

LANDSCAPES OF THE LUBERON WALK



Roussillon

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

Arrive at the **Hôtel l'Hermitage**, located just north of the town of Pernes-les-Fontaines. Visit a local restaurant for dinner (included).

DAY 02 PERNES-LES-FONTAINES TO ROUSSILLON

16KM/10MI/4.5HR

We give you a lift to mediaeval Saint-Saturnin; explore the narrow streets and the château ruins, then walk through fragrant lavender fields before descending into Roussillon. You stay at **Les Sables d'Ocre** for the next two nights (pay locally for dinner).

DAY 03 AT ROUSSILLON

Roussillon is famous for its streaked ochre cliffs and is the starting point of the Ochre Trail. Visit the village of Bonnieux, full of art galleries, cafés and restaurants that are perfect for lunch.

DAY 04 ROUSSILLON TO LES IMBERTS

16KM/10MI/4.5HR

Stroll past the Domaine de Tara wine estate, then enjoy views across the Luberon valley as you head north to the perched village of Gordes. After a short climb, descend to your hotel, the **Mas de la Sénancole**, with pool and spa. Dinner is included on your two nights here.

DAY 05 AT LES IMBERTS

It's a short walk to the hilltop village of Gordes. Made up of wonderfully photogenic houses, terraces and gardens, its Renaissance château dominates, which also houses a museum.

DAY 06 LES IMBERTS TO FONTAINE-DE-VAUCLUSE

11KM/7MI/3.5HR

Arrive at Cabrières-d'Avignon with its golden stone houses and old castle. Head up into the hills, past a section of the 27km-long Mur de la Peste, built by locals in 1720 to block the spread of the Plague. Stay at the **Hôtel du Poète** (pay locally for evening meals).

DAY 07 AT FONTAINE-DE-VAUCLUSE

Visit the Fountain of the Vaucluse (the biggest spring in France) and the ruins of the castle of the Bishop of Cavaillon. There are lots of cafés and a museum about the Resistance to explore.

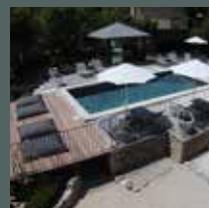
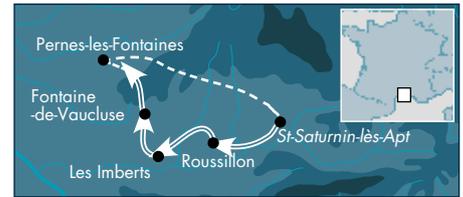
DAY 08 FONTAINE-DE-VAUCLUSE TO PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

14KM/9MI/4.5HR

Ascend the Plateau de Vaucluse for stunning views of Mont Ventoux and the jagged peaks of the Dentelles de Montmirail, then head through cherry orchards to popular St-Didier. Return to the **Hotel l'Hermitage** for your final night (evening meal included at a local restaurant).

DAY 09 LEAVE PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel l'Hermitage
***Les Sables d'Ocre
***Mas de la Sénancole
***Hôtel du Poète
***

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Delightful walking through the timeless Luberon landscape
- Heady mix of lavender, wild herbs, olives, pine and colourful flowers
- Dazzling ochre cliffs; stunningly beautiful villages; endless swaying vines; superb views of Mont Ventoux



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in *** hotels
- All breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Walking transfers
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades available
- Extra nights in Pernes-les-Fontaines
- City break add-ons in Paris or Avignon



Gordes

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

Arrive at the **Hôtel l'Hermitage** and relax with a dip in the pool or explore the grounds before dinner (included) in a local restaurant.

DAY 02 PERNES-LES-FONTAINES TO LES IMBERTS 30KM/19MI OR 35KM/22MI

Cycle along the Canal de Carpentras, then head to L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue with its riverside cafés. Continue to Fontaine-de-Vaucluse followed by a climb and stunning views across the Luberon Valley. Stay at the **Mas de la Sénancole** for the next two nights (dinner included).

DAY 03 AT LES IMBERTS OPTIONAL 9KM/6MI

Make your way to the mediaeval village of Gordes for one of the best views over the Luberon. Explore the village and castle then take a taxi up to l'Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque.

DAY 04 LES IMBERTS TO APT 33KM/21MI OR 37KM/23.5MI

Head through tranquil countryside and make the short climb up to Roussillon, the start of the Ochre Trail. Continue on to Gargas, visit the Ochre Mines of Bruoux, then on to Apt for a drink in the old town. You stay at the **Hôtel Sainte Anne** for two nights (pay locally for dinner).

DAY 05 AT APT

Explore Apt, the ancient cathedral, narrow alleyways and the two museums. Market day is Tuesday and Saturday – worth a visit to pick up truffles or traditional Provençal arts and crafts.

