

Aboutique small group tour, carefully created by Amanda Taylor-Ace, inspired by her love of Provence. Join Amanda and chef Peter Meikle in France as they share their 'joie de vivre' – the joy of living!



Spend 13 fabulous days based in the restored 18th century villas, nestled in a typical Provencal hillside village, enjoying all day sun within a walled garden covered with vines, outdoor terraces and swimming pool. Be treated to the regional sightseeing highlights and gourmet delights, while enjoying a range of evening entertainment.

> Register now – very limited spaces.





with the fabulous Amanda Taylor-Ace & chef Peter Meikle

For lovers of fine wine, food, laughter and life this is the tour dreams are made of.

Saturday, 26th May to Thursday, 7th June 2018 13 day Tour

A Small Group Holiday Adventure Tour for 5-10 People



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Tour Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday 26th May 2017

9.30 am pick up from Avignon. We take you directly to Villeneuve les Avignon to experience the fabulous antique market and to enjoy a pre-lunch taster of shucked oysters and prawns with Pic Poule de Pinet . We will lunch by the River Rhone before driving to St Maximin and your place of residence for the next 13 days at the maisons. You will settle into your rooms, freshen up, and unpack.

19.00 We will all meet for Apero of Amanda's famous "Beaujolais Soup' and savoury cakes made by Franscoise.

20.30 An authentic French dinner cooked by Franscoise and accordion music by husband Maurice.

Day 2, Sunday 27th May

8.00 am breakfast (same time every morning.

8.30 am a basic French Lesson with Maurice. 9.30 am Meet Gaby the Deputy Mayor of Saint Maximin, for a wonderful walk through the country side from the village to Uzes. Other option is to visit the local flea market and look for treasures amongst the trash. Walkers will be picked up and brought back to the flea market.

Lunch at the Maison. Relax by pool.

19.00 Apero (same time every evening) 20.00 Dinner by one of our chefs or local village restaurant.

Day 3, Monday 28th May

Excursion to Les Baux de Provence and Carrieres de Lumieres. (Information sheet provided) . Own lunch today – baguette or a banquet from several cafes and restaurants.

Return to Maisons – 19.00 apero & dinner by one of our chefs & music.

Day 4, Tuesday 29th May

The Excursion today to be decided, taking everything into account, weather, unforeseen circumstances i.e. roadworks, etc. Some excursions can be switched to suit. A list of top places of interest,



eg Nimes, Arles, Orange, Saintes Maries de La Mer, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, L'Isle Sur la Sorgue & Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, Roussillon & Gordes, Vaison La Romaine. Everyone gets an input.

Own lunch on excursion days, which leaves you free to explore and meet at the prearranged place and time to return to the Maison. Map and information on town/village supplied.

19.00 Apero followed by dinner by one of our chefs & music.

Day 5, Wednesday 30th May

After breakfast we leave for Uzes, only 4 km from St Maximin. Uzes is the Premier Duche of France with a reigning Duke and Duchess. Wednesday is the Uzes Producers Market and not to be missed. Street map and information provided. We will all meet for lunch in the square, overlooking the fountain at "Terroirs", in Place Aux Herbes. More exploring the ancient cobbled streets and alleys of Uzes before returning to the Maison. Dinner and music at the Maison or at local restaurant.

Day 6, Thursday 31st May

Fun day kayaking down the Gardon River and a gourmet picnic on the river bank, chilling our wine in the river while we swim, taking in the awesome spectacle of the Pont Du Gard. (Kayaking optional - for those not wishing to kayak, you will be transported to the Pont du Gard Museum and a short walk down to the river from there to meet for the picnic on the river bank).

Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Day 7, Friday 1st June

Excursion to Saint Quentin La Poterie, a working pottery village famous for its at least 18 artelliers, where you can watch potters work.

Lunch today to be decided from our many options.

Pizza and party night in the Jardin D'ete with "Compass Ole", our fabulous Gypsy musicians - put your dancing shoes on.

Day 8, Saturday 2nd June

After breakfast we leave for the Uzes Saturday Market. Uzes boasts the best market for miles around and it is.



Great photo opportunities and present buying. Titilate your senses with all the pleasures you will experience.

Today we lunch at a surprise location "Chez Philip" in Uzes. We will have a wine tasting, matched with our food. A light dinner and music back at the Maison.

Day 9, Sunday 3rd June

The excursion today to be decided. Dinner and music at the Maison.

Day 10, Monday 4th June

The excursion today to be decided. Dinner at Maison or local restaurant.

Day 11, Tuesday 5th June

Excursion today to be decided. Dinner at the Maison or local restaurant

Day 12, Wednesday 6th June

Excursion to St Remy "All Day Market". You are free to enjoy the market, the many streets of wonderful boutiques and historical buildings. Your own lunch today.

Tonight is Paella night at the Maison cooked by our fabulous Michel (or is it Michelle?).

Day 13, Thursday 7th June

10.00am Train Station.

Au Revoir avec bisous.

TOUR COST

In Euros:

- Single room 4,250 Euros
- Shared room 3,900 Euros
- One option for Self-contained Studio - Boudoir
 - Chambre D'amour 4,500 Euros SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY