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WINE ACADEMY

# WINE EDUCATION ABROAD

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## Rhone Valley

**Oct 29-Nov 4 2024**



Immerse yourself in a sensory journey of tastes, sights, and experiences alongside **Master of Wine Peter Marks**. Your expert educator will be with you throughout the trip as your adventure unfolds in the globally revered wine region of France's Rhone Valley, steeped in beauty, history, and incomparable tastes.

You will travel north to south, winding your way through mesmerizing scenery while unlocking the mysteries of France's most hedonistic wine region, the Rhone Valley, meeting producers and tasting wines from the iconic Crus of Côte Rôtie, Vinsobres, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Tavel. You'll start in Lyon, the Culinary Capital of France and immerse yourself in the breathtaking culture of Avignon, touring the Palais des Papes, the historical palace of the Pope, the most important medieval Gothic structure in Europe.

Savor multi-course meals at Comptoir Brunet for an authentic Lyonnaise experience; Le Carré du Palais overlooking the Palais des Papes and famous for its 10,000 bottle cellar; Domaine Paul Jaboulet Ainé's Vineum wine bar at the foot of the Hermitage hill; and dine like a king at the Michelin-rated Le Comptoir de la Mere Germaine.

Revel in the aromatic playground that is the southern Rhone, with lavender fields and herbal scrub brush, and treat your taste buds to a splendid display of flavors as you embark on exclusive tours of renowned wineries, wander through verdant vineyards, and relish the opportunity to engage with the region's esteemed winemakers.

Embrace the inner wine connoisseur within you and join us in this immersive celebration of the Rhone Valley. Every sip tells a story, every glass holds an adventure, and every moment spent will be a memory to treasure. Your immersive Rhone Valley wine experience with a Master of Wine awaits - don't delay!

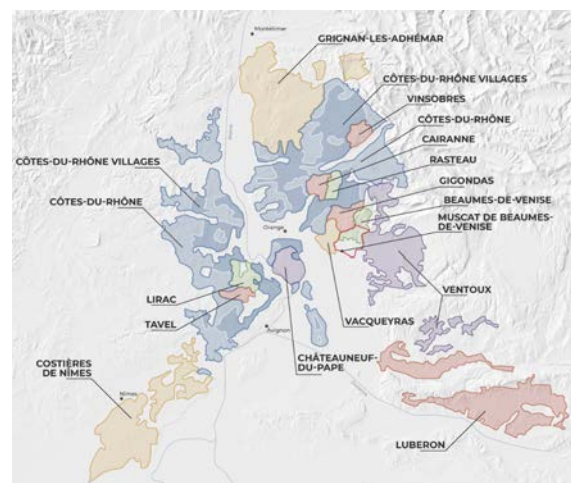
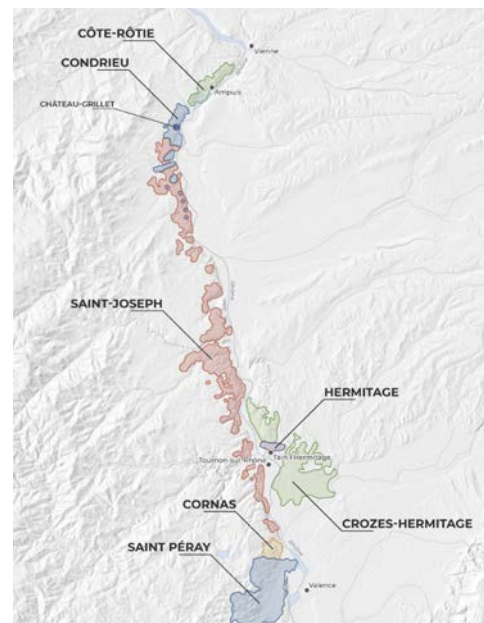


# DETAILS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Kick-start your Rhone Valley adventure in the historic center of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, at the **Grand Hotel des Terreaux**.

Meet your expert host, Master of Wine Peter Marks and fellow adventurers at the hotel before taking a short walk to **Comptoir Brunet** for an authentic three-course Lyonnaise dinner, tasting for yourself why Lyon is the culinary capital of France.





## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

### Côte Rôtie

- Breakfast at Hotel - Check out of hotel; you are headed to wine country!
- Start your exploration of the northern Rhone at **Maison Guigal**, the benchmark producer for the Rhone, with an unforgettable tour and tasting at this grand estate in the Côte Rôtie Cru. Continue your journey to a second wine estate (being scheduled) to further hone your Côte Rôtie palate.
- Savor a traditional local lunch with wine
- Delight in a post-lunch tour and tasting at another Côte Rôtie producer
- Check into **Fac & Spera Hotel et Spa** located in the center of the quaint village, Tain L'Hermitage, owned by one of the biggest names in Rhone winemaking: Michel Chapoutier.
- Evening on your own.



