



## **Stephen and Barbara Randal's Trip to South of France**

**7 Nights | 2 people**

**September 5, 2023 – September 12, 2023**

**BALLPARK QUOTE to be sent to you once you have approved the  
itinerary**

**A 100% tailor-made itinerary for you visiting France!**

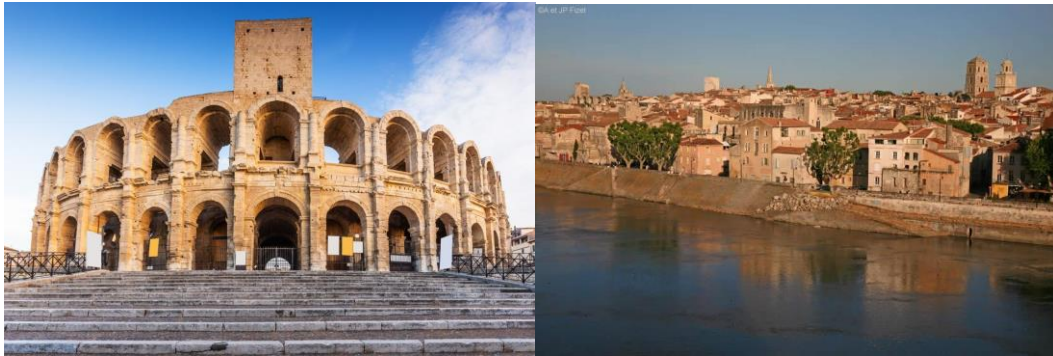
## TRIP IN SEPTEMBER 2023

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**Avignon**, a city in southeastern France's Provence region, is set on the **Rhône River**. From 1309 to 1377, it was the seat of the **Catholic popes**. It remained under papal rule until becoming part of France in 1791. This legacy can be seen in the massive **Palais des Papes (Popes' Palace)** in the city center, which is surrounded by medieval stone ramparts.



Then you will visit the Belgian city of **Arles**, a city on the **Rhône River** in the Provence region of southern France. It's famed for inspiring the **paintings of Van Gogh**, which influenced the contemporary art displayed at the Fondation Vincent Van Gogh. Once a provincial capital of **ancient Rome**, Arles is also known for many remains from that era, including **Arles Amphitheatre (les Arènes d'Arles)**, now hosting **plays, concerts and bullfights**.



Don't miss **Aix-en Provence**, well known for its musical heritage – it boasts one of the best conservatoires (music schools) in the country. It also has a thriving music and festival scene, from the eight-day festival of free concerts, Musique dans la Rue, to the annual free opera concert on Cours Mirabeau.





In Roman times one of the richest towns of Gaul, **Nîmes** is famous for its many Roman remains, which are mostly in an excellent state of preservation. The vast amphitheatre, probably built in the 1st century ce to seat 24,000, is an ellipse (440 by 330 feet [135 by 100 metres]), standing 69 feet (21 metres) high.



Louis XIV (ruled 1643–1715) made **Montpellier** the administrative capital of the Languedoc region, famous for its wines. The modern city is a tourist center and the seat of the International Vine and Wine Fair. Its industries include food processing, metallurgy, electronics, pharmaceuticals, and textile weaving.



End the trip in **Carcassonne**. After the settlements at the foot of the city were destroyed, King St Louis authorised the local inhabitants to build a new town in 1245. This became known as the Bastide Saint Louis. Today, Carcassonne is renowned across the globe thanks to its two UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Medieval City and the Canal du Midi.



## SEPTEMBER 5 - DAY 1: WELCOME TO FRANCE!

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### — MORNING: Early Arrival in Avignon, Collect the Rental Car.

Upon your arrival in **Avignon**, you will be informed where to collect your **rental car** around the **Avignon Train Station**. You can drive directly to your gorgeous Studio in Avignon for check in.

### — MORNING: EARLY Check in at Your Studio Apartment.

### — MORNING: South of France Dish Cooking Class

Treat yourself to a unique **French cooking class** set inside the famous **Les Halles Market of Avignon**. Under the guidance of a **master chef**, you'll create a menu using ingredients from the market itself, and then cook them to eat for lunch. If eating (not cooking) is more your thing, you can select a tasting-only option that includes a market visit, samples, and a cooking demonstration by the chef.

**Duration 4 Hours / Small Group Class**



### — AFTERNOON: Walking City Tour in Avignon

Walk through one of the most charming cities in southern France on this 2-hour tour of Avignon. See the impressive **Palace of the Popes** and the famous bridge at **Pont St. Bénézet** as you explore the city's sidewalk cafes, elegant squares, and delightful tree lined boulevards.

