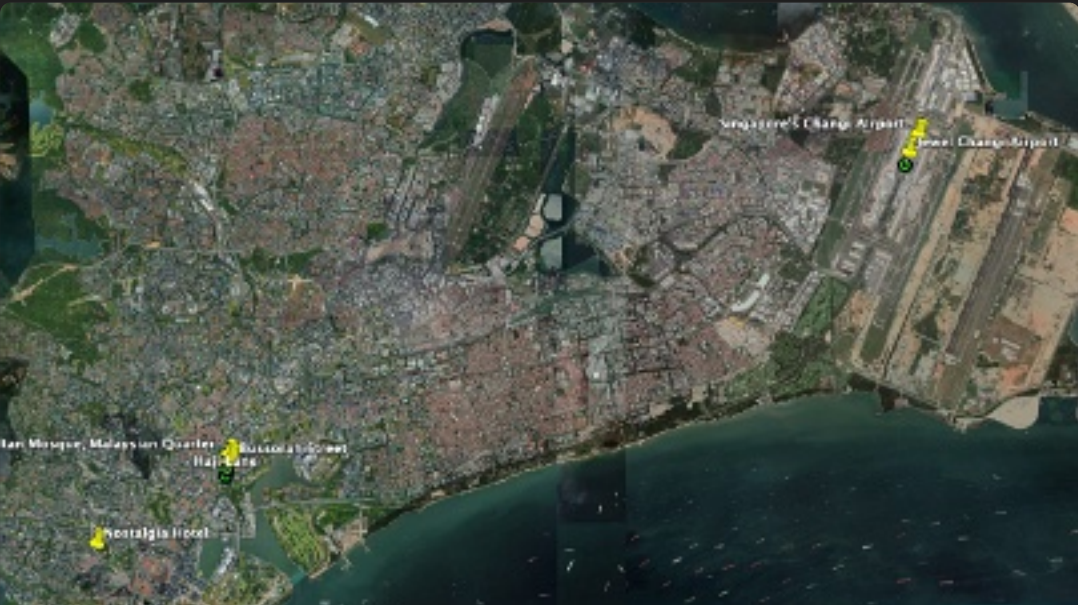


Ship's Bell of the Scenic Sapphire, Farewell at Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

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Malaysian Quarter and Changi Airport, Singapore

After we finally arrived in Singapore and visited family we had a day to ourselves exploring the Malaysian Quarter which we had not seen on previous trips. We ended up with plenty of time at Changi Airport so, on recommendation, we visited The Jewel a really well-done shopping and entertainment area. The centerpiece is the huge waterfall (largest indoor in the world) and gardens which get illuminated after dark. And finally back home!!



Malaysian Quarter and Changi Airport, Singapore

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Sultan Mosque, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Bussorah Street, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Turkish and other restaurants on Bussorah Street, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Street art on Haji Lane, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Street art on Haji Lane, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Street art on Haji Lane, Malaysian Quarter, Singapore



Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore



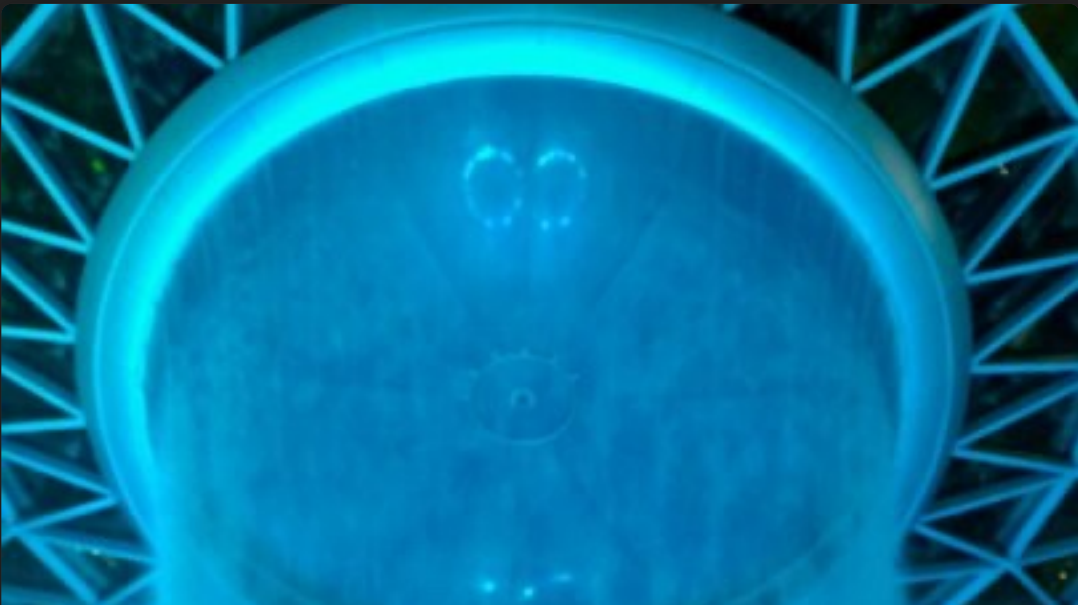
Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore



Illuminated Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore



Illuminated gardens at Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore



Top of Illuminated Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore



Bottom of Illuminated Jewel Waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport, Singapore

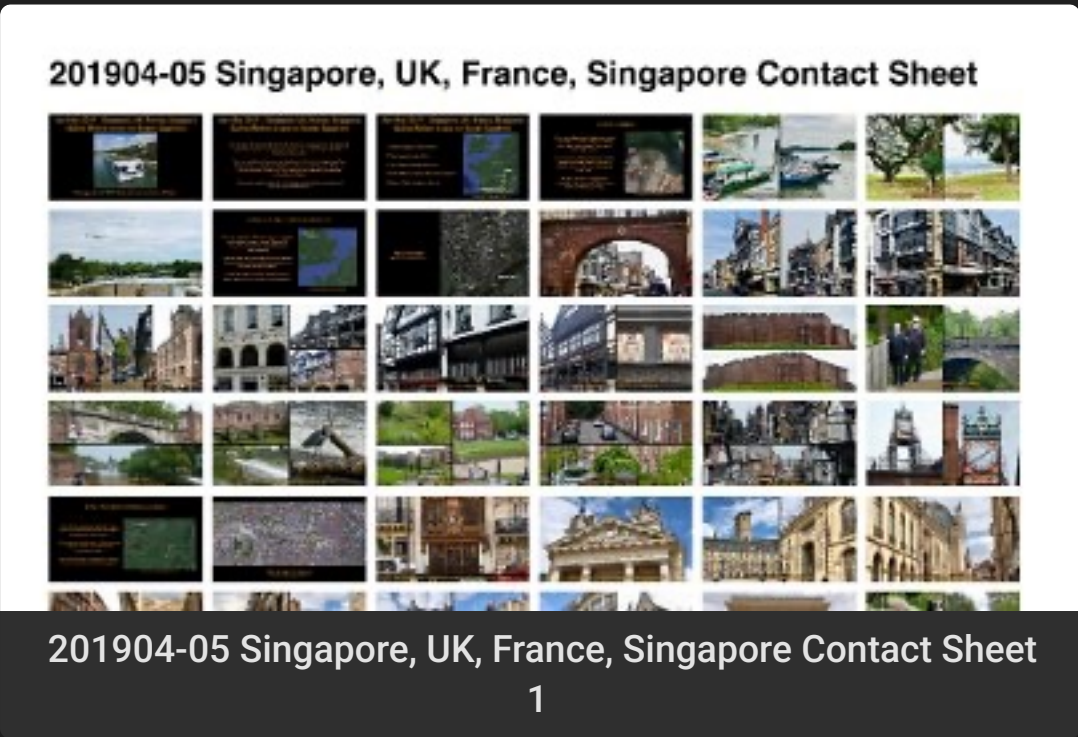
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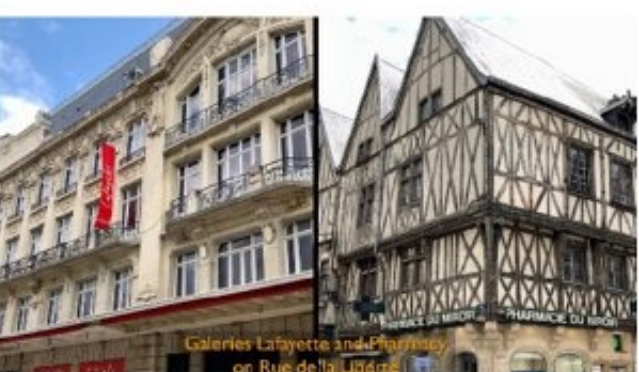
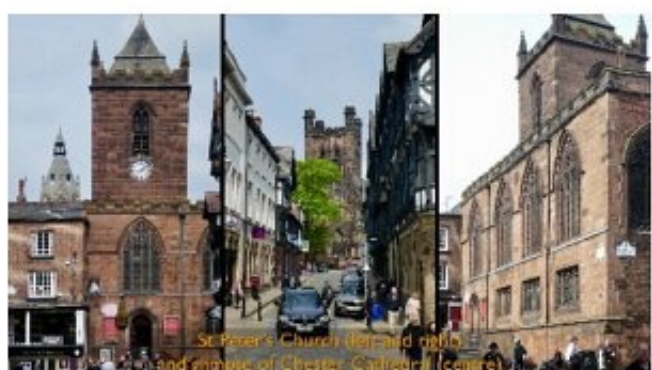
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Statues in front of the Hôtel de Clugny



The Hôtel de Clugny, Clugny-sur-Saône



Scenic Sapphire's lounge, on board the vessel at Clugny-sur-Saône



Scenic Sapphire's lounge and corridor to cabins



Views of Beaune



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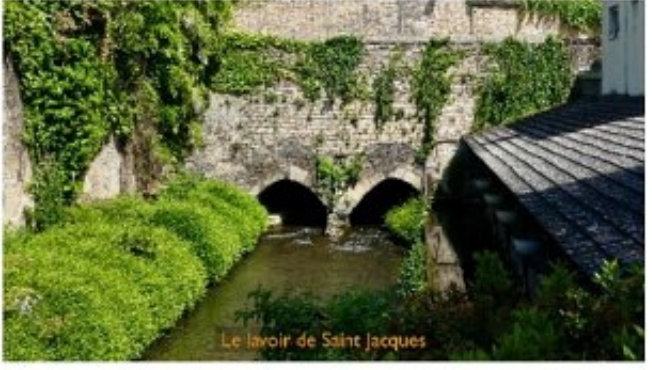
Views of Beaune



