



FRENCH RIVIERA TO BARCELONA BIKE TRIP

The glamour of the French Riviera, the culture and history of Provence and Andorra, the spectacular roads of the Pyrenees, Gaudi's city of Barcelona, and the breathtaking passes of the French Alps. Adding the rich and delicious cuisine and wine makes this tour a pure pleasure.





DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO NICE

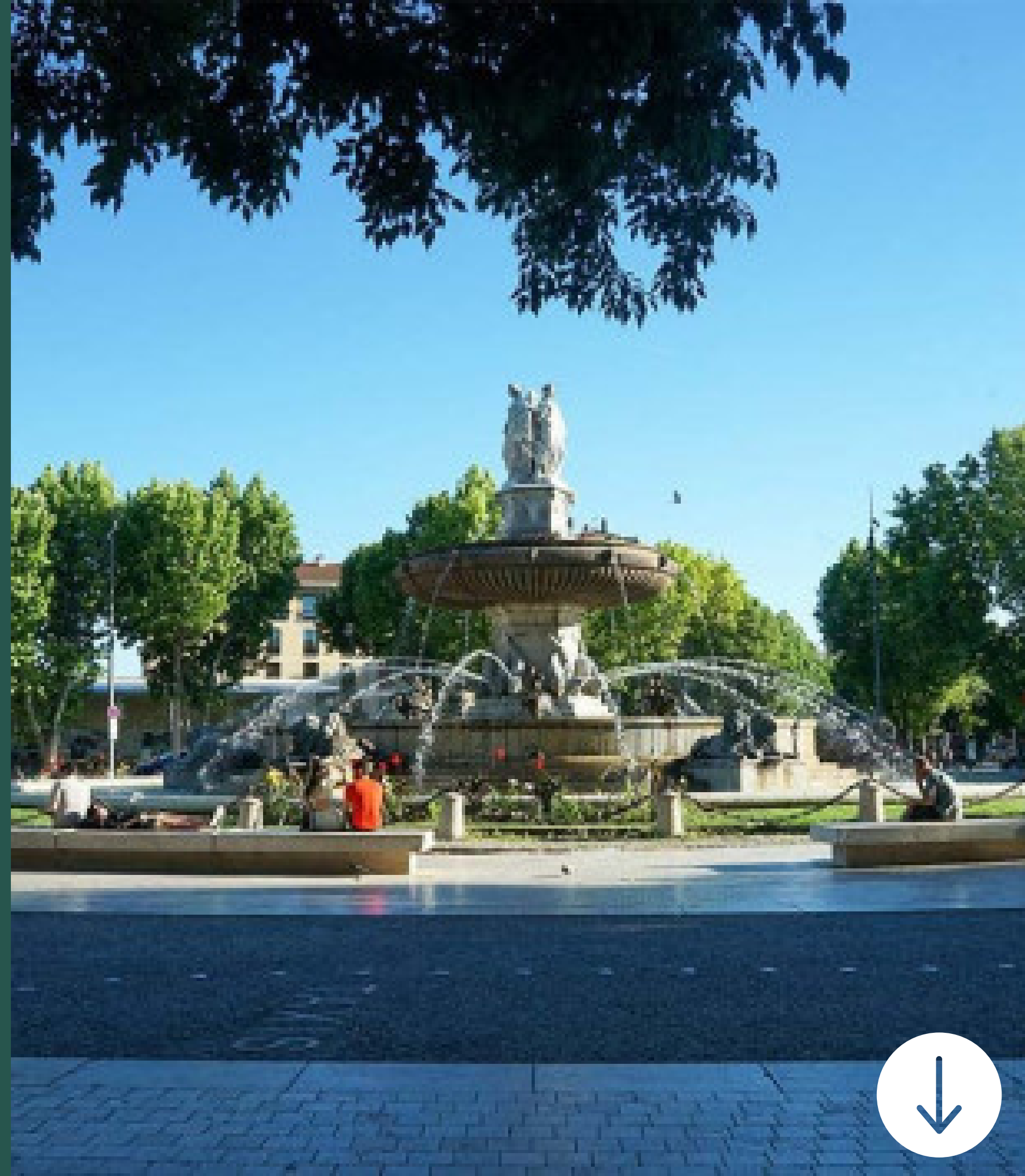
Welcome to Nice and the Côte d'Azur. We will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel. Before our 4 pm introductory briefing at the hotel, head to Promenade des Anglais and stroll on one of the most famous waterfronts in the world. Soak in the Mediterranean scent and marvel at the “La Belle Époque” heritage. Palm-lined avenues are home to grand villas and old hotels built at the end of the 19th century, a period of great political and social progress of French Society.





