

# PROPOSAL OF YOUR TRIP TO OCCITANIE



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Diner in Montpellier



Château de Flaugergues, Montpellier

## Your two-week Trip

**Itinerary:** <https://tinyurl.com/3u5hw3ds>

**Week 1:** Montpellier - from 19<sup>th</sup> July till 25<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Week 2:** Nîmes - from 25<sup>th</sup> July till 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026

### Day 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> July - Arrival in Montpellier

#### Accommodation:

Welcome to Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, part of Montpellier metropolis. You will check-in with Agnès at your peaceful converted wine cellar guesthouse, located between lagoons, vineyards, and the Mediterranean coast, only a 10-minute bike ride from the beach. With breakfasts included, you will enjoy two bedrooms connected by a shared bathroom, as well as access to the garden and its small swimming pool. Upon availability, Agnès also offers relaxing massages on site, a perfect way to unwind after your journey.

### Day 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> July - Maguelone Cathedral and Beaches

Today you can explore the surrounding natural areas by bike, following scenic cycling paths through lagoons, vineyards, and protected coastal environments.

Visit the beautiful Maguelone Cathedral, located on a narrow strip of land between sea and lagoon. Here you can enjoy lunch while supporting a local social reintegration initiative run by the cathedral estate. Continue toward wild Mediterranean beaches, where you can relax, swim, and observe local birdlife including flamingos and herons.

### Day 3 - 21<sup>st</sup> July - Montpellier, Wine Estate and Mushroom Farming

Today you can cycle to Montpellier, a vibrant Mediterranean city combining historic charm and contemporary culture.

Park your bikes in the new underground bicycle parking facility under Place de la Comédie and explore the elegant historic center, lively squares and pedestrian streets.

In the afternoon, enjoy a unique experience with your local host at a historic wine estate with a permaculture farm. Discover the vineyards and visit a fascinating underground mushroom farm located in a former WWII bunker. Conclude the visit with a tasting of local wines and craft beer produced on site.



Cathedral's vineyard in Villeneuve



BnB in villeneuve



BnB in Villeneuve

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## Day 4 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Pic Saint-Loup Natural Park

Today you may drive up and explore the Pic Saint-Loup region, one of southern France's most iconic natural landscapes.

Enjoy hiking opportunities, scenic drives, vineyard visits, or simply relaxing in peaceful natural surroundings.

The area offers spectacular views over vineyards, limestone cliffs and Mediterranean plains, and is also known for its excellent local wines.

## Day 5 - 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert & Hérault Valley

Discover Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, one of France's most beautiful villages, located in the stunning Hérault Valley.

Explore medieval streets, visit the historic abbey and enjoy nature walks along the river or across local hills. Swimming and relaxation in preserved natural areas is possible if you wish.

A farewell dinner suggestion will be provided in a local restaurant featuring fresh seasonal cuisine with vegetarian options.

## Day 6 - 24<sup>th</sup> July - Chill before you go

Here is a day to relax and enjoy your last day at your own pace, before you hit the road tomorrow.

## Day 7 - 25<sup>th</sup> July - Scenic Transfer to Nîmes

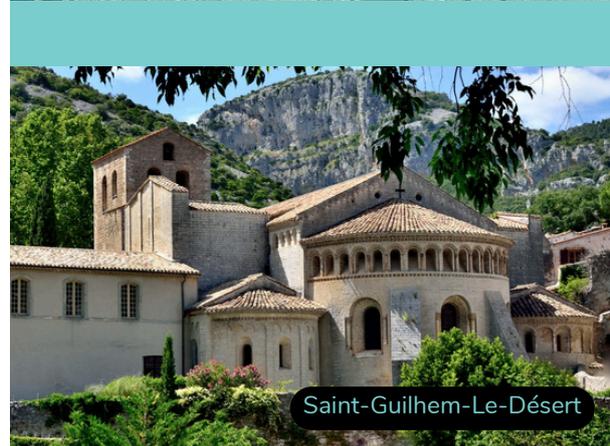
Head to your next accommodation via the seaside road.

We recommend stopping for lunch in Carnon, a small Mediterranean harbour known for its relaxed atmosphere and seafood restaurants (vegetarian options available).

