

New for 2010

Côtes du Rhône Wine Package

3 days / 2 nights

The Provençal village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape is nestled in the Vaucluse area, between Orange and Avignon in Côtes du Rhône, a wine-growing Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) for the Rhône wine region of France. The local vineyards are famous for their red wines, which have been prized since the 14th century when the Papal Court took summer residence in this small town. Your accommodation is in the lovely 4★ Les Agassins (*photo, right*), a Provençal manor house located just outside of Avignon (2.5 miles outside Avignon town center) where you'll learn more about Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines during your visit and wine tastings at the 100-year-old Maison Bouachon estate.



Your 2-night Côtes du Rhône package includes

- 2 nights accommodations
- Wine tasting at Maison Bouachon winery
- 3-day economy manual car rental
- Welcome bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine
- 1 gastronomic dinner at "La Table des Agapes"
- Daily breakfast
- Hotel taxes and service fees

~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Day 1 ~ Arrive Avignon: Pick-up your rental car at a point convenient to your drive to Le Pontet to check into Les Agassins for your Côtes du Rhône wine experience with a welcome bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape in your room. (*Accommodations, Les Agassins*)

Day 2 ~ Le Pontet: After your included breakfast, make ready for a wonderful day of wine tasting and dining. (*Breakfast & accommodation, Les Agassins*)



• **Wine tasting at Le Pavillon des Vins Maison Bouachon** Maison Bouachon was born in 1898, building on traditions dating from the 14th century when the Pope's court moved to Avignon. Pope John XXII, (1316-1334) had a castle built several kilometres from Avignon. It was then someone planted wines where "excellent wines were harvested." Known as the Pope's wine, the wines eventually became the internationally acclaimed Châteauneuf du Pape. In 2001, Maison Bouachon became part of Skalli Family Wines though Maison Bouachon wines remain true to their southern origins. Located on the left bank of the Rhone River, vintners pile stones from the river at the foot of the vines (*photo, right*) to retain the heat of the day to keep the vines warm at night, accelerating the maturation process.



• **Four-course gastronomic dinner** at La Table des Agapes at Les Agassins, specializing in the richness and diversity of the markets of Provence, and a well-stocked cellar offer with some of the greatest wines of the region and of France.

Day 3 – Depart Le Pontet: After breakfast, ready for your next Avanti destination. (*Breakfast, Les Agassins*)

For information and reservations, please see your professional travel agent.

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