

# [Romantic Orange Route] Romantic Southern France & Passionate Spanish Loop

# Paris + Avignon + Arles + Barcelona + San Sebastian + Bordeaux + Chambord Castle 7

# Days 6 Nights Tour

Product information				
Departure city	Paris	Tour No.	EU-OR7	
Destination	Paris	Way location	Paris	
Travel days	7 Day 6 Night	Transportation	Vehicle	
Airport pick-up/drop-off		Currency	USD	

Product	price
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Single occupancy: \$1218 / Person	Double occupancy: \$798 / Person		
Including balance: Total amount for all people 1253	Including balance: Total amount for all people 1666		
Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:1;	Number of rooms:1;The number of tourist:2;		
Basic price:1 x 1218 = 1218	Basic price:2 x 798 = 1596		
Transportation Surcharge:1 x 35 = 35	Transportation Surcharge:2 x 35 = 70		
Share occupancy: \$798 / Person	Child price: \$628 / Person		
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# **Departure date**

06/14/2025-10/31/2025: Saturday

Minimum of 1 guest is required to be operated.

#### Highlights

★ Stay 2 nights in Barcelona and immerse yourself in the charming city of Gaudí

★ Visit small towns: Avignon, the city of the Popes, Gothenburg, the stone city, Arles, the inspiration for VarGogh's paintings, Pamplona, the hometown of the Running of the Bulls, the coastal town of San Sebastian, and Bordeaux, the world's wine center

★ Come to the Chateau de Chambord in the Loire Valley and experience the artistic splendor of France during the Renaissance

★ Visit the Abbey of Senanques in Southern France, a hidden gem of Provence

★ Special gift: "Thour Barcelona Citywalk, led by a local Chinese tour guide, visit the core area of Barcelona, and immerse yourself in the imagination of the architectural genius Gaudi, this vibrant and creative city.

# Join / leave point

#### **Boarding location**

09:30Departure, Avenuedes Champs Elysees McDonald's Restaurant; Address: 140 Avenue des Champs Elysees, 75008 Paris (Near the Arc de Triomphe);

Subway Route: No.1, Station Name: GeorgeV, Export Avenues Des Champs Elysees

# **Drop-off location**

Paris Place d' Italie; Address: 211 Boulevard Vincent Auriol, 75013 Paris;

#### **Tour introduction**

## Day 1

Paris - Vehicle - Avignon

## All day

Depart from Paris in the morning and head towards the south of France. In the evening, arrive at Avignon, the heart of Provence. Provence in southern France is world-famous for its lavender scenery. It has a charming style, and the most refreshing thing is that the air here seems to be filled with the aroma of lavender, thyme, pine and other scents that cannot be experienced anywhere else. This is the idea of sunshine and fragrance.

# [Saturday] Itinerary:

Paris → Heart of Provence: Avignon

Morning Transportation: Travel from Paris to Avignon Travel distance: 690km Travel time: 6Hour50Minute

# Night

Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

# Day 2

#### Avignon - Vehicle - Gordes - Vehicle - Avignon

# All day

In the morning, we will visit Avignon, also known as the City of Popes. In 1309, the Vatican moved its capital here. Until around 1377, a total of seven popes lived here. The famous Palais des Papes in the city was built at that time. Avignon is an important city of art and history in France. In the afternoon, we will go to the desirable Gode City in Meier's "Mountain Life", which is also known as the Stone City. Known as the "hanging village", it is also called the "Castle in the Sky" because it looks like it is hanging in the sky. The rocky mountain city was built in the Middle Ages and is made of stacked limestone slabs. After the tour, we headed to the Senanque Abbey and stopped by the Lavender Museum for a quick visit. The Abbey of Sénanque is the setting for the story of the book "The Mountain Life" and is also a landmark attraction in Provence.

## [Sunday] Itinerary:

City of the Popes: Avignon (1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  Palais des Papes  $\rightarrow$  Castle in the Sky: Gordes (1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque (exterior, 30 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Pont du Gard (Optional, 40 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Avignon

\*Lavender is a seasonal natural ecosystem. The best time to view it is generally from June to August. Due to the climate, growth and harvest period, there is no guarantee that you will be able to see the brilliant flower fields!

