

A Trip of a Lifetime! A great holiday gift for yourself or family.

Join members of BFA on a **FRENCH HOMELANDS TOUR** of the Cévennes region of France, the home of our progenitor, Jean Pierre Bondurant.

September 11-17, 2023 - Limited to 18 people / double occupancy

The tour is being organized by Absolutely Southern France, experts in the region.

Total cost includes 6 nights lodging, all meals including wine at dinner, shuttle bus, driver, full time guide, admission fees, transfers from local airport or train station, (*does not include round trip airfare into or out of France, or airfare or train to the first and last locations*). **Approx. 2210€ euros per person. 30% down payment required.**

Book by 12/31/22 for a 100€ euros discount. Last day for booking 1/15/23.

Final pricing and payment portal will be set up soon so contact David Bondurant dbondurant@mac.com of your interest and keep an eye out for a link to sign up. Visa, MasterCard, and American Express will be accepted.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

Roundtrip airfare to France not included.

Train or airfare into arrival and departure city not included.

Additional wine, beer or spirits beyond what is offered at meals.

Travel insurance and trip medical coverage - both of which are required. Purchase within 14 days to cover pre-existing conditions. (Link to compare & buy -

<https://www.girlsguidetotheworld.com/travel-insurance/>)

ITINERARY (*subject to change*)

Day 1 Monday September 11, 2023 - NIMES WELCOME

Arrivals In Nimes

- Transfer from Avignon train station or Montpellier airport to Nimes - Hôtel Marquis de la Baume/Best Western
- Optional: Pre-tour guided tour of Nimes in the morning or afternoon
- Meet and Greet Cocktail and dinner at the hotel - guide will go over the itinerary
- Lodging Nimes at Hôtel Marquis de la Baume/Best Western

Day 2 Tuesday September 12, 2023 - CÉVENNES HISTORY TOUR

Nimes / St Jean-Du-Gard / Mialet / Genolhac

- Breakfast at Nimes hotel
- Maison Rouge - Musée des Vallées Cévenoles Museum in St Jean du Gard
- Stop at Pont des Camisards
- Lunch Mialet at Guinguette de Luziers
- Musée du Désert in Mialet
- drive by Château de Portes & Château de Montjoie
- Dinner and lodging at Mas Nouveau near Genolhac

Day 3 Wednesday Sept 13 - HISTORY & HOMESTEADS

Pont du Rastel / Belle Poile & Malihieres / Chamborigaud / Cougoussac château / Vialas

- Breakfast at Mas Nouveau near Genolhac
- Pont du Rastel, Belle Poile, Pont de Jouany

- Lunch Chamborigaud at Bouchon Cevenol
- Site of Cougoussac Château
- Protestant temple in Vialas
- Visit an ancient mill (moulin)
- Discover the Pierres Seches ancient dry stone walls
- Discover a chestnut drying technique used since the middle ages
- Dinner and lodging at Mas Nouveau near Genolhac

Day 4 Thursday Sept 14 - GORGES DU TARN TOUR

Pont-de-Montvert / Castelbouc / Florac / Genolhac

- Breakfast at Mas Nouveau near Genolhac
- Pont de Montvert tour
- Lunch Pont-de-Montvert Auberge des Cévennes
- Stop at Menhirs & Les Bondons
- Castelbouc tour and Atelier Tuffery Jeans Factory
- Dinner and lodging at hotel Mas Nouveau near Genolhac

DAY 5 Friday Sept 15 - GENOLHAC TOUR & CELEBRATION

- Breakfast at Mas Nouveau near Genolhac
- Check out of Mas Nouveau
- Guided tour of Genolhac
- Buffet lunch in Genolhac at Cafe du Commerce
- Visit Jean Pierre Bondurant's home at 42 La Grande Rue with mayor and owner, Loic Breton, for a celebration with speeches, photo shoots.
- Depart for Avignon
- Dinner at restaurant near hotel in Avignon
- Lodging Avignon - St Louis Cloister hotel

Day 6 Saturday Sept 16 - UZES / PONT-DU-GARD

Uzès market / Prison tower / Pont-du-Gard / Avignon

- Breakfast at hotel in Avignon - St Louis Cloister hotel
- Uzès Medieval garden tour with special guide for the Tour de Roi prison tower where Jean Pierre Bondurant (the father) was held
- Free time at France's most beautiful market in Uzès (market ends at 12h30)
- Lunch Uzès at Midi à l'ombre
- Pont-du-Gard with a guide
- Farewell dinner and lodging at hotel in Avignon - St Louis Cloister hotel

Day 7 Sunday Sept 17 - AVIGNON FAREWELL

- Optional: guided tour of Avignon
- Transfers to local airport or train station. Departures from Avignon (*Roundtrip airfare to France not included. Train or airfare into arrival and departure city not included.*)

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The trip begins in Nimes and ends in Avignon. To search for flights to and from Montpellier, check out [Skyscanner](#) - it's a great site to use to compare flights. To search for trains to and from Avignon, check out [trainline](#). (The schedules for next September may only be available in June).