

PLEASURES *of* Provence

**NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT**
for Solo
Travelers

AIX-EN-PROVENCE



Alumni Travel

May 25 – June 2, 2027

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Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends of Dartmouth,

Join us, in partnership with the Rassias Center, for an enriching seven-night immersion in the picturesque Provence region of France. Unpack once in a first-class hotel in Aix-en-Provence ("Aix"), your home for the week. From there, set out on curated excursions through the Provençal countryside and participate in four French language sessions using The Rassias Method.® Led by the accompanying Rassias language and local instructors, each workshop offers personalized guidance, deep linguistic insight and cultural perspective.

Get acquainted with Aix during a guided stroll along the enchanting Cours Mirabeau and feel the artist's presence on a visit to Paul Cézanne's atelier. Discover medieval Avignon with a tour of the 14th-century Palais des Papes and marvel at the remarkably preserved Pont du Gard aqueduct, a feat of Roman engineering. Explore antiquity-rich Arles on a guided walk among ancient Roman ruins, including the colossal Les Arènes amphitheatre. Plus, delight in a winery tour and Rhône tasting in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, visit a truffle plantation and olive grove to search for fresh truffles, and learn to play the beloved game of pétanque!

Thoughtfully designed for educational enrichment with expert guides, language instructors and lecturers, this exceptional program is a perennial favorite. Guarantee your spot by making your reservation today!

Warm Regards from Hanover,



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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Centre of Avignon:
Papal Palace
2. Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)
3. Arles, Roman & Romanesque Monuments

Cathédrale Saint-Trophime, Arles



Palais des Papes, Avignon





Discovery begins here



On this extraordinary sojourn, immerse yourself in the quintessential pleasures of Provence, where color and light magically transform into captivating vistas. You'll savor renowned wine and cuisine, marvel at ancient ruins and enjoy exploring picturesque Provençal villages and storied, historic cities. Plus, discover your own muse inside Paul Cézanne's studio and among the breathtaking Provençal landscapes that inspired Vincent van Gogh.

Top: Palais des Papes, Avignon | Above: Truffle hors d'oeuvres | Cover: Aix-en-Provence

Mail panel: Roman amphitheatre, Arles | Market, Aix

Inspiring Moments



- Stroll the iconic **Cours Mirabeau** in **Aix-en-Provence**.
- Immerse yourself in the artist's life on a tour of **Paul Cézanne's atelier**.
- Cruise through the dramatic limestone inlets of the **Calanques of Cassis**.
- Discover **antiquity-rich Arles** and its colossal Roman amphitheatre.
- Marvel at **Avignon's Pope's Palace** and the **Pont du Gard** aqueduct, built by the Romans in 19 B.C.
- Savor a Rhône tasting in the wine-making village of **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**.
- Join in the hunt for France's elusive "black gold" at a **truffle plantation**.
- Participate in four engaging sessions of **French language instruction**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Pont du Gard

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Marseille, France. 🚗

Day 2 | Marseille | Aix-en-Provence

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 and check in to the hotel in Aix, your home for the week.

Join your Travel Director for a brief orientation walk in Aix to get acquainted with the area.

Welcome Reception & Dinner. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to toast the week ahead in a warm, convivial atmosphere.

Day 3 | Aix-en-Provence

Language Lesson: *Parlons-nous Français*

Begin the first of four engaging French language sessions, led by the accompanying Dartmouth language professor and a local instructor, who offer personalized guidance and cultural insight.

Aix-en-Provence. Explore this captivating capital of Provence, affectionately called “Aix” by locals. Enjoy a guided stroll beneath the lovely canopy of plane trees along the wide Cours Mirabeau, one of Europe’s most beautiful boulevards. Stroll past terrace cafés, quaint bookshops and elegant mansions adorned with wrought-iron balconies and sculpted façades from the 17th and 18th centuries. Admire the sacred Aix-en-Provence Cathedral, featuring three architectural styles, and the baroque Place de l’Hôtel de Ville. See Paul Cézanne’s childhood home. The artist was born in Aix and later returned to live and establish his final painting studio, nestled on Lauves Hill.

Cézanne’s studio, Aix

Cézanne’s Studio. Visit l’Atelier des Lauves and sense the master’s presence among the models for his final still lifes and the furnishings and tools he used. Imagine the visionary at work with majestic Sainte-Victoire, his beloved motif, rising in the distance. Gain a deeper appreciation for Cézanne’s enduring influence on Post-Impressionism and modern art.