DAY 2: NICE - AIX-EN-PROVENCE

We start the day by following the Route of Napoleon with sweeping bends and altitude changes, which make this a spectacular ride. The center of the perfume industry since the 18th century, Grasse can awaken all your senses. The route continues via the amazing Grand Canyon du Verdon, akin to Arizona's Grand Canyon, deep, wild and beautiful. Scattered vineyards, olive plantations and lavender fields around us provide poetic scenery as we ride all the way to Aix. Staying in the center of the town will reveal all the hustle and bustle of Provence's capital





DAY 3: AIX-EN-PROVENCE - VERCORS

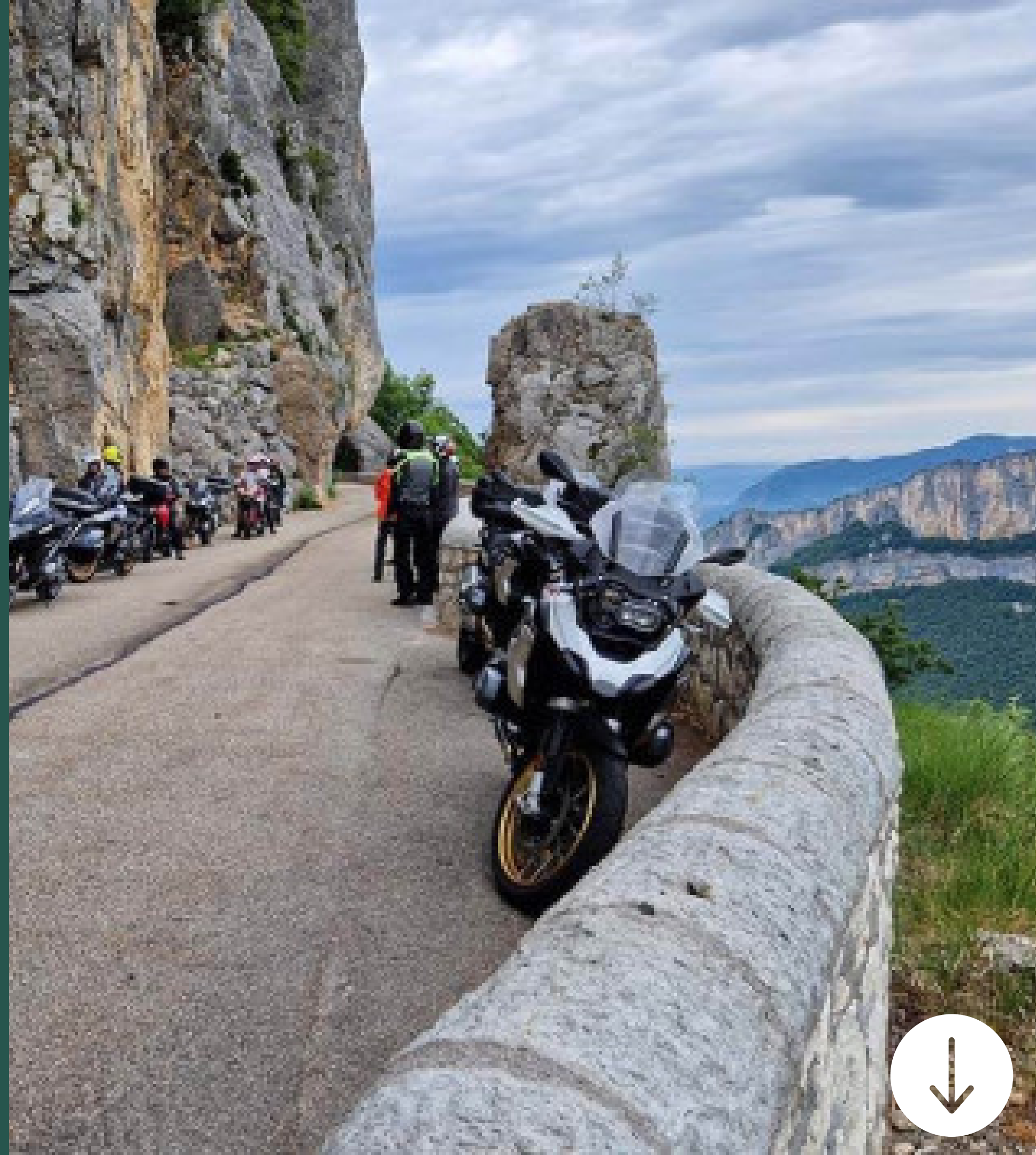
Heading north, we leave Aix and cruise through Luberon National Park to get a glimpse of charming villages like Gordes or Roussillon. Next, we ride over the Provence's mightiest peak, Mont Ventoux, described by some as the hardest of all the Tour de France climbs. Good riding takes us all the way to Vercors Massif, also known as "The Fortress" or "The French Dolomites". A group of limestone plateaus surrounded by 1000ft limestone cliffs holds one of the most interesting "balcony roads" in these parts of the world.





