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Antiques & Decorative Arts at l'Isle sur la Sorgue

*Full day excursion to Isle sur la Sorgue & Fontaine de Vaucluse
(Available on Sundays only)*

Morning excursion to the Isle sur La Sorgue market and visit to Fontaine de Vaucluse

Make it Contemporary!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit to the Collection Lambert in Avignon
Please see the last page for more information

Make it Abbaye!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Visit the Cistercian Senanque Abbey located at the outskirts of the village of Gordes
Please see the last page for more information



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Isle sur la Sorgue

Leave Avignon for L'Isle sur la Sorgue, a charming provencal town of 18,000 inhabitants in the heart of the Vaucluse region.

It is a 'must' in Provence in regards to antiques, and it is a bargain hunter's paradise. **Antique dealers and flea market traders have been settling here for over 30 years**, and there are currently almost 400 of them, giving l'Isle sur la Sorgue **the charm and prestigious reputation it is known for**. It is one of the most important towns in France for antiques

L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, located on the banks of the river Sorgue, offers **lovely views of the old paddle wheels** that provided energy for the silk and wool industry since the 12th century.

L'Isle sur la Sorgue is nicknamed 'Venice Comtadine', '**Venice**' for its similarities with Venice, a major Italian town of art and culture, and '**Comtadine**' as the town was at the heart of the Comtat-Venaissin region (now known as the Vaucluse). The Comtat-Venaissin belonged to the Pope from 1274 until 1791. L'Isle sur la Sorgue became part of France in 1791, at the end of the Pope's reign.

Lunch is at your leisure. We suggest the **la Prévoté**, a charming restaurant set in a former convent. You may wish to take advantage of a table located by the bay windows that open out onto the Sorgue River.

Continue on towards **Fontaine de Vaucluse** and view the **impressive spring that flows out of the 230m high cliff**. This gigantic source is the most powerful in France. 630 million cubic meters of water flow out every year.

The emerald green calm summer waters become **spectacular in the wet season**. However, in all seasons secondary springs flow into the river to create an extremely beautiful shady pool, under the immense plane trees.

You may also wish to **visit the Ruins of the Bishops of Cavailon Castle** and the remains of the Roman Canal on the Sorgue river.

Back to Avignon at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest you to check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan carrying up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as in museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Contemporary !

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

A very special visit to the Yvon Lambert Collection housed in the hôtel de Caumont, a late 18th-century mansion in the very heart of this walled city. Yvon Lambert, a gallery owner, has collected artist works that represent different currents in contemporary art. The museum brings the collection to life by presenting the works either in chronological order or by theme, which offers visitors a new interpretation of the past thirty years.

Please contact us for more information on availability and prices.



Make it Abbaye!

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Guided visit of Senanque Abbey: Sitting at the bottom of a deep valley, Notre-Dame de Senanque remains one of the purest examples of primitive Cistercian architecture. A community of Cistercian monks still lives there. The entire 12th-Century building is open for visits (the abbey church, cloister, dormitory, chapterhouse and calefactory). Its setting and architecture express the purity and severity of the order. *(Available on Sunday afternoons only)*

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