

A Vintage Experience of Provence

A fantastic week of vintage, charm & the gorgeous sites of Provence!
May 29 - June 4, 2019



Thank you for your interest in our journey to Provence! This is a special tour created through pure passion for the region, its people and the pursuit of unique shared experiences. For some, this is also the ultimate French vintage treasure hunt. The tours have, through the years touched many hearts and fancies – both for our tour participants, as well as our local Provencal friends.

We hope you will join us on this special week as we are received at local homes, witness life in fairy tale like villages and take in spectacular scenery. You will experience fabulous French food and wine (of course!), get an up-close taste of French culture, be surrounded by exquisite interior décor, shop the famous markets of the south of France, and be given special entrées to parts of this heaven-on-earth not accessed by most tourists.

Lynni Miller has added something to this tour to make it even more extraordinary: the ability to take part in a "container share." You can actually buy "pretty much" to your heart's content and have an economical means to get it back home. You will be the envy of any American woman who has been to France, and fallen in love with something she couldn't bring back with her on a plane ride.

Contact Lynni separately if this speaks to you!*

Day 1
Wednesday, May 29

Arrival

Check into lodging by 4 p.m. Take some time to get settled in your room. Once the tour starts you'll be glad you took some time to "install," as the French say.

5 p.m. casual orientation of elegant and casual Aix en Provence. We won't have ample time to cover the city's 2,000 year plus history but your guide will cover some basics so you have an appreciation of this special place that will be your home for the next week. You will also be oriented to this easy city to take in by foot on your free time.

Welcome drink in a gorgeous setting.

Dinner in the old city of Aix (included in tour) just two minutes on foot to your hotel.



Day 2
Thursday, May 30

Jill's Secret Addresses



Breakfast and welcome “chez Colette,” home of a sparkling local antique/vintage dealer. Opportunity to purchase exceptional items directly from her home – great prices.

Onto another home, this time of a well-known vintage and antique dealer with a large inventory. A snack will be provided to tide you over.

In the afternoon we'll go out to the country to take in "une belle boutique" of curated local antiques. Agnes, the owner, is a wealth of information about all her rare items.

Open evening in Aix. You will have a list of local recommended restaurants that are a beautiful short walk from the hotel.

Day 3
Friday, May 31

Enchanting Villages & A Secret Garden

We'll head for the over-the-top beautiful hills of the Luberon this morning. First stop the wonderful outdoor market of Lourmarin, officially one of France's most beautiful villages.

We'll spend the morning surrounded by the absolute charm of the village market sellers and enticed by all the lovely wares and seasonal products. This is a place that past tour participants never wanted to leave, so we'll have extra time in this extraordinary market.

Enjoy a typical Provençal lunch in one of Lourmarin's lovely restaurants & cafés. Jill will point out her favorites that you can choose from.



Day 4
Saturday, June 1

A Day in Aix

You will be guided through the largest market of the week this morning. Afterwards we go to a warehouse-style treasure trove of vintage goods, mixed in with antiques and household items from the last decade.

Enjoy an outdoor lunch in one of Aix's finest restaurants – be it casual or de luxe. You will have a list recommended restaurants or scout out your own find.

