



THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND PROVENCE

June 22 – July 4, 2015



SIGNATURE MOMENTS:

- Exploring breathtaking hilltop villages
- Browsing the tempting stalls of colourful markets
- Getting to know an insider's Nice
- Photographing spectacular fields of lavender
- Walking in Van Gogh's scenery

Bonjour! Memories to last forever are guaranteed on this spectacular holiday. The south of France feels like home to me and along with writing about the beauty, history and culture of this breathtaking part of the world, or capturing it in photography, there is nothing I enjoy more than showing it off to others.

Our trip is planned perfectly to experience the exquisite Mediterranean setting of the Côte d'Azur as well as the brilliant Provençal landscape with its mosaic of fields of sunflowers and lavender. It will not take long to feel as enchanted and inspired as have writers, artists and travellers for centuries. The pleasing walks with Susan in Nice and the countryside, add another unique aspect to the tour.

Step out of the 4-star Hotel Beau Rivage into the heart of the old town in one direction and bask in the turquoise glow of the Mediterranean in the other. Each day trip while in Nice offers diverse experiences that share one certainty ... stunning views! Each is a gem!

Our stop in Aix-en-Provence marks the transition from the coast to the countryside. Sunday is market day, so we will arrive in time to browse the eclectic offerings. When not exploring historic towns, our time at the intimate Hotel Sous Les Figuiers will wrap you in the ambiance and peace evocative of Provence.

I have a special reading list to send you that will only enhance the pleasure of your holiday. Susan and I look forward to sharing this trip of a lifetime with you!

A bientôt!
Patricia

TOUR COST: C\$4495 + taxes and gratuities C\$325 per person
Tour Cost for Guaranteed Single Accommodation: please enquire
(We would be happy to try to match you with another single traveller)

Group Size: 12 - 16 participants

Tour Cost Includes:

- Airport transfers on arrival
- Accommodation in double occupancy at the Hotel Beau
- Rivage, Nice and the Hotel Sous les Figuiers, St Remy de Provence or similar
- 12 Breakfasts, 11 Dinners with wine
- Transportation by private air conditioned coach

- All activities and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
- Services of specialized English speaking guides
- Gratuities for escort, local guides, drivers, hotel and group meals and taxes (as indicated above)
- Fully escorted by your Women's Travel Network leaders

Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from your home
- Meals other than those mentioned above and beverages other than wine with meals
- Travel insurance



TOUR LEADERS: PATRICIA SANDS & SUSAN SOMMERS

Patricia Sands has written two novels set in the south of France celebrating the feminine spirit; she will show you her favourite places and share insider secrets. Susan Sommers is a "Fitness over 45" speaker who'll show you how easy it is to take 10,000 steps a day.



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Monday, June 22: Arrive Nice

Transfer to our city centre hotel. Freshen up, explore the *quartier* and enjoy a great welcome dinner at one of Pat's favourite restaurants.

Tuesday, June 23: Excursion to Eze and Monte Carlo

A guided tour of old Monaco and delightful medieval Eze.

Wednesday, June 24: Excursion to Grasse and St. Paul de Vence

Choose a signature perfume of your own and explore the gorgeous village of St. Paul de Vence filled with boutiques and art galleries.

Thursday, June 25: Excursion to Antibes

Discover the quintessential Mediterranean town with its boat filled harbour, its 16th century ramparts, narrow cobblestone streets and covered market – one of Pat's favourites!

Friday, June 26: Nice

A guided walking tour of Vieux Nice.

Saturday, June 27: Nice

Today enjoy a full day at leisure to do as you please, or visit Nice with Pat who has spent a great deal of time in Nice over the past 15 years.

Sunday, June 28: Aix en Provence, St. Remy de Provence

A stroll in the absolutely delightful town of Aix. Get comfortable at our country-chic hotel with charming art-filled rooms facing a leafy garden.

Monday, June 29: Excursion to Les Baux

Explore the windswept world of limestone peaks, roads lined with pine and cypress trees, olive orchards and vineyards of the Alpilles to visit the medieval village of Les Baux. Taste olive oil at a local mill.

Tuesday, June 30: Excursion to Avignon

A guided visit of Avignon and the monumental Palace of the Popes. Free afternoon to explore this vibrant, sophisticated, very French town.

Wednesday, July 1: St. Remy

Market day in St. Remy. Later relax by the pool or hike to some of the prettiest nearby sites including St. Paul Asylum where Van Gogh painted.

Thursday, July 2: Excursion to the Luberon

The Lavender Museum, the 12th century Abbey of Senanque, the vibrant feel of the village of Roussillon, and jaw dropping scenery all around!

Friday, July 3: Excursion to Arles

A guided tour of the well-preserved ancient Roman amphitheatre, the Romanesque church and cloisters of St. Trophime and the *Café de la Nuit* where Vincent Van Gogh painted his *Starry Nights*.

Saturday, July 4 Depart St. Remy

Transfer to Marseilles airport for the return flight, or ask us about extending your stay in Paris, a comfortable three-hour train ride away!

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described here are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.

LET'S GO!

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