DAY 4: VERCORS - CEVENNES NP

First thing in the morning, the road D76 is on the schedule! This tunneled, cliff-hanging road along the Combe Laval Canyon inspires with Alpine beauty and majestic panoramic views of Vercors. Our afternoon ride takes us across the river Rhone and west towards the Central Massif area. Our today's destination is Cévennes National Park, home to fun winding roads, forested landscapes, rivers and canyons.





DAY 5: CEVENNES NP - CARCASSONNE

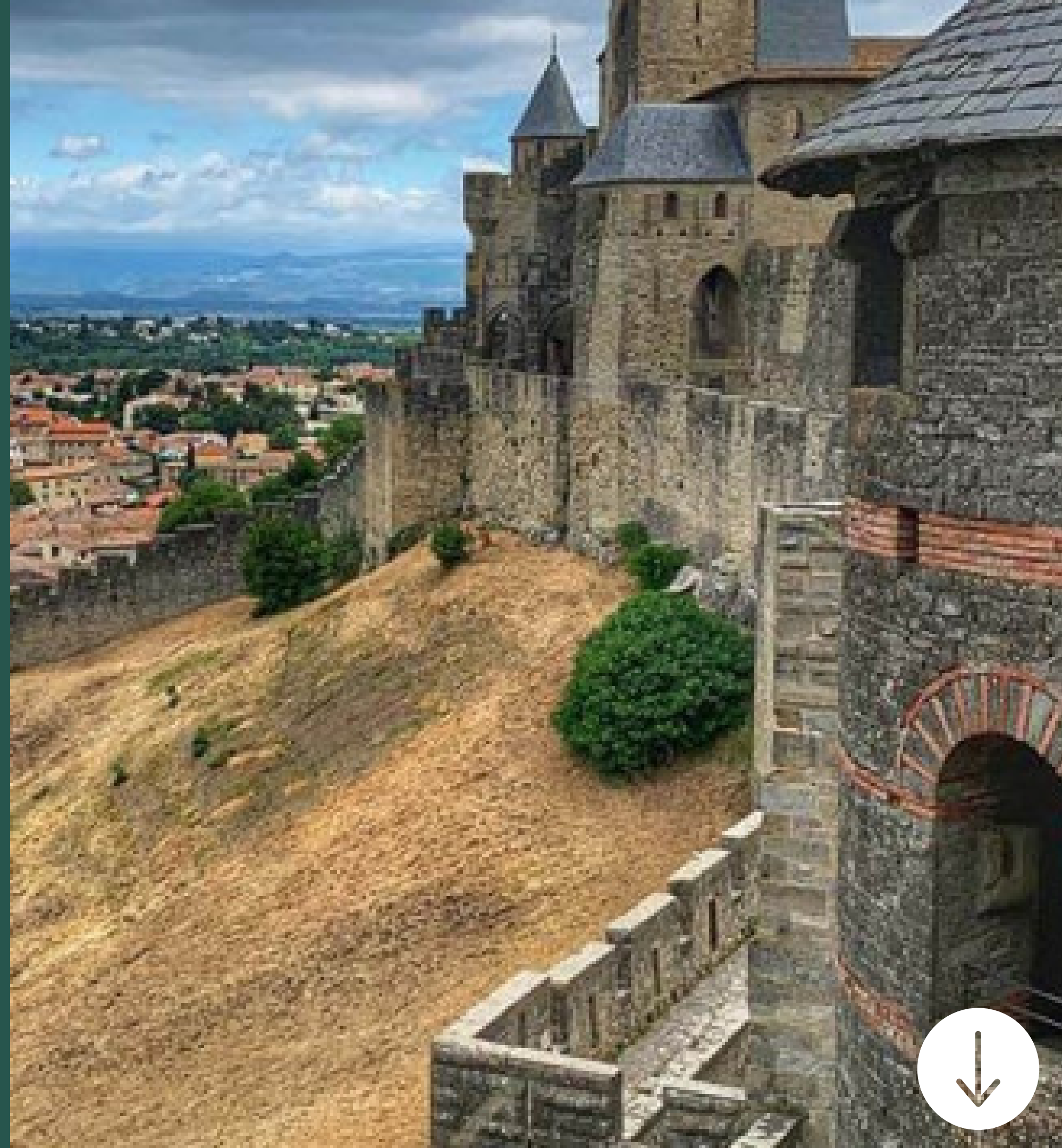
The follow the river Tarn towards Millau and see the remarkable modern viaduct—the tallest in the world. It was built by the English architect Sir Norman Foster and French structural engineer Dr. Michel Virlogeux. Impressive sight indeed! Later in the day we reach Carcassonne, a magnificent fortified town and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.