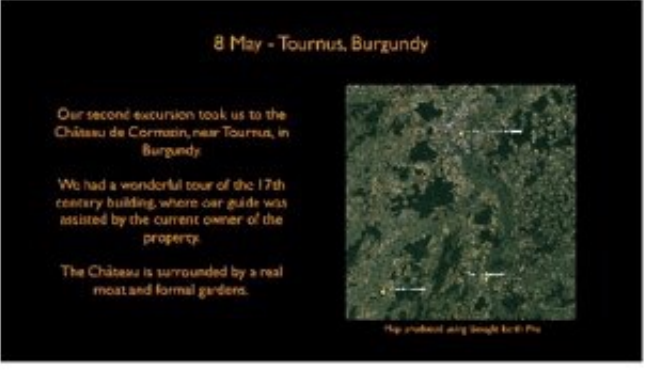
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Kitchen and staircase roof



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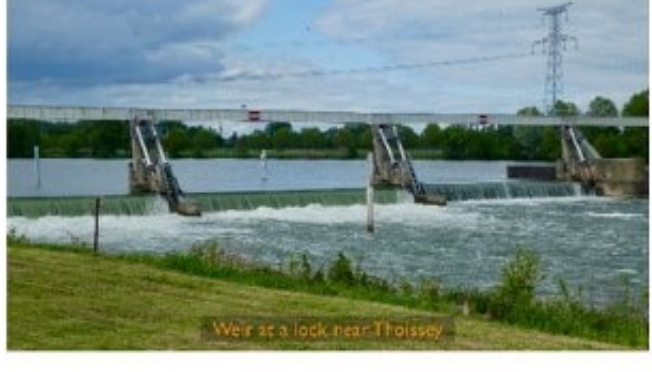
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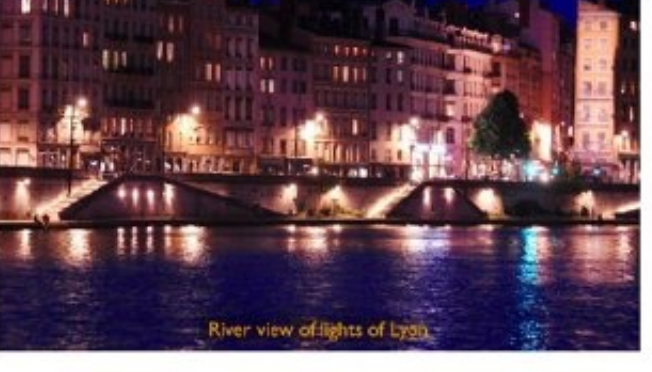
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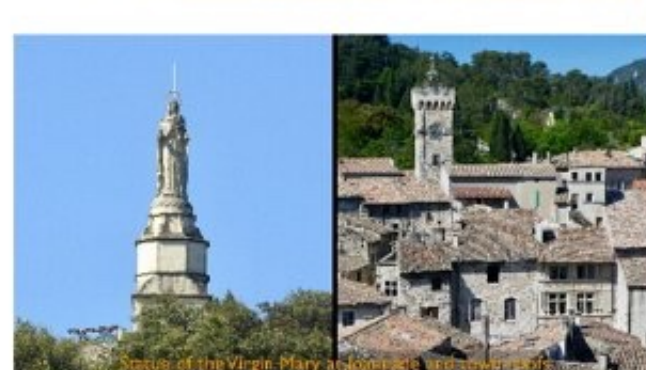
