

# SOUTHERN FRANCE TOUR 2016

May 24 – June 6, 2016

Our tour for 2016 will consist of the Southern Invasion of France in WW2 - Operations Dragoon/Anvil, August 1944. We will then continue the tour visiting many Roman and Greek civilization sites as indicated in the tour program. 5 overnights will be on the French Riviera in a very fine hotel near the beach.

Some of the highlights will include:

- Sightseeing tour of Nice, Monaco, Avignon, Nimes, Arles, Orange, and Lyon.
- Battlefield Seminar program on "Operation Dragoon/Anvil" to include Landing Beaches, and the Airborne Drop Zones codenamed "Operation Rugby". Memorial Day service at the Rhone American Cemetery.
- Visit of the Palace of Popes, Pont du Gard, Roman ruins of Glanum, Lyon Centre for the History of Resistance and Deportation museum, and Michel de Nostradamus museum.
- Visit and study the life of Michel de Nostradamus in Saint Remy de Provence (birthplace 1503 of Nostradamus), and Salon de Provence (Nostradamus published the Centuries, containing his 900 predictions) and many other places of interest.

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**Day 1. May 24, 2016 Tuesday**

Depart USA for Nice, France

**Day 2. May 25, 2016 Wednesday**

Arrive Nice International Airport and meet transfer bus

Check into the hotel located at the Nice beach promenade

Free day at your leisure

**Walking tour of Nice center**

2 overnights Nice, France (welcome dinner)



**Day 3. May 26, 2016 Thursday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

Full day **sightseeing tour of Nice, Monaco**, and the nearby coastal French Riviera

Overnight Nice (breakfast)



**Day 4. May 27, 2016 Friday**

Breakfast at your leisure

After check out depart hotel by bus for Saint Raphael

**Battlefield Seminar program of the Landing Beaches**

The assault troops consisted of 3 American divisions of the VI Corps, reinforced by the French 1st Armored Division, all under the command of Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.

The 3rd Infantry Division landed on the left at Alpha Beach (Cavalaire-sur-Mer)

45th Infantry Division landed in the center at Delta Beach (Saint-Tropez)

36th Infantry Division landed on the right at Camel Beach (Saint-Raphaël)

Dinner in hotel restaurant

5 overnights Saint Raphael area (breakfast, dinner)



**Day 5. May 28, 2016 Saturday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

**Battlefield Seminar program of the Airborne Drop Zones**

Airborne Task Force's role in "Operation Dragoon" was codenamed "Operation Rugby". The Task Force landed around the village of Le Muy, mid-way between Draguignan, and the landing beaches at Fréjus-Saint-Raphaël (Three Drop Zones).

Overnight Saint Raphael (breakfast)

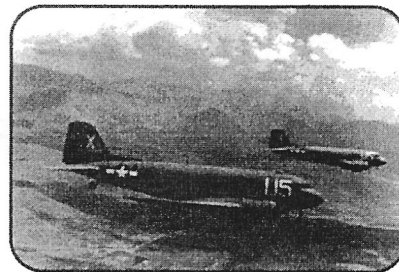
**Day 6. May 29, 2016 Sunday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

**Battlefield Seminar program Landing and Airborne Drop Zones**

Attend **Memorial Day Rhone American Cemetery**

Overnight Saint Raphael (breakfast, dinner)



**Day 7. May 30, 2016 Monday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

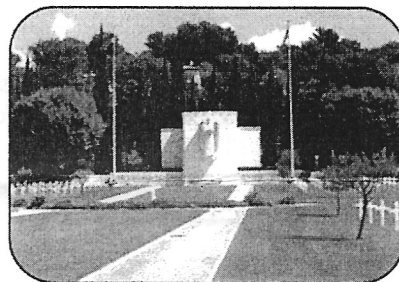
**Battlefield Seminar program of the Landing Beaches**

Liberation of Marseille and Toulon harbor (Battle of Marseille and Battle of Toulon 1944)

Amphibious assault against the Hyères Islands (Operation Sitka)

Visit of Hyeres Island by ferry if time permits

Overnight Saint Raphael (breakfast)



**Day 8. May 31, 2016 Tuesday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

Free day at your leisure

Overnight Saint Raphael (breakfast, dinner)

