

FRANCE

OFF THE BEATEN PATH

World Leader in Small



Group Travel in France

BEST ADVENTURES - WALKING & GOURMET INDULGENCE IN *Provence*

Off the Beaten Path celebrates 24 years in 2018 offering active, small group, gourmet foodie tours to France.

WEBSITE - <https://www.traveloffthebeatenpath.com>

Beginning in 2019 - Interested in discovering and exploring Provence by joining a Provence Tour that focuses exclusively on foodie and wine experiences? France Off The Beaten Path's Provence In Your Plate® Tour is a perfect solution to authentically experience Provence through everything foodie and wine. During this 6-day/5-night tour, travelers go beyond tourist hot spots to tour, taste, and indulge in the very best, authentic foodie and wine experiences of this magical southern French region. The Tour is a fully guided gourmet foodie and wine experience introducing travelers to our local friends who are some of France's most highly recognized and best loved professionals in their trades, and is led by UNSECO award winning guides who are professional culinary, wine, and Provence history specialists.

France is our sole focus and Specialty, and we know France BEST!

We ONLY offer exclusive, small group luxury tour travel in France, and have been leading tours in Provence, France for more than 2 Decades!

Voted one of the BEST Tour companies in Europe and the world by leading travel magazines, as well as rated one of the top tour operators by travelers from around the world, Off the Beaten Path leads the tour industry in active, small group tour travel. Our new Provence In Your Plate® Tour itinerary offers travelers of all backgrounds and interests who are seeking an authentic and active, France cultural experience, a unique, inside look at the foodie and wine traditions of southern France through private tours, tastings, and hands-on experiences. Our specialty is small group tour travel in France, and we concentrate on ensuring that our focus on travel exclusively in France remains our priority!

Our longstanding friendships, excellent reputation, and 24 year presence in Provence serve as the foundation for us to create this unique foodie and wine itinerary full of fun and memorable experiences that travelers remember long after returning home.

EXPERIENCE INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!

Off the Beaten Path France Tours are Recommended by Best Selling Author PJ Adams as her Tour of Choice to Discover the Provence Region!! Traveling on an Off the Beaten Path small group, cultural walking and foodie tour provides exceptional and privileged insider experiences at unparalleled value that multi-destination and other France tour companies cannot match!

 **TRUSTPILOT**  - FRANCE OFF THE BEATEN PATH HAS RECENTLY PARTNERED WITH TRUSTPILOT, an independent review website to collect “independent” traveler reviews about our tours of Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, and Champagne!

Read candid “independent “ tour reviews! [TRUSTPILOT TOUR REVIEWS](#)

- Our sole focus and specialty is and always has been dedicated to small group travel in France – **WE KNOW FRANCE BEST!**
- In 2018, we celebrate 24 YEARS EXPERIENCE leading tours exclusively in France.
- Our exclusive relationships with every one of our vendors in France makes these tours truly the trip of a lifetime!
- The most popular small group tours in France, we include “insider” experiences that other tour companies cannot offer.
- Our tours sell out year after year thanks to our exclusive benefits, exceptional quality, and excellent value.
- We are proud to be named travelers #1 choice for group travel for two decades!

Book one of our small group tours today to discover for yourself why our exclusive France tours have been named **TRAVELERS**

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Provence in your Plate® Tour



FOODIE & WINE TOUR

BY OFF THE BEATEN PATH, LLC

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

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DAY #1 - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR

GROUP PICK-UP, TRANSFER TO HOTEL - WELCOME COCKTAIL & DINNER INCLUDED TODAY

TOUR BEGINS AND ENDS - Group transfer is included to/from Avignon TGV Rail Station on Day 1 and Day 6 of the Tour.

DAY 1 TRANSFER -- We provide a complimentary 4 pm transfer from AVIGNON TGV Rail Station.

DAY 6 TRANSFER -- We provide a complimentary 9:30 am drop-off arrival at AVIGNON TGV Rail Station followed by drop-off at Avignon Centre rail station.

Tour Begins - Orientation - Welcome Cocktail & Dinner Included

Afternoon — Group Arrival at 4 pm. Group transfers with guides to our boutique hotel in St. Remy de Provence, our base camp for the week.

Settle into Hotel — Enjoy an Orientation to St. Remy and week of activities planned during our Provence Rosé cocktail hour.

Dinner — Michelin-star Welcome Dinner together this evening.

Throughout this exclusive Best Adventures in Provence Tour, we select different regional, classified wines for each group meal to ensure you the opportunity to try as many fabulous wines produced in this region as possible.

DAY #2 - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR -

“ARTISAN, CRAFT AND FOOD MARKET & FUN, HANDS-ON COOKING CLASS WITH CELEBRITY CHEF”

BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

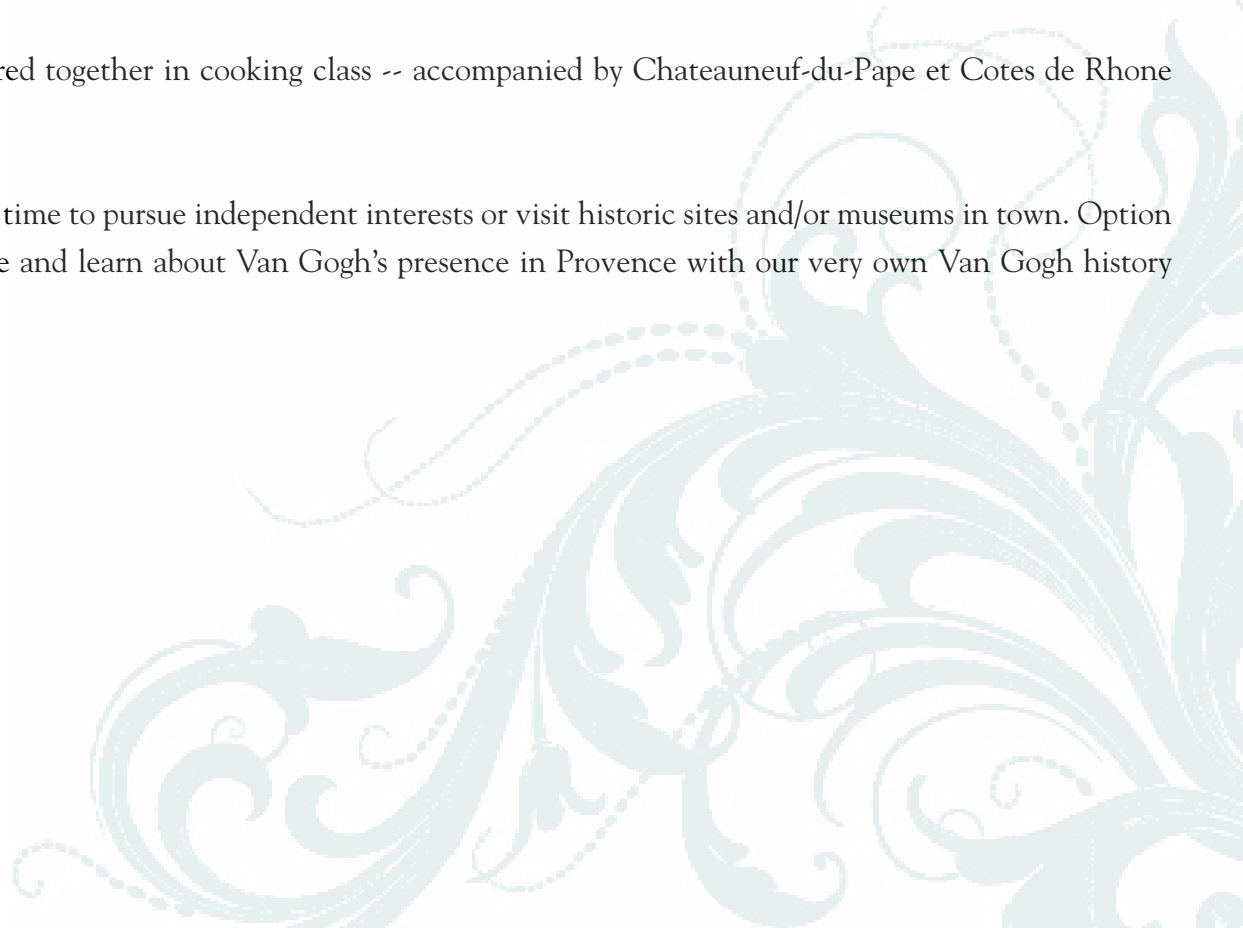
Breakfast.

Morning — It's market day in St. Remy de Provence — We'll spend the morning exploring and shopping at the market starting with a guided tour of our favorite artisans, artists and craft vendors. After our shopping time, our friend and celebrity Chef will join us for the “foodie market portion” of our market experience, and together we'll collect all the items and ingredients we'll need for our cooking lesson at our Chef's bastide. Once back at our Chef's estate, participate in a fun, hands-on and rather entertaining cooking class learning some of Provence's best loved recipes. Enjoy a glass of wine or two during class. No experience necessary!

Lunch — Gourmet lunch with our Chef of the recipes prepared together in cooking class -- accompanied by Chateauneuf-du-Pape et Cotes de Rhone wines from our Chefs wine cellar.

Late Afternoon — Return to St. Remy de Provence for leisure time to pursue independent interests or visit historic sites and/or museums in town. Option to participate in privately guided tour of St. Paule de Mausole and learn about Van Gogh's presence in Provence with our very own Van Gogh history specialist guide.

Dinner — Independently this evening.



DAY #3 - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR -

MACARON & PASTRY MAKING CLASS PLUS “FOODIE” TOURS & TASTINGS: COOKIES, OLIVE OIL, SALTS, SPICES...”

BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

Breakfast.

Morning — Macaroon and pastry making class with our friend and prominent pastry Chef. We'll learn the ease and fun of making macarons and other wonderful French pastries during our hands-on experience. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of the goodies we've prepared.

Lunch — Michelin-star, gourmet lunch together.

Afternoon — “Foodie” Walk of St. Remy de Provence that includes the following “pauses to tease the palate”...

Visit at our favorite artisan cookie baker for a tour and tasting that includes learning some fun historical facts about biscuits, calisson and nougat in Provence.