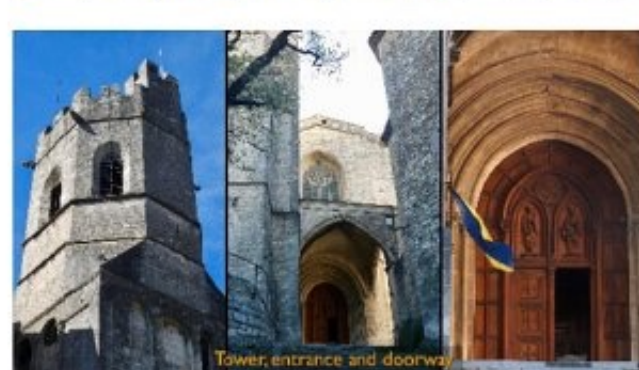
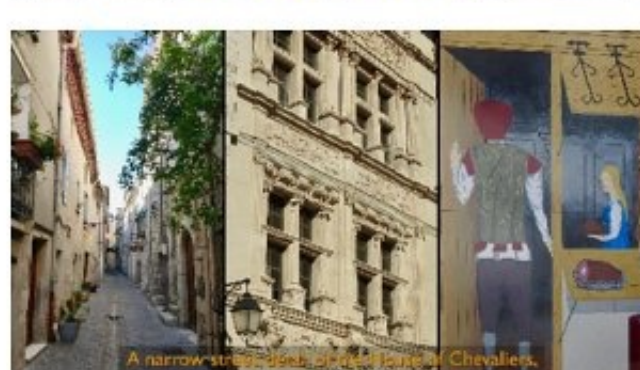
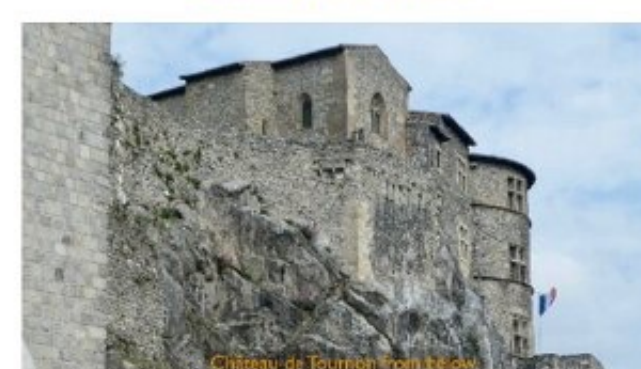
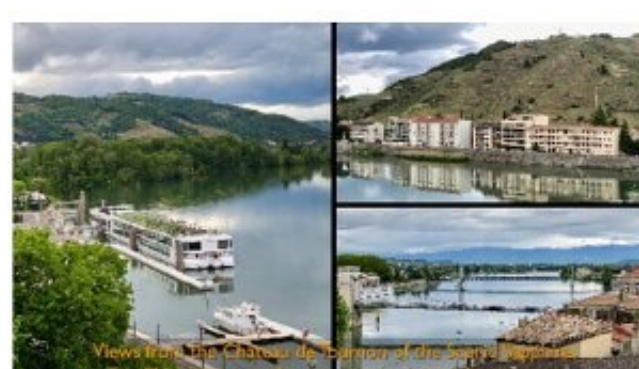
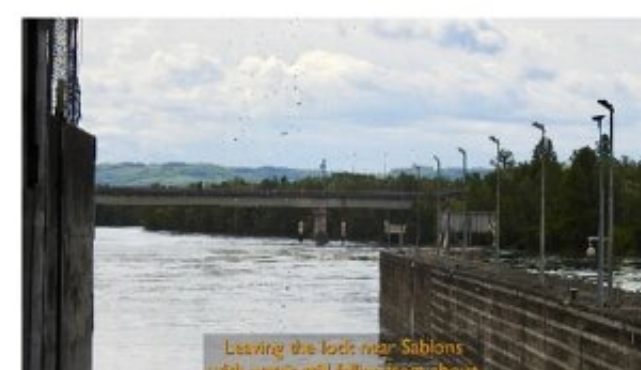
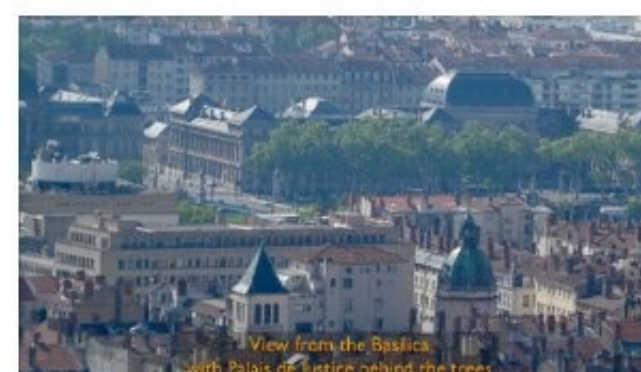
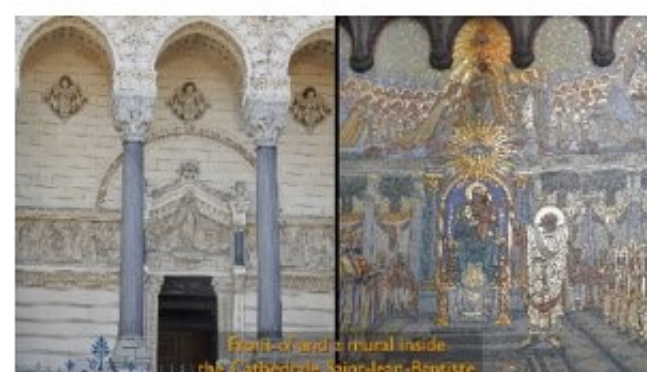
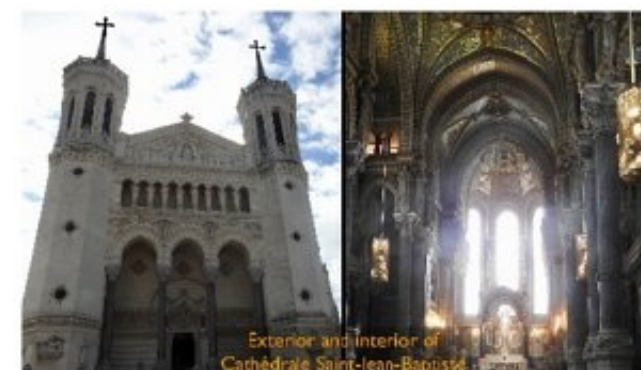