#### All day

#### Palais des Papes

The Palais des Papes (English: Palace of the Popes; lo Palais dei Papas in Occitan) is a historical palace located in Avignon, Southern France. It is one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe.[1] Once a fortress and palace, the papal residence was a seat of Western Christianity during the 14th century. Since 1995, the Palais des Papes has been classified, along with the historic center of Avignon, as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for its outstanding architecture and historical importance for the Papacy.

# Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque

Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque is a Cistercian abbey near the village of Gordes in the département of the Vaucluse in Provence, France. If you're searching for that classic postcard shot of the medieval abbey surrounded by a sea of purple lavender, look no further. This sublime Cistercian abbey provides one of the most iconic shots of the Luberon, and it's equally popular these days for selfies. The best displays are usually in July and August.

# Musee de la Lavande

Among the colorful colors of Provence, the purple hue created by lavender is the most attractive. Lavender is a small purple-blue flower, also known as the "tranquil perfume plant". Its English name "Lavender" is derived from the Latin "Lavar", which means "washing". The Lavender Museum was founded in 1991. Its exhibitions are rich, interesting and educational, which is very exciting. Visitors can immerse themselves in the world of lavender through short films, personal collections, program activities, etc. prepared by the museum. The museum will mainly introduce the process of lavender planting and essential oil extraction, and let everyone know about the history, growth and products of lavender. At the same time, you can also learn about the production history of lavender spices and various lavender oil extraction production equipment.

#### Night

Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

# Day 3

Avignon - Vehicle - Arles - Vehicle - Barcelona

#### All day

In the morning, we will depart for Arles, a small town famous for Van Gogh. This town has been listed as a key city since the ancient Roman period, and therefore there are many ancient Roman ruins. The famous Dutch painter Van Gogh added some color to this town. This can be said to be the source of Van Gogh's inspiration for his paintings. Although Van Gogh lived here for only a little over a year, that year was the peak of his creative career. He created more than 200 oil paintings, the most famous of which are "Langloup Bridge and the Washerwoman", "Café Under the Stars" and "Bedroom in Arles". Follow in Van Gogh's footsteps to the Langlois Suspension Bridge and the café, and you will be amazed to see the real scenes in Van Gogh's paintings appear before your eyes. After the tour, we will follow the South France Highway to the border between France and Spain. After crossing the border, we will head towards Barcelona, the famous coastal city and the capital of the Spanish province of Catalonia. If time permits, upon arrival, you will be transferred to Olympic Beach where you can enjoy dinner at your own leisure.

#### [Monday] Itinerary:

Avignon  $\rightarrow$  Van Gogh's inspiration: Arles (1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  Langlois Bridge  $\rightarrow$  Le Café Van Gogh  $\rightarrow$  Barcelona  $\rightarrow$  Olympic Beach (Optional, 40 mins)

# Morning

# Langlois Bridge

Langlois Bridge is a double-beam drawbridge in Arles, France, which was the subject of several paintings by Vincent van Gogh in 1888. Being one of eleven drawbridges built by a Dutch engineer along the channel from Arles to Port-de-Bouc, this bridge might have reminded the artist of his homeland.

# Le Café Van Gogh

In the center of the beautiful ancient city of Arles, at the famous Place du Forum, our restaurant Caf é Van Gogh gathers all the ingredients to make a wonderful time for you. Here, the aroma of Provence's Kamag cuisine makes your mouth water. Only we know the recipe that allows you to experience the true culinary moment: homemade specialty dishes, fresh products, and a warm atmosphere waiting for you.

Afternoon Transportation: Driving from Arles to Barcelona Travel distance: 420km Travel time: 2Hour30Minute

Night Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

# Day 4 Barcelona

## All day

In the morning, we will visit the famous Montserrat mountain area. The Montserrat Monastery here is the most important religious sanctuary in Catalonia. The statue of the Black-faced Virgin Mary holding the Holy Child is the spiritual and soul guardian of the locals. Montserrat Mountain is surrounded by huge and bizarrely shaped rocks, which is very unique and spectacular. At noon, we will visit the charming and passionate Barcelona, go to the Columbus Monument and Las Ramblas, and then visit the Sagrada Familia, the most representative cathedral in Barcelona. This cathedral is the masterpiece of Gaudi, the architectural genius known as the "poet of architecture". Afterwards, we will visit the exterior of the Camp Nou to take photos and buy souvenirs. After the tour, we will visit the Olympic Games venue on the Montjuic Hill. The 1992 Olympic Games were held here. From the hill you can overlook the entire city. Return to the hotel after dinner.