DAY 6: REST DAY IN CARCASSONNE

A day for exploring the outstanding medieval fortified town of Carcassonne, built on a formation of rocks. It has been there for over two millennia and is today an attractive tourist town to visit. We'll tour the impressive defense architecture with a 3 km long wall and 52 towers protecting the inner town, keeping La Cité safe and sound from outside invaders. Well, today mostly from the weather.





DAY 7: CARCASSONNE - ANDORRA

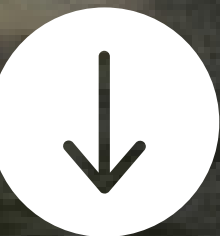
We'll leave the medieval charm of Carcassonne behind and embark on a scenic ride to the hidden gem of Andorra, nestled in the Pyrenees Mountains. The journey offers a rewarding experience through picturesque landscapes and charming villages, zigzagging along gentle curves over the beautiful Pyrenees Mountains before arriving in Andorra, the sixth smallest country in Europe.





DAY 8: ANDORRA – BARCELONA

Leaving the wild beauty of Andorra, nestled between France and Spain, we will find ourselves on the beautifully curved roads of the Pyrenees as soon as we step out of the hotel. The stunning vistas of the rugged Pyrenees Mountains will accompany us throughout the day as we head south to Spain, snaking through the long sweepers towards sunny Barcelona, one of Europe's trendiest and most visited cities.





DAY 9: REST DAY IN BARCELONA

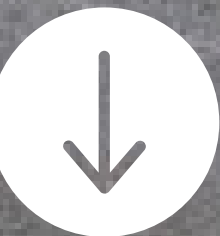
Today's rest day will definitely be spent off the bike as we explore one of the most interesting and exhilarating cities in the world. Its historical importance as a strategic Mediterranean port has kept it prominent since the Roman Era, fostering a rich cultural melting pot. Artists have made their mark on the city's architecture with masterpieces like Gaudí's Sagrada Familia and Park Güell, and have honored the city by establishing museums for their collections, such as those by Picasso and Miró.





DAY 10 : BARCELONA – ARGELES-SUR-MER

After two nights in the city, we are ready to hit the road again, heading towards France. Today's ride will be a mix of mountainous routes over the Pyrenees and some coastal riding before arriving in Argelès-sur-Mer, a French seaside resort at the foot of the Albères Mountains, where the Pyrenees plunge into the sea.





