



Aboutique small group tour, carefully created by Amanda Taylor-Ace inspired by her love of Provence. Join Amanda and Chef Theo Michaels (www.TheoMichaels.com) as they share their « joie de vivre » - the joy of living.

Theo Michaels was born in London to a large Greek Cypriot family. Making the semi-finals of BBC TV's MasterChef in 2014 spurred him into giving up corporate life to become a chef, food writer and occasionally on the telly and radio. Theo has been published three times with his fourth book due out March 2020.



Spend 13 fabulous days based in the restored 18th century villas, nestled in a typical Provencal hillside village, enjoying all day sun within a walled garden covered with vines, outdoor terraces and swimming pool. Be treated to the regional sightseeing highlights and gourmet delights, while enjoying a range of evening entertainment.

Register now – very limited spaces.

Experience Provence Tour 2020

*with the fabulous Amanda Taylor-Ace
& top English Chef Theo Michaels*

For lovers of fine wine, food, laughter and life -
this is the tour dreams are made of.

**Saturday, 9th May
to Friday, 22nd May 2020
13 day Tour**

*A Small Group Holiday Adventure Tour
for 7-10 People*



Joie de Vivre
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Tour Itinerary

Day 1, Saturday 9th May 2020

9.30am pick up from Avignon. We take you directly to Villeneuve les Avignon to experience the fabulous antique market and to enjoy a pre-lunch taster of shucked oysters and prawns with Pic Poule de Pinet. We will lunch by the River Rhone before driving to St Maximin and your place of residence for the next 13 days at the maisons. You will settle into your rooms, freshen up, and unpack.

19.00 We will all meet for Apero of Amanda's famous "Beaujolais Soup" and savoury cakes made by Francoise.

20.30 An authentic French dinner cooked by Franscoise and accordion music by husband Maurice.

Day 2, Sunday 10th May

8.00am breakfast (same time every morning).

8.30am a basic French Lesson with Maurice. 9.30am Meet Gaby the Deputy Mayor of Saint Maximin, for a wonderful walk through the country side from the village to Uzes. Other option is to visit the local flea market and look for treasures amongst the trash. Walkers will be picked up and brought back to the flea market.

Lunch at the Maison. Relax by pool.

19.00 Apero (same time every evening)

20.00 Dinner by one of our chefs or local village restaurant.

Day 3, Monday 11th May

Excursion to Les Baux de Provence and Carrieres de Lumieres. (Information sheet provided). Own lunch today – baguette or a banquet from several cafes and restaurants.

Return to Maisons – 19.00 apero and dinner by one of our chefs & music.

Day 4, Tuesday 12th May

The Excursion today to be decided, taking everything into account, weather, unforeseen circumstances i.e. roadworks, etc. Some excursions can be switched to suit. A list of top places of interest, eg Nimes, Arles, Orange, Saintes Maries de La Mer, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, L'Isle

Sur la Sorgue & Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, Roussillon & Gordes, Vaison La Romaine. Everyone gets an input.

Own lunch on excursion days, which leaves you free to explore and meet at the prearranged place and time to return to the Maison. Map and information on town/village supplied.

19.00 Apero followed by dinner by one of our chefs & music.

Day 5, Wednesday 13th May

After breakfast we leave for Uzes, only 4 km from St Maximin. Uzes is the Premier Duche of France with a reigning Duke and Duchess. Wednesday is the Uzes Producers Market and not to be missed. Street map and information provided. We will all meet for lunch in the square, overlooking the fountain at "Terroirs", in Place Aux Herbes. More exploring the ancient cobbled streets and alleys of Uzes before returning to the Maison. Dinner and music at the Maison or at local restaurant.

Day 6, Thursday 14th May

Fun day kayaking down the Gardon River and a gourmet picnic on the river bank, chilling our wine in the river while we swim, taking in the awesome spectacle of the Pont Du Gard. (Kayaking optional – for those not wishing to kayak, you will be transported to the Pont du Gard Museum and a short walk down to the river from there to meet for the picnic on the river bank).

Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Day 7, Friday 15th May

Excursion to Saint Quentin La Poterie, a working pottery village famous for its at least 18 artelliers, where you can watch potters work.

Lunch today to be decided from our many options.

Pizza and party night in the Jardin D'ete with "Compass Ole", our fabulous Gypsy musicians – put your dancing shoes on.

Day 8, Saturday 16th May

After breakfast we leave for the Uzes Saturday Market. Uzes boasts the best market for miles around and it is. Great photo opportunities and present buying. Titilate your senses with all the pleasures you will experience.

Today we lunch at a local cafe in Uzes.

A light dinner and music back at the Maison.



Day 9, Sunday 17th May

The excursion today to be decided.

Dinner at Maison with our fabulous Chef Theo Michaels.

Day 10, Monday 18th May

Excursion to be decided and lunch at local Restaurant in the countryside.

Dinner and Music at the Maison.

Day 11, Tuesday 19th May

The excursion today to be decided.

Dinner at Maison with our fabulous Chef Theo Michaels.

Day 12, Wednesday 20th May

Excursion to St Remy All-day Market, You are free to enjoy the market, the many streets of wonderful boutiques and historical buildings.

Your own lunch today.

Dinner at the Maison with Chef Theo Michaels maybe his famous « Kleftiko » Greek slow cooked lamb.

Day 13, Thursday 21st May

Excursion to be decided or last minute shopping and parcel posting!

Tonight is Paella night in my summer kitchen cooked by our fabulous chef Michel (or is it Michelle ??) music.

Day 14, Friday 22nd May

10am Avignon Train station.

Au Revoir avec bisous.

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TOUR COST

In Euros:

- Single room 4,250 Euros
- Shared room 3,900 Euros
- One option for Self-contained Studio – Boudoir
Chambre D'amour 4,500 Euros

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

La joie de vivre - The joy of living