**Duration 2 Hours / Private Guided**





## — EVENING: Accommodation at Hotel.

**Inclusions:** Car Rental, Cooking Class, Avignon Walking City Tour & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Flights, Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

### **Studio Appartement Hotel Recommendations in Avignon :**

#### **Aux Augustins Apartments B&B**

Address : 16 Rue Carreterie, 84000 Avignon  
Phone : 04 84 51 01 44  
Website : <https://www.autourdupetitparadis.com/en>

#### **Les Précieuses Apparts Hotel Deluxe Avignon**

Address : 7 Rue Puits des Allemands, 84000 Avignon  
Phone : 07 52 62 68 65  
Website : <https://en.lesprecieusesavignon.com/>

#### **Le Studio de l'Atelier d'artiste**

Address : 18 Imp. Jean Pierre Gras, 84000 Avignon  
Phone : 06 77 06 85 40  
Website : <https://www.enuitee.fr/le-studio-de-latelier-dartiste/>

### **Restaurant Recommendation in Avignon :**

#### **Auberge Des Papes**

Address : Route de Grignan, 84600 Grillon France  
Phone : +33 4 90 37 43 67  
Website : <http://www.aubergedespapes.fr/pages/restaurant.html>

#### **Restaurant Sevin**

Address : 10 Rue de Mons, 84000 Avignon  
Phone : 04 90 86 16 50  
Website : <https://www.restaurantsevin.fr>

#### **Restaurant La Ferme**

Address : 110 Chemin des Bois Ile de la Barthelasse, 84000, Avignon

Phone : +33 4 90 82 57 53

Website : <https://en.hotel-laferme.com/>

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## SEPTEMBER 6 - DAY 2: AVIGNON

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### — MORNING: Morning Wine Tour to Châteauneuf du Pape

Drive along the vineyards and discover the terroir of **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**, visit the **2 wineries** and let the experts guide you in the **wine-tasting** and enjoy the panoramic view from the **ruins of the castle**.

**Duration 4,5 Hours / Small Group Guided Tour**



### — AFTERNOON: Self-guided Visit to Musée Du Petit Palais

The **Musée du Petit Palais** is a museum and art gallery in **Avignon, southern France**. It opened in 1976 and has an exceptional collection of **Renaissance paintings** of the Avignon school as well as from Italy, which reunites many "primitives" from the collection of **Giampietro Campana**.

**Open: 10AM-1PM, 2PM-6PM / Self-guided Visit**



— **EVENING: Accommodation at Hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Wine Tour, Self-guided Visit Entrance to Musée du Petit Palais & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Flights, Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## SEPTEMBER 7 - DAY 3: AVIGNON - AIX EN PROVENCE

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— **MORNING: Drive to Aix-En-Provence**

You can spend your morning at your own pace, take your time to have a breakfast and start to drive to **Aix-en-Provence**. Enjoy the scenic view along the road.

**Distance:** An hour drive from Avignon

— **MORNING: Option 1: Paul Cezanne's House Tour**

Cézanne's studio is a museum about the painter **Paul Cézanne**, in Aix-en-Provence in Southern France. It was his studio from 1902 until his death in 1906.



— **MORNING: Option 2:**

**Cooking masterclass:** Learn how to cook the fish soup specialty, La Bouillabaisse.

**Duration:** 5 Hours / **Starting time** 9 AM

— **AFTERNOON: Guided Tour of Aix-en-Provence**

Three exceptional hours where your tour guide will unveil to you **Aix** in all its glory: historical sites, scandals, winners and losers, hidden corners, secrets, sumptuous stories that will leave you breathless.

**Duration:** 2 Hours / **Starting time** 3 PM





— **EVENING: Accommodation at Hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Paul Cezanne House Entrance, Guided Tour of Aix-en-Provence & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Flights, Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## SEPTEMBER 8 - DAY 4: AVIGNON – ARLES - NIMES

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— **MORNING: Drive to Arles City**

You can spend your morning at your own pace, take your time to have a breakfast and start to drive to **Arles**. Enjoy the scenic view along the road.

**Distance: 50 minutes' drive from Avignon**



— **MORNING – AFTERNOON: Self-guided visit in Arles**

You can enjoy the whole city with your own tempo. Here is our best recommendation to do while you are in Arles.