Tonight, gather at an Aix restaurant for an authentic Provençal dinner.

Day 4 | Cassis

Language Lesson: *Parlons-nous Français*

Cassis & its Calanques. Take a scenic drive to Cassis, a picture-perfect fishing village bathed in Mediterranean sunshine. Arrive and savor a delicious lunch featuring seafood and regional specialties. Next, cruise through the famous calanques and marvel at the dramatic limestone cliffs, secluded inlets and striking rock spires rising above dazzling turquoise waters.

Return to Cassis, meander through town if time permits, then return to your hotel in Aix.





Day 5 | Arles

Free Time: Stroll the outdoor markets of Aix.

Language Lesson: *Parlons-nous Français*

Arles & Les Arènes Tour. Enjoy a guided walk along Arles' winding cobblestone streets, passing Roman ruins and buildings adorned with colorful shutters. Visit Les Arènes, the enormous Roman colosseum that still hosts bullfights. Admire the Church of St. Trophime and its cloister, a Romanesque masterpiece, and pass by Café Van Gogh, which inspired the artist's iconic "Café Terrace at Night."

Free Time: Amble around Arles at leisure.

Day 6 | Avignon

Palais des Papes. Revel in ancient history and Gothic architecture on a guided visit to the massive, medieval Pope's Palace. Tour the Old and New Palaces, the papal residences for seven popes in the 14th century when the papal court moved from Rome to Avignon. Gain insight into the palace's storied, turbulent

past, and marvel at the faded, centuries-old frescoes and the Pope's Chamber, where the Pope's private apartments were located.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Relish a scenic drive to the southern Rhône Valley and the famed wine-making village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Visit a winery for a tour and lunch, then savor a tasting of classic, full-bodied Rhône wines.

Pont du Gard. Contemplate this colossal, ancient wonder and architectural masterpiece, built by the Romans in 19 B.C. The remarkably preserved, three-tiered aqueduct is hailed as a Roman engineering marvel, constructed without mortar to carry water to Nîmes. Walk across the remarkable 160-foot-high bridge and stroll along the Gard River amid peaceful, natural surroundings.

Enrichment: *Splendors of Aix-en-Provence and the South of France*

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Cathédrale Saint-Trophime, Arles





Day 7 | Cadenet

AHI Connects | Les Pastras. Travel to the striking Luberon mountain region for a tour of Les Pastras, an organic truffle plantation and olive grove run by a Franco-American couple. Join professional hunters in search of France's elusive "black gold." Savor a tasting of fresh truffle canapés, olive oils and Champagne, followed by an idyllic Provençal lunch.

The Game of Pétanque. Then, join a spirited match of Provence's favorite pastime. Learn the art of shooting, scoring and playful rule-bending, while sipping rosé and pastis amid good-natured rivalry!

Day 8 | Aix-en-Provence

Language Lesson: Parlons-nous Français

Free Time: Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore more of Aix, from art museums and outdoor markets to fountains galore!

Farewell Reception & Dinner. Bid au revoir to your fellow travelers and Aix this evening.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer ➡ to the airport for the return flights ✈ to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

– **7 nights** in Aix-en-Provence, France at the first-class Aquabella Hotel & Spa.

Extensive Meal Program

– 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Walking tour of Arles





Fontaine de la Rotonde, a historic fountain on Cours Mirabeau, Aix-en-Provence



Above: Calanques of Marseille near Cassis | Below: Vineyards of the Rhône Valley



2027 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **May 25 – June 2, 2027**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **May 26 – June 2, 2027**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price **\$5,745**

Special Savings **\$500**

Special Savings Price* **\$5,245**

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$250 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://dart.ahitravel.com/destinations/2031A?schooldId=45>.

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Accommodations



Aquabella Hotel & Spa | Aix-en-Provence



Aquabella Hotel & Spa is a serene Provençal retreat nestled amid a beautiful Mediterranean garden in the heart of Aix-en-Provence. Its fully renovated rooms feature a refined style and contemporary comfort, while thoughtful service ensures a relaxing stay. Unwind in the Sensory Spa or heated outdoor pool, savor Mediterranean cuisine with southern French flair at L'Orangerie and enjoy cocktails in the inviting lounge bar. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



Truffle hunting



Vineyard, Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Book your journey today!



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