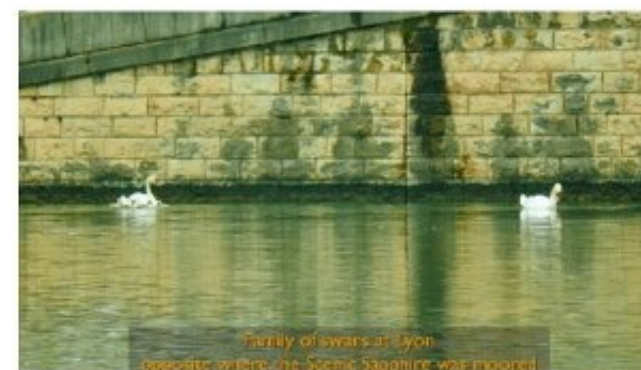
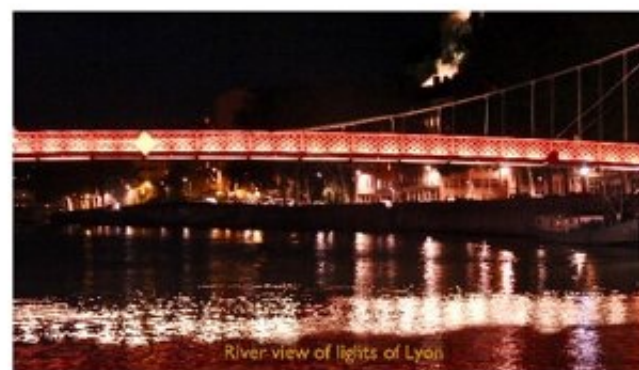
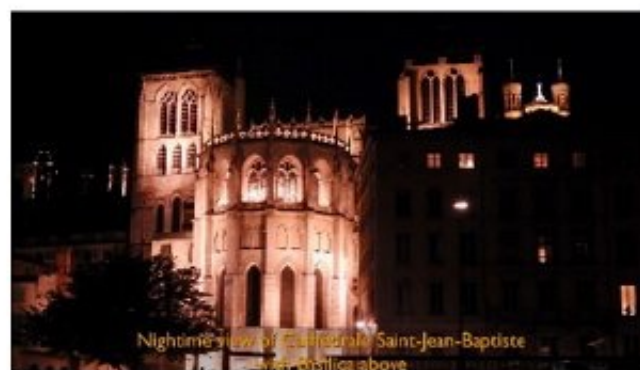
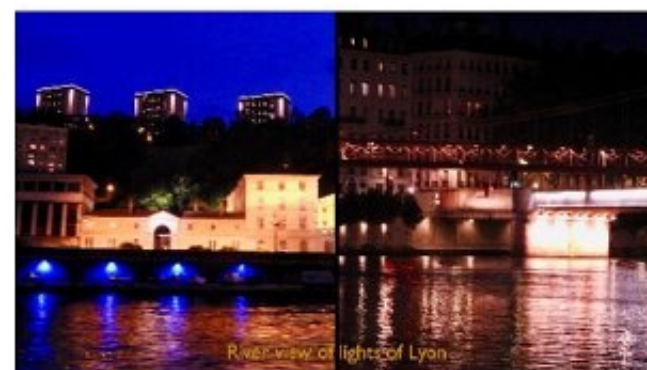
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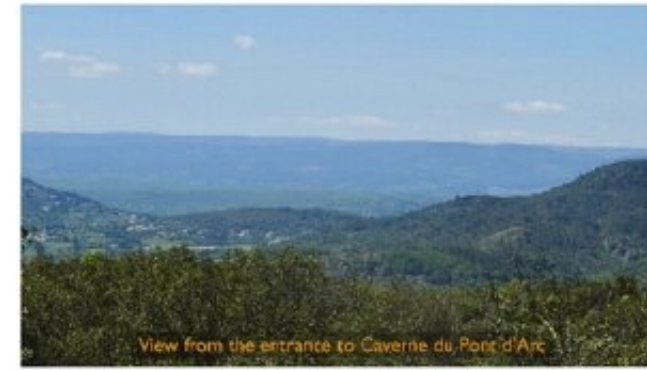
View of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France, with a white goat on a rocky outcrop.