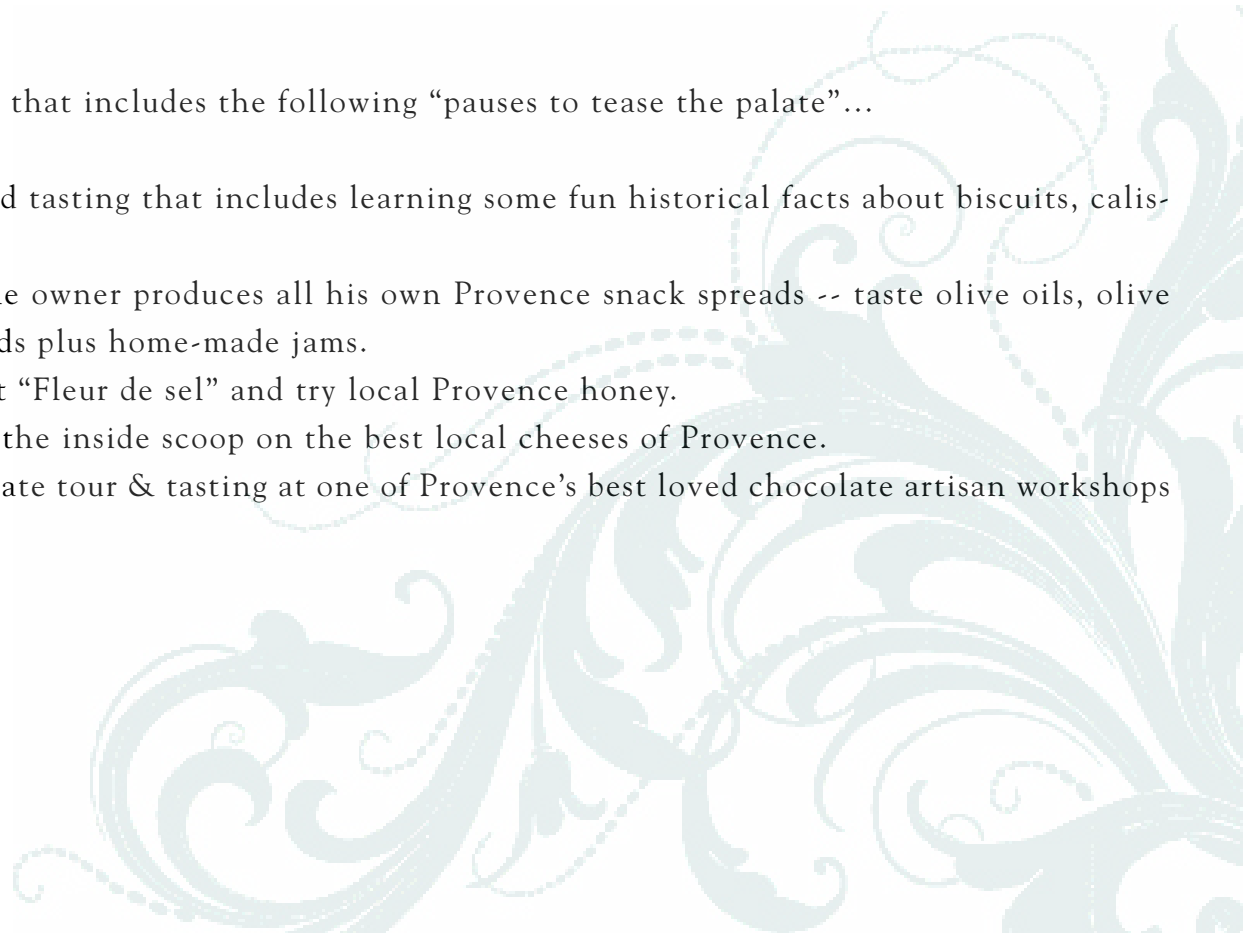
Visit at one of our favorite condiment shops where the owner produces all his own Provence snack spreads -- taste olive oils, olive tapenades (spreads), tomato and eggplant snack spreads plus home-made jams.

Visit at our local herb and spice artisan to learn about “Fleur de sel” and try local Provence honey.

Visit and taste at our favorite “Fromagere”, and learn the inside scoop on the best local cheeses of Provence.

And last but not least for the day, we'll enjoy a chocolate tour & tasting at one of Provence's best loved chocolate artisan workshops with our friend, chocolate maker Joel.

Dinner — Independently this evening.



DAY #4 - - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR -

CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE - “CHOCOLATE MAKING CLASS & GRAND CRU WINES”

BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

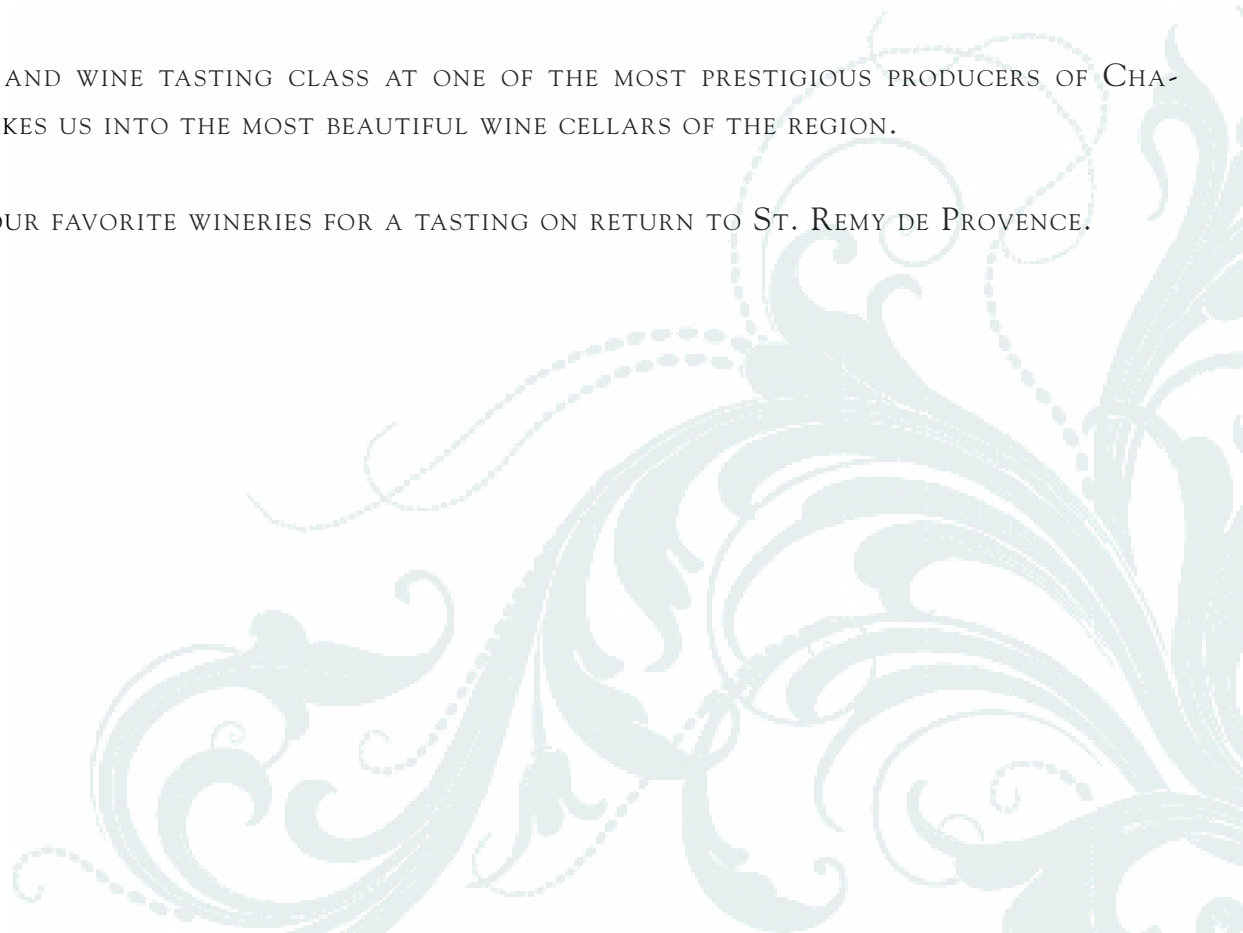
MORNING — PARTICIPATE THIS MORNING IN A FUN, HANDS-ON CHOCOLATE MAKING CLASS. WE’LL SPEND OUR MORNING LEARNING THE SECRETS OF CHOCOLATE AND MAKING OUR OWN SELECTION TO PART WITH AT THE END OF CLASS. LET’S TOP IT ALL OFF WITH A GLASS OF CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE WINE! AFTER ALL, WINE AND CHOCOLATE GO HAND AND HAND!

LUNCH — A PRIVATE, GOURMET LUNCH IN A WINE CELLAR IN CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE.

AFTERNOON — WE EMBARK ON A PRIVATE WINERY VISIT AND WINE TASTING CLASS AT ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS PRODUCERS OF CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE. THIS EXCLUSIVE HANDS-ON LESSON TAKES US INTO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WINE CELLARS OF THE REGION.

TIME PERMITTING — WE’LL MAKE A STOP AT ANOTHER OF OUR FAVORITE WINERIES FOR A TASTING ON RETURN TO ST. REMY DE PROVENCE.

DINNER — INDEPENDENTLY THIS EVENING.



DAY #5 - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR -

LES ALPILLES - “PROVENCE TRADES - ARTISAN SAVONNERIE AND VALLEE DES BAUX”

BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST.

