

PROPOSAL OF YOUR TRIP TO OCCITANIE



ROAD TRIP TO OCCITANIE



Diner in Montpellier



Château de Flaugergues, Montpellier

Your two-week Trip

Itinerary: <https://tinyurl.com/3u5hw3ds>

📍 WEEK 1: MONTPELLIER & SURROUNDINGS

Welcome to Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, part of Montpellier metropolis. You will check-in with Agnès at your peaceful converted wine cellar guesthouse, located between lagoons, vineyards, and the Mediterranean coast, only a 10-minute bike ride from the beach.

DAY 1 – 19/07/2026 Arrival in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone – 6 Nights

Accommodation : Chai de Maguelone, Agnès' Guest House

100 Rue Maguelone, 34750 Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone

+33 06 73 58 62 52

Included : Breakfast, access to garden, living room and swimming pool.

Note: a true Bed and Breakfast experience with Agnès, with 2 bedrooms upstairs with a shared bathroom. Massages available on site (subject to availability and on request).

DAY 2 – 20/07/2026 Maguelone Cathedral & Coastal Landscapes

Included : 1 muscular bike rental

Prestige Bike (delivery at your BnB)

Contact: Laurent, +33 06 63 06 47 31

What to do :

- Maguelone Cathedral : Domaine de Maguelone, près de la cathédrale, 34750 Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone

Nestled in verdant Presqu'île, Saint-Pierre de Maguelone Cathedral is a fortified Romanesque gem that once hosted popes as a bishop's palace. Just southwest of Montpellier, Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone pairs renowned wine estates—famous for award-winning wines and muscats—with a pristine 9km beach, accessed via a footbridge over the Rhône-à-Sète Canal. Explore on foot, by bike, or aboard the seasonal train.

Wild Mediterranean Beaches are 10-min bike ride from your guesthouse, where you can also observe flamingos and herons!

Where to eat :

- Le Comptoir des Compagnons : Domaine de Maguelone, près de la cathédrale, 34750 Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone +33 04 67 50 49 88

Note : Lunch on-site supports a local social reintegration initiative.

And no reservations – first come, first served!

- Le Petit Troc : 36 Pl. de l'Église, 34750 Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone
Contact: Sylvie, +33 04 67 27 88 13 (closed on Mondays)



Cathedral's vineyard in Villeneuve



BnB in villeneuve



BnB in Villeneuve

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Place de la Comédie, Montpellier



Visit with Alice

DAY 3 – 21/07/2026 Montpellier, Wine Estate & Mushroom Farming

What to do:

- Bike to Montpellier: Park at the underground bicycle parking under Place de la Comédie.
- Explore the Historic Center: Pedestrian streets, lively squares (Carré Saint-Anne turned into an exhibition centre, Place de la Canourgue...).
- **2pm : Wine, Castle & Mushroom Experience (Included) :**

Address: 1744 Av. Albert Einstein, 34000 Montpellier, Alice, +33 06 23 47 31 28

Included: 3 tickets for 6-month access to the castle's gardens, wine/craft beer tasting, permaculture farm visit, and underground mushroom farming tour. Please ensure you wear comfortable clothes.

Where to eat:

- Les Canons: 28r de Candolle, 34000 Montpellier | +33 04 99 61 82 09
- Peacefood Café : 20r du Bayle, 34000 Montpellier | +33 07 67 59 90 44
- Hakko : 20r Jacques Cœur, 34000 Montpellier | +33 09 85 07 65 28

DAY 4 – 22/07/2026 Pic Saint-Loup Natural Park What to do :

- Walk around Lac de Cécéles : 34270 Saint-Mathieu-de-Tréviérs
- Hikes around Pic Saint Loup are a real gem : Tourism Office's tips

Where to eat:

- J'ADORE Restaurant : 310 Parc de Saint-Sauveur, 34980 Saint-Clément-de-Rivière Vince, +33 04 99 67 31 02 | Feel free to mention you're calling from Alice at Perma Social Club

DAY 5 – 23/07/2026 Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert & Hérault Valley

What to do:

- Abbaye de Gellone (UNESCO-listed Benedictine abbey, 804 CE): Pl. de la Liberté, 34150 Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert
- Local Beer Discovery: La Lazarde, 20 Rue du Bout du Monde, 34150 Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Sandrine, +33 06 60 09 03 61
- Clamouse Cave: D4, 34150 Saint-Jean-de-Fos, Sandro, +33 06 32 25 06 75
- Pottery workshop: 1B Pl. de la Mairie, 34150 Saint-Jean-de-Fos, Maude, +33 04 67 59 44 29

Where to eat:

- Souka: 36 Bd Saint-Jean, 34150 Aniane, +33 04 67 57 44 83
- Table d'Aurore : 2 Av. Guillaume d'Orange, 34150 Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, +33 4 67 57 24 53

LOCATIONS



Pic Saint Loup



Local permaculture farm



Saint-Guilhem-Le-Désert

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Arènes de Nîmes



Rooftop of Musée de la Romanité

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Gîte in Nîmes



Pont d'Avignon



Estézargues

DAY 6 – 24/07/2026 Chill Day

Relax at your guesthouse or enjoy the day at your own pace.

📍 WEEK 2: NÎMES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

DAY 7 – 25/07/2026 Scenic Transfer to Nîmes

We recommend the coastal road from Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone to Nîmes.

- Lunch Stop : Park your car [here](#) or [there](#), and walk to [Claire de Lune, 5 Pl. Cassan, 34130 Carnon](#), for organic wine and vegetarian options, and not far from where Alice spent most of her youth playing volleyball!
- Wine Stop : Vineyard in Lansargues (fresh, elegant wines influenced by sea breezes) Enclos de La Croix, [2 Av. Marius Alès, 34130 Lansargues](#), Agathe, [+33 06 71 56 11 88](#), where they apply permaculture principles to the whole vineyard)
- Arrival at Nelly's : from 4pm, settle into your accommodation in the Nîmes, though, feel free to contact Nelly to arrange your time of arrival

Accommodation:

Nelly Tonin – La Casa, [1153 Chemin de Pareloup, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 06 85 25 18 45](#). On arrival at the gate, dial 2904# on the keypad under the small porch. A charming holiday cottage and its gypsy caravan, with its 6,500 m² garden and swimming pool. Note and fun fact : Breakfasts are not included. Nelly's son, Valentin, was captain of the Nîmes rugby team!

DAY 8 – 26/07/2026 Discovering Nîmes, the French Rome

What to do :

- Arènes de Nîmes (Coliseum/Amphitheater) :

[Bd des Arènes, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 66 21 82 56](#)

- Musée de la Romanité

[16 Bd des Arènes, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 48 21 02 10](#)

- Maison Carrée (UNESCO)

[Pl. de la Maison Carrée, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 66 21 82 56](#)

- Jardins de la Fontaine → Tour Magne (15-min walk, panoramic views) : [26 Quai de la Fontaine, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 66 76 70 01](#)
- Tourism Office for Guided Tours

[6 Bd des Arènes, 30900 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 66 58 38 00](#) | [nimes-tourisme.com](#)

Where to eat :

- Table du 2 (Rooftop with view of the Coliseum)

[2 bis Rue de la République, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 4 48 27 22 22](#)

- Les Halles Market (Food hall) : [5 Rue des Halles, 30000 Nîmes](#)

- Le Petit Mas: [25r de la Madeleine, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 04 66 36 84 25](#)

- Le Chabanais : [Rue de l'Étoile, 30000 Nîmes](#) | [+33 09 72 84 16 05](#)

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Pont du Gard



Tour Fenestrelle d'Uzès

DAY 9 – 27/07/2026 Avignon, City of Popes What to do :

- Rocher des Doms, 2 Mnt des Moulins, 84000 Avignon close to Palais des Papes, head to these gardens to enjoy a breathtaking view of the Pont d'Avignon and the Alps
- Palais des Papes (Largest Gothic palace in Europe). Pl. du Palais, 84000 Avignon, +33 04 32 74 32 74
- Old Town & Pont d'Avignon (Legendary bridge from the famous French song) Bd du Rhône, 84000 Avignon, +33 04 32 74 32 74

