

# Premier Tours & Travel's Unique Experiential Travel for 2019

## EXPLORING PROVENCE WINE AND CULINARY EXPERIENCES

With Chef Bob Waggoner

*"amid the charming hilltop villages of Provence, France"*

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## Le Mas de Belle Combe Accommodation

### **About the Property:**

This property is made up of a main house with 4 bedrooms ensuite, and next to that are 6 more bedrooms ensuite, each with their own entrance. In the main house, the living spaces are living room, dining room and kitchen, with an additional larger dining room. These open out to the south-facing terrace with wonderful views.

The house is in a wonderful position high up and facing south over a wide tapestry of Provence countryside to the Luberon mountain. The view is best appreciated from the raised terrace outside the living room and kitchen, where the dining table and relaxation area are set. From here, you also have a lovely view of the village of Gordes on its promontory to the west. Below this terrace are the garden with lawn, olive trees, and the pool area, also with a view. The lovely garden spreads out over the property offering many opportunities for relaxation. For anyone who wants their own space, most of the bedrooms also have their own little patio with table and chairs.





**About Chef Bob Waggoner:** Chef Bob received his formal training with Michael Roberts at Trumps in Los Angeles from 1981 to 1983, and later in France at a constellation of Michelin-rated restaurants with chefs Jacques Lameloise, Charles Barrier, Pierre Gagnaire, Gerard Boyer and Mark Meneau. At 23, he took on his first chef position at the private club “Members” in Caracas, Venezuela. Chef Bob Waggoner returned to France at age 24 to become chef of the Hotel de la Poste in Avallon for three years. Then, in 1988 at age 26, in the town of Moneteau in Burgundy, he became the first American chef to own his own restaurant in France, the much acclaimed Le Monte Cristo. He is one of the few Americans to be Knighted with the “l’Ordre du Mérite Agricole” from the Government of France. In 1991, Waggoner was offered the opportunity of Chef de Cuisine with Chef Jean-Pierre Silva, the two-star Michelin, at Le Vieux Moulin in Beaune, France. After 11 years in France, he returned to the States in 1993 to cook at the award-winning Turnberry Isle in Florida, before joining The Wild Boar in Nashville, where he earned the restaurant a coveted AAA Five-Diamond Award and the Grand Award from Wine Spectator. He finally found his way to Charleston where he was Executive Chef of Charleston Grill at Charleston Place for a dozen years. Every year Chef Bob was at the Charleston Grill, it was awarded AAA Four-Diamond and the Mobile Four-Star award, and in 2001-2005 he was nominated four times for The Beard Foundation “Best Chef Southeast” award. Always well regarded as a media-savvy chef, he has won an Emmy for his television show “Off the Menu” with Turner South. He also hosted 2 cooking shows with **PBS, U Cook with Chef Bob and Sing for Your Supper with Chef Bob**. Currently, he is the owner of **“In the Kitchen with Chef Bob Waggoner”** where he hosts cooking classes in a relaxed, casual, and sophisticated atmosphere. With his easygoing nature, he can teach anyone the culinary tips and techniques for “how it’s done” in the finest restaurants.

## Gordes

*The closest village to the Villa Le Mas de Belle Combe*



***The villa is in a peaceful country setting half a mile from the village of Gordes in the Luberon region of Provence.***

**Gordes** is perhaps the most picturesque village in Provence, if not France. Honey-colored houses spiral down from the medieval castle at the top, to form the perfect hill-top village. Views from the village are far and wide over the vineyards and orchards of the Luberon Mountains. Gordes has many restaurants and a lovely Tuesday morning market, as well as basic food stores. In summer, it is lively with cultural events and in the off-season, it is calmer and more relaxed. Just outside Gordes is ‘the’ lavender photo opportunity – Senanque Abbey.



## Your Provence Wine and Culinary Experience includes:

### **Day 1**

Depart US for Nice, France

### **Day 2 – Saint Paul de Vence, France**

Arrive **Nice International Airport** in the AM

Private Transfer to your hotel in **Saint Paul de Vence** (30 minutes); 3 Nights

Check-in your hotel with free time to explore the village on your own

**Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant**

### **Day 3 Tourettes sur Loup - Grasse - Callian**

Today, your guided tour will take you to the charming village of **Tourettes sur Loup**, famous for the growing of its violets, with a tasting of confectionary at Confiserie Florian. From Tourettes sur Loup, you will continue to the village of **Grasse**, known as the world's capital of perfume, where you will visit the Fragonard Perfumery.

