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# 8-14 Day Drôme Provençale & The Château de Rochegude Itinerary

# Château de Rochegude-Highlights

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# Château de Rochegude

Welcome to the Château, kingdom of truffles and black olives

In Rochegude, this hotel is located in the heart of a region known as the Drôme Provençale, the northern section of Provence famous for its wines, its fruits and produce, and the gourmet's delight, the truffle.

The Château de Rochegude is a 4 star deluxe hotel. It is founding member of the Châteaux and Hotel de France chain, often called the most beautiful hotel chain in the world.

The hotel the Château de Rochegude proposes 25 rooms and suites with luxurious private baths, satellite TV, mini-bar, and individually controlled air conditioning and heating.

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As a deluxe hotel, all the rooms have individual airconditioning, bathtub, hair dryer, flat screen television with international channels, mini-bar and canopy bed. Some rooms have a terrace with an exceptional view over the Côtesdu-Rhône vineyards, the Mont Ventoux and the Dentelles de Montmirail. The "Lavender" room has a Jacuzzi. The gourmet restaurant at the hotel the Château de Rochegude offers a cuisine recognized and renowned for its regional specialties.

Customized Private Tours and Excursions for this itinerary include: Valence, Montelimar, Orange, Avignon, Nîmes, Arles, Luberon, Alpilles The exact itineraries will be crafted based on your passions and interests and information we develop in our Creative Planning Session for your journey. Special Venues – Celebrity Hosted Events – Exclusive Inclusions – VIP Behindthe-Scene Experiencs – Unique Adventures - Specialty Passions & Themed Programs

Below are just a few sample experiences to get your own ideas motivated.



# Cooking class with a michelin starred chef in Valence

It is her signature style, the distinctly feminine simplicity toys with the quest for perfection and asserts itself with bold flavors, that Anne-Sophie Pic shares today in her new cooking school: a style that has been shaped by her own apprenticeships and

encounters. Beginners and

experienced cooks, individuals and businesses will learn to cook, whether by honing basic skills or by trying a new flavor pairings dreamed up by Anne-Sophie Pic. And children are not forgotten! If her cooking had to be summed up in just three words, it would be respect, taste and simplicity: a particularly feminine simplicity that laughs off the quest for perfection and asserts itself with direct flavors.



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#### Hot air ballooning in the Luberon

The newest balloon base is located half way between the Alps and the Mediterranean at Forcalquier, in Haute Provence. Come and discover this landscape of hilltop villages, lavander fileds, wild sage and other hidden treasures which only a balloon ride can reveal! Balloon rides in Provence only take place in the morning, as in the afternoon weather conditions are not favourable.

#### Visit to a private garden in the Luberon

Exclusive and private visit to a garden which was created by the late Nicole de Vesian, on a rocky terrace, created out of a steep, brushy hillside where a sophisticated and artful meeting of mineral and plant forms melt into the other.

Perched on the western slope of the Luberon, La Louve came to life in 1987 when Nicole de Vesian acquired a village house with its adjoining land.



Needing constant clipping, the garden is composed of Mediterranean plants, evergreen for the most part, set in a framework of local stone and river pebbles from the Durance which maintain humidity and discourage weeds. The guiding idea of the garden has been to create an environment out of the play of shadow and form in harmony with its natural surroundings.



Visit to a Cistercian Abbey in the Luberon

In the morning, drive north to the fabulous stone village of Gordes, and admire the many bories on the way to the Sénanque Abbey.

Sitting in a deep valley, Notre Dame de Sénanque remains one of the purest examples of primitive Cistercian architecture. A community of Cistercian monks still lives there. The entire 12th century structure is open for visit (church, cloister, dormitory, chapterhouse and

calefactory).

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### Guided visit to Vaison la Romaine

Take an afternoon to visit Vaison-la-Romaine, a town rich in art and in cultural heritage. The town flourished in the middle ages and in a more recent past. However, Vaisonla-Romaine owes its modern-day fame to its ancient Roman history.



Gallo-Roman vestiges are spread over two different sites (La Villasse



and Puymin), making Vaison-la-Romaine one of the largest archeological sites in France. Beginning in 1907, the Abbey Sautel spent 48 years discovering the galloroman treasures buried under the

houses and gardens of the lower town. The medieval portion of the town, perched on a hill, overlooks the main Counts of Toulouse

town with its impressive castle of the Counts of Toulouse.

#### Visit to Fondation Lambert in Avignon

A very special visit to the Yvon Lambert Collection housed in the hôtel de Caumont, a late 18th-century mansion in the very heart of this walled city. Yvon Lambert, a gallery owner, has collected artist works that represent different currents in contemporary art. The museum brings the collection to life by presenting the works either in chronological order or by theme, which offers visitors a new interpretation of the past thirty years.





#### Pont du gard in a canoe

In the charming village of Collias, located by the Gardon River you will take your canoe and will be led by an English-speaking coach for a descent from the village to reach the Pont du Gard, part of an impressive system of channels and tunnels and it has survived intact over a period of some 2000 years.



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It is a technical as well as an artistic masterpiece which was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1985. This activity is perfect for the families who wish to enjoy sports activities doable by every member of the family aged from 6-year old! A fun way to discover the Garden landscapes.

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