DAY 11: ARGELES-SUR-MER – AVIGNON

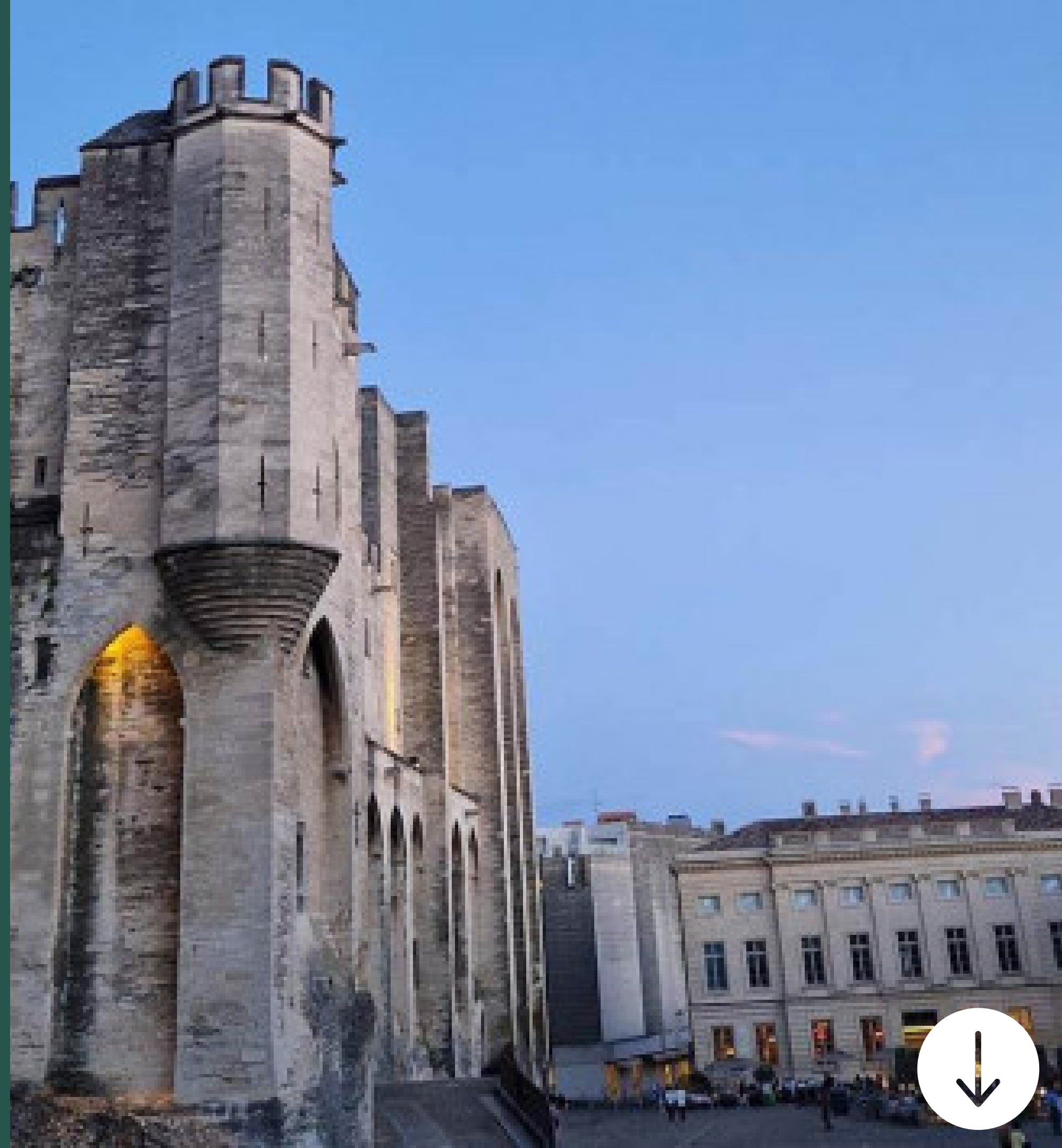
Our tour leaves the Mediterranean and turns back east to Provence. The destination for the day is Avignon, a city well-known to everyone. Today's ride will first include some highway travel to take us further north and inland, riding through a region full of small picturesque villages and gentle curves. Next on the itinerary is the mighty Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, conveniently located for us to visit just before entering the majestic Avignon.