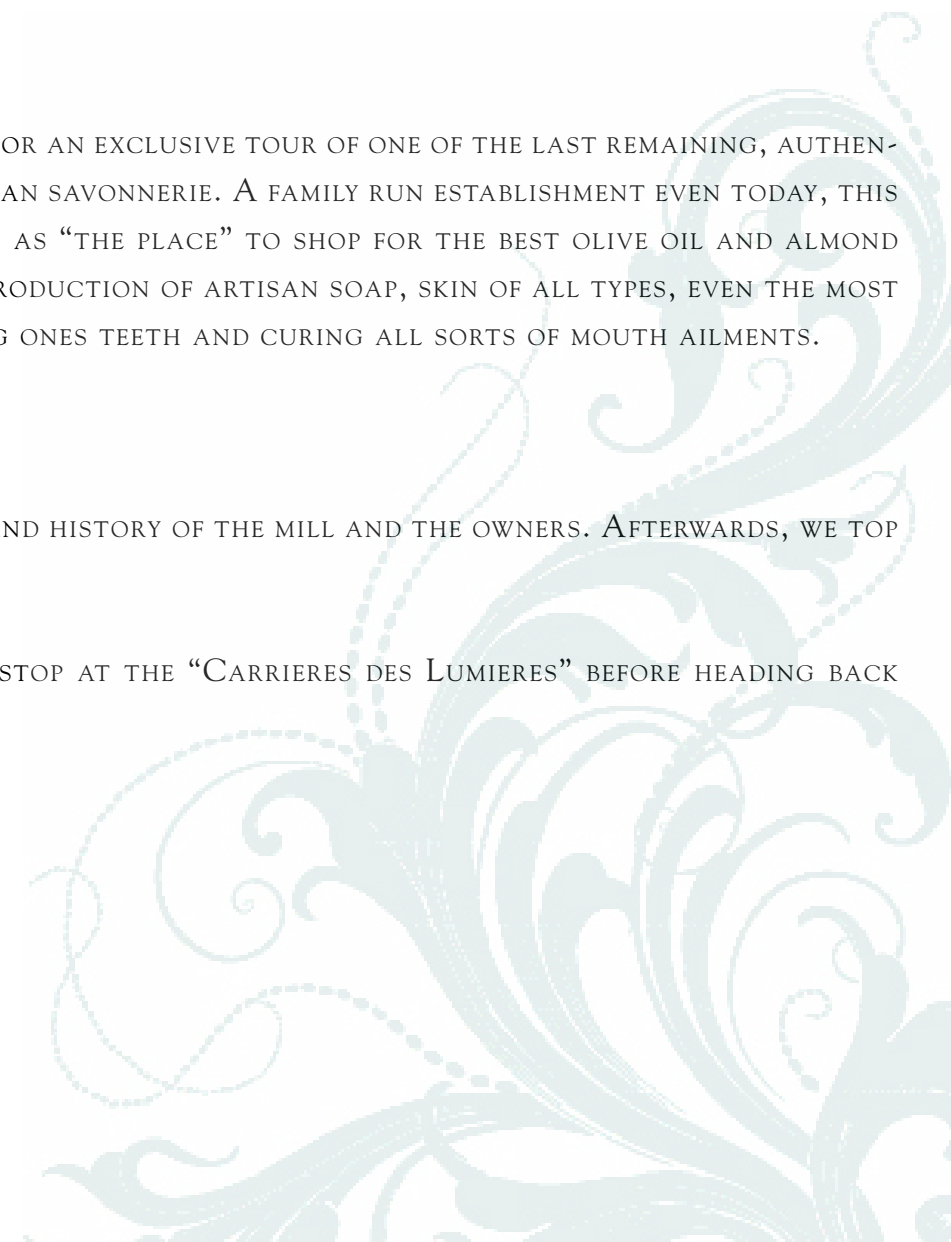
MORNING — WE DEPART TO THE SOUTHERN ALPILLES NEAR AIX-EN-PROVENCE FOR AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING, AUTHENTIC “SAVON DE MARSEILLE” ARTISAN SOAP PRODUCERS -- ALSO CALLED AN ARTISAN SAVONNERIE. A FAMILY RUN ESTABLISHMENT EVEN TODAY, THIS UNIQUE AND LOCAL FAMOUS ARTISAN PRODUCER IS CELEBRATED BY THE LOCALS AS “THE PLACE” TO SHOP FOR THE BEST OLIVE OIL AND ALMOND BASED SOAPS ON THE MARKET. STILL REGULATED BY HISTORICAL LAWS ON THE PRODUCTION OF ARTISAN SOAP, SKIN OF ALL TYPES, EVEN THE MOST SENSITIVE SKIN, FINDS PAMPERING HERE. SOME CAN EVEN BE USED FOR BRUSHING ONES TEETH AND CURING ALL SORTS OF MOUTH AILMENTS.

LUNCH— A GOURMET LUNCH TOGETHER AT OUR FAVORITE CELEBRITY BISTROT.

AFTERNOON — WE’LL VISIT AN ACTIVE OLIVE OIL MILL, AND ENJOY A TASTING AND HISTORY OF THE MILL AND THE OWNERS. AFTERWARDS, WE TOP OFF THE DAY WITH A WINERY TOUR AND TASTING IN THE “VALLEE DES BAUX”.

LATE AFTERNOON (IF TIME PERMITS) — WE’LL CONCLUDE WITH A CULTURAL STOP AT THE “CARRIERES DES LUMIERES” BEFORE HEADING BACK TO ST. REMY DE PROVENCE.

DINNER — FAREWELL MICHELIN-STAR DINNER THIS EVENING.



DAY #6 - PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® TOUR -
TOUR CONCLUDES - BREAKFAST INCLUDED TODAY

BREAKFAST. MORNING — 9:30 AM ARRIVAL AT AVIGNON TGV STATION. EARLIER AND LATER DEPARTURES CAN BE ARRANGED. PLEASE CONTACT US FOR DETAILS.

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ACTIVITY RATING: 100% Easy.

COMFORT ZONE: Designed to appeal to travelers of any fitness level, as walking is only leisure walking during artisan and tasting tours.

TOUR BEGINS: DAY 1 -- 4 pm at the Avignon TGV Rail Station in Avignon, France.

TOUR ENDS: DAY 6 -- Drop-off time is 9:30 AM at Avignon TGV train Station followed by drop-off at Avignon Centre station.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

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- Off the Beaten Path, LLC is an American owned and operated company licensed and bonded to protect your vacation investment.
- Off the Beaten Path, LLC holds a website identity assurance warranty of \$100,000. Travelers are insured for up to \$100,000 per tour reservation booking when relying on the information provided by GeoTrust IdAuthority (Equifax Secure Certificate Authority) on our website.

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COME ENJOY AUTHENTIC *Provence* EXPERIENCES -- PROVENCE IN YOUR PLATE® FOODIE & WINE TOUR

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES..