Pont d'Arc, a natural rock bridge that crosses the Ardèche River.



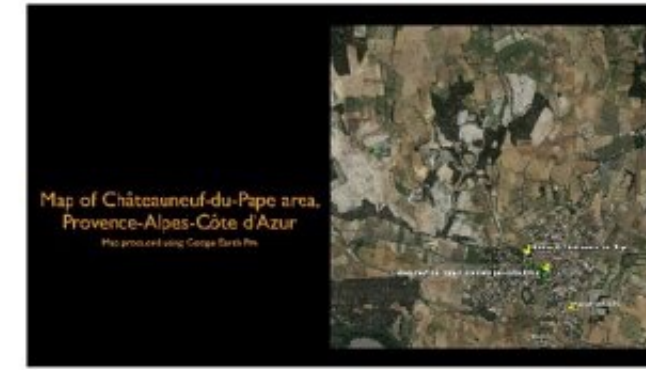
Clauvet Cave with Paleolithic cave paintings and its discovery site, Caverne du Pont d'Arc.



View from the entrance to Caverne du Pont d'Arc.



Map of Châteauneuf-du-Pape area, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur.



Map of Châteauneuf-du-Pape area, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur.



Terraced vineyards in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Ruins of Château de Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Interior view of a wine cellar in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, showing rows of wooden barrels.



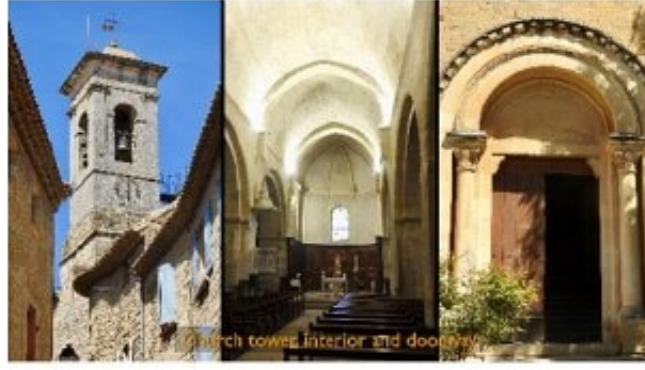
Maison Bouchon, a traditional wine cellar in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Views eastward towards the Alps from Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Narrow streets in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Interior view of a church in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



Hotel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



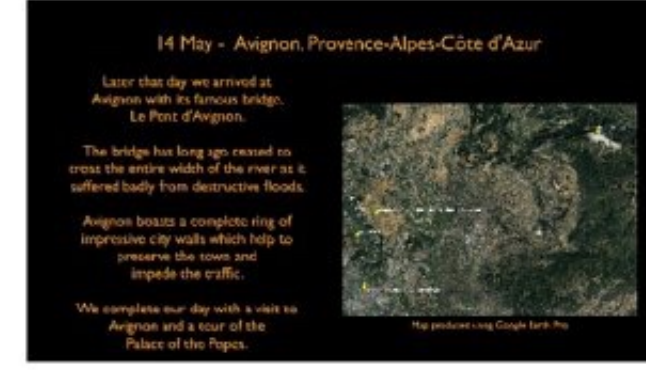
Street scene in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, showing a shop named 'Domenici'.



Pink flowers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



A busy street scene in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



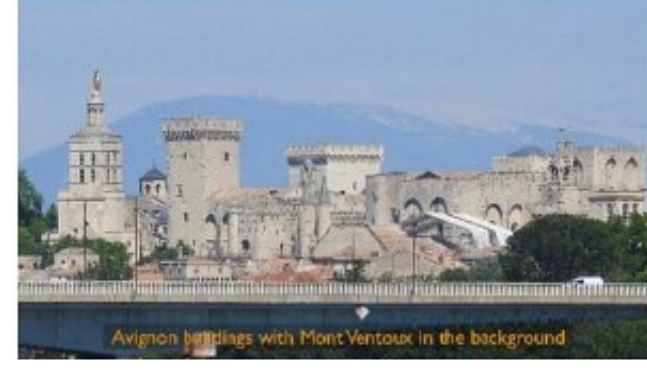
Map of Avignon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur.



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Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Pont Vieux from the Rhône River.



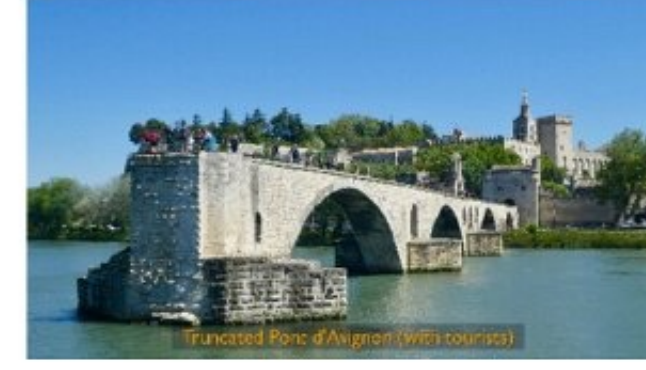
Avignon buildings with Mont Ventoux in the background.



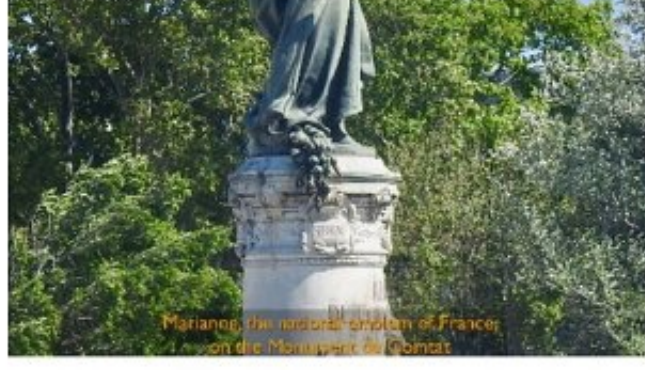
A view of the city of Avignon from the river.



La Porte d'Avignon, a bridge over the Rhône River.