DAY 12 : REST DAY IN AVIGNON

Jump in the saddle and ride out to explore Gordes or L'isle Sur le Sorgre and nearby Luberon. Head south to Camargue National Park to catch a glimpse of flamingos in their ascent from the ground, and stop in famous Arles on the way back. For some Roman inspiration, the best preserved Roman theatre in the world lies in Orange. Or stay in Avignon and relax, it indeed is a great place to spend the day.





DAY 13: AVIGNON - EMBRUN

We leave inner Provence, heading northeast. It's all about the captivating scenery, sitting beneath the mountains of the Hautes Alpes and the northern edge of the Alpes de Haute Provence, overlooking the blue Serre-Ponçon Lake – a perfect stop for the day! In Embrun, we settle in for a one of a kind accommodation.





DAY 14 : EMBRUN - NICE

We'll start our way back to Nice for our final dinner and closing of the tour. The area still has good roads laid down for us, so keep your focus. The route grinds through the Lower Alps and Provence with nice curvy parts and over some lower mountains almost all the way to the coast.





DAY 15: DEPARTURE FROM NICE

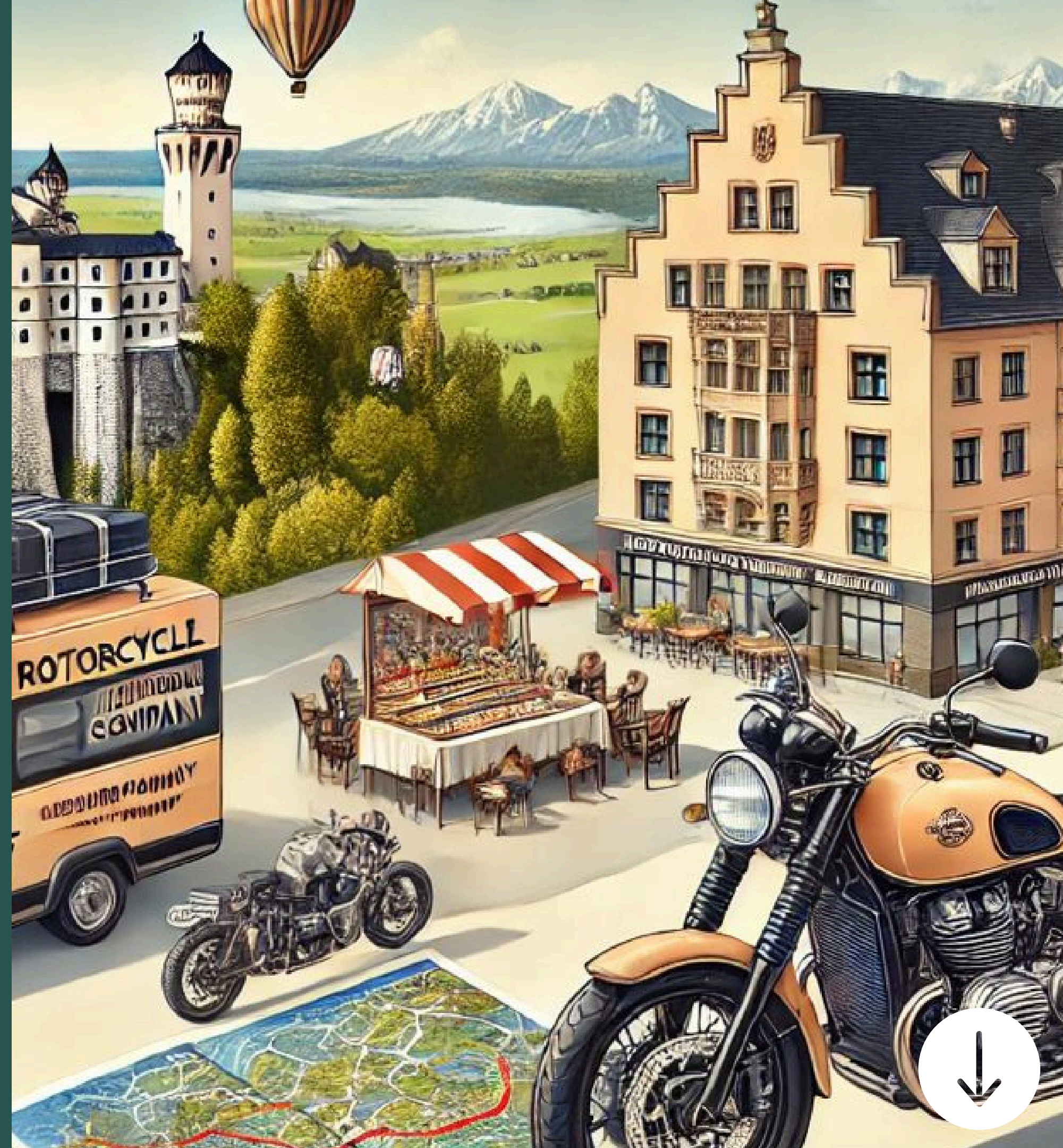
Departure from Nice. All good things come to an end. With new experiences and memories, we'll say goodbye to our new friends and riders, wishing everyone a safe journey in their future endeavors with high hopes of meeting again.





