



Provence: Off the Beaten Path with Larry & Alaina Kanfer

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11 Days September 29-
October 9, 2023 From
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- Beaune • Provence • Côte d'Azur
- French Riviera • La Garde-Adhemar • Aix-en-Provence •
- Maubec-en-Luberon cooking class
- Cadenet • Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer • Camargue • Arles • Cassis
- Cannes • Saint-Paul-de-Vence
- Italian Riviera • Milan • Nonstop flights both ways

THE SOUTH of France, like Tuscany, is noted for its Mediterranean lifestyle and unique light drawing artists like Gaughin,

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Van Gogh, Picasso, and Chagall. Now we go off the beaten path to explore picturesque villages and seaside towns. Meals feature a unique Provençal cuisine, olive oil, and wine. Then finally, east to Milan, the Italian city of design in fashion and Ferraris.

Mediterranean Coastline



6 Seats Left!



Hospices de Beaune, a hospital for the poor



Larry Kanfer is a long time resident of Champaign-Urbana. He graduated in Architecture from the University of Illinois and immediately afterwards opened the Larry Kanfer Gallery. Larry has had the rare opportunity of making his art his profession. His interest in the land, and the connection between people and their environment, is a vital part of Larry's work with concepts of light and shadow, form, and composition being greatly influenced by the themes in architecture. Expanding his interest in landscapes beyond the Midwest has lead to "trips of a lifetime", with Larry traveling to India, China, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Italy and beyond. Even with research on the landscape, people and history of each location, what truly makes the travel experience great is exploring off the beaten path and capturing the unexpected!

Itinerary

Day 1 Friday: Champaign-Chicago O'Hare-Overnight flight

Larry and Alaina welcome you aboard our private motor coach to Chicago O'Hare. We board our non-stop flight to Paris.

Day 2 Saturday: Flight arrival-Paris-Beaune

Our flight arrives at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport, and our veteran tour manager, Gerard Venet, greets us. We board our private motor coach and drive to Beaune, where we stay overnight. This is the wine capital of Burgundy in the Côte d'Or, which translates as the Golden Slope. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight. (D)

Day 3 Sunday: Beaune-La Garde-Adhemar-Aix-en-Provence

We drive south through the Rhone Valley to La Garde-Adhémar, a medieval hilltop village with free time for lunch and exploring. We chose autumn because of the pleasant weather and many fewer tourists that come in summer.





Continuing, we arrive at Aix-en-Provence, the city of the post-impressionist artist Paul Cézanne. Claude Monet said, “Yes, Cézanne, he is the greatest of us all!”

We will stay four nights and explore this region between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. Enjoy a welcome to Provence dinner tonight! (B,D)

Day 4 Monday: Aix-en-Provence-Maubec-en-Luberon

We drive through the vineyards to Maubec in the lovely Luberon region for a cooking class with Jean-Marc, a Chef, and teacher for 10 years at Paul Bocuse Institute in Lyon. We begin by shopping for local, seasonal, and mainly organic foods. Then we learn to cook those foods in a 3-course menu under the instruction of Jean-Marc, and his wife, Alice. Finally, we enjoy our handiwork by dining together. You will receive a detailed copy of the recipes in English.

Afterward, return to Aix-en-Provence for a free evening. (B,L)

Day 5 Tuesday: Aix-en-Provence-Cadenet

Today we visit another Luberon hilltop village, Cadenet, voted one of the most picturesque and “real” villages in France. We will have free time for exploring and lunch.

Cours Mirabeau, the main avenue of Aix-en-Provence was frequented by Paul Cézanne, Émile Zola and Albert Camus

La Garde-Adhémar





Maubec-en-Luberon where we have a cooking class with chef Jean-Marc Villard



Cadenet

In the afternoon, we return to Aix-en-Provence for a guided walking tour. Our evening is free. (B)

Day 6 Wednesday: Aix-en-Provence-Arles-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer-Camargue

We drive to Arles, where Vincent Van Gogh painted *Starry Night*. Here in 15 months, he painted hundreds of works, which then drew Pablo Picasso here.

We proceed to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, where the Rhône River meets the Mediterranean Sea. Here we have time for independent exploration and lunch.

Then we continue to the Camargue wetlands, known for their flamingos, black bulls, and white horses, the latter being one of the oldest breeds in the world. Return to Aix-en-Provence for a free evening. (B)

Day 7 Thursday: Aix-en-Provence-Cassis-Cannes

We leave Aix-en-Provence for the colorful Mediterranean port town of Cassis at the start of the Côte d'Azur, azure coast.

We continue east to Cannes, known for its film festival. We will stay here for two nights. Tonight is free. (B)

Day 8 Friday: Cannes-Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Today we head to medieval Saint-Paul-de-Vence. Many notables visited or lived here: Jean-Paul Sartre, Pablo Picasso, Yves Montand, Simone Signoret, Marc Chagall, and James Baldwin. Actors Gene Wilder and Gilda





Saints-Maries-de-la-Mer on the Mediterranean

Radner were married here. You might bump into one of these artists and artisans today!

Return to Cannes with the rest of the day free. (B)

Day 9 Saturday: Cannes-Riviera-Milan

Saying farewell to France, we drive on the beautiful French Riviera's coastal road northeast via the Italian Riviera. Then heading inland, we arrive at Milan, Italy's fashion capital, the wealthiest in Italy, and serendipitous delights. (B)

Day 10 Sunday: Milan

This morning we will see the sights of Milan and then give you a free afternoon for shopping or independent exploration. Tonight is our gala farewell dinner! (B, D)

Day 11 Monday: Milan-Flight-Chicago/O'Hare-Champaign

After free time this morning, we say *arrivederci* as we are taken to the airport to board our nonstop flight home. After arrival in Chicago, we board our waiting private motor coach that returns us with wonderful memories of Provence, Riviera, and Milan. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Cassis, a port at the start of the Côte d'Azur





Cannes, location of the international film festival

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Beaune (1) To be advised
Aix-en-Provence (4) Grand Hotel Roi Rene
Cannes (2) Canopy by Hilton
Milan (2) Hotel Cavour

What's Not Included: • Optional tours and meals not noted in itinerary • Tax, fuel or foreign exchange surcharges in effect if any

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Ratatouille - traditional French Provençal vegetable dish cooked in an oven



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Saint-Paul-de-Vence. Many notables visited or lived here: Jean-Paul Sartre, Pablo Picasso, Yves Montand, Simone Signoret, Marc Chagall, and James Baldwin.

Milan's Arch of Peace



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