DAY 06 APT TO MAUBEC 36KM/22.5MI

Follow the greenway (previously a railway track) along the River Calavon to Pont Julien, a stone bridge built in Roman times. Continue on past the perched villages of Lacoste and Bonnieux, to Maubec. Your hotel for the next two nights is **La Bastide du Bois Bréant**. Dinner is included at a local restaurant.

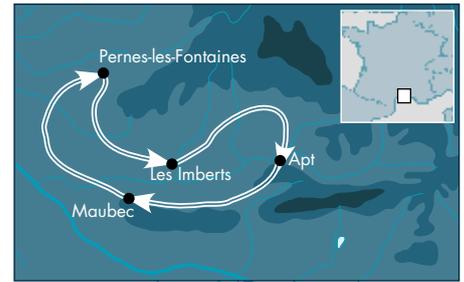
DAY 07 AT MAUBEC OPTIONAL 26KM/16.5MI

Options today include circular rides to the pretty villages of Lagnes, Taillades and Robion. Alternatively, take a taxi (payable locally) to explore historical Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

DAY 08 MAUBEC TO PERNES-LES-FONTAINES 38KM/24MI

Pedal out past orchards to the mediaeval town of Le Thor, before continuing to hilltop Thouzon to visit its castle and caves. Explore mediaeval Pernes-les-Fontaines before returning to the **Hôtel l'Hermitage**. Your final dinner (included) is taken in a local restaurant.

DAY 09 LEAVE PERNES-LES-FONTAINES



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Vineyards, olive groves and apple orchards, punctuated by canals and clear, flowing rivers
- Perched villages, mediaeval towns and castles
- Mountain backdrops and the region's famous lavender scent



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- High quality bikes
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- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
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- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Electric bikes available
- Extra nights in Pernes-les-Fontaines
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WHERE YOU STAY



Hôtel l'Hermitage



Mas de la Sénancole



Hôtel Sainte Anne



La Bastide du Bois Bréant



Bonnieux

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

Arrive at the **Hôtel l'Hermitage**. There's time to explore the grounds before dinner (included at a local restaurant).

DAY 02 PERNES-LES-FONTAINES TO ROUSSILLON 45KM/28.5MI OR 50KM/31.5MI

Set off along the Canal de Carpentras to L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Continue to the pretty village of Fontaine-de-Vaucluse then climb to enjoy views of the Luberon before descending to Roussillon. Stay at **Les Sables d'Ocre** for the next two nights (pay locally for dinner).

DAY 03 AT ROUSSILLON OPTIONAL 24KM/15MI

Explore Roussillon, one of *Les Plus Beaux Villages de France*, and discover its ochre-red rocks and stone buildings. Head out to nearby Jocas then climb to the famous mediaeval village of Gordes, where you can marvel at the fantastic views and explore the castle.

DAY 04 ROUSSILLON TO MAUBEC 45KM/28.5MI

Take the Ochre Trail to the village of Gargas and visit the Ochre Mines of Bruoux. Take the cycle path to the mediaeval town of Apt then continue on to enjoy Bonnieux with its lovely château, the ruined castle at Lacoste, and Ménerbes, made famous by author Peter Mayle. You stay at **La Bastide du Bois Bréant** and dinner is included on your two nights here.

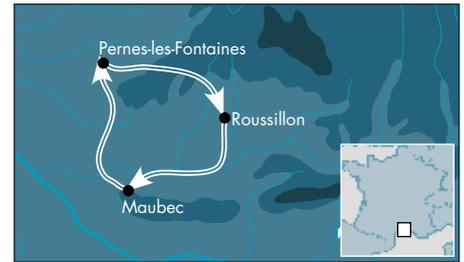
DAY 05 AT MAUBEC OPTIONAL 26KM/16.5MI

Choose either a circular ride past orchards and meadows to the pretty villages of Lagnes, Taillades (visit the beautiful watermill) and Robion or, take a taxi to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, with its delightful old town, Roman site and monastery.

DAY 06 MAUBEC TO PERNES-LES-FONTAINES 38KM/24MI

Follow lanes, through orchards, to the mediaeval town of Le Thor, then pass the ruins of the monastery at Thouzon. Continue on to Pernes-les-Fontaines and explore the mediaeval old town before returning to the **Hôtel l'Hermitage** for dinner (included at a local restaurant).

DAY 07 LEAVE PERNES-LES-FONTAINES



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- A lavender-scented patchwork of sun drenched vineyards, olive groves and apple orchards
- Mediaeval perched villages: Gordes and Bonnieux, with spectacular views across the Luberon
- Quiet country lanes and cycle paths in beautiful Provençal countryside



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- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

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- Electric bikes available
- Extra nights in Pernes-les-Fontaines
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WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel l'Hermitage
***Les Sables d'Ocre
***La Bastide du Bois Bréant



Seguret

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

Arrive at the **Hôtel l'Hermitage** in time for dinner (included) at a local restaurant.