INCLUDES:

- Late model motorcycle with lockable top case plus a Third party liability insurance and Comprehensive vehicle insurance.
- Experienced guide on a motorcycle.
- Support van for luggage, souvenirs, and 1 or 2 passengers.
- 14 nights accommodation in quality, mostly 4**** hotels.
- 14 breakfasts in the hotel.
- 11 dinners, mostly in traditional local restaurants.
- Airport transfers up to 5 days prior to the tour start, on the last day of the tour and one day after the tour.
- All maps with marked routes for the region being toured.
- Extensive tour booklet.
- GPS with all the routes uploaded.





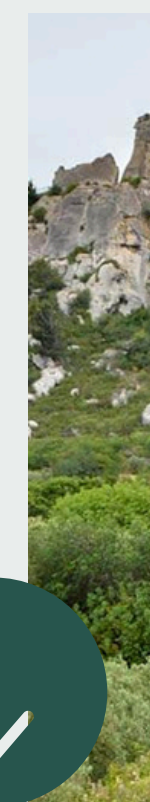
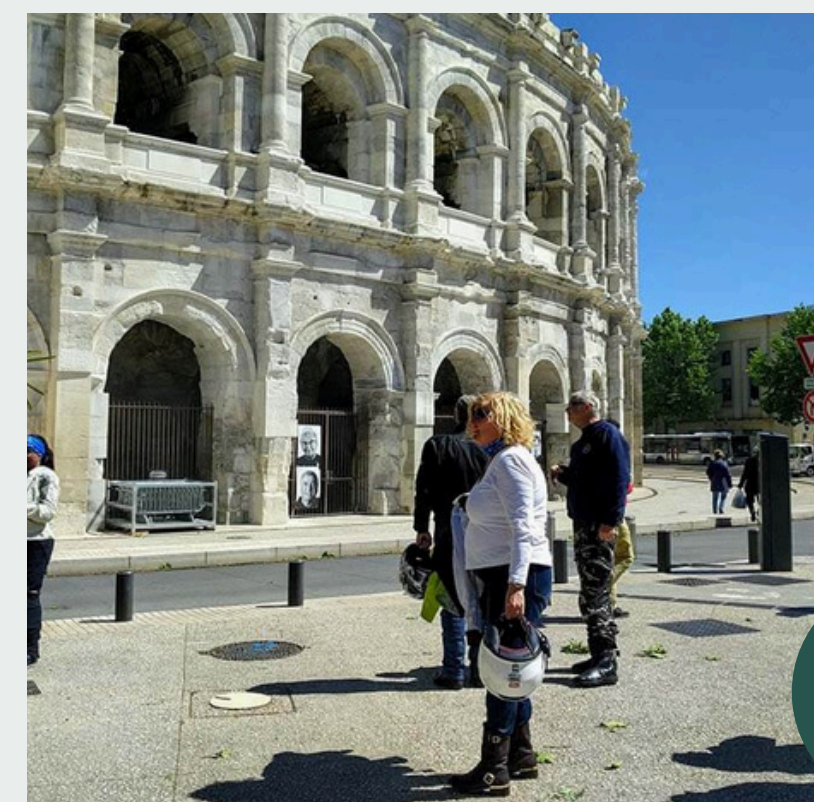
NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

Air ticket, dinners on rest days, most lunches, drinks, gasoline, tolls, Visa, personal spending, and tips.





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