

## **INCLUDED FEATURES**

#### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Albi, France, at the firstclass 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.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

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

- Discovery excursions, including a choice of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY options, highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- 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
	Transfer  to Albi
Day 3	Albi
Day 4	Montauban   Canal du Midi
Day 5	Toulouse
Day 6	Cordes-sur-Ciel
Day 7	Castres   Carcassonne
Day 8	Albi
Day 9	Transfer to Toulouse airport and

depart for gateway city

 $\star$ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions.



**NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT** for Solo Travelers

**SMALL GROUP** Maximum of 28 Travelers LAND JOURNEY

# Undiscovered France

Featuring Albi, Toulouse & Carcassonne Inspiring Moments

- Succumb to the ambience of Albi with its half-timbered homes, cobbled alleys and facades of handmade brick.
- ► 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.
- Explore 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.
- ► Witness the Canal du Midi, an engineering marvel connecting the Mediterranean and Atlantic oceans.
- Experience four UNESCO World
  Heritage sites.
  Toulouse



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## **UNDISCOVERED FRANCE**

## **Discovery**

AHI Connects: Wine Tasting and Lunch. Journey to the quaint village of Cordes-sur-Ciel. a medieval citadel perched high on a hill. Enjoy a delicious Gaillac lunch at a local establishment. Then travel through the Cérou valley to a local vineyard and savor a Gaillac wine tasting.

Albi. Perched along the Tarn River, Albi offers a remarkable ensemble of Gothic architecture. Begin your discovery with a visit to 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 facade. Then board a gabare, a traditional flat-bottomed wooden boat, for a cruise along the Tarn River.

Montauban. Witness the village's lovely monuments, including the Church of Saint-Jacques, and see the Place Nationale, an inviting central square bordered with pretty arcades and blushhued architecture.

Toulouse. Explore France's fourthlargest 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 and Carcassonne. Visit Castres and marvel at its colorful, halftimbered craftsmen houses along the Agout River. Continue to Carcassonne, a medieval citadel with over 1.5 miles of defensive ramparts that is recognized as one of France's most historic and beautiful towns. Join a walking tour of the old city, passing the Château Comtal, an excellent example of a medieval fortress. Delight in the Basilica of Saints Nazarius and Celsus, home to some of the most beautiful examples of stained glass from the Middle Ages.

#### Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY excursions:

#### Montauban

Canal du Midi Bicycle Ride (Active) Canal du Midi Cruise

## Enrichment

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Delve into the intriguing life of this brilliant 19th-century French painter.

The Cathars and the Albigensian Crusade. Join a local expert to learn about the turbulent relationship between the Catholic Church and the Cathars

Contemporary France. Examine France's modern-day political, economic and social status.





# **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 | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

Lecturers | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

## Accommodations

#### Mercure Albi Bastides Hotel | Albi

http://bit.ly/mercurealbi



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Canal du Mid

## **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)

# Let us arrange your flights!

**AHI FlexAir** | Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:

- price guarantee
- arrival and departure transfers
- flexibility to change or cancel
- assistance with changes or delays
- flight insurance

## **DATES & PRICES**

## September 15-23, 2020

Special Price	\$2,995
Special Savings	\$250
From	\$3,245

### 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 auickly.