[ARLES AMPHITHEATER](#)

Address : 1 Rdpt des Arènes, 13200 Arles  
Opening hours : 09AM-07PM



**MUSEUM OF ANCIENT ARLES AND PROVENCE**

Address : Presqu'île du Cirque Romain, 13200 Arles  
Opening hours : 10AM-06PM

**ROMAN THEATER OF ARLES**

Address : 1 Rue du Cloître, 13200 Arles  
Opening hours : 09AM-07PM

**FONDATION VINCENT GOGH**

Address : 35 Rue du Dr Fanton, 13200 Arles  
Opening hours : 10AM-06PM

— **AFTERNOON: Drive to Nîmes**

Drive to Nîmes from Arles, check-in to your chosen studio apartment.

**Distance: 40 minutes's drive from Arles**

— **EVENING: Accommodation at hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Entrance to your chosen museum(s) & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

**Studio Appartement Hotel Recommendations in Nîmes:**

**Zenitude Hôtel Résidences Nîmes Centre**

Address : Triangle de la Gare, 5 All. Boissy d'Anglas, 30000 Nîmes  
Phone : 04 66 40 40 00  
Website : [https://www.zenitude-hotel-residences.com/en\\_EN/](https://www.zenitude-hotel-residences.com/en_EN/)

**Appart'City Confort Nîmes Arènes - Appart Hôtel**

Address : 1 Bd de Bruxelles, 30000 Nîmes  
Phone : 04 56 60 26 70  
Website : <https://www.appartcity.com/en/destinations/languedoc-roussillon/nimes/nimes-arenes.html>

**Appart'hôtel Odalys City Le Cheval Blanc**

Address : 1 Pl. des Arènes, 30000 Nîmes  
Phone : 04 66 76 05 22  
Website : <https://www.odalys-vacation-rental.com/country-holidays-france/languedoc-roussillon/nimes/le-cheval-blanc.html?duree=1>

**Restaurant Recommendation in Arles :**

**Côté Mer - La Bouillabaisse**

Address : 55 cours Alphonse Daudet, 13990 Fontvieille, Arles  
Phone : +33 4 90 43 60 01  
Website : <https://cotemer-fontvieille.fr/>

**La Cuisine au Planet**

Address : 144 Grand rue, 13990 Fontvieille, Arles

Phone : +33 4 90 54 63 97

Website : <http://lacuisineauplanet.fr/>

**La Gueule du Loup**

Address : 39 rue des Arenes, 13200, Arles

Phones : +33 4 90 96 96 69

Website : <https://www.restaurant-lagueuleduloup.fr/en/>

**Restaurant Recommendation in Nîmes :**

**LE QUESTE**

Address : 4 PLACE QUESTEL Place Questel, 30900 Nîmes

Phone : +33 9 54 89 05 57

Website : [https://www.facebook.com/Questel.Brasserie/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/Questel.Brasserie/about/?ref=page_internal)

**Palosanto**

Address : 29 Place du grand Couvent, 30000 Nîmes

phone : +33 6 31 93 80 51

Website : <https://www.palosanto-restaurant.com/>

**Ever'in**

Address : 1 Place Severine, 30900 Nîmes

Phone : +33 4 66 23 73 09

Website : <http://www.everincafe.fr/>

## SEPTEMBER 9 - DAY 5: NIMES

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### — MORNING: Nîmes Historical Center Private Walking Tour

See Roman buildings and bridges, including the magnificent **Amphithéâtre** and the **Temple of Diane**. Explore the city considered the center of Roman culture in Europe.

**Duration: 2 Hours / Private Guided Tour**





— **AFTERNOON : Vers-Pont-du-Gard from Nimes**

Drive from Nimes to Vers-Pont-du-Gard. Vers-Pont-du-Gard is a small, Medieval village built from the orange-ochre limestone that's been quarried in the area since **Roman times**. The village has three ancient, covered lavoirs, a medieval tower with a lovely old campanile, and an active village life with shops that are open even on Sundays.

**40 minutes' drive from Nimes**



— **EVENING: Accommodation at hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Nimes Historical Private Tour & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## SEPTMEBER 10 - DAY 6: NIMES - MONTPELLIER

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— **MORNING: Drive to Montpellier**

You can spend your morning at your own pace, take your time to have a breakfast and start to drive to **Montpellier**. Enjoy the scenic view along the road.

**Distance:** An hour drive from Nimes

— **MORNING/AFTERNOON: Self-guided Tour**

You can enjoy the whole city with your own tempo. Here is our best recommendation to do while you are in Montpellier.