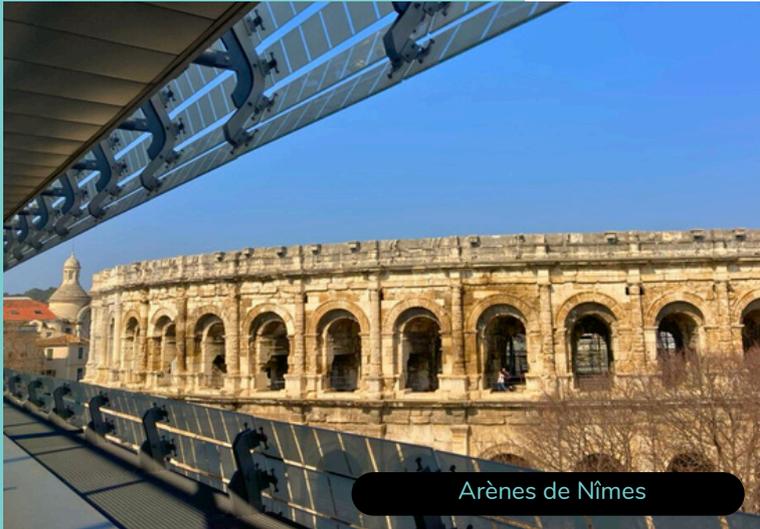
In the afternoon, stop at a vineyard in Lansargues, an area producing fresh and elegant wines influenced by sea breezes.

Continue to Nelly's property, where your gîte and charming caravane await. Nestled in the Nîmes scrubland (garrigue), your accommodation invites you to settle into this charming stone Mazet. Ideally located just minutes from the heart of the city, you will enjoy a privileged setting combining calm and serenity in a 6,500 m<sup>2</sup> preserved garden with swimming pool, while remaining close to the cultural richness of the Roman city.

## LOCATIONS



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Arènes de Nîmes



Rooftop of Musée de la Romanité

## LOCATIONS



Gîte in Nîmes



Pont d'Avignon



Estézargues

### Day 8 - 26<sup>th</sup> July - Discovering Nîmes, the French Rome

Today discover Nîmes, often called the "French Rome" thanks to its remarkable Roman heritage.

Start your exploration with the spectacular Arena of Nîmes, one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world.

Continue to the "Musée de la Romanité" or Maison Carrée, the latter is a beautifully preserved Roman temple that recently joined the UNESCO World Heritage list. Grab lunch in the famous Halles or on the rooftop of the museum, then enjoy a digestive walk through the Jardins de la Fontaine, one of Europe's oldest public gardens. You can also climb to the Tour Magne for panoramic views over the city, and end the day in the historic center with dinner in one of the lively squares.

### Day 9 - 27<sup>th</sup> July - Avignon, City of Popes

Today you may visit Avignon, one of the most important historic cities in southern France.

Explore the famous Palais des Papes, the largest Gothic palace in Europe, and walk along the medieval streets of the old town.

You can also see the legendary Pont d'Avignon, immortalised in the famous French song.

On your way back to Nîmes, you can also enjoy the option of visiting an organic lavender local farm!

### Day 10 - 28<sup>th</sup> July - Estézargues and Pont du Gard

Head to the charming typical Southern French village of Estézargues, between olive trees and vineyards.

At the bottom of the local church, you can head for lunch at the new off-the-beaten-path "bistro", offering local wine and seasonal cuisine based on fresh local ingredients, with excellent vegetarian options.

You can also enjoy a visit at the local natural wine cellar or the olive oil mill ran by your local expert's family, before heading to the Pont du Gard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located 10min away.

It is one of the most impressive Roman aqueducts in existence !

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Pont du Gard



Tour Fenestrelle d'Uzès

## Day 11 – 29<sup>th</sup> July - Uzès and the Provençal Countryside

Today explore Uzès, a charming town considered one of the most beautiful in the region.

Its elegant squares, stone houses and shaded streets offer a perfect place to wander.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, Uzès hosts one of the most famous markets in southern France, where you can discover local cheeses, olives, honey, fruits and crafts.

After lunch, enjoy a gentle walk or a scenic drive through the surrounding countryside dotted with vineyards, olive groves and small villages.

## Day 12 – 30<sup>th</sup> July - Camargue Natural Park

Today discover the Camargue, one of Europe's most unique wetland landscapes. This vast protected region is famous for its white horses, pink flamingos and black bulls.

You may explore the salt marshes in Aigues-Mortes, on foot or by bike, or visit the beautiful seaside town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. The Camargue offers a completely different atmosphere – wild, open and deeply connected to nature.

## Day 13 – 31<sup>st</sup> July - Anduze, Bamboo Forest & Steam Train

Today head toward the Cévennes foothills. Start with a ride aboard the historic Cévennes steam train, travelling through spectacular landscapes between Anduze and Saint-Jean-du-Gard.

Afterwards visit the extraordinary Bambouseraie d'Anduze, one of Europe's largest bamboo gardens, where giant bamboo forests, Japanese gardens and tropical plants create a unique atmosphere. Return to your accommodation in the late afternoon.

