

# PROVENCE



## MAGNIFICENT NATURE, LAVENDER DREAMS, A VARIETY OF VINES - AN ENJOYABLE CYCLING EXPERIENCE

The Vaucluse mountains with their impressive heights, dominated by Mont Ventoux, the first lavender-growing region in Provence, the Luberon nature park with its villages steeped in history, which are still strongly characterized by crafts and artisanship, vine-rich cultivation areas and the traditional cuisine of Provence. A variety of culinary and visual delights are waiting to be discovered!

LEVEL



KM

232

DURATION

7 Days  
6 Nights

TRAVEL DATES

27.04 – 03.05.2025  
22.06 – 28.06.2025

### Day 3 Pernes-les-Fontaines - Isle-sur-la-Sorgue - Gordes 38 km

Pernes-les-Fontaines, with its countless fountains and pretty, lively alleyways, was the capital of the Comtat Venaissin until 1320. Characterized by water and surrounded by former fortified towers, Pernes is an inviting place to linger. Visit the church of Notre-Dame-de-Nazareth before continuing on to Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, named after the river of the same name. Crafts such as dye works, weaving mills, tanneries, grain and oil mills used the water power of the Sorgue here for a long time. Small alleyways, antique stores, many bridges and charming pubs characterize the town. Let's go sightseeing and leave the bikes behind. Then ride to Gordes. The view of Gordes makes up for the climb (possibility to board the bus) up to this "eagle's nest"!

### Day 4 Mont Ventoux - Sault - Gorges de la Nesque 55 km

The highest mountain in Provence, Mont Ventoux, lies before you. First visit a typical provincial market. Afterwards, the shock is on your face - up here? No, you won't be cycling up the hairpin bends to the summit of the "Holy Mountain of Provence", but rather by bus with your bikes. Here you start today's cycle tour with a wonderful descent. You cycle via Sault, the center of lavender cultivation, accompanied by the beguiling scent of lavender, to the deep gorges of the "Gorges de la Nesque". Picturesque limestone cliffs on both sides accompany you, an incredible experience! The dream stage ends with a wine tasting of the Cote du Ventoux - naturally.

### Day 1

Travel to the vicinity of Vaison. Welcome cocktail with information about the next few days and the first dinner can be enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere in the hotel garden. Bon appétit!



### Day 2 Malaucène - Bédoin - Beau- mes de Venise - Carpentras 44 km

A fantastic cycle route begins in Malaucène. Olive plantations, vineyards, pine groves, peach orchards and, in the background, Mont Venoux with its majestic appearance and the jagged shapes of the Dentelles de Mont Mirail - a beautiful landscape, varied and colorful. Drive through the picturesque villages of Bedoin and Caromb to Beaumes-de-Venise. Stroll through the narrow streets of the old town and perhaps stop for a coffee or pastis in one of the many cafés from where you can watch the hustle and bustle in the streets. Sample the aromatic Muscat produced here. Cycle through the picturesque vineyards of the Vaucluse wine-growing region to Carpentras.



Shortly before arriving in Gordes, you are treated to an unforgettable view of this town, which is visited and inhabited by many artists. The soft light of the afternoon sun makes it glow and increases the anticipation of walking through the many small alleyways.





### Day 5 Sault - Saint Christol - Saint Saturnin lès Apt 54 km

Surrounded by the colorful lavender fields, the Sault is the starting point of today's cycle tour. The transfer to here makes for a very pleasant start, always slightly downhill towards St. Christol, through picturesque and, above all, richly scented landscapes. On the way, visit a lavender farm with a tour. The subsequent picnic area on this day also invites you to linger longer.

Continue to Saint-Saturnin-lès-Apt, dominated by the ruins of the castle, Saint Saturnin is visible from afar. A typical Provençal village with a Romanesque chapel, windmill, many winding alleyways and a soothing tranquillity. Saint Saturnin specializes in the cultivation of cherries - cheers!



“Our first experience with France A Velo, but certainly not the last. Many thanks and best regards,”  
Inge Wegert



### Day 6 Luberon Regional Park around Apt 41 km

Today's cycle tour takes you through the Luberon Regional Park, which was founded in 1977. A very varied landscape characterized by limestone mountains, villages nestled close to the rocks, ochre cliffs, vineyards, olive groves and small streams. A disused railroad line takes you through this picturesque landscape in places, accompanied by the scent of pine trees and herbs. A leisurely picnic before a hike through the Colorado of the Luberon: Colorado de Rustrel. Visit the most beautiful places of this former ochre quarry during a one-hour hike. Good footwear is recommended. The candied fruit comes from Apt, let's go for a tasting!

#### Day 7

After breakfast, it's "Au revoir".

#### GUIDED BIKE TOUR



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#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- 6 nights in a 3-star charm hotel in a room with bath/shower/WC
- Daily breakfast buffet
- 4-course menu in the evening
- 5 lunch picnics with regional specialties incl. drinks
- Qualified tour guide during the entire trip
- Guided tours as per program
- All transfers mentioned
- All entrance fees
- 1 wine tasting
- Spa and local taxes

#### PER PERSON

##### ROOM

DBLE/DU/WC/VP	1470 €
SGL/DU/WC/VP	1740 €

##### BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear- Hybrid bike	90 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	170 €