Truncated Pont d'Avignon (barrage) in Avignon.



Statue of Joan of Arc in Avignon.



The Papal Palace in Avignon.



A street scene in Avignon, showing a shop named 'Domenici'.



The Papal Palace in Avignon.



Gargoyles and lions on the Papal Palace in Avignon.



The Papal Palace in Avignon.



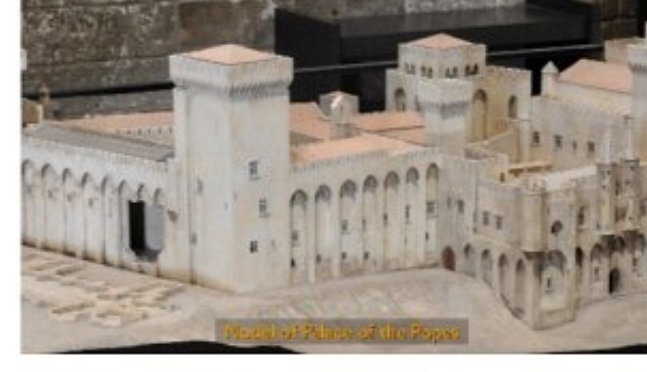
Place du Palais in Avignon, showing the Papal Palace.



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A view of the Pont du Gard in Nîmes.



Map of Pont-du-Gard, Languedoc.



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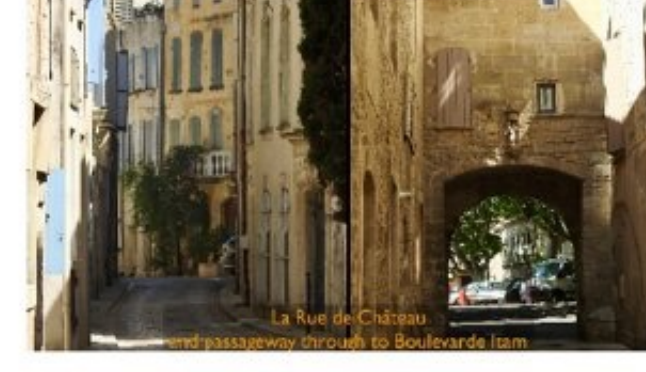
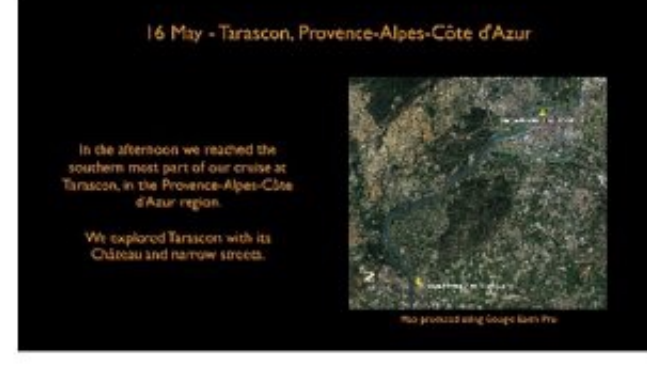
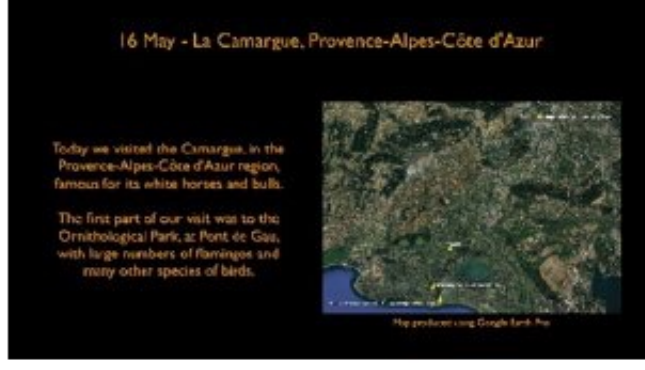
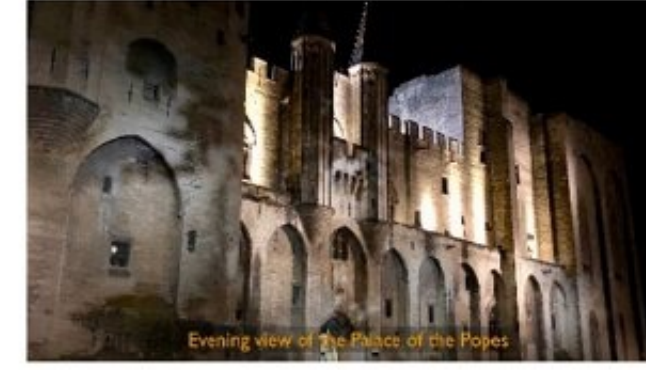
Le Pont du Gard



