

## ZE FRENCH RIVIERA & ALPS TOUR from Nice



**11 days/10 nights: In Hostel: 439 €**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

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### DEPARTURES from Nice

- Drive about 1 300 km to visit the:
- **Arles and its arena for bull fights**
- **Camargue and the Wetland**
- **Marseille the harbour start of the provence**
- **The French Riviera with Cannes, Fréjus, Monaco**
- **Grenoble and the Napoleon's route**
- **Chamonix and the Mont Blanc**
- A really great value to go see so much, meet locals and experience ZE real France.
- **transport with ZE BUS** to visit the Amazing sceneries of the so different regions.
- **Smell Lavanders in Provence, the Alps,**
- **The Canyon of "Le Verdon"**
- **All these sites we go to are non accessible if you don't have a car or very expensive if you go with an other tour**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Gorges du Verdon** (Canyon) How about rafting there ?, **Nîmes Arles & Vincent Van Gogh**, **Camargue**, the wetland with its bull and white horses, **Marseille** the « Vieux port » Calanques, **French Riviera**, Le Luberon and the Ochres trail, **Nice, Cannes, Monaco**
- Provence, Vercors, **Grenoble**, Annecy, Chamonix, **Mont Blanc**, the « Aiguille du Midi »,
- Lyon, Montélimar and its Nougats.

### **From Nice to La Palud sur Verdon**

- Leave Nice at 9h am
- And start driving on the famous Napoleon's road, which Napoleon followed.
- We'll stop for the day and night at the magnificent Gorges du Verdon, Europe's largest canyon.
- Spend your time rafting the rapids of Gorges du Verdon (extra)

### **From La Palud sur Verdon to Grenoble**

We'll go around 10 am on the magnificent Napoleon's Road... Enjoy the view, we stop for lunch by a lake.. and arrive to Grenoble by 18 h

### **From Grenoble to Chamonix**

- ZE BUS will go at round 9h am to visit Grenoble until 13h
- We'll arrive in Chamonix in the afternoon
- 1 night in Chamonix

### **From Chamonix to Lyon**

- Challenge yourself by taking the Europe highest cable car to the "Aiguille du Midi". (extra)  
Take a hike to one of the hundreds of trails around town
- Or just admire the Mont Blanc and the speechless scenery from any café in the cutest village.
- We'll leave Chamonix around 4 pm to get to Lyon at the beginning of the evening right on time for a great apéritif in town, and for our last evening together...

### **From Lyon to Nîmes**

- We leave around 9h am and drive down south.
- On the way we stop for a wine tasting in the famous vineyard of "côte du Rhône"
- Stop for Nougat, specialty of Montélimar.
- Arrive in Nîmes around 3h pm, 1 night in Nîmes

### **From Nîmes to Marseille**

- Leave around 9 the hostel and 11 the town for you to visit the famous Nîmes city.. (You know your jeans DENIM, well it comes from here)
- We'll head to typical provence villages, St Rémy de Provence, Les Baux de Provenances, for lunch
- We'll take a side trip to Rousillon, Gordes in Luberon to walk along the Sentier des Ogres, (powdery sunset coloured orches) don't wear white
- Arrive in Marseille around 6h30 pm
- Stay 3 nights in Marseille

### **2 free days in Marseille**

- Enjoy the "Vieux Port", the Fish Soupe, admire the view of Fort St Nicolas
- Chill out on the beach near the hostel
- How about kayaking ? (extra) .. or hike with a guide to the Calanques (extra)
- So many things to do in one of the biggest city of France

### **From Marseille to Fréjus**

- Leave Marseille around 8h am to drive to the heart of Provence.
- We'll stop in Cassis for a swim, such a cute village..
- We'll follow the coastal drive and stop along the way for lunch to chill out in the deep blue Mediterranean sea

- We make sure (if you want) to get grocery shopping to have a great BBQ at the hostel in the evening.
- 1 night in Frejus

### **From Frejus to Nice**

- We'll be wandering along the coast such an awesome drive to Cannes,
- Free time in Cannes,
- Arrive in Nice by 6 pm

### **HOSTEL: in the HI FUAJ hostel**

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Nîmes: FUAJ 257 Chemin de l'Aubergue de Jeunesse- Nîmes

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-N%C3%AEmes-020031.en.htm>

Marseille: FUAJ hostel Impasse du Dr Bonfils avenue J. Vidal 13008 – Marseille

<http://www.fuaj.org/Marseille-Bonneveine>

Fréjus: FUAJ hostel 627, Chemin du Couillier 83600 – Fréjus

<http://www.fuaj.org/Frejus-Saint-Raphael>

La Palud-sur-Verdon : FUAJ hostel 'L'immenses Botte de Paille' Route de la Maline

<http://www.hihostels.com/dba/hostels-Auberges-de-Jeunesses-La-Palud-sur-Verdon-020105.en.htm?lswitch=Y>

Grenoble: FUAJ hostel 10, avenue du Grésivaudan 38130 - Echirolles

<http://www.fuaj.org/Grenoble-Agglomeration>

Chamonix: FUAJ hostel 127, Montée J. Balmat Les Pélerins d'en Haut 74400 - Chamonix Mont-Blanc

<http://www.fuaj.org/Chamonix-Mont-Blanc>

Lyon: FUAJ hostel AJ du Vieux Lyon 41-45, montée du Chemin Neuf 69005

<http://www.fuaj.org/Lyon>

### **What is included:**

Transport, accommodation and breakfast

1 wine tasting (Côte du Rhône), the National Park of Luberon, Gorges du Verdon and the best time..

### **What is not included:**

Extra insurance, meals, drinks, personal expenses, the optional excursions, Van Gogh tour in Arles, the cable car in Chamonix, the hike in Calanques Marseille, the kayak in Marseille, the entrance of Orches trail (3 €)



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