# [Tuesday] Itinerary:

Monserrate Mountain & Monastery (exterior, 40 mins, optional internal visit, 1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  Columbus Monument (exterior, 15 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Las Ramblas (30 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Sagrada Familia (exterior, 1 hour, optional internal visit, 1 hour)  $\rightarrow$ Barcelona home stadium: Camp Nou (exterior, 15 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium (exterior, 15 mins)

#### Tips:

1. Due to the crowd control and long queues at the Sagrada Familia, if you want to visit the church, it is

recommended to book your tickets online. The booking time is between 15:00 and 15:30 in the afternoon. The official ticket booking website is: http://www.sagradafamilia.org

**Special gift:** 1-hour Barcelona Citywalk, led by a local Chinese tour guide, to explore the core area of Barcelona and immerse yourself in the creative ideas of architectural genius Gaudi, this vibrant and creative city.

# **Citywalk Tips:**

You don't have to enter any of the attractions, but you'll get great camera positions to take photos of Barcelona along the way! If the event cannot be carried out normally due to weather or other force majeure factors such as traffic control, strikes, etc., the event will be temporarily cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

#### All day

# Montserrat

Montserrat is a rocky mountain range in Catalonia, Spain. "Montserrat" translates to "saw mountain" in Catalan, owing to this mountain range's jagged, sawtooth appearance. Sitting atop the mountain range is Santa Maria de Montserrat, a Benedictine monastery. Located inside of the monastery is a statue of the of the Virgin of Montserrat, one of the few black madonnas of Europe. This is Catalonia's most important religious retreat, as many people make an overnight hike to watch the sunrise from the peak of Montserrat.

#### **Columbus Monument**

One of the most iconic monuments in the city is the Columbus Monument. It stands at the end of Barcelona's Rambla, near the sea. This major landmark on the Rambla was built in 1888 for the Universal Exhibition as a tribute to Christopher Columbus, who chose to disembark in the port of Barcelona on his return from America. In its top, dominating the sky of Barcelona, the statue of Christopher Columbus holding a navigational chart in his left hand, and pointing to the route to America with his right.

#### Las Ramblas

The middle of the avenue is full of flower shops and pavilions. This is a street full of life and colour, with a central sidewalk where you can stroll among the various stalls, florists and shops. The avenue is over one kilometer long, starting from Plaza Catalunya and ending at the Columbus Tower. Each section of the road has a different name. Frequented by tourists and Barcelona locals, this place is always bustling with activity. In addition, there are frequent performances by street artists, which, together with other ever-changing performances, turn Las Ramblas into an unforgettable miniature tour of Barcelona. It was built in the 18th century and was derived from Barcelona's medieval city walls. Today it contains many of Barcelona's most important buildings.

#### Sagrada Família

Welcome to a true symbol of Barcelona known as the Sagrada Família! It is a large unfinished Roman Catholic minor

basilica in the Example district of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. Designed by the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudí (1852– 1926), his work on the building is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On 7 November 2010, Pope Benedict XVI consecrated the church and proclaimed it as a minor basilica.

#### Camp Nou

Barcelona's fantastic Camp Nou stadium and the museum of one of the most successful football clubs in the world, FC Barcelona! Even if you're not a big football fan, the stadium tour will still impress you. During the tour, you will learn more about the club's unique story and how it represents a city, the Catalan region, and even their Catalan language.

#### Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium

Landmark events such as the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1992 Barcelona Olympic and Paralympic Games and the athletics competitions were held in this venue, as the Museu Olímpic i de l'Esport across the road from the stadium reminds us. It is now rated as a five-star venue by UEFA, which entitles it to host top-level European matches. The stadium is named after Lluís Companys, the president of the Catalan government during the Spanish Civil War.

# Night Dinner

# (At your own expense)Dinner

We recommend the Spanish seafood rice special meal, but you need to pay for it yourself.

