

MERVEILLEUX PROVENCE & PARIS

With Robert and Christina Pirello

October 4 - October 16, 2024

(Tentative Itinerary)

From our luxurious five star villa, Mas Le Gaudre, within walking distance to the beautiful village of Saint Remy de Provence, to Paris, the majestic city of lights, fashion and culture, with its cobblestone streets, museums and history, this once in a lifetime trip will open your eyes to a way of life that will change you forever.

The Journey Begins

Friday, October 4, 2024

Depart USA for Provence

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Getting to Know Saint Remy de Provence



We'll pick you up at Marseilles airport (MAS) and transfer you our villa, Mas Le Gaudre, The ride is about an hour from the airport to the villa. You'll relax a bit, enjoy a welcome snack and beverage, get to know the villa; and perhaps enjoy a stroll into Saint Remy before enjoying a spectacular welcome dinner prepared by Christina and Patrick Verre.

Here's a taste of the things we'll be doing for our week in Provence

October 5 - October 11, 2024

(Provence dates to be assigned as the trip gets closer)

A Journey to Gordes – The Parthenon of Provence!



If the Luberon were a country, Gordes would be its capital. This is the Parthenon of Provence, an imposing edifice born of stone that has always attracted its share of attention because it is just so good-looking.

Inevitably, Gordes is officially one of The Most Beautiful Villages in France.

It's not just the stunning view of Gordes as you approach it - Gordes is also a pleasure to explore from within, along its tight alleyways and arcades. There are many restaurants and cafes, from simple to refined; bakery and food stores; and a thriving arts scene. Your explorations will take you to the spots where the view outward from Gordes is also spectacular, high over the Luberon plain.

Arles – Where Van Gogh Created Some of His Finest Paintings



Arles is a city on the Rhône River in the Provence region of southern France. It's famed for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh, which influenced the contemporary art displayed at the Foundation of Vincent Van Gogh. Once a provincial

capital of ancient Rome, Arles is also known for many remains from that era, including Arles Amphitheatre (les Arènes d'Arles), now hosting plays and concerts.

Avignon, The Popes' City



Avignon is a picturesque, vibrant, and historically rich destination in France. Nestled in the heart of Provence, this enchanting city is a must-visit for travelers seeking an unforgettable experience. With its breathtaking architecture, charming cobblestone streets, Avignon is a true gem waiting to be explored.

From the iconic Palais des Papes, a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the stunning local markets bursting with aromas of fresh produce and fragrant herbs, Avignon offers a unique blend of culture, art, and gastronomy. We'll wander through the quaint streets, discovering hidden cafes and boutique shops. Whether you're a history buff, or a food enthusiast, Avignon is sure to captivate your senses and leave you longing for more.

Aix-de-Provence – The City of a Thousand Fountains



Aix-en-Provence is known for its stunning architecture, including the Cathédrale Saint-Sauveur, a Romanesque-Gothic church that dates back to the 5th century. Aix-en-

Provence is often referred to as the “City of a Thousand Fountains” due to the numerous fountains located throughout the city.

Carrieres des Lumieres - Quarries of Light

The Carrieres de Lumières (“Quarries of Light”) has been operating for decades near the mountaintop fortress of Les Baux-de-Provence, and is one of the most popular tourist sites in all of Provence. It’s in an old quarry made up of three mammoth rooms carved inside a mountain.



Having become essential in Provence, the Carrieres des Lumières are located at the foot of the town of Baux-de-Provence, in the heart of the Alpilles, in a place full of mystery: the Val d'Enfer. Since 2012, the Carrieres des Lumières has presented digital, immersive and contemporary exhibitions. Young and old come to live a unique experience, explore limitless universes, and let themselves be transported to the heart of Art. This unbelievable experience will be one you remember forever!

As we experience Provence and these amazing sites and villages, our companion and guide Jeremie will surprise us with stops in other small towns, villages and markets along the way, before heading off to Paris on October 12.

Aaah...Paris, the City of Lights, Fashion, and L'Amour
October 12 - October 15, 2024

All these references are far from enough to reveal all of Paris, the most visited city in the world. Paris is also one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is known worldwide for the Louvre Museum, Notre-Dame cathedral, and the Eiffel tower

And we'll visit them all in our four days in Paris.

PARIS



Wednesday, May 16, 2024
Depart for US from Paris