**Place de La Comédie**

Address : Pl. de la Comédie, 34000 Montpellier

**Planet Ocean World**

Address : Centre commercial Odysseum, All. Ulysse, 34000 Montpellier

Website : <https://www.planetocceanworld.fr/en/>

**Montpellier Zoological Park**

Address : 50 Av. Agropolis, 34090 Montpellier

Website : <http://zoo.montpellier.fr/>

— **AFTERNOON: The Châteaux of Grès de Montpellier & Wine Tasting**

During the tour you will visit **château de Flaugergues**, a sumptuous bourgeoisie summer house dating back to 17th century, before tasting their excellent range of wines. You will then visit the famous **Château Puech Haut**, settled in beautiful surroundings in the middle of vineyards and olive trees. You can admire a unique and original exhibition of painted oak barrels.

**Duration: 3,5 Hours / Small Group Guided Tour**



— **EVENING: Accommodation at Hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Entrance to Planet Ocean World (or/and) Zoological Park, Tour of The Châteaux of Grès de Montpellier & Wine Tasting & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## SEPTEMBER 11 - DAY 7: NIMES - CARCASSONNE

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— **MORNING: Drive to Carcassonne**

You can spend your morning at your own pace, take your time to have a breakfast and start to drive to **Carcassonne**. Enjoy the scenic view along the road.

**Distance: 2 hours 15 minutes from Nimes**

— **AFTERNOON: Private Guided Tour at Carcassonne**

Walk along the top of the wall, crossing both **medieval and Roman towers** as you head towards the church. Hear an explanation about the architecture of the **Gothic church** and see the **beautiful stained-glass windows**, built between the 13th and 16th centuries. Walk



through the streets of the ancient religious quarter and learn about the inquisition in Carcassonne and Toulouse.

**Duration: 2 Hours / Private Guided Tour**



— **AFTERNOON: Free Time at Carcassonne**

You can explore the city of Carcassonne and discover the cathedrals. Stay a little longer to enjoy a breathtaking sunset in Carcassonne.

— **EVENING: Accommodation at hotel.**

**Inclusions:** Private Guided Visit of Carcassonne & Accommodation at Hotel with daily breakfast.

**Exclusions:** Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## SEPTEMBER 12 - DAY 8: HOME SWEET HOME

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— **MORNING: Car Rental Return and Head to Nimes Train Station**

After your hearty breakfast, you can return back your rental and head to Nimes Train Station. From Nimes, you can easily get a direct TGV to Paris. All trains will bring you to Paris Gare de Lyon. Your private transfer will escort you directly to Charles de Gaulle Airport to catch your flight.

**From Nimes to Paris TGV duration: 3 to 3,5 Hours by train**

**From Paris Gare de Lyon to Charles de Gaulle Airport duration: 1 Hour drive**

**Inclusions:** Private transfer to Charles De Gaulle Airport.

**Exclusions:** Flights, Meals and drinks & all personal expenses.

## Information & Documents

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### — PACKAGE PRICE

*Please note that flight and accommodation prices always fluctuate and may differ at time of booking.*

### — INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation 14 nights in a handpicked hotel, with daily breakfast
- All guided tours, visits and transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Car rental as mentioned in the itinerary
- 24/7 Ground support from Artoo Travel team
- All hotel taxes

### — EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Travel Insurance
- Meals / Drinks
- All personal expenses & personal travel insurance

### — WE OFFER PEACE OF MIND FOR EVERY TRAVELER

Our team is available 24/7 to make sure everything is working properly and to make you feel truly unique. We often receive and make calls after normal business hours because we always want to make sure our clients' itineraries go according to plan. Upon arrival at CDG airport, every traveler will get my personal phone number: +33 650 238 195

We will also provide you with the names and phone numbers of drivers and guides.

### — PAYMENT TERMS

We accept all credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express. A bank surcharge of 2,5% may apply.

Should you want to pay via bank wire transfer, we will send you Artoo Travel bank details.



### — PAYMENT STRUCTURE

A non-refundable deposit of 30% is requested at the time of confirmation. Payment of the balance, that is, the remaining 70% shall be paid at least 45 days prior to arrival in France. Payment can be made by bank transfer or credit card.

### — TRIP UNSURANCE

For your travel insurance, we recommend you subscribe this insurance with **Artoo Travel** or Zicasso.

### — CANCELLATION POLICY

Artoo Travel must be promptly informed, by means of email, of any cancellation of reservation. The official date of receipt of the cancellation shall be used for calculating the compensation due to Artoo Travel, in accordance with the following conditions:

- 60-31 days prior to arrival: 30% of the total price
- 30-15 days prior to arrival: 50% of the total price
- 14-7 days prior to arrival: 70% of the total price
- Less than 7 days prior to arrival: 90% of the total price



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