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## ***SOUTHERN FRANCE***

**SOUTHERN RHONE, LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON & PROVENCE**



### ***Wine & Food Exclusive Event***

**8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS**

***KERMIT LYNCH WINERIES FEATURED!!!!***

*16th - 23rd October 2016*

*A unique wine and food event crafted exclusively for 16 discerning guests*

This exclusive small group tour through Southern France is for lovers of fine wine, exceptional cuisine and an appreciation of French culture, and people. From stunning hilltops to the breathtaking Mediterranean coastline, explore and visit small artisan wineries, whose wines are imported exclusively to the USA by the renowned oenophile, wine merchant, author and musician, *Kermit Lynch*. Dine on meals prepared by some of the regions legendary chefs and return each day to intimate and unique chateaux, chosen especially for you, the discerning traveler.



Discover Rhone, Languedoc- Roussillon, the Pyrenees and Provence



**The South of France may just be one of the most beautiful and varied regions on earth. From the French Alps in the Swiss border to the lavender fields of Provence to the best beaches on the Mediterranean, this part of France has something for everyone. Blessed by mild Mediterranean temperatures, the southern French region of Provence is one of the most glamorous holiday destinations. Historic sites and unique traditions are around every corner, and the landscapes of dramatic cliffs, wiggly waterways and wild mountains are overwhelming. Authentic Provençal life and traditions are best experienced in the region's quirky little villages scattered all throughout its territory. Perched hamlets, beautiful ruined castles and deserted country lanes form the mysterious soul of this area of Vaucluse, and many colorful local markets adds to its liveliness.**

**A wealth of history lies in the Languedoc-Roussillon region. Roman monuments, Greek ruins, medieval castles and ancient villages are set amidst a patchwork of vineyards, farmlands, mountains and plateaus. The walled city of Carcassonne encompasses towers, dungeons, moats and drawbridges and serves as one of the most impressive examples of medieval France. Many of the citadels and fortresses are perched high atop cliffs and Rocky Mountains. Montpellier is a lively and radiant university town with squares, gardens and majestic mansions. The town of Nîmes is built around a Roman Amphitheatre, and Perpignan offers the unmistakable characteristics of Catalonia.**



## INCLUSIVE ITINERARY

*Sunday 16-OCT-16*

### DAY 1 - PROVENCE WELCOME

We begin our Event at 5:30pm at one of the region's most beautiful Chateaux located in the heart of the Drôme region in Rhone. Meet your host *Billie Joyce DWS*, wine educator and avid student of oenology, [www.thruthevines.com](http://www.thruthevines.com), your Virtuoso travel advisor, local translator and guides. Join your traveling companions for welcome wine and canapes as we discuss the details of the week's unique and exciting itinerary.

*Monday 17-OCT-16*

### DAY 2 - CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE, GIGONDAS & ORANGE

Today our wine tasting tour takes us to two outstanding wineries, *Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe* in Châteauneuf du Pape, and The *Domaine Les Pallieres* in Gigondas. Chateauneuf du Pape lies in the heart of the Vaucluse region. The village comprises of pretty medieval lanes and ruined castle. Afterwards, enjoy a scenic drive and a guided tour of Orange and its World Heritage sites, the Roman Theater and the Art & History Museum, with a local lecturer. Tonight, enjoy an unforgettable feast prepared by one of the region's leading Chefs, paired with his exceptional selection of wines from the region.

*Tuesday 18-OCT-16*

### DAY 3 - DAY AT LEISURE

Day at leisure - time to relax or do some exploring with a private driver and guide;

Visit the Food Market, Les Halles, the Palais des Papes, or drive to Les Baux de Provence and tour the village and the Castle ruins. Visit the Carrieres de Lumiere or drive to St Remy. Tour the city center and the market or visit an olive oil mill with tasting.

*Wednesday 19-OCT-16*

**DAY 4- LANGUEDOC – EXCLUSIVE WINE EVENT**

Today we travel to the Languedoc Region. The village of Montpeyroux is located in the department of Puy de Dôme, halfway between Clermont-Ferrand and Issoire. Perched on a hill, it boasts splendid views over the valley of the Allier and has been ranked among the most beautiful villages in France.

Enjoy wine tasting and an exclusive mid-afternoon luncheon event at, *Domaine d'Aupilhac* winery located in Montpeyroux. Afterwards we drive to our one of the regions luxury Chateaux for the next two evenings.

*Thursday 20-OCT-16*

**DAY 5- TOURING SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DESERT**

Today we travel to Saint Guilhem le Desert for a tour of the town and Gellone Abbaye.

In the heart of the Hérault Gorges, in the Val de Gellone, the medieval village of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert is in a green setting along the meandering Verdus stream. Its houses are snuggled tightly together in ancient alleyways, with roof tiles baked by the Languedoc sun for twelve centuries. Clamouse and Demoiselles caves are some of the features of the Hérault valley.