River Gardon below and above of Pont du Gard



Palace of the Popes in Avignon

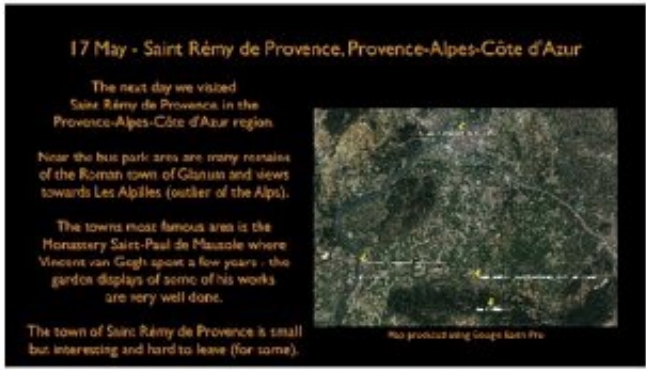




Rue des Halles



Scenic Sapphire moored at Tarsicon



17 May - Saint Rémy de Provence, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

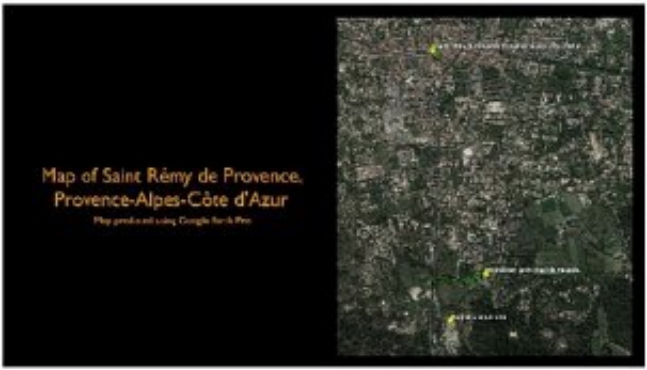
The next day we visited Saint Rémy de Provence in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. Near the best part, there are many remains of the Roman town of Glanum and views towards Les Alpilles (southeast of the Alps).

The town's most famous area is the Monastery Saint Paul de Vence where Vincent van Gogh spent a few years; the garden displays of some of his works are very well done.

The town of Saint Rémy de Provence is small but interesting and lovely here (for some).



Map of Saint Rémy de Provence, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



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Mausoleum of the Roman Emperor Augustus



Arch of Trajan in Roman Glanum



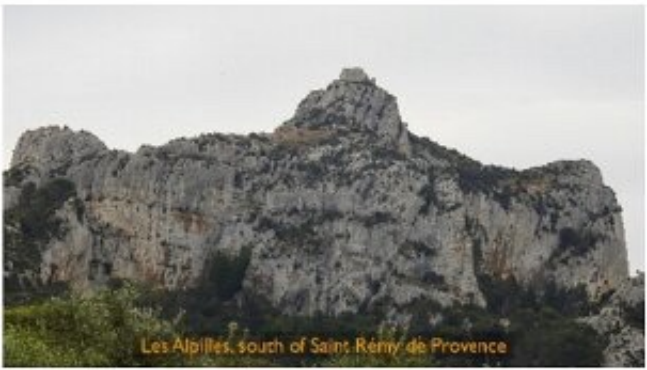
Enclosure and tower of Monastery Saint Paul de Vence



Vincent van Gogh and a statue of him



Portrait of Vincent van Gogh and a statue of him



Les Alpilles, south of Saint Rémy de Provence



Olive and almond trees in Saint Rémy de Provence



External and internal gardens of Monastery Saint Paul de Vence



Monastery wall and cloisters of Monastery Saint Paul de Vence



Colorful flowers in a garden



Statue of a lion and a stone structure in Saint Rémy de Provence



Wall fountain and shop decoration in Saint Rémy de Provence



Narrow street in Saint Rémy de Provence



Shop display of various products in Saint Rémy de Provence



18 May - Farewell at Avignon

At last, all good things come to an end. We say farewell to our wonderful new friends on the upper deck of the Scenic Sapphire.

Then we head off to a very forgettable experience at Nice Airport.



Farewell at Avignon from the Scenic Sapphire



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19-22 May - Singapore

We finally arrived in Singapore and visited family. We had a day to ourselves exploring the island, which we had not seen on previous trips.

We had plenty of time at Changi Airport to see the world's most beautiful shopping and entertainment area.

The centerpiece is the huge waterfall (the largest indoor in the world) and gardens which get illuminated at night.

And finally back home!



Map of Singapore



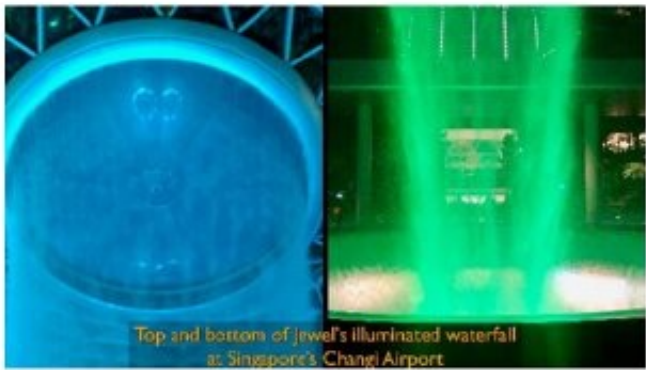
Singapore skyline and shopping area



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Jewel's illuminated waterfall at Singapore's Changi Airport



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The Scenic Sapphire moored at Lyon, Rhône-Alpes

