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PROVENCE & SOUTHEAST FRANCE

ROAD TRIPS

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Reviews

In the Destinations section:

All reviews are ordered in our authors' preference, starting with their most preferred option. Additionally:

Sights are arranged in the geographic order that we suggest you visit them and, within this order, by author preference.

Eating and Sleeping reviews are ordered by price range (budget, midrange, top end) and, within these ranges, by author preference.

Map Legend

Routes

- Trip Route
- Trip Detour
- Linked Trip
- Walk Route
- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian
- Overpass
- Walk Track/Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Cliff
- Wall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Cable Car/Funicular
- Parking
- Train/Railway
- Tram
- Underground Train Station

Trips

- Trip Numbers
- Trip Stop
- Walking tour
- Trip Detour

Route Markers

- E-road network
- National network

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Glacier

Areas

- Beach
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Park
- Forest
- Urban Area
- Sportsground

Symbols In This Book

- Top Tips
- Link Your Trips
- Tips from Locals
- Trip Detour
- History & Culture
- Family
- Food & Drink
- Outdoors
- Essential Photo
- Walking Tour
- Eating
- Sleeping

- Sights
- Beaches
- Activities
- Courses
- Tours
- Festivals & Events
- Sleeping
- Eating
- Drinking
- Entertainment
- Shopping
- Information & Transport

These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

- Telephone number
- Opening hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Air-conditioning
- Internet access
- Wi-fi access
- Swimming pool
- Vegetarian selection
- English-language menu
- Family-friendly
- Pet-friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Tram
- Train
- apt apartments
- d double rooms
- dm dorm beds
- q quad rooms
- r rooms
- s single rooms
- ste suites
- tr triple rooms
- tw twin rooms

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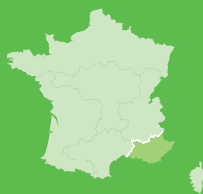
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Road Trips

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Roman Provence 7 Days

Provence's impressive Roman treasures line up along this leisurely drive. (p19)

2

Lavender Route 4–5 Days

The region at its prettiest, with flowery fields and rustic villages. (p27)

3

Modern Art Meander 7 Days

A cross-region route that traces the haunts of modern art's greats. (p35)

4

The Camargue 4 Days

Loop through the wild, lush wetlands where bulls and white horses roam. (p43)



Choux
Veet
de notre
jardin
24 leky

Petites Bêtes
Nouvelles de
notre production
9,90 la
botte

Celeri b
3,2 le kg
celle pav
3,50 le kg

Les Car...



Destinations

Nîmes & Around (p52)

A magnificent Roman amphitheatre, museums and markets compete for attention in this bustling commercial area.

Provence (p59)

With its picturesque lavender fields and delectable cuisine, Provence is a feast for the senses.

The French Riviera (p89)

Life's a beach in this idyllic region, as popular for its sun, sea and sand as it is for its arts scene.

Left: Market, Aix-en-Provence (p59)

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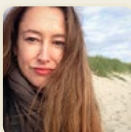


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