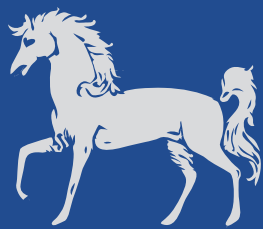


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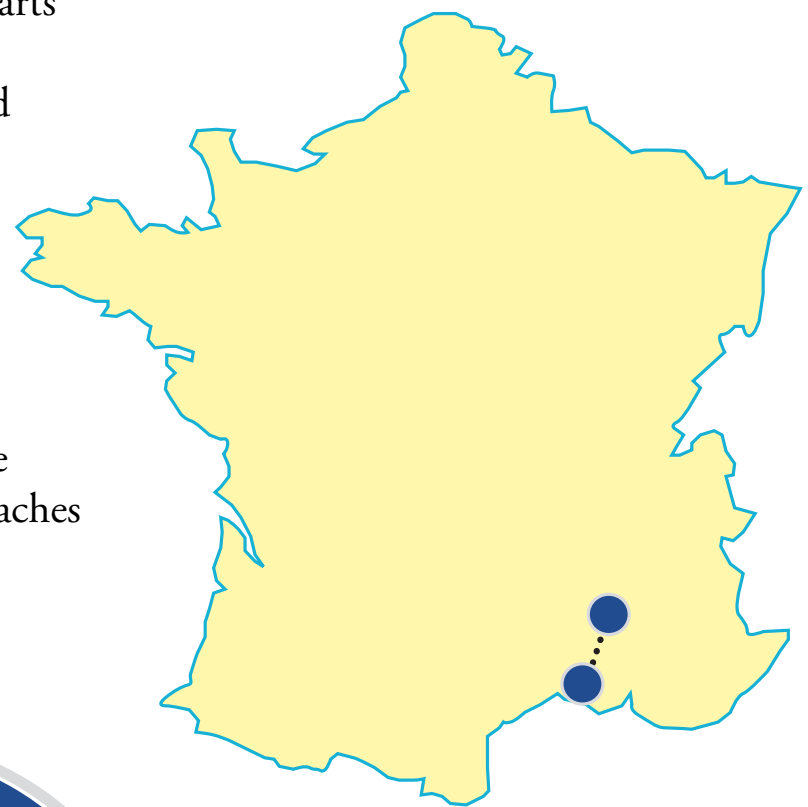
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# FRANCE

## Memorable Mountain to Sea Journey Inn-to-Inn Trail

This ride will take you through one of the most natural and unspoiled parts of France. You will be amazed at the striking landscape of lagoons, salt marshes, dunes, and rice fields. The trail winds by stone farm houses and radiant fields overflowing with olive trees as painted by Cezanne. As your horse carries you from the area of the Luberon region towards the sea, you will see fewer signs of civilization and more signs of nature's work. It is an extraordinary experience. The air is usually filled with the scent of the herbs that grow so easily in the shade of white oaks, cypress trees and sunflowers. You will marvel at the flamingoes, black bulls, and white horses in the famous Camargue region. You will enjoy an exhilarating gallop along the beautiful sand beaches of the Mediterranean Sea.



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## ITINERARY

- Day 1:** Sunday      Transfer to your lovely French farmhouse.
- Day 2:** Monday      You will ride through the oak trees of the small Luberon. After a buffet featuring traditional fare and wine, you will ride to the historical village of Merindol. You will pass by the ruins of the old village which was destroyed during the 16<sup>th</sup> century religious wars.
- Day 3:** Tuesday      From the foothill of the Luberon, you will descend into the Durance Valley. Following the Durance River, you will ride towards Van Gogh's country, Les Alpilles, and the Roman village of Eygaliere. You will visit the beautiful chapel St. Sixte.
- Day 4:** Wednesday      You will stop near St. Remy de Provence in front of the hospital in which Van Gogh painted his most famous paintings. After admiring beautiful Roman monuments, you will enjoy lunch by a tranquil lake hidden in the hills. You will ride to the crests of the Apilles to enjoy the striking panorama of the surrounding area. On a clear day you will be able to see the sea. At the end of the trail, a breathtaking sight awaits you of the medieval village of Les Beaux de Province which is set in a spectacular position atop a rocky outcrop and crowned with a ruined castle overlooking the plains.
- Day 5:** Thursday      Your first steps will take you into the marsh land of the Camargue Nature Park. Wild flora will surround you as you enjoy the pink flamingoes and herons which inhabit the reserve. The flat terrain will allow long trots and canters as you journey to the coastal village of Les Saintes Maries de la Mer. Surrounded by immense plains filled with ponds and wild lands, the city has many activities to offer, all within the framework of a protected environment. St. Maries is especially famous for its oldest tradition of being the meeting place for gypsy people. Their rich folklore and music attract many visitors throughout the year.
- Day 6:** Friday      After you and your horse cross the small Rhone river by ferry, you will reach a wild beach of Grand Radeau consisting of marsh land, sand dunes, and pine forests. The guardians, local cowboys, bred Camargue horses into agile, sure-footed, and reliant horses; able to go through swamps to reach long stretches of beaches. Galloping freely on the deserted beaches of the Mediterranean sea highlights this day.
- Day 7:** Saturday      After breakfast transfer to airport or station.

### Details:

Dates:	Sunday through Saturday, April 5 - 11, April 12 - 18, May 3 - 9, May 10 - 16, May 31 - June 6, June 7 - 13, September 20 - 26, September 27 - October 3, October 11 - 17, October 18 - 24, October 25 - 31, November 1 - 7, November 8 - 14
Riding days:	5
Meeting point:	Marseille airport, Aix-en-Provence train station
Riding ability:	Walk, trot, gallop on open trails
Horses:	French breeds
Group size:	4 - 8
Saddles:	English, Randoval, Forestier, and Chamade
Price*:	\$2607 per person shared \$650 single supplement

\*Prices are quoted in U.S. dollars but are billed in euros. The exchange rate will be fixed on the date of your final payment. Includes: 6 nights accommodation, all meals, 5 day trail riding, horse, tack, guide. Not included: Air fare, transfers to/from airport/train station.



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