DAY 02 PERNES-LES-FONTAINES TO BÉDOIN

34KM/21.5MI

Head to Saint-Didier, where you can climb to pretty Venasque with its three Saracen towers. Pass Malemort-du-Comtat and drop down into Mazan with its Roman church. Climb steadily towards Bédoin and the **Hôtel Les Pins**, where you stay for two nights (dinner included).

DAY 3 AT BÉDOIN

Explore this lively village, home to the church of Saint-Antonin, with its unique Spanish style. Bédoin is also the gateway to Mont Ventoux, for more hardy cyclists! Follow cycle routes to the Château Pesquié for a stroll in the vines, a guided cellar tour, or a picnic lunch in the gardens.

DAY 04 BÉDOIN TO VAISON-LA-ROMAINE

30KM/19MI

Visit the perched village of Crillon-le-Brave then cross the Carpentras plain to Caromb, a partly fortified town. A short, steep ascent takes you to the Lac du Paty. Continuing downhill, it is a flat bowl along country lanes to the Roman garrison town of Vaison-la-Romaine and **Hôtel Burrhus**, where you spend two nights (dinner included).

DAY 05 AT VAISON-LA-ROMAINE

Vaison has France's most extensive Roman remains including a 6,000-seat theatre, a 2,000-year-old single arch bridge, baths, houses and streets. Explore the narrow mediaeval streets of the Haute Ville.

DAY 06 VAISON-LA-ROMAINE TO VACQUEYRAS

27KM/17MI

Pedal via Roaix to cross the Ouvèze River into mediaeval Séguret – one of the most beautiful villages in France. There's a C15 fountain, a C14 belfry and a ruined feudal castle with great views. You spend two nights at the **Hôtel Montmirail** with dinner included.

DAY 07 AT VACQUEYRAS

Head to Orange, just 20km away, to discover two marvellous UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Alternatively, explore the wide choice of local vineyards, or relax by the pool.

DAY 08 VACQUEYRAS TO PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

30KM/19MI

Cycle through the Côtes du Rhône vineyards and explore Vacqueyras' caves. Detour to mediaeval Carpentras, before returning to the **Hôtel l'Hermitage** in fountain-filled Pernes-les-Fontaines (dinner included at a local restaurant).

DAY 09 LEAVE PERNES-LES-FONTAINES



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Easy interest-packed cycling on Provençal plains and foothills
- Famous Côtes du Rhône vineyards: Gigondas and Vacqueyras
- Extensive Roman remains at Vaison-la-Romaine and UNESCO Orange



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WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel l'Hermitage
***Hôtel Les Pins
***Hôtel Burrhus
***Hôtel Montmirail



Gigondas vineyards and the Dentelles de Montmirail

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DAY 02 PERNES-LES-FONTAINES TO VACQUEYRAS

31KM/19.5MI

Set out from Pernes-les-Fontaines with spectacular views of Mont Ventoux and the Dentelles de Montmirail. Then off to the market town of Aubignan – with C14 ramparts and a pretty old quarter, it's the perfect lunch spot. Next stop, the wine village of Vacqueyras. You'll stay at the **Hôtel Montmirail** for the next two nights (dinner included).

DAY 03 AT VACQUEYRAS

OPTIONAL 16KM/10MI

Choose to either cycle past vineyards to the village of Gigondas, famous for its ruby-red wine, or take a taxi to explore Orange with its famous UNESCO sites or to Châteauneuf-du-Pape for wine-tastings.

DAY 04 VACQUEYRAS TO MAZAN

25KM/16MI

First stop today is Beaufort-de-Venise with its muscat wines and olive oil museum. Cycle in the shadow of Mont Ventoux to the fortified village of Caromb then to Mazan, where you stay in the C18 **Château de Mazan** for the next two nights (dinner included).

DAY 05 AT MAZAN

27KM/17MI

Take a ride to the lively village of Bédoin – gateway to Mont Ventoux for more hardy cyclists! Follow cycle routes to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and stroll through the vines, enjoy a circular tour or have a picnic in the gardens.

DAY 06 MAZAN TO PERNES-LES-FONTAINES

26KM/16.5MI OR 21KM/13.5MI

Follow empty lanes and vineyard tracks to Malemort-du-Comtat before reaching Venasque, listed as one of the 'Most Beautiful Villages of France'. Head down to St-Didier for lunch and back via the old town of Pernes-les-Fontaines to the **Hôtel l'Hermitage**. Your last evening meal is included at a local restaurant.

DAY 07 LEAVE PERNES-LES-FONTAINES



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Gentle cycling between the vineyards of the Côtes-du-Rhône and Ventoux appellations
- Colourful mediaeval towns and villages; eclectic markets; good local wines with plenty of tasting opportunities
- Quiet lanes and tranquil countryside at the foot of the Dentelles de Montmirail hamlets



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★★★Hôtel Montmirail
★★★Château de Mazan
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