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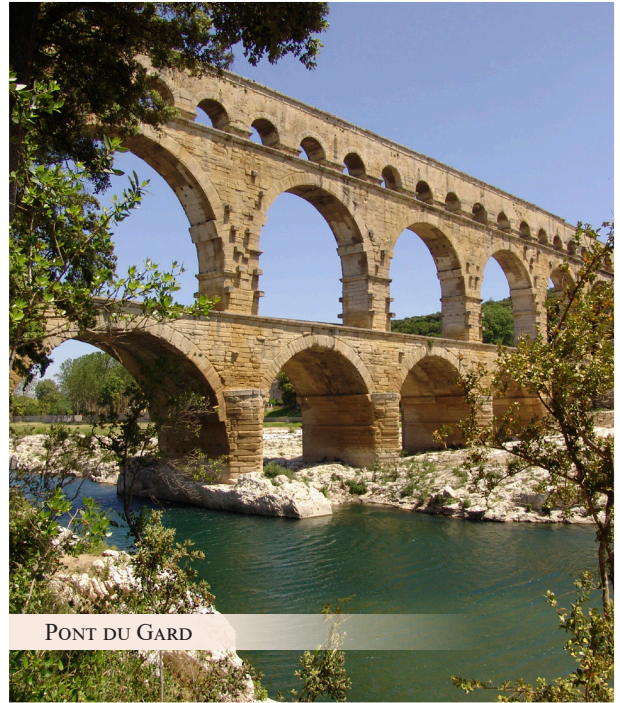
### LET'S UNPACK IN ARLES - EXPLORING PROVENCE IN THE SPRING APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2019

Come visit a region that has everything! Find stunning countryside full of contrasts, with the finest food and wine, beautiful cities, and a cultural heritage that stretches from the prehistoric to the avant-garde. Whether you're a first-time traveler to France, or have visited many times before, this trip adds a fresh perspective to a timeless region.

Provence has been a magnet for painters from Van Gogh to Matisse, a special region that has never lost its power to enliven and invigorate the traveler with fragrant lavender fields and clear, bright light. You will be able to unpack on this *One-Stop Tour* in the Roman city of Arles, with its superb Roman amphitheater.

We'll explore Avignon, the city of the Popes, the colossal aqueduct - the Pont du Gard - Roman Nimes, ancient hilltop villages, unchanged for centuries, and the elegant city of Aix-en-Provence, a city whose avenues, squares, markets, shops and cafes create an unforgettable buzz of sophistication and excitement.

Join Discover Europe this spring and walk in the footsteps of artists who worked to capture the essence of the region. Travel on a journey into the heart of Provence, you're guaranteed to leave a piece of your heart behind in this vibrant land of color and light.



PONT DU GARD



PALAIS DES PAPES

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED)	<b>\$3860</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 980</b>

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first-class hotel including all hotel taxes and service charges included  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 4 dinners  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout  
**BAGGAGE:** Porterage of one large suitcase per person  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Your morning arrival at Marseilles Airport, will be met for the short drive to Arles. After checking in, there will be time to unpack and relax before your guide introduces the neighborhood and the region. This evening we'll enjoy the first of many great meals together. **(D) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>ST</sup>** - The ancient Roman city of Arles was once the capital of Gaul, Britain and Spain and today is home to one of the best preserved Roman arenas in Europe. We'll have a gentle walking orientation of the city this morning, including a visit to the Cathedral, where St. Augustine was consecrated bishop of the English in 597, and the monumental Roman amphitheater. The afternoon and evening are free to pursue individual interests **(B) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** - A morning excursion to the Pont du Gard, the vast Roman aqueduct built without an ounce of mortar and still standing intact after two thousand years! We continue to Avignon, the papal city during the fourteenth century, for a walking tour of its highlights with a local guide, including a visit to the Palais des Papes. Return to Arles for a free evening and a chance to sample a traditional French meal in a local restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**



**TUESDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>** - After a drive through the Vaucluse Region of Provence, we'll have a walking tour of Aix-en-Provence, the elegant and honey-hued former capital with "the most satisfying street in France." The Cours Mirabeau, canopied by soaring plane trees and decked with fountains, is lined with an abundance of cafes and patisseries. Our tour leads us through the mansions of the Mazarin district, past the famous dolphin fountain, to the church of Ste-Marie-Madeleine with its controversial Triptych of the Annunciation, and then the Gothic cathedral of Saint-Sauveur. We'll visit the Atelier Paul Cezanne – the studio kept just as it was when he died in 1906. The narrow lanes in Vieil Aix feature some of Provence's finest architecture and most delightful shopping, and the afternoon is free before we return to Arles for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** - A free day to enjoy this magnificent city. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Today we begin our explorations at the 11<sup>th</sup>-century fortified hilltop village of Les Baux. We continue to St-Remy-de-Provence, a dreamy and unspoiled town where Van Gogh painted, and we'll explore the old town before we visit the monastery of St. Paul-de-Mausole. This afternoon we visit the fascinating settlement of Glanum just outside St. Remy. Originally a Neolithic homestead, Glanum was later built on by the ancient Greeks and the Romans. We return to Arles for dinner this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**



**FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Our final excursion today takes us first to the city of Nimes. Our walking tour of the old city will include a visit to the incredibly well-preserved Roman temple known as the Maison Carree. After time for lunch, we'll drive to the coast to the ancient walled town of Aigues-Mortes and then head back through the salt-marsh, nature preserve of the Camargue to Arles. We'll enjoy a farewell dinner together this evening in Arles. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ARLES**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transport to Marseilles Airport for returning flights to the U.S. **(B)**