

# THE LAVENDER ROADS

## Celebrate Provence with its infinite range of color and fragrance

7 Days/6 Nights from \$ 2499 double\*

"Here, Lavender perfumes heaven and earth and dances in the shade and the sunlight" Jean Giono

The Lavender Roads invite you to partake in the passion and savoir-faire native to those who have worked with lavender for over a century... be amazed by the high-perched villages and the sheltered valleys of Provence...enjoy the breathtaking panoramas and colorful scenery...close your eyes and listen to the cicadas hidden in the never-ending lavender fields...smell the wonderful perfume of honey, truffles and fruits filled of sun... adventures sparked with the essence of pleasure...enjoy the Lavender Blue byways of Provence.

Day 1:

Arrival at Valence train station. Pick up your rental car at the train station and head for the tiny village of Grignan. Enjoy the rest of the day discovering this amazing region. Overnight at Le Clair de Plume.

Day 2:

Departure for Montélimar, the capital of nougat. A traditional nougat maker will be delighted to introduce you to the handcrafted process of making nougat, cooked in copper cauldrons. Enjoy the sheer delight of wonderful flavors and, of course, savor the Nougat-tasting opportunity! Then spend the rest of the day exploring this historical city, famous for its houses with round tiles' roofs. Overnight at Le Clair de Plume.

Day 3:

Today, discover famous traditional Provencal cooking and the virtues of lavender in the kitchen. (During the truffle season, find the elusive "black diamonds" with a truffle dog and experiment the joy of a 100% truffle cooking.) Spend the afternoon at the Distillerie Bleu Provence in the village of Nyons to discover the principle of distillation of aromatic plants. You will learn all about lavender and its uses and benefits. Overnight at Le Clair de la Plume.

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#### Day 4:

Departure for Lourmarin. Listed as "one of the most beautiful villages in France," this jewel nestles in the middle of vineyards, olive groves and almond trees. In the village, you will notice the typical Mediterranean architecture in its winding narrow streets, lovely old restored houses, and well shaded public squares where you can immerse yourself in the relaxing Provencal ambience. If you have a chance, share the bee-keepers' passion for honey and be tempted by all these honeyed delights. Overnight and dinner at Le Mas de Guilles.

#### Day 5:

Today, take an interesting tour of the Occitane Factory in the picturesque village of Manosque and discover the traditional manufacturing method of Provencal essential oils, soaps and perfumes. Take the opportunity to visit Manosque known for its colorful market and its tasteful fruits. Overnight at Le Mas de Guilles.

#### Day 6:

Departure for the village of Moustiers Sainte Marie, an attractive town known for its earthenware and tradition of art. Let the murmuring of its lovely old fountains awaken your senses, spend the day strolling in the narrow streets and take the time to stop by a workshop to discover the handmade and traditional methods to produce earthenware. Overnight and dinner at La Bastide de Moutiers.

#### Day 7:

Today, ahead to the Verdon Gorges and be marveled by the breathtaking cliffs, the wonderful shades of rocks and the emerald colored waters. Here, the Verdon River has eroded the limestone rocks and created the area's amazing topography. Overnight at La Bastide de Moutiers.

#### Day 8:

Enjoy a final morning on the unforgettable Lavender Roads before returning you rental car in Nice or Marseille.

### **Package Price Includes:**

- 7 nights accommodation at charming countryside hotels
- Daily breakfast, 2 gourmet dinners
- 1 private cooking class followed by lunch
- Discovery tour of a lavender distillery
- 8-day economy car rental, manual, ac, insurance
- Service charges and VAT

\*Rate per person, for low and subject to change due to currency exchange rate. High season rate = 2699 double. Entrance fees & gratuity not included.

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