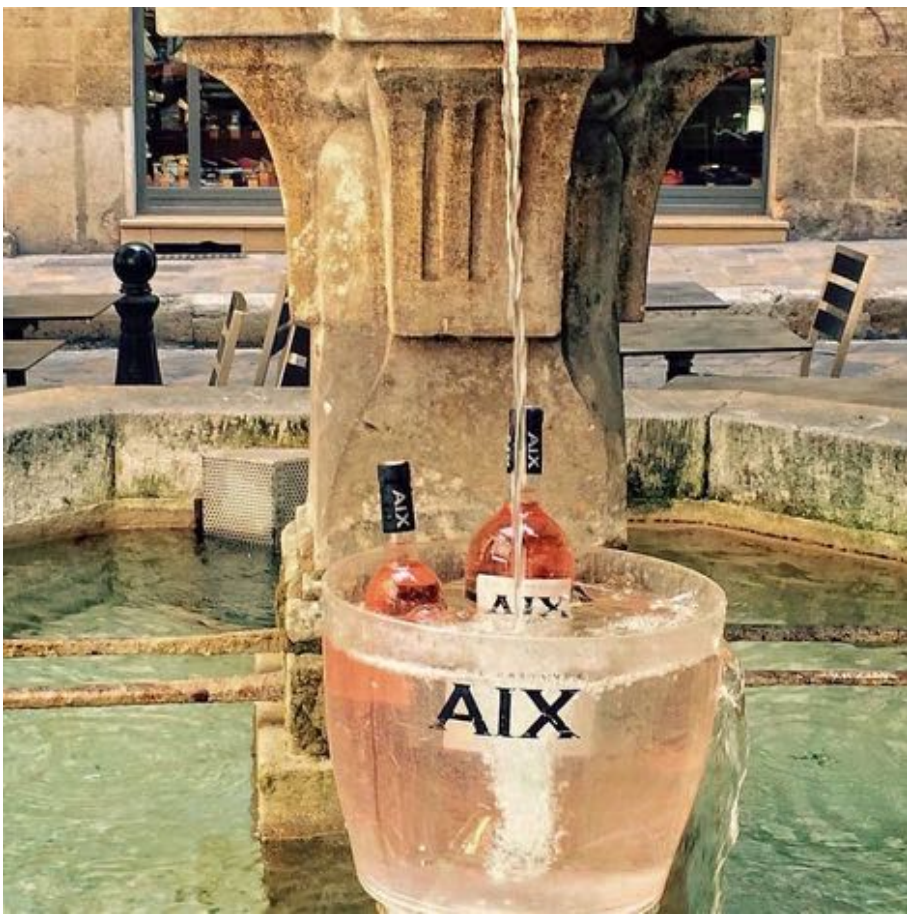
This afternoon you have options! You could enjoy time to yourself in Aix en Provence. Use your free time to rest and restore for a big day out tomorrow, or explore your beautiful home city through its cathedrals, museums or outdoor cafes. Or you could jump in a vehicle and do some spontaneous treasure hunting with Lynni and Jill. We won't know what's going on market-wise until we're on the tour so this is a gamble for the hard core shoppers.

We'll meet up at the end of the afternoon for a toast to swap travel stories from our day.



After lunch stroll the village and its boutiques at your leisure.

We then hit the road to visit the gorgeous village of Cucuron, location for several key scenes in the film *A Good Year*. We will be received at a magnificent garden – recognized as one of the most beautiful in the region. Followed by a glass of local sparkling wine with the owners on their Provencal terrace.



Day 5
Sunday, June 2

A World-Famous Antique Market

This will be a big long day of taking in all types of markets – from the quaint village market to the famous frenetic and abundant market of Isle sur la Sorgue.



Once back home, it's a good idea to take some time to organize the packing of your new purchases . Show-and-tell party at the hotel.
Group dinner in the city for an evening of discovering Provencal fare.

Day 6
Monday, June 3

The Mediterranean!

This morning we are off to a très picturesque fishing (cum chic) village on the Mediterranean. The day includes perusing the chic boutiques, a 45 minute boat ride in

astoundingly beautiful waters. First-time visitors to the Mediterranean are cordially invited to a “toe dip” on the beach.



Casual lunch in the port (included in the tour) with lots of people watching.
We visit a parfumerie and learn about artisanally made local perfumes. Isabelle, the wife of one of the more recognized “noses” of France, will show us the proper way to perfume oneself, and give great tips about fragrances.



Open evening – time to get ready for tomorrow’s departure.
If we have any takers, an impromptu get together for drinks or dinner.

Day 7
Tuesday, June 4

Departure Day

Shuttle to Aix en Provence train station or Marseille airport in the morning.

Tour includes:

- 7 days’/6 nights’ accommodation
- All ground transportation
- 4 meals
- Special tastes, treats and tide-you-over snacks on an intensive day out
- Vineyard visit and winetasting
- Private Garden visit
- Two memorable toasts
- All excursions & entry fees
- Guide & interpreter services
- Drop off at Marseille airport or Aix en Provence TGV train station on start and end days.

Tour does not include:

- Airfaire
- Breakfasts
- Transfer to hotel before tour starts (We are happy to arrange for your pick up on request. Taxis are very easy to take from the train station and airport.)

The destination airport is MRS (Marseille) and the train station is Aix en Provence TGV.
Contact Lynni Miller for the details about joining us in the container shipping share.

Contact Jill@leTrip.org for questions about the tour.

Appointments and activities subject to availability of our hosts. We will substitute activities of equal caliber in case of change.

Tour price: \$2440** per person/double occupancy
\$390 single supplement

*This wonderful service Lynni is offering to you outside of the agency le Trip.
**Price increases if dollar performs at less than \$1.20/1 euro, depending on exchange rate.
The increase is likely minimal (no more than \$100), but not possible to predict.

Le Trip has been making American visitors feel at home in France since 1999, with a focus on vintage shopping, wine and food themed journeys, and warmth & fun as the priorities. Be prepared for open-armed welcomes and beauty beyond imagination.