Transfer back to your hotel in Saint Paul de Vence

**Dinner on your own**

### **Day 4 – Eze - Villefranche-sur-Mer**

This morning, you will depart Saint Paul de Vence for the hilltop village of **Eze**, one of the most picturesque villages in the south of France, where you will enjoy strolling through the local market, Place de la Colette. After your guided tour, you will have time for lunch on your own and shopping. From Eze, you will continue on to **Villefranche-sur-Mer** for a walking tour.

Transfer back to your hotel in Saint Paul de Vence

**Dinner on your own**

### **Day 5 - Aix en Provence – Villa Le Mas de Belle Combe, Gordes, France**

This morning you will depart St. Paul de Vence for your lovely villa in Provence. On your way, you will enjoy the town of **Aix en Provence**, founded by the Romans in 103 BC. Aix has been called the city of a thousand fountains and is known for its colorful flower market. You will get a glimpse of daily life for the artist, Paul Cezanne, and retrace his work and inspiration. Included will be a stop for a wine tasting at **Chateau Gassier**, famous for its *Rosé* wines. After lunch on your own in Aix en Provence, you will have time to enjoy shopping, peruse the many art galleries, with time to explore the many cafés scattered among the many shops.

**PM Check-in at Villa Le Mas de Belle Combe**

**Welcome Chef's Dinner at Le Mas de Belle Combe with a Champagne toast;** *Chef selected wine list with wines available for purchase*

### **Day 6 - Gordes**

Wake up to breakfast and an amazing view of the hillside village of **Gordes**, France. Spend the morning in beautiful, medieval Gordes. On a guided tour, walk through the vaulted, arcaded lanes that reveal the town's many charms and lead to local markets where Chef Bob will join you on a visit to select fresh ingredients for your optional cooking lesson at the villa. Stop in a café for lunch on your own or have a picnic overlooking the Luberon region.

**Option:** Hands-on-Cooking with Chef Bob

**Chef's Dinner with Chef Bob;** *Chef selected wine list with wines available for purchase*

### **Day 7 – L'Isle sur la Sorgue – Avignon – Chateauneuf du Pape Vineyards**

In route to the medieval city of **Avignon**, you will visit **L'Isle sur la Sorgue**, famous for its antique shops. When you arrive in **Avignon**, you will enjoy a guided tour of this magnificent medieval city where you will walk through the streets lined with 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century houses and view the Palais des Papes. There will be free time for shopping, exploring, and lunch on your own in a French café. After lunch, you will enjoy a ride through the countryside to the lovely **Chateauneuf du Pape** vineyards for a cheese and wine tasting.

**Chef's Dinner;** *Chef selected wine list with wines available for purchase*

### **Day 8 – Roussillon – Bonnieux - Menerbes**

This morning you will enjoy a guided tour of the hilltop villages of the Luberon Region: travel through quintessential landscapes to visit the Sentier des Ocres in **Roussillon**, famous for its red and yellow ochre cliffs; continue to **Bonnieux**, an authentic hilltop village offering many shops and cafés with free time for lunch; pass through the village of **Lacoste** with its amazing views for a photo stop; then on to **Menerbes**, the village made famous by the author Peter Mayle in his book, **A Year in Provence**. End the day with a wine tasting at one of the many small, elite vineyards producing the exquisite *Rosé* wines and experience the elegance of the *Rosé*, the noble wines of the region.

**Dinner on your own in the village of Gordes**

### **Day 9 – Saint Remy de Provence – Vallongue Domain Vineyards**

Your visit to the lovely city of **Saint Remy de Provence**, forever entwined with the legacy of Vincent van Gogh and known as the city of a thousand fountains, will include a guided tour. You will enjoy strolling through the local market place, brimming with fresh produce, baguettes straight from the oven, fragrant herbs, and seasonal specialties...taste and select some French cheeses to take home with you! You will have free time for lunch and shopping and then on to **Vallongue Domain**, to enjoy wine tasting followed by a stroll through the vines.

**Chef's Dinner;** *Chef selected wine list with wines available for purchase*

### **Day 10 – Les Baux de Provence**

In the morning, you will visit the small medieval village of **Les Baux de Provence**, considered as one of the most beautiful villages in France. Upon arrival, enjoy an AOC olive oil tasting and learn about the production process. Afterwards, you will have free time to enjoy shopping and exploring this lovely, quaint village. After lunch, you will return to the villa to enjoy an afternoon of leisure.