Night

Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

#### Day 5

#### Barcelona - Vehicle - Pamplona - Vehicle - Saint Sebastian

#### All day

In the morning, we set off for the Basque Country in northern Spain. On the way, we first arrived in Pamplona, which is world-famous for its Running of the Bulls. Every year from July 6th to 14th, the most thrilling festival is held in the center of this beautiful medieval city: the Running of the Bulls. It is impressive. In addition to the Running of the Bulls, Pamplona is also a city full of history and traditions. The streets and squares of its ancient city area preserve a series of important ancient ruins and architectural complexes, medieval city walls, etc. We will continue our journey in the afternoon and arrive at San Sebastian, a small coastal town in northern Spain in the Basque region, at dusk. The town is internationally renowned for its food and film festival. This small town with a population of only 200,000 is a beloved place of Spanish royal aristocrats, writer Hemingway, and painter Sorolla. Today, it is better known for its achievements in gastronomy. It is the city with the most Michelin stars per capita in the world and is named the "World Food Capital". Its annual International Film Festival is crowded with celebrities and superstars.

# [Wednesday] Itinerary: Barcelona $\rightarrow$ Pamplona (1 hour) $\rightarrow$ San Sebastian, the world's food capital

Morning Transportation: Driving from Barcelona to Pamplona Travel distance: 435km Travel time: 5Hour

# Morning

# Pamplona

Pamplona (Spanish pronunciation: [pam'plona] : Basque: Iruña [iruŋa]),[a] historically also known as Pampeluna in English, is the capital city of the Chartered Community of Navarre, in Spain.

Afternoon Transportation: Drive from Pamplona to San Sebastian Travel distance: 81km Travel time: 1Hour30Minute

# Night

Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

# Saint Sebastian - Vehicle - Bordeaux

# All day

Day 6

In the morning, we will visit San Sebastian, which is home to the most beautiful bay in Europe, Moon Bay. It is known as the world's food capital and is also the venue for a well-known European film festival. San Sebastian, a shining pearl in northern Spain bordering France, is surrounded by mountains and the sea, with beautiful scenery that will make you linger. After the tour, we will depart for Bordeaux, the world's wine center. Upon arrival, visit the Bordeaux World Heritage Site of Saint-André Archbishop Church and the Place des Quinconces. Visiting a winery in this wine country is an experience not to be missed. The endless vineyards show Bordeaux's international status in winemaking. You can personally experience the winemaking process and broaden your horizons. If you have a strong interest in wine, you can taste and purchase it at the winery.

# [Thursday] Itinerary:

San Sebastian (1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  World Wine Center: Bordeaux  $\rightarrow$  World Cultural Heritage: Cathédrale Saint-André (exterior, 30 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Place des Quinconces (30 mins)  $\rightarrow$  Bordeaux wine winery (Optional, 1 hour)

Tips:

Most Bordeaux wineries are closed to tourists in August or during festivals. During this period, the tour to the wineries will be cancelled. Please understand and pay attention.

Morning Transportation: Driving from Sebastian to Bordeaux Travel distance: 240km Travel time: 3Hour

# Afternoon

# Cathédrale Saint-André

Cathédrale Saint-André is located in the Hotil Ville neighborhood in the center of Bordeaux, close to the Bordeaux National School of Law. It is the largest cathedral in Bordeaux. It is also the first church in history recorded as being built by Saint Andrew, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus.

# **Place des Quinconces**

Place des Quinconces is a square in Bordeaux, France, with an area of 126,000 square meters, making it the second largest square in the European Union. It was opened in 1820 on the site of the Trompette Castle to prevent rebellion. The guns are turned towards the center. The shape is an elongated rectangle with a semicircle. The trees are planted in the shape of a plum blossom, hence the square's name.

# **Bordeaux Wine Winery**

There are so many things to do in Bordeaux! Whether you want to explore the city, go on a nature walk, or take a dip in the water, there's something for everyone. And the best part is, there are so many options, it's hard to decide what to do first!

