

The Secret of Black Truffle Gastronomic Tour

13 – 16 JANVIER 2023 [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.



ACCOMMODATIONS SELECTED BY OUR CARE FOR YOU

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!



LE PROGRAMME DU WEEK

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 for a **welcome drink** by the fireplace. It will follow a **gourmet dinner** with a pre taste of truffles.

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 omelette!** It's a hearty lunch with aperitif, salad, truffle omelette, 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.

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 TRUFFES.**

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 Provençal, 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 of the city hall, 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.

Lunch at leisure in the village.

If you wish to stay for the truffle lunch of the Brotherhood, we can make the reservation for you, the meal price is on supplement of the package.

The black truffle season is from mid-November to mid-March, if you choose to come outside the week of the truffle mass (January 15), the Sunday morning program will be:

Visit **La Garde-Adhemar**, a medieval village with the typical charm of Drome Provençale. Its white stone facades, its vaulted passages and its picturesque alleys make it a place of great beauty. Perched on a rocky outcrop, with its fortified walls whose high walls are still perfectly preserved, La Garde-Adhemar is ranked among the most beautiful villages in France.



After then transfer to Grignan. **Guided tour** inside the **Château de Grignan**, the largest Renaissance castle in the South-East of France.

Reaching its golden age in the 17th century like Versailles, it is the residence of the representative of the Sun King in Provence. Discover from its terraces a breathtaking 360° panorama of Provence and its lavender, Mont Ventoux.

Then 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!**

Return to the guest house. Take advantage of the time to relax with a tea or coffee around the fireplace. You can enjoy a massage (free) to relax before the aperitif and dinner.



Day 4 Monday

After breakfast, transfer to Montelimar (or Valence) station for your return train.
[Enjoy your return journey, goodbye, and see you soon for a new trip with Passion Voyage!](#)

This small group package includes:

- Three nights' accommodation with breakfasts.
- Aperitif Friday and Sunday evening and dinner (3 courses and 1/3 wine).
- Champagne aperitif Saturday evening and gourmet truffle dinner (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 tour 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 Drome Provence.
- Special events the Mess of truffes (or visit of La Garde-Adhemar when date without The Mass)
- Round-trip transfers from Montelimar train station and accommodation.
- All transfers during the weekend as on the program.
- A 20-minute massage per person

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