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## On the steps of Picasso Itinerary in France

### Day 1: Paris

Arrival in Paris airport or station in the afternoon and welcome by your guide. Transfer to your hotel. Welcome drink and departure to the **Centre Pompidou museum** for guided tour of the museum, remarkable for its high-tech architecture, housing the **National Modern Art museum** which gives one of the most complete panorama of the 20th century modern art. Overnight in Paris.

### Day 2: Paris

Full day programme with a qualified guide. We will visit the places where Picasso lived in Paris: Montmartre and the "**Bateau Lavoir**", Montparnasse, rue de la Boétie, each places corresponding to a different period of his life. Pablo Picasso was 20 years old when he came in Paris for the first time and after some years of sharing his time between Paris and Barcelona, he choose to stay in Paris in 1904. His integration to French Art begins at the Bateau Lavoir where he meets, under others, Derain, Matisse and Braque. Afternoon visit of the **Picasso museum**, located in the former Hotel Salé in the Marais district, presenting the world wider collection of Picasso artworks. Overnight in Paris



### Day 3: Paris-Avignon

Transfer to the railway station and departure by high speed train (TGV) to Avignon (2h40m journey) Afternoon visit of the **Angladon foundation** presenting the former "**Doucet**" collection. Doucet once bought the famous painting "**Les Demoiselles d'Avignon**" (now in NY) which name does not come from Avignon but from the name of a street of the "red light district" in Barcelona called the "rue d'Avignon". Collection includes works by Picasso, Degas, Van Gogh, Cézanne and Modigliani. Evening guided tour of the **Pope Palast**. Overnight in Avignon.

### Day 4 : Avignon-Nice

Drive to Aix en Provence associated to **Paul Cézanne** who worked and lived here. Visit of his workshop and excursion outside Aix on the step of the master around the Montagne Sainte Genevieve. See **Vauvenargues castle**, property of Picasso, and from which he said "when I live here it's like I would live by Cézanne". Continue to Nice. Overnight in Nice.

### Day 5: Nice

The two next days are dedicated to the visit of the Côte d'Azur where the artist lived after 1948 and where he died. Drive to **Antibes** and visit of the castle and **Picasso museum**. Continue to **Mougins** where Picasso died in the "**Villa Notre Dame de Vie**", then to **Vallauris** to visit the "**Atelier Madoura**" and the Chapel. Overnight in Nice

### Day 6 : Nice

To day, visit of the **Maeght Foundation** in **Saint Paul de Vence**, world famous museum of modern art located directly within a natural Provencal setting. Lunch break in Saint Paul de Vence, picturesque artist village, housing the famous hotel-restaurant "La Colombe d'Or". Afternoon visit the **Matisse Chapel in Vence** and return to Nice. Farewell dinner and overnight in Nice

**Day 7: departure** Transfer to the airport or station in the afternoon.

### Package includes

- 6 nights hotel accommodation and breakfast (2 x Paris, 1 x Avignon, 3 x Nice)
- Welcome cocktail in Paris and farewell dinner in Nice
- All transfers from/to airport or station by private coach with escort
- High speed train ticket (2<sup>nd</sup> class) Paris-Avignon
- Coach journey from Avignon to Nice
- Guided visits as mentioned in the programme

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