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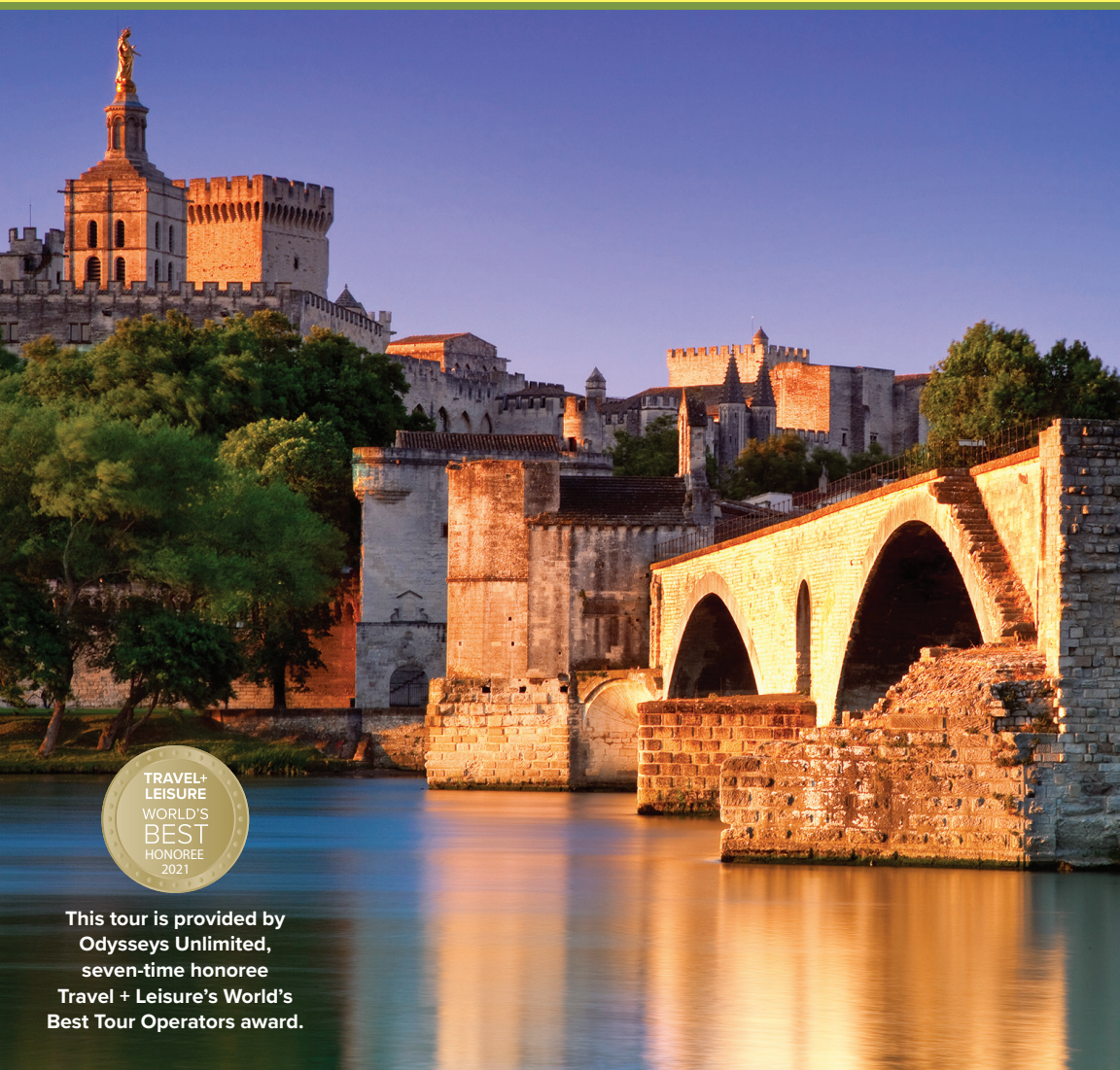
Discovering Provence

with the French Riviera

October 10-21, 2022

12 days for \$4,897 total price from Washington, DC

(\$4,395 air & land inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



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Dear VMFA Members,

Join us on an exclusive 12-day small group journey to discover beloved Provence. Nestled between the Rhone and the Mediterranean, travel from hill towns to the Camargue plains, from medieval villages to the storied French Riviera.

