Arts & Markets of Provence

May 13 - 22, 2022

Join IFAM Associate Producer Josh Schrei and local Provençal arts experts for ten days exploring the vibrant arts and markets of Provence. Join us as we visit quaint medieval towns and pay homage to a varied regional arts tradition that includes ceramics, traditional basket weaving, fabric design, printmaking, lavender and olive wood arts and more. We'll also celebrate the culinary treasures of the region, as we sample local olive oils, cheeses, wines, and chocolates.

May 13th – 22nd
Cost — $6,700 + $500 donation to the International Folk Art Market. Includes all accommodations + meals + entry fees + travel within France. Single supplement available.

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Full itinerary

Friday, May 13
Arrive in Nice, transfer to the Palais de la Méditerranée hotel, rest day, group dinner.

Saturday, May 14
Visit Cours Saleya Food and Flower market in Nice and sample local delicacies. Afternoon visit to the Chagall Museum and the Matisse Museum.

Sunday, May 15
Transfer via coach from Nice to Cassis, where we’ll enjoy an oceanside lunch and then take a boat ride into the famed Calanques National Park, with stunning white cliffs and aqua blue water. Short drive to Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, check into Le Vallon des Valrugues Hotel.
Monday, May 16
Scenic drive to Les Baux de Provence where we’ll visit the ruins of a medieval castle and then experience the stunning artistry of the Carrières des Lumières. We’ll visit a traditional Provençal lavender wand studio for a workshop with the artist, then after lunch we’ll meet Prune Faux, a plumassière who does high end traditional featherwork. A light meal in the olive groves, and a free evening at the hotel.

Tuesday, May 17
Visit the breathtaking medieval town of Gordes. Tuesday is market day in Gordes, and we’ll shop for local fabrics, lavender, soaps and culinary delicacies. After lunch visit to Roussillon, a town famed for its ochre deposits and stunning red pottery.

Wednesday, May 18
Market day in Saint-Rémy. After a packed few days, we’ll settle into a more relaxed pace, with a morning trip to the market, a picnic lunch, and a free afternoon and evening to shop and dine at your leisure.

Thursday, May 19
Continuing our exploration of the arts and artist studios of Provence, with visits to fabric artists, block print artists, and olive wood artists.

Friday, May 20
Market day in lovely Lourmarin. We’ll sample local food delicacies, experience Provençal cheese and chocolate, and then follow it up with an afternoon drive to the beautiful villages of Menerbes and Bonnieux and a visit with Ruth Ribancourt to learn about 18th century Provençal fabrics and ribbons.

Saturday, May 21
No trip to Provence would be complete without visiting Aix-En-Provence, the city of art. We’ll spend the day visiting local galleries and artist studios.

Sunday, May 22
Morning breakfast together, and maybe one final trip to the market! Return drive to Nice to catch afternoon or evening flights.

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