

Christmas in Provence

Trips « Package - group »

Dream – Discover – Be excited: Christmas in Provence

Christmas is a time full of traditions and festivities in the towns and villages of Provence. It all starts on December 4, Saint Barbe's day. This is the start of the period known as "Calendale" which will end at Candlemas on February 2. Between these two dates is a series of traditions, festivities, rituals and customs typical of the Provence region.

During these visits, we invite you to discover some of the events that give meaning and colour to these festivities.



CHRISTMAS IN PROVENCE

2 days / 1 night

Marseille - Avignon

Availability : December

For groups – 30 persons minimum. (Contact us for fewer persons)

Duration: 2 days / 1 night. (Available for 3 days / 2 nights and more)

PROGRAM

1st Day: Marseille

Morning - Guided tour - Marseille

Sightseeing tour of Marseille. Discover the Old Port and Notre Dame de la Garde... Marseille and its secrets in the yuletide atmosphere. (On foot and by bus)

Visit and tasting of "Navette de Marseille"

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Lunch in Marseille

Free time – Visit the 208th "Santon" Fair - Marseille

It is the oldest fair for santons. Created in Marseille in 1803 the fair now comprises some forty "santonniers" in the heart of the city.

Free visit - Christmas Market - Marseille

One hundred artisans and designers, installed in 80 chalets, offer soaps, jewelry, fused glass, cookies, decorations, ceramics, paintings, candles, fabric, leather, chocolate , wooden toys



Dinner and night in Marseille

Hotel 2, 3 or 4*

Location depending on budget and availability.

2nd Day: Avignon

Breakfast

Audio tours - The Palace of the Popes - Avignon

The Pope Palace is the largest Gothic palace in the world (15 000 m2 of floor, or in volume 4 Gothic cathedrals), and presents the visitor with more than twenty areas, events at the theaters with universal resonance, including the Pope's private apartments and fabulous murals executed by the Italian artist Matteo Giovannetti.



Tasting - The cellar of the Popes - Avignon

Installed in a room of artillery, behind the Palais des Papes, the Bouteillerie offers very user-friendly space where sommeliers remain at your disposal.

Tasting "discovery" of three wines with cheeses and breads.

Lunch in Avignon

Leisure time – Explore the Christmas Market and the traditions of Provence - Avignon

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A large Provencal Christmas crib displays all the characters and social status of the inhabitants of the villages of Provence.

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End of our services

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Morning - Guided Tour - Aix en Provence

A city with human dimensions which coexist in perfect harmony with preserved heritage. The Christmas season gives a warm atmosphere in the city decorations, illuminations, animations ...

Visit and tasting of delicacies in Aix en Provence

Home in the workshops. Tasting calissons, candied fruit, nougat ...

Lunch in Aix en Provence

In the afternoon - Free visit - "Santon" Market - Aix en Provence

This tradition dates back to the early 19th century is related to the devotion to celebrate the Nativity and the birth of the first santon. Each santon is a figure of tradition and folklore of Provence.

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The Cours Mirabeau is hosting this year about fifty cottages of artisans and merchants.

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Lunch in Arles

Afternoon – Leisure time - International Exhibition of Santon - Arles

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1st Day: Grignan area

Morning – Guided tour – Village and Castle – Grignan

Medieval castle became one of the most beautiful "palace" of the Renaissance in the southeast of France. From the terraces, you will be seduced by a wonderful panorama view over the hills of Provence.

Visit and wine tasting - Grignan

Old farm of the castle of Grignan, the field is a family property since three generations. It was made famous by the Marquise de Sevigne.

Wine: Cotes du Rhone, Cotes du Rhone Village, Vinsobres, Coteaux du Tricastin



Lunch in Grignan

In the afternoon - Free visit - The « Village Provençal Miniature » - Grignan

In the pretty village of Grignan, the Provençal village offers 1000m2 of miniature reconstructions of villages with over 1000 figurines. This year is an opportunity to admire the giant crib with the nativity.

Dinner and night in Avignon

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2nd Day: Montélimar

Breakfast

Le matin – Visite libre du Château des Adhémar – Montélimar

Rare exemple de palais résidentiel d'époque romane, le Château des Adhémar a été édifié par la puissante famille des Adhémar de Monteil à la fin du XIII^{ème} siècle au sommet de la colline dominant la ville.



Guided Tour - Nougat Factory - Montelimar

Manufacturing, ingredients, History of nougat ... Learn how to prepare this delicious treat from local producers who live their art as a passion,.

Lunch in Montélimar

Afternoon – Free visit – Christmas Market - Montelimar

Stroll among the cottages which feature traditional crafts and delicacies made by local Provencal artisans. In a festive and friendly atmosphere, enjoy mulled wine, roasted chestnuts and other goodies while discovering the surprises that "Santa Claus" has reserved for all his visitors.

On Sundays, a gourmet market is awaiting, with many refined products and some great ideas for making festive dinners (tapenade, foie gras, chestnuts, candied fruit and much more...)



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STRASBOURG - COLMAR

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PROGRAM

1st Day - Strasbourg

In the morning - City Tour - Strasbourg

Panoramic city tour by bus: the Palais de l'Europe, the university, the Palais de Rohan, ... Discover the old town, La Petite France, the cathedral and its astronomical clock ...

Lunch in Strasbourg

Afternoon - Free visit of the Christmas market - Strasbourg

Since 1570, Strasbourg hosts the annual Christmas market, the famous "Christkindelsmärik." It is the oldest Christmas market in France! It is especially in the late afternoon, when night falls, the magic happens.

Dinner and night in Strasbourg

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2nd Day – Colmar

Breakfast

Morning - Visit and tasting - Strasbourg

Confectionery Candy. In this traditional confectionery, you'll find all the gourmet specialties of the region.

Lunch in Colmar

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Afternoon - City Tour - Colmar

Wine capital of Alsace and the capital of the Haut-Rhin. Discovery of the old districts: the district of the tanners, the little Venice ...

Free visit - the Christmas Markets - Colmar

Christmas traditions have a special dimension to Colmar ... Enter the magical world of a city of art and history with exceptional architectural heritage serves as a backdrop to the party! Colmar welcomes you and leads you into the pedestrian streets to find his five Christmas markets.



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INFORMATIONS

All trips are suggestions. Contact us for trip “à la carte”.

Other Christmas events are being planned. They can be integrated.

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