- This exclusive small group, Provence Tour is led by our stellar, professional Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) Company Tour Guides, all of whom work exclusively for OTBP, are UNESCO award winners, Recognized Contributors to Provence Guide Books, published writers and one is the elected Tourist Office President of one of Provence's best loved towns. Our Tour guides are professional France history and Provence specific history specialists who make learning the tidbits, gossip and stories of France fun and memorable throughout the tour.
- 5 nights at 1 Premiere Inn in St. Remy de Provence. -- NO HOTEL HOPPING!-- We stay at boutique Hotel Gounod located in the historical heart of St. Remy de Provence - under new ownership, the hotel has undergone 3 extensive renovations to transform this magical historical building into one of St. Remy-de-Provence's best loved boutique hotels. Enjoy stepping into the pedestrian walking streets of the town to explore, shop and/or discover local sites independently during leisure time and/or enjoy a quiet moment with a glass of wine, tea or other beverage of choice in the beautiful and tranquil hotel gardens.
- 11 Meals Included - 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners. Guests enjoy Michelin-Star restaurants throughout this tour plus the region's finest gourmet bistros, a cooking class lunch, and a Chateauneuf-du-Pape wine cellar lunch.
- Enjoy PROVENCE REGIONAL WINES INCLUDED at all group meals!
- Fees for the cooking class, macaroon making class, chocolate making class, all wine and food product tastings.
- Enjoy a guided tour of St. Paul de Mausole and Les Carrieres des Lumieres with our specialist guide.
- Taste freshly made local, artisan cheeses throughout the trip.
- Visit and Taste at our favorite Provence Olive Oil Mill.
- Shop at the BEST outdoor craft and artisan market of the region.
- Participate in a hands-on, culinary class. Prepare Provence recipes with our friend, a celebrity Master Chef.
- Participate in a hands-on, chocolate making class.
- Participate in a hands-on, macaroon making class
- Participate in an interactive wine tasting class.
- All ground transportation throughout the tour.
- This exclusive, small group Provence Tour is limited to 12 guests per tour date.
- --COMFORT ZONE-- Designed for the interests of and to appeal to food and wine, cultural travel lovers.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE – International airfare to/from France, airfare/train fare to the starting point to begin the tour at Avignon TGV rail station, 3 dinners, personal purchases.

AUTHENTIC PROVENCE EXPERIENCES! Spend 6 days experiencing Provence like family friends going beyond tourist hotspots to meet and spend time with some of France's best loved and highly recognized artisans, chefs, and winery owners who are our family friends, and welcome you to their workshops, kitchens, and family homes for authentic and fun French experiences unlike any other!

WE ASKED SOME OF OUR GUESTS FROM OUR PROVENCE TOURS - “WOULD YOU RECOMMEND OUR PROVENCE TOUR TO A FRIEND OR FAMILY AND WHY?”

THEIR RESPONSES...

“YES, We will enthusiastically recommend this trip to friends and family!! It is great to be with tour guides who are smart, well informed and eager to see that we are having a great experience. We enjoyed everything about this trip. Hotel and meals were outstanding! The thing we enjoyed the most was the congenial attitude created by the guides and driver. It was so easy to be with everyone. Every day was different, different experiences, different locations and very magical! This has been an outstanding experience and we surely would want to share it with people that we care about. Merci Beaucoup! How did you manage to put together such a great group of guests?!” –JORDAN & ANITA WALDMAN, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (referred to the tour by guests Ralph and Sandy Mayer-their feedback below)

“YES!! We loved our attentive, hard working guides, the varied and well chosen activities. The accommodations are very high quality and the food from the cooking class, bistrot and dinners were all a highlight of the trip. Very favorable ratio of quality to cost...VALUE in other words. This trip far exceeded our expectations! Thank you for such a fun and beautiful week!” –DICK AND FRANCES UGORETZ, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (referred to the tour by guests Ralph and Sandy Mayer-their feedback below)

“Absolutely!! Yes we will recommend this tour to our friends and family! We were very pleased with the hotel accommodations, places visited and variety of activities. The people in our group were terrific, the gourmet meals were fantastic, and we were very appreciative of the care and concern taken to accommodate a variety of interests and preferences. This is the most fun and flexible tour we have ever been on!! Bravo Christy! You are a phenomenal host! Thanks for an enjoyable time in Provence!! We felt pampered and cared for!” –RALPH AND SANDY MAYER, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

“Yes – without reservation I would recommend this trip to a friend! We will do just that! We loved everything about this trip! Especially loved the walks and lunches. The hotel was outstanding and dinner every night was always amazing. Loved the final day because of the quiet villages and gorgeous walk. The congenial group enhanced the whole experience and the beloved leaders – Christy, David, Philippe(guide) and (different) Philippe(our driver) – made it exceptional! Thank you for a beautiful holiday!” –ADAM & GRETTEL CRUM, SAN CLEMENTE, CA - HAVE BEEN ON 2 OTBP TOURS - BEST ADVENTURES IN PROVENCE AND BORDEAUX HARVEST TOUR

“Yes – We had a great time and enjoyed all aspects of the trip. We would recommend for the following reasons – The fact that Christy was leading it made it very special. Every venue was 1st class. The walks were fun, the hotel room was just beautiful. The itinerary gave us a taste of southern France – we were hoping for that. The group was very compatible and that made it a constantly smiling experience. You are free to use us as a reference if you desire. Thanks for everything this WEEK!” –FRED AND SHARON HIRSH, MD, AURORA, OH

“Yes Absolutely – I’ve planned several European trips with the help of travel books and travel companies. And none of those can compare with this trip! We would have never found the top notch restaurants that we went to nor would we have been able to fit so much into our time. Even our transportation was wonderful! Our guides David and Philippe were definitely one of the best highlight of our trip! David’s incredible knowledge along with his sense of humor made every day interesting and very enjoyable. We loved Philippe’s gracious welcoming, knowledge of the French culture which he joyfully shared and that he assisted us all in every way possible. Restaurant choices were top notch! Thank you – we loved this trip!!” –ROB AND CAROLE LIVINGSTON, LONGMONT, COLORADO

“YES – By far the BEST way ever to experience Provence!! The guides were fantastic – knowledgeable, fun, informative, helpful, authentic and caring!! We couldn’t ask for better guides! Outstanding! The experiences were fun, enlightening and never to be forgotten. What a special time!” --JOHN AND KATHY NICHOLS MASSILLON, OHIO

