





Provence & Southeast France

WITH ITS SHIMMERING COAST AND RUSTIC PROVENÇAL HEART, the Mediterranean south has a timeless allure. Driving here you'll travel through wildly divergent landscapes: cinematic coastline, rugged hinterland and bucolic valleys.

The Cote d'Azur's glamorous cities, deep-blue Med and chic hilltop villages never fail to delight. Inland, you'll weave between fragrant fields, forested gorges and Roman ruins. Skip over the sea to the unspoilt island delights of Corsica or be engulfed in the lush green wetlands of the Camargue.

Along the way you'll connect with the poets, painters and writers who flocked here during the 20th century, chasing sun and inspiration.

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21 Roman Provence 7 Days

Provence's impressive Roman treasures line up along this leisurely drive. (p235)

22 Lavender Route 4–5 Days

The region at its prettiest, with flowery fields and rustic villages. (p245)

Classic Trip

23 The Corniches 3 Days

Not one but *three* thrilling coastal roads – the ultimate French drive. (p253)

Classic Trip

24 Riviera Cruising 7 Days

The best beaches, cities, villages and nature along the Med coast. (p263)

25 Modern Art Meander 7 Days

A cross-region route that traces the haunts of modern art's greatest. (p273)

26 Southern Seduction en Corse 10 Days

This jaunt along Corsica's southern coast takes in plenty of history. (p283)

27 Corsican Coast Cruiser 5 Days

Discover western Corsica's majestic mountain peaks and covetable sandy coves. (p293)

28 The Camargue 4 Days

Loop through the wild, lush wetlands where bulls and white horses roam. (p303)



DON'T MISS

The Road up Mont Ventoux

Relive 14 gruelling Tour de France ascents from behind the wheel. Feel the cycling love on Trip **22**

Le Merenda, Nice

The simple, sunny, bold standards at this tiny bistro are Nice on a plate. Sample on Trips **23 24 25**

Hôtel Nord-Pinus, Arles

What other hotel (or city) boasts embedded Roman columns and bullfighters' trophies? Visit on Trips **21 25 28**

Orange's Roman Arc de Triomphe

This monument's detailed carvings are a fascinating peek into what got your average Roman foot soldier excited. Get close on Trip **21**

Pastis

Always ask for this aniseed-flavoured liqueur by brand. We like the herbal Henri Bardouin or the spicy Janot. Sip on Trips **21 22 23 24 25 28**



Mont Ventoux Cycling to the observatory