

7 Days 6 Nights Go Southwest Europe Tour

France, Spain, Andorra (Orange Line Package)



S\$148 PER DAY*

SGD1,036 per person Twin Sharing
Operate Every Thursday

from Mar – Sep

Day 1 (Thu) Paris – Avignon (~690km) (No Meal)

In the morning we will depart from Paris to arrive at the heart of the Provence, “**Avignon**,” in the evening. This region of France is very diverse with lively cities, winding mountains that will change its distinct views depending on the season of the year. Let’s take a break from the fashion and luxury of the big metropolises and head to the south of France. Enjoy the sceneries of picturesque small towns, wind down and appreciate nature and the rural culture. You will experience the romantic ambience of **South France**, visit **Gordes**, the most beautiful village of the **Provence**. Follow in Vincent van Gogh’s footsteps in the small town of Arles and taste the world-renowned mellow flavor of Bordeaux wine, and visit the shopping paradise that is Andorra.

 3* hotel in Avignon or city nearby

Day 2 (Fri) Avignon – Gordes – Abbaye de Senanque – Avignon (~200km) (Breakfast)

We will start the day in Avignon visiting the two must see landmarks. **The Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes)** and the **Pont Saint-Bénézet**, the broken bridge which is also known as **Pont d’Avignon**. The palace dates to the 14th century, with the support from the King of France the Roman church moved its capital thus making Avignon the second religious capital of the Roman-Catholic church.

In the afternoon we will depart to visit **Gordes**, famous from *A Year in Provence*, the book, written by Peter Mayle. The village of Gordes is made of limestone dating back to 1525 with its buildings rooting themselves into the steep cliff giving the village town its other names; the Stone City and the City in the Sky. The village is considered by the Association des plus villages de France one of France’s most beautiful villages. Afterwards we will have a short stay at the Musée de la Lavande, the lavender museum, and the Abbaye de Sénanque which Catholic Cistercian originate from and the story background of the book *A Year in Provence*.

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Day 3 (Sat) Avignon – Arles – Barcelona (~500km) (Breakfast)

In the morning we will drive to **Arles**. The small town is famous because the well-known Dutch master of Impressionism, Vincent van Gogh, whom lived in the sanatorium of Arles from 1888 – 1889. Although Van Gogh stayed for only one year, that single year is considered the most productive period of his life. He painted more than two hundred oil paintings during his stay in Arles. Creating his world-renowned art pieces; The **Langlois Bridge** at Arles and **The Café Terrace** on the Place du Forum. It is a true unique experience to visit town and see what the Dutch master saw himself over a century ago. Other than enjoying the village's connection with Van Gogh there are many ancient Roman ruins to behold. Arles has been listed as a key city since ancient Roman times. In the afternoon we will leave Arles for the charming coastal city of Barcelona. Barcelona. If time permits, upon arrival, everyone can participate in an optional program to visit the Olympic Beach.

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Day 4 (Sun) Barcelona (Breakfast)

Today, visit to **Monastery of Montserrat**. Located on the famous **Catalan Mountain**. The well-known abbey is the most important religious shrine in Catalonia. The monastery is home to La Moreneta, the black Madonna. The black-faced Madonna statue holding the holy child in her lap is the guardian of the spirit and soul of the local people. In the afternoon we return to Barcelona visiting Europe's biggest football stadium, **Camp Nou** which has been the home ground of FC Barcelona since 1957. Upon arrival you will have about four hours' time and two choices on how to spend it;

1. Stay at Camp Nou and enjoy the range of activities and stadium experiences offered. It is recommended to book the activities of Camp Nou in advance, any extra activities or experiences at Camp Nou at your own expenses.
2. Take some beautiful pictures outside the stadium, buy some souvenirs, and visit the Sagrada Familia. The monumental Roman-Catholic church designed by the famous Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi. After the visiting Camp Nou, we will depart for the city center of Barcelona to see the famous Columbus Monument and the bustling Las Ramblas.

🏠 3* hotel in Barcelona or city nearby

Day 5 (Mon) Barcelona – Andorra – Lourdes (~480km) (Breakfast)

* From Oct to Feb: Barcelona to Carcassonne

Due to winter weather, not visit Andorra and reroute to Carcassonne in France. A World Heritage Site city with its landmark Castle of Carcassonne.

In the morning we will travel to the **Principality of Andorra**. This microstate is located between France and Spain in the eastern Pyrenees. The state is surrounded by mountains and rough terrain. Its capital, Andorra la Vella, is Europe's highest capital with an elevation of 1,023 meters. **Andorra** is a popular destination for alpine skiing in Europe. Although most Asian travelers do not give Andorra much attention, it is certainly worth a visit with its beautiful sceneries. Also known for duty-free shopping it is a shopping paradise.

After lunch we will drive through the Pyrenees entering France arriving at the town of **Lourdes**. It is said that the Virgin Mary appeared at Lourdes some 150 years ago and since has become a place of pilgrimage with records of countless medical miracles. Each year over five million pilgrims visit the town.

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Day 6 (Tue) Lourdes – Bordeaux (~250km) (Breakfast)

Today we will travel from Lourdes to the famous wine region **Bordeaux**. While in Bordeaux we will visit a well-known winery and its vineyards. You will have an opportunity to taste and buy wine direct from the source. After our stop at the winery, we will head to city Bordeaux, visiting famous landmarks such as the **opera house Gran Teatro de Burdeos**, the world's largest water mirror called Miroir d'Eau and the famous Place des Quinconces and so on. At the end of the day, you will have some free leisure time in the city center of Bordeaux.

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Day 7 (Wed) Bordeaux – Chambord – Paris (~590km) (Breakfast)

Departing from Bordeaux we will be traveling to the world-famous tourist attraction the **Loire Valley**. The Loire is the longest river in France with a length of 1020 km and is known as the mother river of France. In the Loire Valley there are magnificent and gorgeous castles on both sides of the river. In the afternoon we will arrive at the **Chambord Castle** also known as the King of Castles. The castle was originally built to serve as a hunting lodge for King Francois I of France in 1519 to make a statement of his imperial power. The King hired Italian artists and architects such as Leonardo da Vinci and Domenico da Cortona to attribute the brilliant art and architectural style of the Italian Renaissance. By doing this he laid the foundation of the French Renaissance. Afterwards will be heading to Paris and will arrive around 7 pm.