Night

Hotel: Three to four-star hotels

# Day 7

# Bordeaux - Vehicle - Chambord - Vehicle - Paris

#### All day

In the morning, we will set off for the Loire Valley, a world-renowned tourist attraction known as the back garden of France. The Loire River is called the mother river of France and is the longest river in France, with a flow of 1,020 kilometers. There are world-famous Loire Castles on both sides of the valley. Magnificent and beautiful castles can be seen everywhere. In the afternoon, we arrived at the Chateau de Chambord, known as the "King of Castles". This castle was built as a hunting palace by order of King Francis I of France in 1519 to show off the royal power and national strength. He invited art masters such as Davenport from Italy to bring the splendid architectural style of the Italian Renaissance to the castle. The Château de Chambord is regarded as a national treasure by the French and was listed as a World Cultural Heritage in 1981. After the tour, we headed towards Paris and arrived at the City of Flowers, Paris, around 7pm.

# [Friday] Itinerary:

Bordeaux  $\rightarrow$  France's Backyard: Vallée de la Loire  $\rightarrow$  World Cultural Heritage: Château de Chambord (exterior, 30 mins, optional internal visit, 1 hour)  $\rightarrow$  Paris

Morning Transportation: Drive from Bordeaux to Chambord Travel distance: 425km Travel time: 5Hour

# Afternoon

# Vallée de la Loire

Vallée de la Loire is a region located southwest of Paris and is known as the "Garden of France". There are more than 300 castles here, and the rich environment nurtured by the river makes it a travel destination that combines humanity and nature. The castle complex was first built in the 10th century for military defense purposes. Over the following 500 years, French kings and nobles built more and more luxurious castles here. In 2020, the Loire Valley was listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

#### Château de Chambord

Placed on the first list of historical monuments in France in 1840, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981, Chambord is one of the most amazing constructions of the Renaissance. Among the many innovative designs of the Château de Chambord, the most eye-catching and outstanding architectural element is the double spiral staircase. It is the main tower, the central element of the castle, and symbolizes eternal renewal and rejuvenation. The peculiarity of this is that when two people use the stairs at the same time, although they can catch a glimpse of each other, they will never meet. This staircase always amazes and amazes visitors to the Chateau de Chambord.

Afternoon Transportation: Drive from Chambord to Paris Travel distance: 180km Travel time: 3Hour

# **Cost includes**

1. Transportation: Vehicles for the projects included in the itinerary (the type of vehicle used is determined by the

actual number of applicants, and vehicles with 9 seats or less may be assigned a driver who also serves as a guide);

- 2. Hotel: accommodation in three to four-star hotels;
- 3. Meals: Continental breakfast in the hotel;
- 4. Service: Bilingual Chinese tour guide service throughout the tour.

#### **Cost excludes**

- 1. Full-trip air tickets, taxes, visa fees, and passport processing fees;
- 2. Tickets to attractions and self-funded items in the itinerary;
- 3. Lunch and dinner during the trip;
- 4. Service fee (8 Euros/person/day);
- 5. City tour tax and accommodation tax (please specify the items to be paid in the self-funded items);
- 6. Personal expenses abroad (laundry, haircuts, telephone calls, faxes, pay TV, drinks, alcohol, cigarettes, tips, etc.);
- 7. Other fees not mentioned in the above service contents.

#### Extra expense

Item name	Days	Price description	Description
Orange Line Mandatory City Tax	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: €15.00;	This is a mandatory fee for the group, please pay it to the tour guide in cash. Contain: Montserrat Mountain area € 15
Pont du Gard	Day2	Everyone: €25.00;	
Olympic Beach + Transfers	Day3	Everyone: €10.00;	
Spanish Paella Special	Day4	Everyone: €35.00;	
Montserrat	Day4	Everyone: €25.00;	
Sagrada Família	Day4	Everyone: €26.00;	Due to the crowd

			control and long
			queues at Sagrada
			Familia, if you want
			to visit inside, it is
			recommended to
			book your tickets in
			advance on the
			official website;
			Ticket booking
			website(click on the
			blue font to view).
Bordeaux Wine Winery	Day6	Everyone: €30.00;	
Chateau de Chambord	Day7	Everyone: €25.00;	
	Tour guide arranges according itinerary	Everyone: €15.00-20.00;	Standard group meal:
Chinese Lunch/Dinner			Six dishes and one
			soup