Then enjoy the afternoon at Leisure. This evening the group enjoys the very best of French fares by one of the region's top Chefs, accompanied by his choice of the best local wines.

*Friday 21-OCT-16*

**DAY 6- CASSIS, WINE TASTING AT CLOS SAINTE MAGDELEINE WINERY**

Today we depart our hotel and travel to Cassis for our wine tour and tasting at the beautiful and organic *Clos Sainte Magdeleine winery*, situated in the Calanques National Park. Calanques National Park is world renowned for its wonderful landscapes and its wide biodiversity from land and sea. After the wine tour enjoy time at leisure to explore the natural beauty of Cassis, browse the lovely shops and cafes. Afterwards, we travel to our beautiful chateau for the last two evenings. Tonight we enjoy a spectacular dinner prepared by one of the region's leading Chefs, along with his selection of the very best local wines.

*Saturday 22-OCT-16*

**DAY 7- MORNING AT LEISURE, AFTERNOON TASTING AND FAREWELL WINE EVENT  
IN THE HEART OF BANDOL, AT DOMAINE DU GROS NORE.**

**Enjoy the morning at leisure for personal shopping, sightseeing or simply enjoying your hotel. At 1pm, we depart our hotel for touring and wine tasting at *Domaine du Gros Noré* winery, followed by a magnificent farewell mid-afternoon luncheon event at the winery.**

*Sunday 23-OCT-16*

**DAY 8- END OF TOUR**

**The end of a beautiful tour**

**Depart for home today, or linger longer and explore this beautiful region at leisure.**

**Enquire about booking additional hotel nights and optional tours.**



## *Wine & Food Exclusive Event*



**“A unique Wine & Food Event crafted exclusively for 16 discerning guests”**

### **COST PER PERSON**

**\$4,980.00 double occupancy**

**\$5,845.00 single occupancy**

### *Included in the Above Cost:*

- Intimate small group totaling 16 guests**
- 7 nights in the most luxurious boutique Chateaux**
- 7 breakfasts, 2 special afternoon food & wine events, 3 legendary Chef Dinners with wine pairing**
- Wine tasting and touring at five of the most exclusive wineries in the region**
- 3 guided group tours, including visits to a couple of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with local experts**
- dedicated driver for the duration of trip**
- round trip transfer from Marseille Airport and Avignon Train Station**
- your dedicated host, Virtuoso travel advisor, translator and local guides.**

**Enquire about these optional items not included in Above Cost:**

- International Airfare**
- Comprehensive Trip Protection**
- Additional hotel nights before or at the end of our trip**
- Optional sightseeing and activities**

**Payments:**

**A non-refundable check deposit of \$750 per person is required to confirm each traveler's reservation.**

**A minimum of 12 guests is required to operate this program.**

**Kindly complete and return the booking form below with your deposit.**

**The final payment is due Aug 15th 2016**

**Please make checks payable to your Virtuoso travel agency,**

**"BELLE MEADE VACATIONS"**

**Please write the following on the check reference line**

**"Wine & Food Event Oct 2016"**

**Enquire about our comprehensive trip protection, *Travelex Select Insurance*, which covers pre-existing if purchased at time of deposit.**

**For questions concerning this unique trip, contact Eloise Foley,**

**Your Virtuoso travel advisor**

**(615) 425-4120**

**BELLE MEADE VACATIONS**

**RESERVATION FORM**

**Thank you for your reservation. Every effort will be made to ensure that your travel experience will be pleasant and enjoyable. Kindly print and complete this form with all accurate and required information to facilitate a smooth and easy booking process. Kindly scan and email the completed form to me Email Eloise or fax to (615) 425 - 3234.**

**Guest 1**

**Please include names EXACTLY as they appear in your passport:**

**Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**First Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Male ( )**

**Female ( )**

**Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Country Issuing Passport: \_\_\_\_\_**

Issue Date mm/dd/yyyy: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date mm/dd/yyyy: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Redress # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place - (name of your Birth Country): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date mm/dd/yyyy: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact:**

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # starting with the area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone # starting with the area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone # starting with the area code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest 2**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Type of Accommodation***

**Château de RocheGude or similar**



**Chateau de RocheGude is a 12th century fortress, located in the heart of the Provençal Drôme region and majestically overlooks the Côtes-du-Rhône vineyards, with vistas of the Mont Ventoux**

**Le Domaine de Verchant or similar**



**Le Domaine de Verchant sits at the end of a drive bordered by century-old trees. This 16th century country house, set in the heart of magnificent landscaped grounds, offers an exquisite tranquil retreat just minutes from Montpellier city centre.**

**Hôtel du Castellet or similar**



**On the edge of a forest of pine trees overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the Hôtel du Castellet is one of the region's most charming properties.**

**READY TO BOOK »**

**Email Eloise Foley, your Virtuoso travel advisor (615) 425-4120**

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