

Paris & Provence with TGV

7 days / 6 nights

Recommended Vacation Package (RVP)

Note: Itinerary can be planned in either order

Departs daily (except July)

Imagine three delicious nights in Paris, the City of Lights, then experience the beauty and history of Provence in the storied South of France, long a popular destination for sophisticated travelers world-wide.

Your 6-night Paris & Provence with TGV package includes

In Paris ~	In Avignon ~
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 nights Paris hotel • 3 day Central Zone Paris Visite Pass • Half-day Paris city tour and lunch cruise on Seine • 1st class TGV Paris to Avignon with reservation • Daily breakfast • Hotel taxes and service charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 nights Avignon hotel • Entrance to The Pope's Palace • Entrance to Pont d'Avignon • 1 hour cruise on the Rhone river • 3 course gastronomic dinner • Daily breakfast • Hotel taxes and service charges

~ Additional pre and post nights available upon request ~

Day 1 ~ Paris: Arrive in the City of Lights by rail or air and check into your hotel. Optional airport and rail station meet-and-greet transfers available. (*Accommodation, Paris*)

- **Paris Visite Pass** is the best way to get around Paris without fighting the traffic. Available from Avanti Destinations, a Visite Pass is good for unlimited travel on the Metro subway and surface buses in Paris for either zones 1-3 or 1-5. A zones 1 – 3 Visite Pass includes 95% of the Paris sights most travelers wish to see.



Day 2 ~ Paris: After breakfast, the highlight of your stay in Paris is your city tour, lunch and cruise. (*Breakfast & accommodation, Paris*)



- **Lunch Cruise & Paris City Tour** Tour starts with a Seine River cruise past 32 of the city's 37 bridges, footbridges and viaducts, with lunch served from a three course menu which includes a choice of five appetizers, five main courses and four desserts, an aperitif, wines, mineral water and coffee. Then at 2:30 p.m. start your city tour seeing the Place de la Concorde, Le Madeleine Church, Opera Garnier, the Champs Elysees and the Arc de Triomphe, with a 15-minute photo stop at the Eiffel Tower. Continuing on you see the Tuileries Gardens and Louvre Museum, with a 20-minute photo stop at Notre Dame Cathedral. On La Rive Gauche (Left Bank), you will see the Latin Quarter, La Sorbonne, Le Pantheon, the Luxembourg Gardens, St. Germain Church, and Les Invalides. (*Departs daily at 11:30 a.m. with pick up from and return to your hotel in an eight-passenger air-conditioned minibus with an English-speaking driver/guide. Lasts 4 hours. No entrance fees included.*)

Day 3 ~ Paris: After breakfast, you have the day at leisure, armed with your Visite pass, ready to explore, shop or relax to your hearts content, or try one of Avanti's optional day tours or excursions: (*Breakfast & accommodation, Paris*)

- **Couture Discount Shopping Walking Tour** daily at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for a unique tour into the fashion editor & insider's world of the most select resale shops. (*No hotel pick-up, lasts 4 hours.*)
- Enjoy a show at the **Lido**, the **Moulin Rouge** or the **Crazy Horse**, with or without dinner.

Day 4 ~ Paris to Avignon: After breakfast, check out of your hotel for your rail journey via the TGV to Avignon. Check into your Avignon hotel before exploring the town that was site of the Avignon Papacy, a period from 1309 to 1377 where seven popes, all French, resided.

(Breakfast, Paris; accommodation, Avignon)

About the TGV (“tay-jay-vay” in French)

France’s TGV or *Train à Grande Vitesse*, French for high-speed train, are the world’s standard for speed, comfort and safety. These trains average 182 miles per hour between most cities, with the exception of the new TGV Est trains from Paris to select destinations in Germany that average 200 mph. Service is timely, smooth, with comfortable seating, dining facilities and snack service at your seat. *Best of all Avanti Destinations makes of your rail travel arrangements for you directly with Rail Europe for your complete convenience.*



Day 5 ~ Avignon: After breakfast, you’re off to your two self-guided tours of the day. Pick up your combination ticket for both tours and your one-hour Rhone River Cruise at the offices of *Self Provence Voyages*. If your tour is for Saturday or Sunday you will be notified about your tickets upon arrival at your Avignon hotel. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Avignon)*



• **Entrance to Pope's Palace with audio guide**

The Pope’s Palace, the residence of the Pontiffs during the 14th Century, is the biggest Gothic Palace in the world. There are 25 rooms to visit in the Palace: ceremonial rooms, chapels, cloister, the private papal apartments, with their priceless frescoes. Your audio-guide is in English. *(Arrive on your own, recommended visiting time is 1½ hours.)*



• **Entrance to Pont d'Avignon with audio guide**

The "Pont d'Avignon" is known the world over. Construction of the bridge started in the 12th Century though parts of the bridge were continually swept away by floods of the Rhone River before work was finally abandoned in the 17th Century. Your audio-guide is in English. *(Arrive on your own, allow at least 30 minutes.)*

• **Rhone River Cruise** – One of the best ways to see the Pont d'Avignon and the beauty of the city is from the river on your 1-hour cruise. Cruise times will be in your documents - just show up at the dock with your combination ticket at your choice of times. *(Arrive on your own to cruise dock.)*



Day 6 ~ Avignon: After breakfast, you have your day at leisure to explore or people watch before your dinner this evening. Or, enjoy one of Avanti’s optional day tours. *(Breakfast & accommodation, Avignon.)*

- **3 course dinner at Restaurant** The address of your restaurant and reservation time will be in your information packet at your Avignon hotel when you arrive. *(Does not include drinks or gratuities. Please present voucher prior to ordering.)*

Optional Day tours and Excursions ~

• **Half-day Van Gogh in Provence Tour**

Operates Monday, Thursday & Saturday

• **Half-day Best of Provence Tour**

Operates Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

• **Half-day Culture and Wine Tour**

Operates Monday, Thursday & Saturday

• **Full-day All of Provence Tour**

Operates Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Day 7 ~ Avignon: After breakfast, depart for home or your next Avanti Destinations adventure. *(Breakfast, Avignon)*