## Day 14 – 1<sup>st</sup> August - Departure

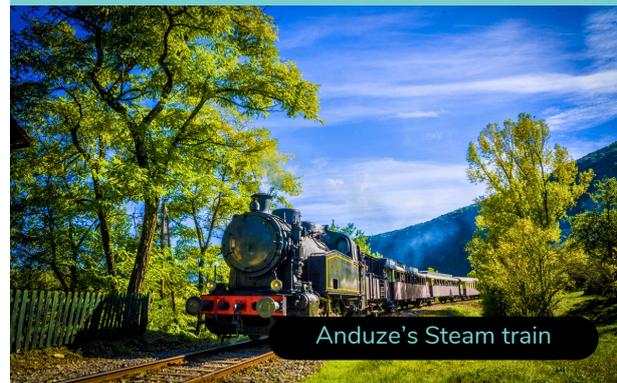
Your journey through Southern France comes to an end. After breakfast, it is time to head home with your bags filled with wonderful memories of Mediterranean landscapes, historic cities, vineyards and nature.

**TOTAL FOR 3 PEOPLE €3 670**  
**PER PERSON €1 223,33**

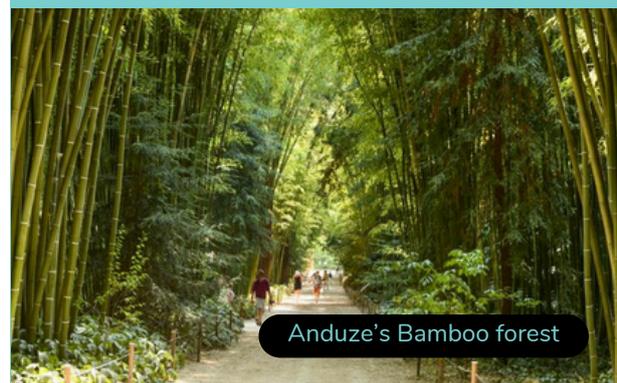
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Aigues-Mortes, Camargue



Anduze's Steam train



Anduze's Bamboo forest

# RECOMMANDATIONS

## WHAT IS OR NOT INCLUDED ?



### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 13 nights accommodations; 6 nights with 2 bedrooms with a connected bathroom in a BnB in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone, 7 nights in a gite with a caravane in Nîmes
- Your itinerary across Southern France
- All our best recommandations for walking and cycling hikes, restaurants and contacts for guided visits or local guides
- Activities
  - 1 bike rental for 2 days in Villeneuve Lès Maguelone
  - 3 tickets for an experience with organic wine tasting in a wine chateau and beer tasting, including visit of gardens and permaculture farm with Alice, your local expert in Montpellier
  - 3 steam train tickets in Anduze
- Meals
  - All breakfasts in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone

### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance. We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance to cover unforeseen events, such as cancellations, medical emergencies, or lost luggage
- Transportation to and from the Netherlands, across France and in your spare time
- Meals : all meals and beverages not mentioned above are at the travelers' expense
- Tips for the different partners throughout your trip
- Massage provided by Agnès in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone and any activities not listed as included above

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Weather forecast**

Southern France in summer typically experiences warm temperatures, but it's always best to pack some warm and rain clothes.

#### **Packing**

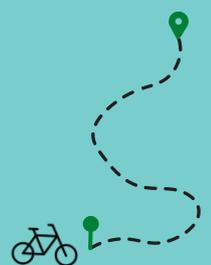
Opt for comfortable walking shoes and versatile clothing items that can be layered for changing weather conditions.

#### **Travel Documents and Essentials**

Although you will be in the EU, please make sure to carry all necessary travel documents, including ID/passports, travel insurance information, your itineraries...

#### **Travel Security and Safety**

Although we ensure that your trip is as safe as possible, we recommend that you keep your belongings secure at all times. Be vigilant in crowded areas and avoid displaying valuable items openly.



# WELCOME TO SOUTHERN FRANCE

Dear members of Better Places,

We hope that this travel proposal finds you enthusiastic about your next holidays with us. On behalf of the entire team, we'd like to sincerely thank you for wanting to travel differently and support a meaningful local economy.

By booking a holiday with us, you would be contributing to the development of a more responsible and sustainable form of tourism, with a focus on preserving culture and the environment. We are honoured to accompany you on an adventure that promises to be participatory, learning and memorable.

We're delighted to offer you an exciting program for your stay, including visits and cultural experiences between Nîmes and Montpellier.

By booking with us, you will become agents of change and ambassadors for ecotourism. Your presence will have a positive impact on our terroir and local area, as each of your interactions and shared experiences helps to strengthen our local economy and maintain and develop biodiversity.

We do our utmost to make your stay unforgettable and offer you a unique, authentic and positive experience.

Once again, thank you for choosing us for your holidays in France and if you have any questions or specific requests regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and ensure your stay will be as enjoyable as possible.

Enjoy your trip with Better Places!

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