



**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**  
for Solo Travelers

**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
24 Travelers

**LAND JOURNEY**

# Undiscovered France

featuring Albi, Toulouse & Carcassonne

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ **Meet gracious locals** while tasting homemade products and touring their countryside farms.
- ▶ Reflect on the life and gifts of a great artist while exploring the treasures of the **Musée Toulouse-Lautrec**.
- ▶ Gaze at brilliant frescos and the vaulted ceiling of **Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile**, an architectural wonder.
- ▶ Admire the pink bricks and pretty coral-hues of **Toulouse**, “La Ville Rose.”
- ▶ Witness the picture-perfect fortified city of **Carcassonne**, one of France’s most beautiful towns.
- ▶ Delight in **Cordes-sur-Ciel**, a hilltop village steeped in medieval splendor.
- ▶ Cruise on the **Canal du Midi**, an engineering marvel connecting the Mediterranean and Atlantic oceans.
- ▶ Experience four **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Albi, France, at the first-class Mercure Albi Bastides Hotel.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈
- Day 2** Arrive in Toulouse and transfer➡ to hotel in Albi
- Day 3** Albi
- Day 4** Montauban
- Day 5** Castres | Carcassonne
- Day 6** Toulouse
- Day 7** Cordes-sur-Ciel
- Day 8** Albi
- Day 9** Transfer➡ to Toulouse airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Flights and ➡transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Toulouse



Alumni Campus Abroad®



**Discovery**

**AHI Connects: Encounters in the Country.** Meet the owners of a family-run dairy farm that uses both innovative and traditional milking methods. Tour the farm and taste their cheese. Next, visit a winery and learn how the owners create bold, rich flavors through a combination of old and modern techniques. Sample their wine varietals and tour the winery. Cap off your excursion at the Degan family farm and enjoy a lunch of locally sourced ingredients.

**AHI Connects: Gaillac Wine.** Journey to Cordes-sur-Ciel, a quaint medieval citadel perched on a hill. Travel through the Cérou valley to a local vineyard and savor a Gaillac wine tasting.

**Albi.** Perched along the Tarn River, this lovely city offers an ensemble of Gothic architecture. Begin your discovery at the Musée Toulouse-Lautrec, home to the world's largest collection of Lautrec's art. Revel in the vastness of Cathédrale Sainte-Cécile and its unique brick façade. Then board a *gabare*, a traditional flat-bottomed boat, for a cruise along the Tarn River.

**Montauban.** Enjoy a visit to the historic center, viewing cobbled, medieval lanes, neoclassical architecture, a trove of pretty buildings and the Place Nationale.

**Toulouse.** Explore France's fourth-largest city. Begin in the Place du Capitole, a vast plaza anchored by the neoclassical city hall. Visit St. Sernin Basilica, considered by many to be the most glorious of the churches along the way of St. James. Stroll along the waterfront and explore the city's old quarter.

**Castres.** Visit Castres, viewing the half-timbered craftsmen houses along the Agout River. Once home to tanners, dyers and papermakers, these houses stand tribute to the town's success in the trade and textile industries.

**Canal du Midi Cruise.** Glide on Europe's oldest canal, which was selected as a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its amazing mechanical and engineering advancements. Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the canal as it snakes through the land's natural contours.

**Carcassonne.** Carcassonne is recognized as one of France's most historic and beautiful towns. Take an orientation tour of this medieval citadel that boasts over 1.5 miles of defensive ramparts, as well as draw bridges, towers, spires and fountains.

**Enrichment**

- ▶ **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec**
- ▶ **The Cathars and the Albigensian Crusade**
- ▶ **Contemporary France**

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne
2. Episcopal City of Albi
3. Canal du Midi
4. Routes of Santiago de Compostela in France (Saint Sernin Basilica)



Saint Sernin Basilica



Canal du Midi

**Accommodations**

**Mercure Albi Bastides Hotel**



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**AHI Sustainability Promise**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

**Environmental Impact** | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

**Social Impact** | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

**Economic Impact** | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

**Let us arrange your flights!**

**AHI FlexAir** | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

**DATES & PRICES**

**Sept. 28 – Oct. 6, 2021**

From Price **\$3,245**

Special Savings **\$250**

**Special Price \$2,995**

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.