DAY 10 – 28/07/2026 Estézargues & Pont du Gard

What to do:

- Wine Cellar: Cave des Vignerons d'Estézargues (One of France's first natural wine cellars) : 478 Rte des Grès, 30390 Estézargues, where Alice's uncles are winemakers, Anna, +33 04 66 57 03 64
- Oil Mill: Domaine de Pierredon : 111 Chem. de la Distillerie, 30390 Estézargues Gilles, +33 04 66 04 05 89 | Gilles is Alice's cousin and knows her as Lise :)
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Pont du Gard, 30210 Vers-Pont-du-Gard, Eva, +33 06 48 10 46 17

Where to eat:

- Bistro des Mourres : 2 Place du Presbytère, 30390 Estézargues Hubert, +33 04 11 71 86 27 | Hubert is one of Alice's numerous family members

DAY 11 – 29/07/2026 Uzès & Provençal Countryside

What to do :

- Medieval gardens, Hôtel de ville, Rue Port Royal, 30700 Uzès, here is the map of these historical gardens, on a site designated a 'remarkable garden' at the heart of a 'listed building'
- Place aux Herbes (Market square – Wednesday & Saturday) : Pl. aux Herbes, 30700 Uzès
- Mas en Provence, a lavender field ran by a former winemaker : Le Mas Neuf - Avenue du Félibrige, 30127 Bellegarde, Gaël, +33 04 66 01 09 00 | Feel free to remind him that Alice and he met in Toulouse during a professional fair :)

Where to eat :

- Bistro du Chai : 4 Boulevard Gambetta, 30700 Uzès | +33 04 66 57 10 47
- Le TEN : 10 Pl. Dampmartin, 30700 Uzès | +33 04 66 22 10 93

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Bistrot in Estézargues



Uzes medieval gardens



Anduze's Bamboo forest

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Maison Carrée, Nîmes



Saint Jean du Gard,

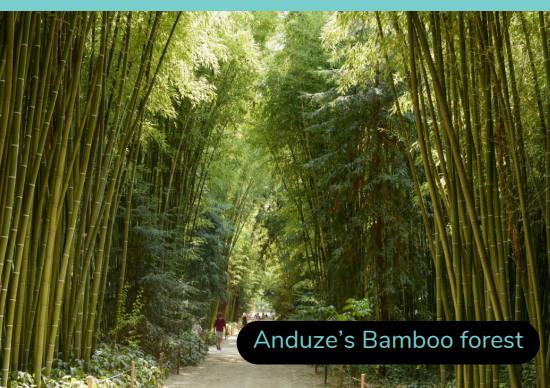
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Aigues-Mortes, Camargue



Anduze's Steam train



Anduze's Bamboo forest

DAY 12 – 30/07/2026 Camargue Natural Park

What to do:

- Aigues-Mortes : 30220 Aigues-Mortes is a stunning medieval walled town in Camargue, famous for its 13th-century ramparts, salt marshes, and pink flamingos. And you cannot leave without trying its famous fougasse: soft, golden, orange blossom-scented brioche, a true sweet regional staple.
- Aigues-Mortes Salt Museum : Route du Grau du Roi, 30220 Aigues-Mortes | +33 04 66 73 40 24 | website : visitesalinaiguesmortes.com
- Maison du Grand Site de France Camargue Gardoise : the perfect spot for a perfect view of Camargue Rte du Mole, 30220 Aigues-Mortes | +33 04 66 77 24 72
- Guided Elec Cycle Tour with a Naturalist at Stations Bee's vélos : 415 Chemin de la Pataquière, 30220 Aigues-Mortes | +33 07 86 23 74 15 Reservation link
- Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, 13460 Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, is a wild fishing village in Camargue, famous for its white horses, black bulls, and fortress-like church. You cannot leave Camargue without trying some typical dishes made with local rice, seafood or bull stew.