“YES – the trip is well priced, well planned, consistently executed, the ideal size, with exceptional tour guides and none of the excursions were too far away. Cooking class was exceptional and I loved the location and learned a lot. Loved the walks to balance out the food. It is a stunning, romantic and beautiful place to visit. Finally, the tour really provides an opportunity to “taste Provence.” --ANN YUREK, TORONTO, CANADA - HAS BEEN ON 2 OTBP TOURS - BEST ADVENTURES IN PROVENCE AND BORDEAUX HARVEST TOUR

“YES! Almost everything was beyond my wildest expectations! The tour guides were wonderful. This was the BEST experience of my life. Everything about this itinerary should stay! Pierre and his staff at Mas des Carassins went above and beyond to welcome us and to make us feel like we were at home! This trip went way beyond our expectations! I plan on talking to everyone in my circle of friends and talking to them about doing this trip for our next major birthday bash! I hope our same guides will still be leading the tour then! THANK YOU!!” --MARY MCCARTHY, YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

TO READ MORE GUEST RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTION, PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VISIT OUR BLOG!

Hotel Gounod

There is NO HOTEL HOPPING on any Tours — ALL are home-based — Guests stay at 1 Premiere Inn for the entire tour!

Our Provence Tour hotel has been voted BEST boutique hotel in St. Remy de Provence! **Recommended by Conde Nast!**

Gounod Hotel has a perfect and quaint location in the heart of historic St. Remy de Provence town, and is the most historical hotel in town having hosted some of the most famous personalities in Provence history. Under new ownership by Off the Beaten Path owner Christy Destremau's friend Karine since November 2014, the hotel underwent a complete renovation 3 winters in a row. Our Best Adventures in Provence Tour guests are going to love and be spoiled by all the upgrades and amenities!! This is "THE" place to stay in St. Remy, and we are excited to share this paradise with our guests!!

The Gounod has hosted artists such as Vincent Van Gogh and Frédéric Mistral, as well as composer Charles Gounod himself in 1863 who composed the famous opera "Mireille" during his stay here. Having hosted such distinguished celebrities, the hotel serves as the perfect backdrop for our Best Adventures in Provence® Walking and Foodie Tour. Step out the front door of the hotel to find yourself immediately in the town's historical pedestrian streets. Some of the area's most prized art studios and galleries, artisan shops, cafes, and much more are just steps away. Pop into a local café to people watch while sipping a glass of local wine, or while enjoying a buttery French pastry. For some quiet and relaxation time, enjoy a glass of wine, beer, or tea in the beautiful and tranquil hotel gardens, a swim in the beautiful new pool, or enjoy a tea in the hotel's quaint and cozy tea salon. Hotel management is always present, happy to help guests, and answer any questions.

ABOUT THE ROOMS — The hotel's spacious, and newly refurbished guest rooms are uniquely furnished with luxury linens and toiletry products. Because the hotel has been completely renovated, styled to reflect the history and culture of the Provence region, and is also a historical building, no two rooms are alike in size, decoration or furnishings. ALL rooms feature air-conditioning and are equipped with European king-size beds (or two single beds on request), and private ensuite bathrooms. Rooms also feature a hairdryer, flat screen television (in various languages-English included), individual safe, telephone, and FREE WIFI.

Use of an iPad with WIFI access is also available for OTBP tour guests compliments of Off the Beaten Path, LLC -- ask your guides for details.

Like many countryside hotels, Hotel Gounod is not equipped with an elevator.

The hotel exercises eco-friendly practices, and a memo explaining these eco-friendly practices can be found in each guest room. For example – guests preferring to have their bath towels changed daily are kindly requested to place used towels on the bathroom floor, and guests who wish to re-use their bath towels are kindly requested to hang them on the towel racks.

GOURMET DINING AT ITS FINEST — While staying at Gounod Hotel during our Best Adventures in Provence Tour, guests enjoy a mix of gourmet dining experiences reflective of Provence including our favorite Michelin-rated restaurants, celebrity and gourmet bistros, a traditional French tasting picnic and a cooking class meal with our celebrity chef. Savor vegetable rich, Italian influenced gourmet southern French cuisine throughout the tour.

OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING INSPIRING ITINERARIES, EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY, AND EXCELLENT VALUE!!

