

# LA CAMAR- GUE



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## Full day tour in Camargue

This is a wonderful day experiencing the best of the Camargue, the unspoiled très- nature region known as the Wild West of Provence.

La Camargue is among the oldest natural park in France, located south of Arles, between the Mediterranean Sea and the two arms of the Rhône River delta. Home of the world famous pink flamingoes from March to November, exploring la Camargue is like going from a good surprise to an other.

Most people think of hilltop villages when they hear « Provence », like an echo to Peter Mayle book “A Year in Provence”. Luckily, the southwestern part of Provence remains pretty quite, not yet victim of its own success. Touring in la Camargue does feel like going for an adventure, the kind of place where you need to keep your eyes wide open to enjoy the show. About 400 species of bird have been identified in the area.

If you start thinking this is a place for bird watchers only, I am afraid you get it wrong. Camargue has much more to offer. From the salt marches of the medieval village of Aigues-Mortes to the numerous ranches where the Gardians (local cowboys) breed white horses and Camargue bulls, you will be amazed by this destination away from the touristic crowds. By the way, do you know the word salary takes its roots in Camargue. The word salary comes from Latin *salarium*, originally denoting a Roman soldier's allowance to buy salt.

*Come explore la Camargue !*

### Made to measure

We are specialized in tailor made tours across Provence and Camargue. This is an example of day tour itinerary which we will be happy to change based on your specific expectations.

Our expertise and knowledge of the area combined to an extensive network of partners make it possible to offer each and every client one of a kind experiences....

# The itinerary

9.00 am you will be picked at your residence by your english speaking driver / guide in a luxury minivan with A/C. We are very much flexible with itineraries so if you have changed your mind with the itinerary at the last minute, please feel free to share with your guide.

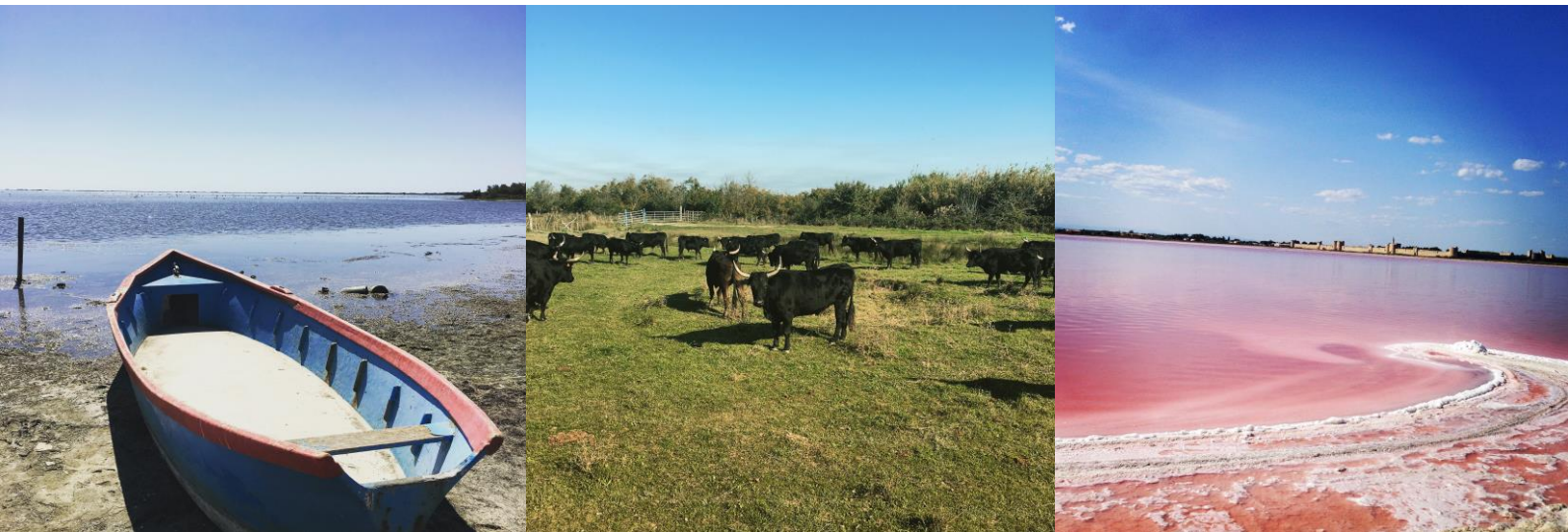
We will drive toward Les Saintes-Marie-de-la-Mer to visit the the Pont de Gau Ornithological Park. It invites you to share an intimacy with the wild fauna in their 60 hectare natural environment. The trails of the Pont de Gau Ornithological Park take you through marshes, past sea-ponds, reed marshes, lawns, salt swamps, rivulets... The diversity of the habitats encourages the presence of a large number of bird species such as the pink flamingoes.

Lunch in a typical local bistrot to taste local traditional food.

Early afternoon we will hit the road to the medieval walled town of Aigues-Mortes where Louis XIV started the 7th and 8th crusades. You will get to discover one the most amazing natural beauty across the south of France, the local salt marshes.

The Aigues-Mortes Salt Marsh is an invaluable wetland heritage, which is the world's second largest biological asset after the tropical rainforest, plays a major role in maintaining biodiversity. You will embark upon an unique and magical ride for over an hour around the Salt Marshes.

Back to your residence around 5.00 pm.



## Food and Wine

Provence can be considered as a big playground for foodies. Over the last 15 years, we have developed an exhaustive network of local producers, wine makers and restaurants so we will be happy to suggest some tastings along the way as well as nice restaurant, bistrots and cafés for lunch.

## Optional

- > Horse Back ridding
- > Private visit of a ranch
- > Private visit of the salt marches
- > Visit of the medieval village of Aigues-Mortes
- > Michelin Starred picnic lunch or cooking class
- > Visit of Arles Roman remains



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