

## Staying in Avignon, an Exceptional City

3 days – 2 nights

**Day 1:** arrive in Avignon and get settled into your City centre hotel, within the 14th-century ramparts.

Then head out to start discovering the city, with a private guided tour. This will give you the opportunity to discover the area of the city **UNESCO** has listed as a **World Heritage site**, but also to explore Avignon off the beaten track. Your guide will show you what's behind the doors of several private townhouses. Follow them through the narrow streets to see chapels, churches and small squares. They'll also show you around the studios of "Les Fabricateurs", a collective of twenty artists, designers and craftspeople. Enjoy an aperitif or afternoon tea at La Mirande, a 5\* hotel in Avignon when you've finished.

### **Day 2:**

Meet your guide to visit Avignon's two symbolic monuments, listed as World Heritage sites by UNESCO: **The Palais des Papes and Saint Bénézet Bridge**. First, enjoy breakfast at the terrace café of the Papal Palace, on the best rooftop in the City.

The Papal Palace is the largest gothic Palace. It was the papal residence in the 14th century and is the city's major heritage site. From mid-June 2021 to January 2022, an exhibition of work by major contemporary painter **Yann Pei-Ming** can be seen in the Great Chapel of the Papal Palace. He is famous for his portraits of Mao Zedong, Bruce Lee or Barak Obama. You'll also have the privilege of visiting rooms closed to the general public.

The Saint Bénézet bridge by the Palace is the one in the world-famous song everyone knows. It is also a prestigious witness of the past.

The morning ends at Les Halles (closed on Mondays) with a glass of Côtes du Rhône wine and a few oysters. Or enjoy lunch right in the middle of the market, at chef Jon Chiri's "Cuisine Centr'Halles" restaurant.

### **Revel in the countryside in the afternoon!**

The Ile de la Barthelasse is the biggest river island in Europe. People from Avignon love going there to relax. It's time to get on a bike and set out to explore. Stopping to visit Distillerie Manguin is a must. It has been expertly making fruit brandy for 60 years and continues to love doing so.

Or you could go kayaking on the Rhône, or paddleboarding if you're feeling more energetic.

### **Day 3:**

It's already the last day. You have several choices depending how much time you have before you had to leave...

Like free time to go shopping and buy your souvenirs, a guided tour of one of the City's many museums, or a cooking class and lunch with Chef Jon Chiri in Les Halles if you didn't have lunch there the day before (Les Halles are closed on Mondays)!

#### **Price based on 2 people:**

##### **In a 3-star charming hotel**

from €402 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 4-star hotel**

from €431 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 5-star hotel**

from €600 incl. taxes per person

#### **Price based on 4 people:**

##### **In a 3-star charming hotel**

from €317 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 4-star hotel**

from €346 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 5-star hotel**

from €515 incl. taxes per person

#### **Price based on 6 people:**

##### **In a 3-star charming hotel**

from €289 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 4-star hotel**

from €318 incl. taxes per person

##### **In a 5-star hotel**

from €487 incl. taxes per person

**This price includes:**

- a private guide on day 1 for ½ day and day 2 for ½ day.
- Admission to certain private townhouses
- The afternoon tea or aperitif at La Mirande on day 1
- Admission to the Palais and Bridge on day 2 and access to certain private spaces
- Breakfast at the Palais des Papes on day 2
- Bike hire on the afternoon of day 2
- 2 nights in a hotel in the category of your choice

**Information and booking: Avignon Tourism Reception Service – 04 90 27 50 50**

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