



# Ultimate France

14 DAYS

Marvel at spectacular sea views and delight in dynamic architecture. Slide into the passenger's seat of a vintage car for a drive through the countryside, then sip on wine at a countryside winery. Dine and learn how to cook with a Michelin-starred chef. Experience the modern glitz and time-honoured traditions of France, just for you.



The glamour of St. Tropez. Provençal countryside effortlessly paired with the wine country of Bordeaux. Delight awaits on this elegant and easy French journey.

**DAY 1**

**Welcome to the French Riviera**

Transfer to your hotel before dining waterside at Fontvieille marina. Enjoy an evening drive along the legendary Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit to the Grimaldi Palace. **D**

**Fairmont Monte Carlo.**

**DAY 2**

**Nice Sightseeing**

In Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, join a Local Expert touring the opulent Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Next, another walk, through the streets of Old Nice, admiring the opera house, the Sainte-Réparate Cathedral and maybe tasting some socca. **B**

**DAY 3**

**Star-studded St. Tropez**

Step into the glamour of the French Riviera in St. Tropez with a Local Expert. Taste the local Tarte Tropicaine at the bakery where it was originally created. **B, D**

**Château de Fonscolombe, Aix-en-Provence.**

**DAY 4**

**Aix-en-Provence**

Follow the footsteps of Paul Cézanne along the Old Town and enjoy a French pastry and coffee in one of the most prestigious residences. Personalise your day at Château La Coste winery and open-air museum. Enjoy a wine tour and tasting, or join a Local Expert for a walk among installations by exceptional modern artists and architects. **B**

**DAY 5**

**Calanques National Park**

Stroll or cycle the Château gardens, try pétanque or lounge poolside. Journey through traditional French hilltop villages and stop in the quaint, cobbled town of Le Castellet en route to Cassis. Enjoy a private cruise of the Calanques National Park before indulging in a seafood dinner. **B, D**

**DAY 6**

**French Icons**

Visit the village of Lourmarin. Take a seat in your vintage Citroen 2CV and embark on a chauffeured drive arriving at the Domaine de la Citadelle winery for a picnic prepared by local chef Madame Dromer. **B, L**

**Maison Albar L'Imperator, Nimes.**

**DAY 7**

**Les Baux**

Visit the renowned Pont du Gard, a well-preserved Roman aqueduct. Stop in Avignon and admire the Palace of the Popes. Continue to the village of Les Baux de Provence. **B, D**

**DAY 8**

**Arles and Carcassonne Sightseeing**

Journey to the fortified medieval city of Carcassonne. Explore Van Gogh's town of Arles and visit the Roman Amphitheatre with a Local Expert. Continue through Camargue to your hotel in Carcassonne. **B, D**

**Hôtel de la Cité Carcassonne - MGallery, Carcassonne.**

**DAY 9**

**Carcassonne and the Languedoc Region**

After exploring Carcassonne venture to the village of Lastours. Meet Jean-Marco Boyer, the Michelin-starred Chef of Le Puits du Trésor where you will enjoy a cooking class and then savour the food you have prepared accompanied by local wine. Cruise Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **B, L**

**DAY 10**

**Bordeaux and St. Émilion**

Journey to Bordeaux. Visit the charming town of St. Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest active wine-producing appellation in Bordeaux. Drive through lush vineyards to Château de Ferrand for a winery tour followed by a tasting of some of its vintages and dinner. **B, D**

**Hôtel Burdigala, Bordeaux.**

**DAY 11**

**Bordeaux Sightseeing**

Learn about the 18<sup>th</sup>-century architecture of Vieux Bordeaux with a Local Expert. Or set off on a leisurely bike ride around the Garonne River before ending at the picturesque Jardin Public. **B**

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

## DAY 12

### Travel to Paris

After a leisurely breakfast, board your high-speed train that whisks you through the French countryside to Paris, the most romantic city in the world. Enjoy lunch in the Montparnasse district before setting off to see the landmark sights of the capital city including Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and the Eiffel Tower. Enjoy an evening at leisure in this dazzling city. B, L

**Hôtel Napoléon, Paris.**

## DAY 13

### Paris Sightseeing

Join a Local Expert to discover the artists of Montmartre or explore the hidden squares and galleries of Paris. Tonight, the climax of your French trip will be a celebration dinner on the glittering Eiffel Tower: a chance to bid a fond farewell to your fellow travellers and this wonderful city. B, D

## DAY 14

### Depart Paris

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before your private transfer to the airport for your onward journey. B



## Journey Summary

### Trip Overview

14 Days  
2 Countries  
14 Destinations

### Dining

23 meals including Michelin-starred dining and a seafood dinner in the fishing village of Cassis.

### Activity Level

Dynamic  
Cumulative daily walking of 4+ miles.

### Accommodation

All accommodation are included, and enjoy 9 Relaxed Start Mornings after 9 a.m.

## Concierge Services, Included On Every Journey

Travel Concierge

Full-Service Porterage

Small Group Tours, 18 Guests On Average

Personalise Your Day, With Included Choices

## Unique & Exclusive Experiences

### Day 4

Sample organic wines at Château La Coste, recognised as "Organic Agriculture," and visit a one-of-a-kind contemporary wine cellar.

### Day 5

Board your private cruise through the Calanques National Park to admire limestone cliffs and fjord-like inlets.

### Day 6

Embark on a chauffeured drive in your Citroen 2CV, arriving at Domaine de la Citadelle winery for a picnic prepared by Chef Madame Dromer.

## Availability, Dates and Prices

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