

Gastronomic Truffle Weekend in Provencal Drôme*

14 – 15 – 16 JANUARY 2022 * [SPECIAL EDITION OF TRUFFLE MASS](#)

Go for an exceptional weekend to discover the black diamond in Provence: truffle markets, truffle hunting, truffle Mass, truffle auction, and also wine tasting, Gourmet Truffle Dinners!

Staying in a sublime character house. Conviviality, good humour and feast of gastronomic will be the key words of this weekend.



TWO ACCOMMODATIONS SELECTED BY OUR CARE FOR YOU TO CHOOSE

1. A LUXURY VILLA

A beautiful 18th century stone building in the middle of Drome Provence France. Idyllic setting similar to Tuscany, the calm, silent and peaceful nature is welcoming you.

Inside, the decor is guided by the words of "harmony" and "natural". It gives off a prestige perfume in a setting of simplicity.

Its rooms are furnished neatly, spacious, each room has private bathroom, Italian shower and double sink ...

The cuisine is composed only of fresh and **organic** products ... Untreated vegetables and aromatics from their garden, organic farm poultry raised by their care. Meats, cheese... from neighbourhood organic farm, organic olive oil, Valrhona chocolates ...

For breakfast: coffee and teas (in bulk), butter, homemade pastries, homemade jams, yogurt, seasonal fresh fruit salad, cooked ham, baked cheese, cereals, fresh eggs your way (boiled, fried, scrambled) ...), fresh orange juice ... and an espresso for habits!

For relaxation: a 20-minute massage is offered to each client for this weekend with Passion Voyage!



2. A CHARACTER FARMHOUSE

In the middle of the countryside, a **typical old farmhouse** of Drôme Provence welcomes you. It is built on the foundation of a Gallo-Roman villa, surrounded by oaks and vines.

Around you, 70 hectares of forest, lavender and wheat fields offer you for walking or cycling in the nature.

On site, you will discover the farm animals: goats, the farmyard with its chickens, ducks etc. ...

In the kitchen, Beatrice, our host treats you with tasty recipes from her grandmother. Some of them have been included in the TV program "Les Carnets de Julie's" collection!

The rooms are modest, very comfortable with private bathrooms.





THE PROGRAM OF YOUR TRUFFLE WEEKEND

DAY 1 Friday

You are expected at the end of the afternoon at **Montelimar train station** (possible to arrive at Valence station). After 30 minutes transfer by minibus. You arrive to your accommodation.

Once settled in your rooms, we meet together for a **welcome drink** by the fireplace. It will follow a **gourmet dinner** with a pre taste of truffles.

If you are in the Luxury Villa, you can **enjoy a massage** (free *!) To relax before the welcome drink,

DAY 2 Saturday

After a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast awaits you to start the day.

At 9:30 am, we leave for **Richerenches**. It is a small medieval village with its wide surrounding wall and four towers. It has the commandery of the Templars dating from 1136.

We start with a visit to the **truffle market**. It is **the largest market in Europe**. You will discover the very special atmosphere of the secret negotiations, the scent of truffles that hangs over this pretty Provencal village, high quality truffles and many local products.

Then we will meet Sophie, our **local guide** for a **tour to discover the history of the Templar Commandery of the 12th century**, then the **Truffle Museum**.

At noon, in the village, it will be the **tasting of the truffle omelet!** It's a hearty lunch with kir, salad, truffle omelet, cheese, dessert, coffee, wine. **A silk-screen printed glass of wine will be offered to you for souvenir.** The restaurant is ephemeral as it takes place only during the truffle festival.

Then, it will be the moment to discover the **truffle hunting!** With the truffle farmer (for 4 generations) and his dog, we go for a magical experience of hunting the truffles... We will also learn everything about the Truffle and its varieties

January is the New Year season; we can't miss a visit to **the largest Christmas crib in the world** in the village of Grignan. It is **approved by the Guinness Book of Records**. On 1116m², you will find the nativity scenes and many others with sound effects, animated figurines. More than 1000 sentons made by one of the Best Craftsmen in France, for a total of around 200 cribs. **Unique in the world!**

To end the day, we will have appointment in a wine estate: **visit of the cellar and tasting.**

At 8 p.m., **truffle will be the queen of the evening!**

Champagne aperitif, we invite you to a **refined meal**. The **truffle will be sublimated from the starter to the dessert**.

DAY 3 Sunday

For this last day, you will attend a unique event in the world: **THE MASS OF TRUFFLES**.

Every 3rd Sunday in January takes place in Richerenches a very special mass: The Mess of Truffles. It pays homage to Saint Antoine, the Great, patron saint of truffles and venerates the Black Diamond. The peculiarity of this mass, whose homily is in Provencal, is at the time of the quest where the offerings are made in fresh truffles instead of the traditional coin.

After the **religious songs of a choir**, the members of the Brotherhood of Black Diamant and Gastronomy (headquartered in Richerenches), **all in ceremonial costume**, leave the church, followed by the assistance and **weigh the truffles** collected during the quest. They all head for the Place de l'Hotel de Ville, where the **truffle auction** takes place. The great French and foreign restaurateurs are waiting preciously for this moment.

Following this auction, **an aperitif is offered to all**.

Then a big gourmet lunch with truffles will be offered by the Brotherhood. This meal is very popular and each year places are limited. Reservations are made from October.

[If you wish to stay for the lunch, we can make the reservation for you, the meal price is in addition to the package. It is also possible to stay an extra night in the guest house if you wish.](#)

13h00 departure (people do not stay for lunch) by minibus to Montélimar station for your return train. The transfer time is approximately 45 minutes.

[Enjoy your return journey, goodbye, and see you soon for a new trip with Passion Voyage!](#)

PRICE

630 € TTC at the Luxury Villa
460 € TTC at Character Farmhouse
Price per person in double room
For single room, please contact us.
[Places are limited, book early!](#)

The Price includes:

- Two nights' accommodation in a double room with breakfasts.
- Aperitif Friday evening and dinner (Farm: 3 courses and 1/4 wine or Villa: 4 courses and 1/3 wine).
- Champagne aperitif Saturday evening and gourmet truffle dinner (Farm: 4 courses and 1/4 wine or Villa: 5 courses and 1/3 wine).
- Saturday lunch in the Richerenches village (Aperitif, 4 courses coffee and a glass of wine).
- A silk-printed glass for the souvenir.
- Guided visit to the history of the Templar Commandery and the Truffle museum in Richerenches.
- Truffle hunting with the truffle farmer and his dog.
- Visit and tasting at the winery in Drôme Provence.
- Special events the Mess of truffles
- Round-trip transfers from Montélimar train station and accommodation.

- All transfers during the weekend as posted on the program.
- A 20-minute massage per person, free (for client stays in the luxury Villa).

The price does not include:

- The train tickets to and from Montélimar (but we can book for you)
- Visit of the Christmas crib in the village of Grignan (5.5 € / to be paid on site)
- Sunday lunch "big gourmet meal with truffles" (75 € / person booking fee included)
- Transfer for arrival and departure outside of the hours we offer for the group
- Supplement overnight accommodation

For any other need or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

OTHER DATES

December 2021 :	03-05/12 (Truffle market official opening),	17-19/12,
Janvier 2022 :	07-09/01,	28-30/12,
Février 2022 :	11-13/02,	25-27/02,
Mars 2022 :	4-6/03	

BOOKING and INFORMATION

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