

Provence in Detail

From £1,059 per person // 8 days



Speed south through France to the beautiful region of Provence. Start off with 4 nights in historic Avignon, the medieval home of Catholic popes, before hopping on a train across to Aix en Provence, the birthplace of Post-Impressionist artist Paul Cézanne.

The Essentials

- Lavender fields, rocky outcrops, olive groves
- Charming, historical towns of Aix-en-Provence and Avignon
- Roman, medieval and renaissance architecture
- Free days of rail travel in both destinations so you can explore other Provençal destinations

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Free day of rail travel from Avignon and Aix
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Avignon

Depart London St Pancras on board Eurostar and change in Lille or Paris for the rapid TGV service into the heart of Provence, arriving at Avignon TGV. Upon arrival, check in at the Hotel de l'Horloge (or similar), just off the Place de l'Horloge and in prime position for visiting the Palais des Papes and Pont d'Avignon.



Days 2, 3 & 4 - Avignon

Spend three full days in Avignon where you will have one day free to see the city at your own pace. Wander around the mighty Palais des Papes or take a walk 'sur le pont d'Avignon'. On one of your days here, you can take to the rails for unlimited travel in the local area. Perhaps take a day trip to Orange, with its impressive Roman arena or Arles – where Van Gogh spent more than a year creating paintings inspired by the local area. You can also reach Montelimar (pictured), which boasts a fabulous castle and world-famous nougat.



Day 5 - Avignon To Aix-en-provence

Take the TGV service once again and head even further south to the small town of Aix-en-Provence. Here, you will check in at the Grand Hotel Roi René (or similar) for a 3-night stay. Aix-en-Provence has a history dating back to 123 BC, when the city was founded. There is plenty to see and do here, from architecture and museums to shopping and art galleries. Don't miss the former studio of Paul Cézanne, which has been left as it was at the time of his death.



Days 6 & 7 - Aix-en-provence

During your stay you will have one full day to explore Aix at your leisure. You will also be able to spend a day exploring on the train. Aix is on a direct rail line to buzzing regional capital Marseille, stunning Cassis or Toulon on the coast. You could also head further afield to the beaches of Cannes and St Tropez!



Day 8 - Aix-en-provence To London

Head back to the high-speed station in Aix for your journey home. Change in Paris or Lille and connect with your Eurostar back to the UK. TMR RECOMMENDS: Cap off your holiday with a night or two in the world-class city of Paris. Take in the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Louvre Museum before heading back to the UK by Eurostar.

Pricing

From £1,059 per person

Low season (November-March) from £1,059pp

High season (April-October) from £1,199pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply

Package with Single Occupancy from £1,299