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History & Wildlife in Arles and Camargue

Full day excursion to Arles and the Marais du Vigueirat

Morning discovery of Arles' antique monuments and afternoon exploration of the Marais du Vigueirat in Camargue

Make it Provençal!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit the Souleiado Museum displaying a beautiful collection of traditional "Provençal fabrics".

Please see the last page for more information

Make it with an Ornithologist!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit the Marais du Vigueirat with an Ornithologist.

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Arles & Camargue

9.00 am: Meet your guide-driver at the lobby of your hotel in Avignon and drive towards Arles.

Accompany your guide on a **walking tour that retraces the footsteps of Van Gogh**: Jardin public (statue of Van Gogh), Roman Amphitheater, Quai du Rhône (where he painted starry night), Place Lamartine, where the yellow house once stood. Visit of sites painted by Gauguin, Porte de la Cavalerie, Van Gogh's hospital and Place de la République.

No other city in the region offers a more colorful atmosphere or possesses a greater **awareness of its Provençal heritage**. Your guided visit will include the Roman amphitheater, both larger and older than its cousin in Nîmes. It was built in the 1st century AD. Bullfights of various types are still held here.

Continue the visit at the beautiful **St-Trophime Church** dedicated to the saint who is credited with having brought Christianity to France. The doorway is a glorious example of Provençal Romanesque style. Our walking tour leads us to many sites made famous by Van Gogh who lived here for a year and discovered the brightness of the Mediterranean skies.

You may wish to stop at an antique dealer famous for his Provençal furniture. You will find **regional furniture from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries**, Provençal and Oriental paintings and painted antique furniture.

Lunch time! We suggest the Michelin-starred restaurant **L'Atelier de Jean-Luc Rabanel**. The original and subtle personalised cuisine, served as tapas, is made from organic products and vegetables fresh from the cottage garden.

Afternoon drive to the **Marais du Vigueirat**. You can choose to stroll through the piles among the reeds or along the canal, close to the mares or on the "piste des cabanes" specially created for children.

You will be **carried away by the magic of the Natural reserve** and its many surprises such as the singing of a tree frog or the flight of a heron....

Drive back to Avignon at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest that you to check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan carrying up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and who is also licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as in museums and monuments
- Découvertes' fees
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Provençal!

Visit Souleiado Museum that was created in 1988. Established in a nobleman's town house, on the premises of his family's business, the Museum retraces the production history of Indian prints that became the basis for the traditional Provençal costumes for women.

You will find rare examples of textiles and Provençal costumes, a unique collection of regional pottery, as well as, striking reconstitutions of everyday life in 19th-century Provence. Last but not least, it houses a real treasure: 40, 000 18th-century printing blocks.



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Make it with an Ornithologist!

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Your ornithologist guide will accompany you along a 5 km footpath, across a mosaic of protected landscapes (salt meadow, reed bed, mud flat, ephemeral water body) to discover the diversity of European water birds:

All nine European Heron species (among which Purple Heron, Squacco Heron, Little Bittern, Great Bittern...),

Greylag Geese & Red-crested Pochard

Gull, tern & wader nesting colonies (Black-winged Stilt & European Avocet)

Reed-living passerines (Moustached Warbler, Bearded Tit, Reed Bunting)



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