



# Experience Provence Tour 2017

with the fabulous Amanda Taylor-Ace  
& co-star Judy Winter

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

**A**boutique small group tour, carefully  
created by Amanda Taylor-Ace,  
inspired by her love of Provence and Italy.  
Join Amanda and her co-star Judy in France  
and Italy as they share their 'joie de vivre' -  
the joy of living!

**S**pend 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.  
Followed by 3 days in Italy, taking in San  
Remo, Ventimiglia and the famous markets  
and cuisine of Italy.

**Register now - very limited spaces  
available - on a 'first in basis'.  
(Closing end of December)**



Saturday, 27th May  
to Sunday, 11th June 2017

16 day Tour

(13 days in Provence + optional 3 days in Italy)

*A Small Group Holiday Adventure Tour for 5-10 People*



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*Joie de Vivre*  
UNLIMITED

# Tour Itinerary

## Day 1, Saturday 27th 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 Aperof of Amanda's famous 'Beaujoulais 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 28th 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 Aperof (same time every evening)

20.00 Dinner by one of our chefs or local village restaurant.

## Day 3, Monday 29th 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 aperof & dinner by one of our chefs & music.

## Day 4, Tuesday 30th 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, Chateauf-neuf-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 Aperof followed by dinner by one of our chefs & music.

## Day 5, Wednesday 31st 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 1st June

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 "Table 2 Julien", the number one restaurant in the area for about 7 years.

## Day 7, Friday 2nd 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 but probably at a private Mas not far from St Maximum.

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

## Day 8, Saturday 3rd 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. Immerse your senses to 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 4th June

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

## Day 10, Monday 5th June

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

## Day 11, Tuesday 6th June

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

## Day 12, Wednesday 7th 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 8th June

This morning we leave for Italy. Anyone not continuing on Tour will be dropped back in Avignon to The TGV station.

We will stop on our way to Italy for a light lunch at a rest stop.

We check into our quaint hotel, in walking distance to the centre of San Remo. We dine at an interesting local restaurant, frequented by locals, "Gabri", family run and great food.

## Day 14, Friday 9th June

The breakfast at the hotel is fantastic and substantial. After breakfast we will catch the bus to Ventimiglia and the market which is amazing to explore. Returning to the Hotel at your own leisure. We will meet for drinks and dinner out at prearranged time.

## Day 15, Saturday 10th June

After breakfast we will walk into the centre and the San Remo Saturday Market. Shop and explore and return to Hotel at your leisure. There are some very nice lunch places by the sea side and you can also swim if you desire.

We will meet again for drinks and dinner out at one of the local restaurants.

## Day 16, Sunday 11th June

After breakfast we will leave to return to France. Some people may choose to leave us in San Remo and continue on under their own arrangements. Anyone returning to France with us will be dropped back to Avignon.

*Au Revoir avec bisous.*

## TOUR COST

*In Euros including extra 3 days in Italy*

- Single room .....5,200 Euros
  - Shared room .....4,850 Euros
  - One option for  
Self-contained Studio  
- Boudoir  
Chambre D'amour .....5,450 Euros
- SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

*For those not continuing after the 13 days:*

- Single room .....4,250 Euros
- Shared room .....3,900 Euros
- Boudoir .....4,500 Euros



*La joie de vivre - The joy of living*