

Private Walking Tour: Expert-led Provence Wine Tour in Aix-en-Provence

This 3-hr private wine tour and tasting in Aix-en-Provence introduces the many wines of Provence, led by a sommelier.

Our three-hour guided walking tour, led by an oenologist or sommelier, will take us into and beyond the world of Provence wine, focusing on it and other Provence wine through visits to typical wine bars of Aix-en-Provence. Beginning at one of Aix-en-Provence's most charming wine bars, we'll delve into the world of provencal wine, learning about the history of and process of production in the region, local varietals and vintages, and appellations (AOPs) such as Bandol, Palette, or the well-known Cotes de Provence. Tasting wines from a particular provencal AOP, we'll begin our gustatory adventure. At our next stop, we'll evaluate wines of a different provencal AOP, where attention may turn to identifying characteristics of wines, smells, flavors, and appearance, and other basics of wine tasting. Here we'll also learn how to recognize wine faults. Moving on to our final stop, will emphasize wines of yet another provencal AOP. Here we will also sample common provencal fromage or charcuterie, allowing us to examine the basics of wine and food pairings. Keeping within the same vein, we may discuss some of the region's other typical beverages, and certainly we'll discuss what to look for in picking out a provencal wine independently. At the finish of our seminar, we'll have a better understanding of the wines specific to the Provence region and what makes them extraordinary.

