



**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
28 Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

# WFMT ~ Aix-en-Provence Music Festival

## *Inspiring Moments*

- ▶ Immerse yourself in the local flavors of **Aix-en-Provence**, an authentic Provençal city with bubbling fountains, shady avenues and charming cafés.
- ▶ Delight in **opera performances, concerts and orchestras** at Aix's annual international music festival, **Festival d'Aix**.
- ▶ Sample tasty local wines and olive oils, then delight in a country buffet at a **family-owned winery**.
- ▶ Admire impressive ancient monuments in **Arles**, and walk in the footsteps of Romans at **Pont du Gard**.
- ▶ Explore the picturesque mountain villages of the **Lubéron Valley**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- **Seven nights** in Aix-en-Provence, France, at the first-class Grand Hotel Roi René.

### EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Seven breakfasts, three lunches and two dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

### YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

### ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart gateway city<sup>†</sup>
- Day 2** Arrive in Marseille, France | Aix-en-Provence
- Day 3** Aix-en-Provence
- Day 4** Lubéron Valley
- Day 5** Arles | Les Baux
- Day 6** Avignon | Pont du Gard
- Day 7** Aix-en-Provence
- Day 8** Aix-en-Provence
- Day 9** Transfer to Marseille airport and depart for gateway city<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Excursions often require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.



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**DISCOVERY**

**Welcome to Aix.** Stroll along the Cours Mirabeau, a wide avenue built in the 1600s. Admire the iconic Fontaine de la Rotonde, and pass through the Old Town. Along the way, take note of the Town Hall's beautiful wrought-iron work and the elaborate Cathédrale St. Sauveur.

**Festival d'Aix.** The acclaimed Festival International d'Art Lyrique D'Aix-en-Provence is a cultural highlight that has been captivating viewers since 1948. Join this celebrated annual arts festival in venues throughout the city. Enjoy evening performances featuring opera productions and concerts of orchestral, chamber, vocal and solo instrumental music.

**Villages of Lubéron.** Journey through the Lubéron Valley, a pretty mountain region dotted with forests and vineyards. Enjoy the atmosphere of a local antique market and visit Roussillon, a village with a caché of colorful buildings. Delight in a Provençal lunch in Bonnieux, and stop in the hilltop village of Gordes.

**Discover Arles and Les Baux.** Traverse the Provençal countryside to Arles to see extraordinary monuments and Roman ruins. Admire the Cathedral of St. Trôphime, and visit the Musée de l'Arles Antique. Continue to Les Baux, a beautiful treat of winding, cobbled streets and tiny squares.

**Avignon and Pont du Gard.** Avignon pleases visitors with its Palace of the Popes: the austere Old Palace and the ornate New Palace. Relax over lunch in Arles, and travel to Pont du Gard, an enormous three-tiered aqueduct that was used throughout the ninth century.

**Cézanne and Mont Sainte-Victoire.** Follow in the footsteps of Cézanne, one of the great Post-Impressionists. Discover his favorite Provençal sites and gaze at landscapes often featured in his paintings. Then take in incredible views of his beloved Mont Sainte-Victoire.

**Terre de Mistral.** Visit Terre de Mistral, a renowned, family-owned winery and olive mill. Tour the property, and savor tastings of local vintages and buttery olive oils. Cap off the visit with a delicious country buffet of fresh and seasonal produce.

**ENRICHMENT**

**Introduction to Aix-en-Provence and the Provence Region.** Since prehistoric times, the region of Provence has been celebrated for its famous wines, cuisine, historic palaces, lovely countryside and charming villages. Trace the region's storied history, from its habitation by the Ligurians, Celts and Greeks through its conquest by the Romans.

**Religious and Political History of Avignon.** Learn about Avignon and its 14th-century rise from a sleepy riverside community to the capital of Roman Catholicism as the residence of seven French popes.

**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative |** Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

**Lecturers |** Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Grand Hotel Roi René |**   
Aix-en-Provence  
<http://bit.ly/grandhotelroirene>



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**ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE**

 We have designed an optional activity to allow you to craft your individual trip.

**French Cooking Class.** Food is an all-consuming passion in this region of France, where fresh produce and hearty cuisine are guaranteed to be the highlight of any trip. Uncover the secrets and savor the tastes of French cuisine during an interactive culinary experience.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost

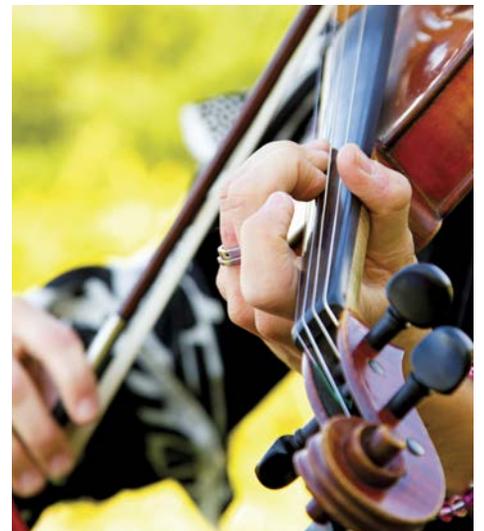


**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)
2. Historic Center of Avignon
3. Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments

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Festival d'Aix