Undiscovered France

featuring Albi, Toulouse & Carcassonne

Inspiring Moments

➤ Meet gracious locals while tasting homemade products and touring their countryside farms.

➤ Reflect on the life and gifts of a great artist while exploring the treasures of the Musée Toulouse-Lautrec.

➤ Gaze at brilliant frescos and the vaulted ceiling of Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile, an architectural wonder.

➤ Admire the pink bricks and pretty coral-hues of Toulouse, La Ville Rose.

➤ Witness the picture-perfect fortified city of Carcassonne, one of France’s most beautiful towns.

➤ Delight in Cordes-sur-Ciel, a hilltop village steeped in medieval splendor.

➤ Cruise on the Canal du Midi, an engineering marvel connecting the Mediterranean and Atlantic oceans.

➤ Experience four UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Accommodations
(with baggage handling)

➤ 7 nights in Albi, France, at the first-class Mercure Albi Bastides Hotel.

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.

➤ Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

➤ Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.

➤ Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.

➤ AHI Connects: Local immersion.

➤ Free time to pursue your own interests.

➤ Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.

➤ A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.

➤ Tipping of guides and drivers.

➤ Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

Day 1  Depart gateway city+
Day 2  Arrive in Toulouse | Transfer+ to Albi
Day 3  Albi
Day 4  Montauban
Day 5  Castres | Carcassonne
Day 6  Toulouse
Day 7  Cordes-sur-Ciel
Day 8  Albi
Day 9  Transfer to Toulouse airport and depart for gateway city+

†Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions.

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Discovery

**AHI Connects: Encounters in the Country.** Meet the owners of a family-run dairy farm that uses both innovative and traditional milking methods. Tour the farm and taste their cheese. Journey through the hills to a winery and learn how the owners create bold, rich flavors through a combination of old and modern techniques. Sample their wine varietals and tour the winery. Continue to the Degani family farm and settle in for a lunch of locally sourced ingredients.

**AHI Connects: Gaillac Wine.** Journey to Cordes-sur-Ciel, a quaint medieval citadel perched on a hill. Travel through the Cérou valley to a local vineyard and savor a Gaillac wine tasting.

**Albi.** Perched along the Tarn River, Albi offers a remarkable ensemble of Gothic architecture. Begin your discovery with a visit to the Musée Toulouse-Lautrec, home to the world’s largest collection of Lautrec’s art. Revel in the vastness of Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile and its unique brick facade. Then board a gabare, a traditional flat-bottomed wooden boat, for a cruise along the Tarn River.

**Montauban.** Enjoy a visit to the historic center, viewing cobbled, medieval lanes, neoclassical architecture, a trove of pretty buildings and the Place Nationale.

**Toulouse.** Explore France’s fourth-largest city. Begin in the Place du Capitole, a vast plaza anchored by the neoclassical city hall. Visit St. Sernin Basilica, considered by many to be the most glorious of the churches along the way of St. James. Stroll along the waterfront, and explore the city’s old quarter.

**Castres.** Visit Castres, viewing the half-timbered craftsmen houses along the Agout River. Once home to tanners, paper makers and dyers, these houses stand tribute to the town’s success in the trade and textile industries.

**Canal du Midi Cruise.** Glide on Europe’s oldest canal. Selected as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the canal snakes its way through the land.

**Carcassonne.** Take an orientation tour of this medieval citadel that boasts over 1.5 miles of defensive ramparts and is recognized as one of France’s most historic and beautiful towns.

Enrichment

**Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.** Delve into the intriguing life of this brilliant 19th-century French painter.

**The Cathars and the Albigensian Crusade.** Join a local expert to learn about the turbulent relationship between the Catholic Church and the Cathars.

**Contemporary France.** Examine France’s modern-day political, economic and social status.

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne
2. Episcopal City of Albi
3. Canal du Midi
4. Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France (Saint Sernin Basilica)

Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:
- price guarantee
- arrival and departure transfers
- flexibility to change or cancel
- assistance with changes or delays
- flight insurance

Accommodations

**Mercure Albi Bastides Hotel | Albi**

2020 DATES & PRICES

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VAT is an additional $295 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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