Begin a three-night stay in charming Aix-en-Provence with an excursion to the scenic Luberon region, then visit Cézanne’s studio and a local winery for dinner and a tasting. Travel to the rugged Camargue to encounter historic Arles and experience life at a traditional ranch. After touring medieval Aigues-Mortes, continue on to historic Avignon, where sightseeing includes the massive Papal Palace. A multimedia art exhibition and visits to beautiful Les-Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence follow. This journey ends with two nights in the prized French Riviera, where those who wish to savor more time here can opt for a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days before departure. Book risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING PROVENCE

To reserve your place on tour, please call **Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
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Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour “The French Riviera – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up

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Assuredly part of France, but altogether Provençal, the beloved region nestled between the Rhone and the Mediterranean has seduced visitors since Roman times – as it will you. Our small group travels from hill towns to the Camargue plains, medieval villages and on to the storied French Riviera on this journey par excellence.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Marseille, France

Day 2: Arrive Marseille/Aix-en-Provence We arrive in Marseille and transfer to the Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence (“Aix”). Tonight, we meet our tour director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

Day 3: Aix-en-Provence/Lourmarin/Roussillon Today’s excursion to the beloved Luberon region of charming hilltop villages overlooking vineyards and orchards reveals Provence in all its storied beauty. We first visit Lourmarin, with its narrow winding streets lined with restored Mediterranean houses and boutiques, cafés, and restaurants. We tour the landmark Renaissance castle then enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. This afternoon we continue on to equally alluring Roussillon, perched atop a striking ochre ridge. *B,L*

Day 4: Aix-en-Provence We discover this lovely university town today, known for the beautiful Cours Mirabeau, the plane tree-lined main boulevard bordered by stately homes and the many elegant Roman fountains decorating city squares. On our walking tour, we admire Aix’s rich architectural heritage and the “Vieille Ville” (Old Town). After a guided visit to the Atelier Cézanne, the studio where artist Paul Cézanne worked from 1902 to 1906, we have free time to explore as we wish. Late afternoon we leave for a wine tasting and dinner at a nearby winery. *B,D*

Day 5: Aix-en-Provence/Arles/Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer This morning, we call on Arles, once part of Roman Gaul then a clarion of Christianity, and, more recently, where Van Gogh painted. We see much of that history on our tour here, which includes a visit to the Roman Amphitheater, a UNESCO site dating to 90 CE and preserved virtually intact. We continue on to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, capital of the Camargue region of vast plains, wetlands, lakes, and lagoons. A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve at 360 square miles, the Camargue is known for unique breeds of white horses and bulls, its pink flamingos, and as a staging point for thousands of migratory birds. Mid-afternoon, we reach Saintes-Maries, a seaside resort in the heart of the Camargue. *B,D*

Small Group Tour Highlights

Visits to quintessential Provençal villages of Lourmarin, Roussillon, Les Baux, Saint-Rémy • Aix touring, including Atelier Cézanne • Tasting and dinner at local winery • UNESCO sites of Roman Arles • Two-night stay in rugged, beautiful Camargue region • Visit to a working Camargue ranch • Birdlife at Pont de Gau ornithological reserve • Pont du Gard excursion • Avignon sightseeing, including Papal Palace • Private Provençal cooking lesson and dinner • Carrières de Lumières multimedia art show • Art haven of Saint-Paul-de-Vence • Two-night stay on the French Riviera • Two- and three-night stays in distinctive and intimate lodgings

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Aix-en-Provence		
2-4	Aix-en-Provence	Grand Hôtel Roi René	Sup. First Class
5-6	Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer	Vila de la Mar	First Class
7-9	Avignon	Le Cloître Saint Louis	First Class
10-11	Nice	Hôtel le Grimaldi	First Class
12	Depart Nice for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: The immense Palais des Papes overlooks the Rhone and Pont St Benezet in Avignon.



Fragrant fields of lavender color – and perfume – the Provençal landscape.

