

EVERYDAY EXTRAORDINARY in Provence Itinerary*

May 15 – 22, 2018



Day One

Pick up from the Avignon TGV train station and transfer to our "home base." Meet your hosts and fellow guests. Lunch and our first excursion; then we'll make our first memory of Provence with private French lessons to jumpstart this inspirational week. Champagne Welcome and light supper following. Free time to unpack, relax in the beautiful garden, enjoy a dip in the pool and explore your surroundings.

Day Two



After breakfast, we'll travel to the quintessential Provencal town of St. Remy de Provence, closely associated with Vincent Van Gogh, starting out at the famed St. Remy Market. The shopping is wonderful and you'll be able to pick up souvenirs, not to mention do some shopping for yourself at the market and the nearby shops. We'll even have the chance to visit the atelier of Catherine Bertrand, a textile artist known for her wool felting technique. Our private trunk show with vintage textile dealer, Impressions de Antine is a highlight! After a Dutch lunch, we'll visit Les Olivades, printer extraordinaire. Rounding out the day is an olive oil tasting on our way back home or a stop at Le Baux en Provence and it time permits- Carriers de Luminares. Dinner

at the house.

Day Three



After breakfast, we'll hit the road to embark upon a full day tour of Lyon. Our stops in Lyon, the cradle of the textiles and silk industry, include guided visits to Musee Textile and Decorative Arts, Maison de Canuts, and Tassinari & Chatel. A private visit to Charles Jouffre will start our day. To end of the day, a walk thru the traboules. A quick Lunch in Lyon between appointments. Dinner in Lyon to taste the famous Lyonnaise dishes included.



Day Four

We'll see more of Provence, their markets, mills and vineyards. We'll start at the Eygalieres market then discover the famous French Depot Ventes nearby. After lunch, on our way back to the house, we'll make a textile stop or two, enjoy the Provencal countryside. Our afternoon is filled with pool time, sketching and painting back at the house followed by a petanque lesson and apertifs with Christophe. After an apertif- Light supper at home.



Day Five

Continental breakfast at home. We're heading out early today for Grasse and our appointment at Galimard's fragrance studio where we will learn the secrets of perfume. Galimard's "Nose" will transform you into a creator of perfume as you'll be creating your own personal fragrance in this workshop. Then onto Chateau Saint Roseline After lunch with a stunning view, we'll have a visit of the Chapel, cellar and garden of the cloister a taste of La Lampe de Meduse ,rosé, red and white. Including a wine tasting workshop followed by a blind tasting. Dinner at home.



Day Six

After continental breakfast, we'll travel to L'isle-sur-Sorgue, a pretty town built on a network of canals linked to the Sorgue River, world renowned for its Market brocante. Special shop visits in Isle sur la Sorgue include Boutique de Francine and her amazing textile collection. There'll be leisure time to explore the famous Sunday antique market along the quays and in the antique "villages." (vintage textiles, trims, printing blocks, original designs can be found) Wander the colorful traditional outdoor market, brimming with local produce and specialties. Enjoy a leisurely, wine-paired lunch on your own on the terrace of a local restaurant overlooking the river. Dinner at the house.



Day Seven

Continental breakfast at home. We'll be home today for a woad (similar to indigo) dyeing class held by master Denise Lambert. You'll learn the history of woad, dye your own vintage textiles collected during your stay or brought from home. After lunch under the plane trees, we'll finish the process to take your pieces home. Farewell Dinner by our private chef at home.



Day Eight

Flexible 1/2 day to pack and leave Provence sadly via TGV at Avignon.

***Itinerary as of 12-10-17**

NOTE: Itinerary subject to change. Final itineraries will be provided just prior to your departure. We want to give you the most complete, exclusive experience we can; so if opportunities arise we will adjust our itinerary to take advantage of them.