- **ITINERARIES ARE DESIGNED TO SHARE THE VERY BEST OF EACH REGION** –Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux wine country, Champagne, and Dordogne– including luxurious and boutique hotel accommodations that reflect the heart & soul of each region, and offer complete modern amenities, spectacular theme walks, both Michelin-star gourmet and bistro style dining at the best restaurants of each region, cooking classes at the homes and/or private workshops of Michelin-star and Master Chefs who are personal friends and who welcome OTBP guests to their homes and professional kitchens as a group of friends, visits to local artisan workshops, shopping at the finest craft markets, hot air ballooning and much more.
- **ALL TOURS ARE RUN BY OTBP.** The company does NOT subcontract any of its tours. Many OTBP tours are owner led and those that aren't owner led are led by guides who work exclusively for OTBP and who have been hand-picked by Christy based on her very strict criteria.
- **NO HIDDEN FEES** - Since all OTBP tour guides reside in France, we do NOT have to incorporate any international transportation and lodging costs for tour guides into our tour prices. This means we pass on even greater savings to you, and can guarantee our OTBP luxurious quality tour experiences at even more competitive prices and better value prices.
- **ALL WINES INCLUDED** - Classified regional wines and non-alcoholic beverages are included at all group meals.
- **MOST MEALS INCLUDED** - Group lunches and dinners are comprised of a combination of set menus exclusively elaborated for our groups that reflect the cuisine of the region, ordering off the menu and indulging in select gourmet menus that feature a Chef's local and/or seasonal specialties. We are constantly told that our restaurant selections are one of many highlights of our tours! We are also happy to accommodate vegetarians, vegans, gluten allergies and other special dietary requests and needs.
- **ESTABLISHED, PROPRIETARY RELATIONSHIPS...** with all wineries, chefs, restaurants, service providers and bistros on each tour based on both its exclusive and privileged network of contacts and French friends, and its outstanding reputation throughout France. All chefs, restaurants and bistros selected for OTBP tours are Michelin-star and/or have been featured/recommended by top "foodie" magazines and/or fellow Michelin-star Chefs. OTBP tours feature dining in both gourmet restaurants and favorite hide-a-ways.
- **NEGOTIATED THE BEST RATES WITH ITS FRENCH PARTNERS** to ensure the best active, luxury and authentic French experience again at the best value tour prices.
- **THE LOWEST SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS** in the France tour industry thanks to established relationships with partner hotels. Our single supplement fees cover exact hotel single occupancy fees charged. We do NOT charge a single supplement for profit, NEVER.
- **FEATURING TRUE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL.** The maximum group size on OTBP tours is 16 guests per tour date, and 12 guests on specialty tours. Limiting group sizes creates the ideal ambiance for guests to easily mingle and get to know other guests, yet still maintain their independence. OTBP also limits its groups to a maximum of 16 guests per tour date in order to preserve each guest's personalized experience, and ensure its famous quality customer service.
- Book your tour today to lock-in and guarantee your tour price. Once your tour is booked, your tour price is guaranteed and will NOT increase. Otherwise, prices are subject to change without notice.

NOT JUST A TOUR: IT'S AN **AUTHENTIC** OFF THE BEATEN PATH *French Experience...*

Unrivaled expertise within France sets Off the Beaten Path, LLC apart from non-France based and multi-destination tour companies. Off the Beaten Path, LLC (OTBP) is American owned and operated (scroll down to read more about the owner). In 2018, the company celebrates 24 years delivering engaging small group, walking, gourmet foodie, wine and cultural tours exclusively in France. OTBP active, small group France tours offer travelers the very BEST, and most inspiring and exclusive itineraries filled with cultural “insider” experiences to discover Provence, Loire Valley, Bordeaux, and Champagne, France unlike any other tour company itinerary can.

Come enjoy exceptional quality and excellent value on an OTBP small group tour today! Travelers and publications alike rate Off the Beaten Path Tours the BEST active, small group tours in France thanks to the unparalleled “insider” experiences included in each tour itinerary. The company’s renowned “insider” relationships with local French chefs, artisans, and cultural industry professionals puts Off the Beaten Path far ahead of the competition when it comes to creating one-of-a-kind itineraries to experience the very BEST of France! Whether you’re a seasoned small group tour traveler, or new to the small group tour scene, Off the Beaten Path tours offer fun, enriching, interactive, local, and authentic French experiences and activities for everyone.

FEEL Welcome AND AT HOME WITH OUR French FRIENDS ON EVERY TOUR!

More than just a tour, Off the Beaten Path transforms the entire guest experience into a personalized and exclusive “unparalleled” active, cultural affair that far exceeds guest expectations every time! We connect guests with our lifelong, local French friends who rank among France’s top rated chefs, specialty artisans, artists, wine producers, hotel & castle owners, and entertainers!

Expert Professional English speaking guides who live in France, inspiring itineraries, deluxe historical hotel accommodations, sumptuous French meals, classified regional wines, and comfortable transportation in private, spacious, professionally driven vehicles are immutable standards on every Off the Beaten Path Tour. Each tour itinerary is comprised of a variety of engaging activities and enriching experiences for guests to authentically discover the heart and soul of each region. Participate in cooking classes with our friends who are celebrity Master, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Michelin-star chefs, and who look forward to your arrival, and make you feel welcome in their family homes, professional kitchens, and workshops as a group of friends.

Shop at weekly village markets where OTBP tour guides introduce you to local French friends who are olive oil and wine producers, artists, cheese-makers, herb and spice vendors, craftsmen, perfumery and linen artisans, and designers. Walk the same countryside and vineyard trails that local French do with their families. Enjoy the slow road scenery that comes with walking the local country trails through vineyards, flower fields of lavender, poppies, and sunflowers, olive and fruit orchards, and small historic villages. Tour castles, pre-historic caves, and other historical monuments and sites with our knowledgeable, professional UNESCO award winning guides. Dine in the same gourmet restaurants and bistros, as local French do — where the Michelin-star, Meilleur Ouvrier de France, and Master chefs are our personal friends, and set aside a special table uniquely to welcome our guests. Plus, built in leisure time provides guests opportunities to pursue independent interests and activities, or to just break away from the group for some quiet or personal time.

Every OTBP tour offers daily options with varying levels of activeness to choose from. Guests always have the flexibility of deciding how each day unfolds. OTBP tour guides sit down with the group every day to discuss the activities, excursions, walks, local events, and options of the day. With so many options available during each tour, the company ensures guests the flexibility to be as active as one chooses (more walking, less walking, shopping time, cultural discovery, people watching, photography, etc.), and to also enjoy leisure time to pursue independent interests, all while enjoying the perks of traveling in a small group. OTBP tour guides take care and manage the daily logistics and details while you, our guest, spend your time on the important stuff — **having fun, relaxing and enjoying your vacation your way!** The idea behind each OTBP tour is to appeal to the discerning traveler of all ages and backgrounds who seeks something new and different, and who wants to reach out, and discover something inspiring.