**Option:** Hands-on-Cooking Lesson with Chef Bob

**Chef's Dinner with Chef Bob;** *Chef selected wine list with wines available for purchase*

### **Day 11 - Gordes**

Your last day at the villa will be a day of leisure to relax by the pool, take a hike to enjoy the landscape of the area, or take a walk into the lovely village of **Gordes** with Chef Bob to select fresh ingredients for dinner that evening. In the afternoon, there will be a wine tasting of *Rosés of the Provence Region* in a local art gallery.

**Farewell Dinner with Chef Bob;** *Complimentary wines served with dinner*

### **Day 12**

Breakfast at the Villa

**Check-out** of Villa Le Mas De Belle Combe and Transfer to Marseille Airport for your flight home

### **Your Provence experience includes:**

- 3 nights in the beautiful and charming village of **Saint Paul de Vence** at a Relais Chateau hotel
- All Private Transfers required within the program as presented
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner in St. Paul de Vence
- 3 Chef dinners with Chef Bob Waggoner /2 Optional Cooking Lessons with Chef Bob
- 3 Chef dinners with a local French Chef
- Enjoy 5 wine tastings from the famous vineyards of the Luberon Region
- An AOC olive oil tasting with an overview of the production process
- 7-night stay at the beautiful **Villa Le Mas de Belle Combe** near the hilltop village of **Gordes**
- Visits to the charming villages of Southern France:  
**Tourettes sur Loup**, known for its violets and confectionary at Confiserie Florian; **Grasse**, known for its perfumeries with a visit to Fragonard Perfumery
- **A walking tour of Villefranche sur Mer** and a visit to the market in **Eze**, a village known for its amazing views
- **A guided tour to Aix en Provence** with a wine tasting at Chateau Gassier, famous for its lovely wines and discover a glimpse of the landscapes of the artist Paul Cezanne
- **Exploring the nearby hilltop village of Gordes (walking tour)**, enjoying a picnic overlooking the beautiful Luberon region; experience market shopping to select fresh ingredients for a cooking class with renowned chef, Bob Waggoner; enjoy a walk to Abbaye de Senanque and walk atop the Pont du Gard, a World Heritage Site.
- An afternoon **wine tasting in a local art gallery** in the village of Gordes
- **Enjoy a guided tour to medieval Avignon** with a stop at the picturesque village of **L'Isle sur la Sorgue**, famous for its antique shops
- Visit the small medieval village of **Les Baux de Provence**, one of the most beautiful in France
- **Enjoy Saint Remy de Provence** with a guided tour and a visit to its famous market with Chef Bob; a wine tasting to Vallongue Domain (part of Terres Blanches Domain)
- **Visits to the Hilltop villages of the Luberon: Roussillon**, with its red cliffs; **Bonnieux** with its many shops and cafes; lovely **Menerbes**, to enjoy a wine tasting

### **THE COST OF YOUR FRENCH EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE**

\$5575 per person based on double occupancy

**Single Supplement:** An additional \$1500

**Deposit:** \$1000 per person due at time of booking or by February 15, 2019

**PLEASE NOTE: THE COST OF AIRLINE TICKET IS NOT INCLUDED;** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance. If you decide to purchase travel insurance, we are happy to help you with that. If deemed necessary, this itinerary may be altered at the discretion of Premier Tours & Travel, Inc. **\*\*Limited Space Available:** The rate will be based on confirmation of a minimum of 16 participants.

Please call Premier Tours and Travel 843-237-9903 or 843-359-9593 for additional information or to confirm your reservation.

## Booking Form

To confirm your reservation, please complete and return this form by February 15, 2019 with a non-refundable deposit of \$1000/per person and payable to Premier Tours and Travel, Inc. Please send completed form and payment to Maria Cartwright, Premier Tours and Travel, by mail: 10729 C Ocean Highway 17, Pawleys Island, SC 29585; or call 843.237.9903 to make a deposit payment by credit card and email completed form to [maria@premiertravelsc.com](mailto:maria@premiertravelsc.com) . **PAYMENT IN FULL is DUE by April 1, 2019**

### Participant #1

Full Name as it appears on ID

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

Telephone (cell)

Email

### Participant #2 (if applicable)

Full Name as it appears on ID

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

Telephone (cell)

