

# PROPOSAL OF YOUR TRIP TO OCCITANIE



# ROAD TRIP TO OCCITANIE



Dome near Dijon



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## Your two-week Trip

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

Week 1 : Dijon and Nimes - from 14th June till 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Week 2 : Montpellier - from 22<sup>nd</sup> June till 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### DAY 1 – 14/06/2026

#### Arrival in Burgundy Region

Accommodation: Unusual countryside stay close to Dijon – 1 night  
Departure from the Netherlands and arrival in the Burgundy region, where you will spend your first night in a truly unique setting.

You will stay in a comfortable panoramic dome, nestled in nature and offering wide views over the surrounding countryside. This unusual accommodation combines comfort, design and immersion in nature, allowing you to gently transition into your holiday while enjoying a peaceful and private environment.

To make your stop as relaxing as possible, both dinner and breakfast are included on site. Upon arrival, you can settle in and fully unwind.

In the evening, enjoy a home-cooked dinner prepared with local and seasonal products, served in a calm and intimate atmosphere. After dinner, you may wish to relax under the stars – a special moment made even more memorable by the dome's unique setting.

A perfect first night to disconnect and ease into your journey.

Nb; you can recharge your electric vehicle at one of the charging points in the village close by

### DAY 2 – 15/06/2026

#### Scenic Transfer to Nîmes

#### Accommodation: Nîmes – 7 nights

After breakfast, continue your journey south through changing landscapes, gradually transitioning from northern vineyards to the sun-drenched scenery of southern France.

Arrive in Nîmes, a city rich in history and often referred to as the “French Rome” due to its exceptional Roman heritage.

Check in at your charming accommodation nestled in the garrigue, the typical Mediterranean scrubland. Surrounded by nature yet located only minutes from the city centre, this peaceful setting offers the perfect balance between relaxation and cultural exploration.

Settle in and enjoy your first evening in the South.



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Gite in Nîmes



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Arènes de Nîmes



Rooftop of Musée de la Romanité

## DAY 3 – 16/06/2026

### Discovering Nîmes, the French Rome

Today is dedicated to exploring Nîmes, one of the most fascinating historic cities in southern France.

Begin with the spectacular Arena of Nîmes, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world, still used today for cultural events.

Continue to the Maison Carrée, a remarkably preserved Roman temple and recently listed UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearby, you may choose to visit the Musée de la Romanité, offering a modern perspective on the city's ancient past.

For lunch, we recommend the lively Les Halles market, where you can sample local specialties in a vibrant atmosphere.

In the afternoon, enjoy a relaxing walk through the Jardins de la Fontaine, one of Europe's oldest public gardens. Climb up to the Tour Magne for panoramic views over the city and surrounding landscapes.

End your day with dinner in the historic centre.

## DAY 4 – 17/06/2026

### Uzès & Provençal Countryside

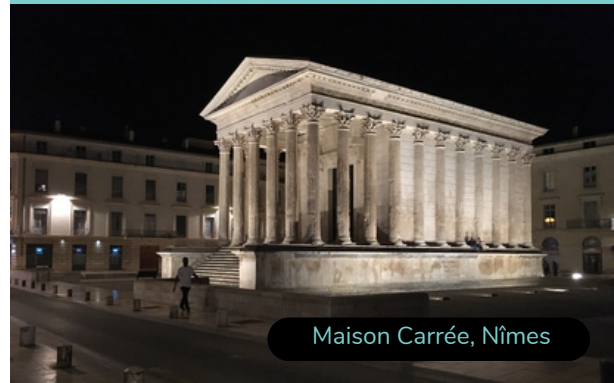
Today, set out to discover Uzès, a refined and elegant town often considered one of the most beautiful in the region.

Stroll through its shaded streets and charming squares, where stone façades, arcades and fountains create a distinctly Provençal atmosphere.

If your visit coincides with market days, you will experience one of the most renowned markets in southern France, showcasing local produce, cheeses, olives, honey and artisan crafts.

After lunch, take time to explore the surrounding countryside, dotted with vineyards, olive groves and small hilltop villages, offering a peaceful and authentic glimpse into southern French rural life.

## LOCATIONS



Maison Carrée, Nîmes



Jardins de la Fontaine, Nîmes



Tour Fénestrelle, Uzès

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Pont du Gard



Estézargues

## LOCATIONS



Bistro in Estézargues



Marseille Old Port



Aigues-Mortes, Camargue

### DAY 5 – 18/06/2026

#### Pont du Gard & Estezargues

Head to the charming village of Estezargues, nestled among vineyards and olive trees.

Here, you will enjoy lunch at a small, off-the-beaten-path bistro, known for its seasonal cuisine prepared with fresh local ingredients and excellent vegetarian options.

After lunch, you may meet some family members of your Better Places' expert's as you will visit a natural wine cellar or an olive oil mill, offering insight into traditional production methods and a chance to taste local products.

Continue to the Pont du Gard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most impressive Roman aqueducts in existence. Set within a preserved natural environment, the site also offers opportunities for a gentle walk along the river or even a refreshing swim.

### DAY 6 – 19/06/2026

#### Day Trip to Marseille

Today, enjoy a change of atmosphere with a day trip to Marseille, France's oldest and most cosmopolitan city.

Discover the lively Old Port, where fishing boats and cafés create a vibrant Mediterranean ambiance. You may choose to walk along the scenic coastal road, visit Notre Dame de la Garde, or simply enjoy the vibrant city.

Optional activities include a boat trip to the Frioul Islands or a visit to one of Marseille's cultural landmarks.

### DAY 7 – 20/06/2026

#### Camargue Natural Park

Today, explore the unique landscapes of the Camargue, one of Europe's most remarkable wetland regions.

This vast natural area is known for its pink flamingos, white horses and black bulls, as well as its light rose wine, wide open horizons and ever-changing light.

You may visit the fortified town of Aigues-Mortes, cycle through salt marshes, or head to the seaside village of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. A truly different and immersive natural experience.

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Anduze's Steam train



Maguelone's island

## DAY 8 – 21/06/2026

### Cévennes & Steam Train Experience

Head toward the foothills of the Cévennes, where landscapes become greener, more mountainous and deeply authentic. Board the historic steam train between Anduze and Saint-Jean-du-Gard, travelling through valleys, tunnels and viaducts while enjoying spectacular views.

Afterwards, visit the Bambouseraie, an extraordinary botanical garden where giant bamboo forests, Japanese gardens and exotic plants create a unique and peaceful atmosphere.

Return to Nîmes in the late afternoon and enjoy our national musical day "La Fête de la Musique"

## DAY 9 – 22/06/2026

### Transfer to Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone

Accommodation: Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone – 6 nights

Leave Nîmes and head toward the coast, to enjoy a relaxing day. Arrive in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, where you will check in at your peaceful guesthouse set between lagoons, vineyards and the Mediterranean Sea.

This serene environment, only a short bike ride from the beach, is ideal for slowing down and reconnecting with nature.

## DAY 10 – 23/06/2026

### Maguelone Cathedral & Coastal Landscapes (by bike)

Today, explore the surrounding landscapes by bike, following flat and scenic paths through lagoons, vineyards and protected natural areas.

Reach the beautiful Maguelone Cathedral, set between sea and lagoon, where you can enjoy lunch while supporting a local social reintegration initiative.

Continue toward wild beaches for swimming, relaxation and birdwatching.

## LOCATIONS



BnB in Villeneuve



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Place de la Comédie, Montpellier



Visit with Alice

## LOCATIONS



Pic-Saint-Loup and Hortus



Option: 2CV Experience



Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert

### DAY 11 – 24/06/2026

#### Montpellier & Wine Estate Experience

Discover Montpellier, a lively and elegant Mediterranean city. Stroll through its historic centre, explore lively squares and enjoy the relaxed southern atmosphere.

In the afternoon, take part in your exclusive experience with Alice:

- visit a wine estate with a permaculture farm
- walk through the vineyards
- explore a unique underground mushroom farm (WWII bunker)
- finish with a tasting of local wines and craft beer

In the evening, enjoy a memorable food experience at the restaurant Les Canno(u)ns, known for its creative cuisine and focus on natural wines.

### DAY 12 – 25/06/2026

#### Pic Saint-Loup & Optional 2CV Experience

Today you may drive up and explore the Pic Saint-Loup region, one of southern France's most iconic natural heritage : a striking limestone peak rising above vineyards and garrigue landscapes.

Enjoy hiking opportunities, scenic drives, vineyard visits, or simply relaxing in peaceful natural surroundings.

The area offers spectacular views over vineyards, limestone cliffs and Mediterranean plains, and is also known for its excellent local wines.

Optional highlight: ½ day with a private 2CV convertible tour with a local wine expert, including visits and tastings at selected wineries.

### DAY 13 – 26/06/2026

#### Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert & Saint-Jean-de-Fos

Discover Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, one of France's most beautiful villages, nestled in the Hérault Valley.

Explore medieval streets, visit the historic abbey and enjoy nature walks along the river or across local hills. Driking a fresh beer brewed in the village and made with the stream water, swimming and relaxing in preserved natural areas is possible if you wish.

Continue to Saint-Jean-de-Fos, a small artisan village known for its pottery workshops and traditional craftsmanship.

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Salagou Lake



Option: lunch at Guinguette

## DAY 14 – 27/06/2026

### Salagou Lake & Red Landscapes

An hour drive away from Villeneuve, discover the striking landscapes of Salagou Lake, known for its unique red earth (ruffes) and volcanic scenery.

This man-made dam offers peaceful walking, cycling or swimming, surrounded by wide-open spaces and contrasting colours. You may also enjoy a lunch at the local guinguette that runs on solar energy and offers local food and drinks.

A perfect final and peaceful immersion in nature before heading back home tomorrow.

## DAY 15 – 28/06/2026

### Return Journey - Burgundy Region

Drive back north and stop again in the Burgundy countryside for a final overnight stay.

This stop allows you to break the journey comfortably, recharge your vehicle, and enjoy one last relaxed evening in a rural setting.

## DAY 16 – 29/06/2026

### Return to the Netherlands

After breakfast, begin your journey back home.

Your trip comes to an end, filled with memories of Mediterranean landscapes, historic cities, vineyards and authentic encounters.



## LOCATIONS



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# WHAT IS OR NOT INCLUDED ?



## PRICE

€3 299/2 people

€3 940/2 people, including the 2CV wine experience

Booking experience BP26-R27286

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

### Accommodation - 15 nights

- 2 nights in a panoramic dome in the countryside close to Dijon
- 7 nights in a gîte with private garden and caravane in Nîmes, set in the garrigue
- 6 nights in a BnB in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone, located between lagoons and sea

### Local expertise & recommendations

- A carefully designed day-by-day itinerary across Southern France,
- Our best recommendations with a curated selection of restaurants around Montpellier and Nîmes (vegetarian-friendly)
- Trusted contacts for local guides and authentic experiences

### Activities & Experiences

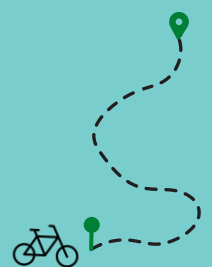
- 2 tickets – Wine estate & mushroom farm experience with Alice (Montpellier)
  - Organic wine and craft beer tasting, visit of permaculture gardens and an underground mushroom farm (WWII bunker)
- 2 tickets – Cévennes steam train experience (Anduze) sent to you by post

### Meals

- All breakfasts in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone
- Dinners & breakfasts included during both Burgundy countryside stays
- A lunch at a local bistro in Estezargues
- A dinner at a local restaurant in the heart of Montpellier

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- **Travel insurance**
  - We strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellations, medical emergencies and personal belongings.
- **Transportation**
  - Travel to/from the Netherlands, tolls and charging costs and any other transport.
- **Meals**
  - All breakfasts, lunches, dinners and drinks not mentioned above are at your expense.
- **Optional activities**
  - 2CV wine tour in Pic Saint-Loup, Additional guided tours or tastings, Boat trips or excursions in Marseille, Access to Pont du Gard site (self-guided visit)
- **Personal expenses & tips**
  - Tips for guides, hosts and service providers are not included.
  - Massage offered by your host in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone (subject to availability)



# RECOMMENDATIONS



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### Weather

In June, Southern France typically enjoys warm, sunny weather, with temperatures ranging between 25°C and 30°C. Evenings can be cooler, especially inland. Occasional short rain showers are possible, so it is advisable to come prepared.

### Packing

We recommend bringing:

- Comfortable walking shoes (for villages, hikes and uneven paths)
- Light, breathable clothing
- A few warmer layers for evenings
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)
- Swimwear for beaches, lake, rivers and pools

### Travel Documents & Essentials

Although you will be travelling within the EU, please ensure you carry:

- Valid ID or passport
- Travel insurance details
- Driving licence
- Copies of your itinerary and booking confirmations

### Travel Safety

Southern France is generally very safe, but we recommend maintaining standard precautions:

- Keep personal belongings secure
- Be mindful in busy areas (markets, city centres)
- Avoid leaving valuables visible in your car



# 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,  
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