Where to eat:

- Chez Vincent, 7 Rue Pasteur, 30220 Aigues-Mortes, +33 04 66 51 14 88
- La Pampa, Hôtel les Arnelles, 13460 Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, +33 04 90 97 61 59

DAY 13 – 31/07/2026 Cévennes & Steam Train Experience

What to do:

- Steam Train: Anduze to Saint-Jean-du-Gard (Included – 3 tickets previously given to you by Alice) 38 Place de la Gare, 30140 Anduze | +33 4 66 60 59 00
- Bamboo Botanical Gardens (Bambouseraie) : 552 Montsauve, 30140 Générargues | bambouseraie.fr | +33 4 66 61 70 47

Where to eat:

- Lettre et Mets, 1071 Av. René Boudon, 30270 Saint-Jean-du-Gard, +33 07 88 74 22 97
- Restaurant L'Oronge, Pl. de la Révolution, 30270 Saint-Jean-du-Gard, +33 04 66 85 30 34

DAY 14 – 01/08/2026 Departure

After breakfast, time to head home with memories of Mediterranean landscapes, historic cities, vineyards, and nature.

RECOMMANDATIONS

WHAT IS OR NOT INCLUDED ?



WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 13 nights accommodations; 6 nights with 2 bedrooms with a connected bathroom in a BnB in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone, 7 nights in a gîte with a caravane in Nîmes
- Your itinerary across Southern France
- All our best recommandations for walking and cycling hikes, restaurants and contacts for guided visits or local guides
- Activities
 - 1 bike rental for 2 days in Villeneuve Lès Maguelone
 - 3 tickets for an experience with organic wine tasting in a wine chateau and beer tasting, including visit of gardens and permaculture farm with Alice
 - 3 steam train tickets in Anduze
- Meals
 - All breakfasts in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance. We recommend that you purchase a travel insurance to cover unforeseen events, such as cancellations, medical emergencies, or lost luggage
- Transportation to and from the Netherlands, across France and in your spare time
- Meals : all meals and beverages not mentioned above are at the travelers' expense
- Tips for the different partners throughout your trip
- Massage provided by Agnès in Villeneuve-Lès-Maguelone and any activities not listed as included above

RECOMMENDATIONS

Weather forecast

Southern France in summer typically experiences warm temperatures, but it's always best to pack some warm and rain clothes.

Packing

Opt for comfortable walking shoes and versatile clothing items that can be layered for changing weather conditions.

Travel Documents and Essentials

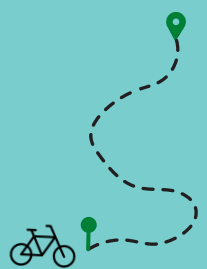
Although you will be in the EU, please make sure to carry all necessary travel documents, including ID/passports, travel insurance information, your itineraries...

Travel Security and Safety

Although we ensure that your trip is as safe as possible, we recommend that you keep your belongings secure at all times. Be vigilant in crowded areas and avoid displaying valuable items openly.

Phoning in France

Please note that all numbers "+33 04" are landlines



WELCOME TO SOUTHERN FRANCE

Dear members of Better Places,

We hope that this travel proposal finds you enthusiastic about your next holidays with us. On behalf of the entire team, we'd like to sincerely thank you for wanting to travel differently and support a meaningful local economy.

By booking a holiday with us, you would be contributing to the development of a more responsible and sustainable form of tourism, with a focus on preserving culture and the environment. We are honoured to accompany you on an adventure that promises to be participatory, learning and memorable.

We're delighted to offer you an exciting program for your stay, including visits and cultural experiences between Nîmes and Montpellier.

By booking with us, you will become agents of change and ambassadors for ecotourism. Your presence will have a positive impact on our terroir and local area, as each of your interactions and shared experiences helps to strengthen our local economy and maintain and develop biodiversity.

We do our utmost to make your stay unforgettable and offer you a unique, authentic and positive experience.

Once again, thank you for choosing us for your holidays in France and if you have any questions or specific requests regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and ensure your stay will be as enjoyable as possible.

Enjoy your trip with Better Places!

Permaculturally yours,
Alice

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If you decide to print this travel proposal as a practical tool,
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