Email

### Accommodations and Hotel Room Preference:

Two Single Beds

One Queen Bed

**TOTAL PACKAGE RATE PER PERSON: \$5575**

**Single Supplement: \$1500 (additional)**

**Deposit Due: \$1000 per person**

**ALL GROUND TRANSPORTATION, TAXES, AND SERVICE FEES ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM PACKAGE**

**\*\*TRAVEL INSURANCE:  YES  NO**

*Premier Tours and Travel strongly suggests travel insurance.*

### PAYMENT METHOD

Please charge my credit card for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMEX  MasterCard  Visa

Credit Card Number

Expiration

CVC

Credit Card Billing Address

City

State

Zip

Signature

**For any questions regarding your reservation, please contact Maria Cartwright or Judy Gaither at 843-237-9903 or email to:**

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### **Special Events and Tours:**

All components, services and suppliers for this itinerary have been selected by the client, in addition selected private events, experiences and entertainment. Premier Tours and Travel, Inc. are solely acting as the tour / event coordinator and under the guidance of the incoming land suppliers, the (Tour Operator) and the clients.

If there are any discrepancies between the terms of this agreement and the terms of any other agreement between the suppliers/tour operators and the clients or group, referring to the client or group party to this itinerary/contract only, then the terms of this agreement shall govern.

### **Hotel Bookings**

Hotels are selected by the client, with the guidance of the Tour Operator and incoming suppliers. Hotels are paid in advance for the client / group and are non-refundable after payment is made.

### **Package Itinerary and Inclusions**

The confirmation sets out the package inclusions. Services not described in Confirmation are not included in the package.

The confirmation sets out the Tour Package Itinerary. Times indicated may vary depending on third party supplier confirmation and matters beyond the control of Premier Tours and Travel.

### **Program Director Group Policy**

The group must have a designated representative or program director accompany the tour from beginning to end as a Group Escort. The Group Escort's responsibilities will include but not limited to:

Collecting for hotel/restaurant incidental charges incurred by guests prior to departure charges not collected will be the responsibility of the Group

Arranging luggage pulls time / group check-in, etc.

Ensuring that all vouchers are presented to suppliers at the beginning of each service

### **Deposits**

Premier Tours and Travel, Inc., and Independent **Tour Packages require a non-refundable**, non-transferable, deposit.

### **Gratuities**

Gratuities to the guides, drivers are not included and at the discretion of the client.

### **Payments Terms**

Group Balance shall be pay to Premier Tours and Travel of the purchase price for all bookings no later than 90 days prior to tour departure. If full payment is not received prior to the applicable due date, respective bookings on any or all space may be cancelled at Premier Tours and Travel sole discretion.

### **Travel Insurance:**

Should the unexpected occur, Premier Tours and Travel strongly recommends being protected prior to and during your travels to ensure your travel investment and well-being are covered. If you wish to purchase travel insurance, please see our website [www.premiertravelsc.com](http://www.premiertravelsc.com) If you need assistance, please call our office 843 237 9903.

### **Cancellation:**

In the event of subsequent cancellation, the following will be assessed prior to departure:  
60 days or less – 100% non-refundable.

**Alteration by you:** If you request any amendments to your travel arrangements once your booking has been confirmed, an amendment fee of \$250.00 per alteration will be charged. If you request any changes in services or accommodation, once commencement of travel, Premier Tours and Travel will do all possible to accommodate your request, however, any costs incurred due to such amendments, you will be liable for any cancellation/retention charges that may be levied for the previously booked service and for any costs incurred to secure revised arrangements. All prices quoted are based on current rates in effect at time of brochure printing and are subject to change. We will remain consistent with the scheduled Itinerary to the best of our ability, but it is not guaranteed as some changes may be outside of our control. No changes of any kind are permitted within 60 days of travel.

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Should you wish to cancel your travel arrangements, you must notify Premier Tours in writing. Please note that deposit or full payments are non-refundable.

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For International Travelers require a passport with at least six months validity beyond completion of travel. The client accepts full responsibility for obtaining all travel documentation, including but not limited to passport, entry visa and permits prior to commencement of travel, and is solely responsible for any consequences resulting from missing or defective documentation. Any information or advice given by Premier Tours and Travel regarding visas, vaccinations, climate, what to pack, baggage, etc., is purely advisory and provided as a courtesy. Premier Tours and Travel is not responsible of any errors or omissions as to the information provided by third parties. Visas may be required to travel to your chosen destination and US citizens should consult with the appropriate Consulate and Embassies. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to secure the proper documentation prior to commencement of travel.

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For Domestic Travel, please check with your airline carrier for luggage restrictions.

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Due to the difference in policies and charges according to your seat preference, type of aircraft and airline company, please contact the airline directly.