**Day 9. June 1, 2016 Wednesday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

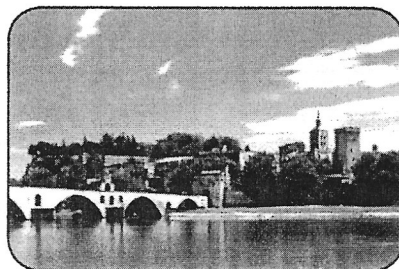
After check out depart hotel by bus for Avignon

**Visit of the Palace of Popes and Sightseeing tour of Avignon**

Check into hotel located in city center

Dinner in hotel restaurant

3 overnights Avignon, France (breakfast, dinner)



**Day 10. June 2, 2016 Thursday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

Visit of **Pont du Gard**

**Sightseeing tour of Nimes** (Nimes Arena and Maison Carre)

Overnight Avignon (breakfast)

**Day 11. June 3, 2016 Friday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

Today we dedicate most of the day to Michel de Nostradamus

Visit of **Saint Remy de Provence** (birthplace 1503 of Nostradamus)

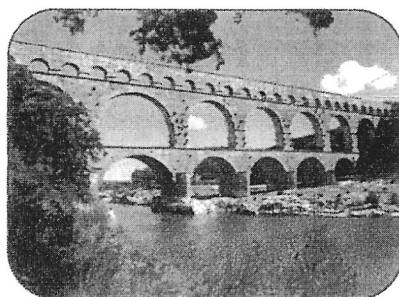
Visit of the **Roman ruins of Glanum**

**Sightseeing Tour of Arles** (Roman sites)

Visit **Salon de Provence and Nostradamus Museum**

(Nostradamus published the Centuries, containing his 900 predictions)

Overnight Avignon (breakfast)



**Day 12. June 4, 2016 Saturday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

After check out depart by bus for Lyon via Orange

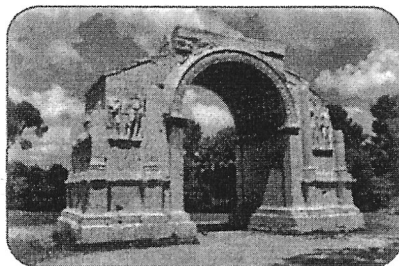
**Sightseeing tour of Orange** to include the Roman Theatre,

Triumphal Arch, and Orange Museum

**Visit of the Lyon Centre for the History of Resistance and Deportation museum**

Dinner in hotel restaurant

2 overnights Lyon Airport hotel (breakfast, dinner)



**Day 13. June 5, 2016 Sunday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

**Sightseeing tour of Lyon to include the role of the resistance**

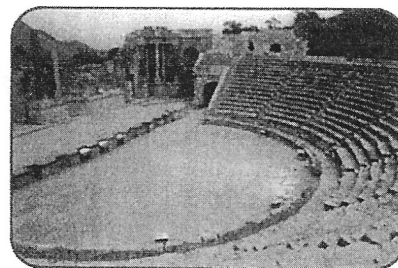
Overnight Lyon Airport hotel (breakfast, lunch)

**Day 14. June 6, 2016 Monday**

Breakfast buffet at your leisure

Complimentary airport shuttle is available

Depart home from Lyon International Airport



**Included in the tour program:**

- 14 days / 12 overnights
- Breakfast buffet each morning, 6 dinners, and 1 lunch
- Deluxe bus transportation
- Full time tour escort
- Historians and guides as per the program
- First class hotels with meals as indicated in the program
- Sightseeing tours of Nice, Monaco, Avignon, Nimes, Arles, Orange, and Lyon.
- Battlefield Seminar programs on "Operation Dragoon/Anvil" to include Landing Beaches, and the Airborne Drop Zones codenamed "Operation Rugby", Liberation of Marseille and Toulon harbor (Battle of Marseille and Battle of Toulon 1944), Amphibious assault against the Hyères Islands (Operation Sitka)
- Memorial Day service at the Rhone American Cemetery
- Visit of the Palace of Popes, Pont du Gard, Roman ruins of Glanum, Lyon Centre for the History of Resistance and Deportation museum, and Michel de Nostredamus museum.
- Overview of Michel de Nostredamus
- and many more sights if time permits



**Price:** Available end of October 2015

**Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information and pricing:**

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