Day 6: Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer Our exploration of the Camargue begins with a visit to a *manade*, a traditional ranch where *gardians* (cowboys) raise bulls both for meat and to perform in local arenas. We learn about the traditional way of life as we tour the *manade*, watch the *gardians* manage their herds while on horseback, and enjoy a lunch of local specialties. Then we head to the Pont de Gau ornithological reserve in the heart of the Camargue Regional Natural Park. We're likely to see the pink flamingos for which the park is known, as well as species of heron, birds of prey, and seasonal migratory birds. *B,L*

Day 7: Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer/Aigues-Mortes/Pont du Gard/Avignon As we approach Aigues-Mortes this morning, we see the rose-hued *salins* (salt marshes) that produce the famed *Camarguais* salt. We take a walking tour featuring the weekly Sunday market and entrance to the medieval city walls and ramparts. After time for lunch on our own, we continue on to Avignon, stopping at Pont du Gard, the 1st-century Roman aqueduct whose three tiers of arches span the Gardon River. We reach our historic hotel, a converted 17th-century convent, late afternoon and dine there tonight. *B,D*

Day 8: Avignon This morning, we encounter the ancient Roman city that was the capital of Christendom in the Middle Ages. We visit Avignon's historic city center (a UNESCO site), with its cathedral, half-finished Saint-Bénézet Bridge, and the Palais des Papes (Papal Palace), one of the world's largest and most important Gothic structures. We tour the palace, where seven successive popes lived during the 14th century. Then we have free time to explore on our own before tonight's small group highlight as we join a local chef for a Provençal cooking class followed by dinner. *B,D*

Day 9: Avignon/Les-Baux-de-Provence/Saint-Rémy-de-Provence We set out this morning for Les Baux, a gem of a medieval village perched atop a rock spur. Our first stop: the Carrières de Lumières multimedia/art exhibition set in a former stone quarry. Then we explore Les Baux itself, considered one of the country's most beautiful villages, with its restored ancient houses, Renaissance-era façades, historic monuments, and stone citadel. After lunch together, we visit the Gallo-Romanesque jewel of St-Paul de Mausole, where Van Gogh was confined after severing his ear. We continue to the picturesque village of Saint-Rémy, where Van Gogh once painted. We take a walking tour of the ancient Gallo-Roman city center with its maze of winding streets and fountain-filled squares. *B,L*

Post-Tour Extension

October 21-23, 2022

The French Riviera – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$245 total price

Single Supplement: \$195

Savor the good life in this celebrated spot, with splendid scenery, museums, beaches, and rustic villages close at hand.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations in Nice at Hôtel le Grimaldi (First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to Nice airport



LONG JOURNEYS ARE
STRANGE THINGS ...”

– MADAME DE SEVIGNE

Day 10: Avignon/Saint-Paul-de-Vence/Nice We're bound today for the Cote d'Azur, the fabled French Riviera. Mid-day we reach Saint-Paul-de-Vence, the beautiful medieval hilltop village once home to many prominent artists, including Marc Chagall. After a walking tour together, we're free to explore as we wish. Then we continue on to Nice, capital of the French Riviera, arriving late this afternoon. *B*

Day 11: Nice This morning's sightseeing begins with spectacular views of Nice and its prized setting along the Baie des Anges from atop Colline du Chateau (Castle Hill), once a citadel and now a park. We stroll along the iconic seaside boulevard, Promenade des Anglais; explore "Vieux Nice" (Old Nice), with its colorful pastel buildings; and visit the historic Marché aux Fleurs (flower market). Tonight, we celebrate our adventure over a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 12: Depart for U.S. Today we depart for the Nice airport and our return flights to the U.S. *B*



Nice's iconic Promenade des Anglais

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 19 meals: 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
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The Camargue's unique white horses

Tour Departs: October 10, 2022

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Charlotte, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$4,897
Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Tampa	\$4,997
Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,097
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$502, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade prices are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at

804-340-1519



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Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$30-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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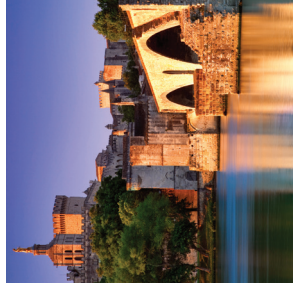
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