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

### Tain L'Hermitage, Hermitage

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Your day starts with a visit to **Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné**, one of the biggest names in the northern Rhone and a producer of the world-renown La Chapelle, where you will experience a special tasting dubbed 'The Stars'.
- Savor a delicious multi-course lunch at Domaine Paul Jaboulet Aîné's **Vineum**, situated at the foot of the iconic **Hermitage hill**.
- Continue your exploration of this famous part of the northern Rhone with a tour and tasting at **Domaine Ferraton Père & Fils** where you will indulge in the estate's finest wines.
- Revel in a relaxed evening, discovering the local culinary delights on your own terms.



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

### Southern Rhone: Avignon, Vinsobres

- Breakfast at Hotel; Check out of Hotel
- Today you will be whisked to **Avignon**, where the Palais de Papes (Palace of the Popes), a world UNESCO site, majestically sits on the Rhone River.
- Your first visit in the southern Rhone Valley will be done en route at **Domaine Saint Vincent**, located in the former convent of Saint Cèsaire de Nyones, in the quaint village of Vinsobres, a southern Rhone wine Cru.
- Sate your palate at a local winery estate for lunch
- Check in to **Hotel Cloitre Saint Louis Avignon**, a 16th century building rich in history with a mix of traditional and contemporary décor, located in the center of Avignon with views of the river. Here you'll luxuriate in your surroundings over the next three mornings/evenings.
- Spend an evening at your own pace, exploring the local foods of the Southern Rhone Valley.



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Tavel

- Breakfast at Hotel
- The warm and glorious southern Rhone will be front and center today as you visit three more iconic Crus. You'll start in Châteauneuf-du-Pape at **Château la Nerthe**, the most historic winery in the region, where grape vines, planted here since 1500, share in the splendor of the Mediterranean sunshine with olive trees and lavender.
- You'll continue to revel in the floral and herbal aromas of the southern Rhone in the Cru Gigondas at **Meffre**, a boutique family estate making acclaimed wines since 1936.
- Be sure to bring your appetite as you will indulge in a wine luncheon at the Michelin rated **Le Comptoir de la Mere Germaine** restaurant.
- Refresh your tasting palate with the regal rosés of Tavel at **Château d'Aqueria**, where the noble terroir has crafted the quintessential style of Tavel rosé, long deemed the most prestigious estate in this southern Cru.
- Indulge in a leisurely evening, exploring regional culinary delights on your own.



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Breakfast at Hotel
- A glorious morning with free time to explore the **Pont d'Avignon and Palais des Papes**, cultural and historical sites that will forever be imbedded in your memory.
- You will team up once again at **VinsRhone** for a **private tasting class** in the center of Avignon, where you will continue to elevate your Rhone Valley palate.
- There will be time to freshen up before your final, farewell dinner, a food and wine experience extraordinaire held at **Carre du Palais**, a restaurant famous for its 10,000 bottle cellar and AOC wines. Prepare for heart-stopping views on the restaurant's terrace overlooking the Palais de Papes.
- Revel or relax after-dinner as you wish and savor all of the memories of your once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Rhone Valley.





## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Check Out of Hotel

As the sun rises on our departure day, it is with a touch of sweet sorrow that we check out from our hotel, bringing our enriching journey through the north and south of the Rhone Valley to a close. The wine, the flavors, the people, and the memories we've made will linger long in our hearts. It's not a goodbye, but a see you soon, as the magic of the Rhone calls us back for another round of unforgettable experiences.

We're delighted to invite you for an exclusive trip, limited to just twelve (12) lucky travelers.

Price per-person, double occupancy: USD\$ 6,200  
Single Supplement\*: USD \$ 600.00

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This wonderful journey includes:

- **Six nights' stay in beautiful 4-star local accommodations.**
- **A sumptuous feast of meals including taxes and gratuities, with:**
  - **Six buffet breakfasts to start your days off right.**
  - **Five gourmet, multi-course lunches paired with top-quality regional wines.**
  - **Two gastronomic dinners, expertly paired with top-quality regional wines.**
- **Intimate daily visits to some of the Rhone Valley's best wine producers and vineyards.**
- **Tasting of more than 100 wines throughout the week.**
- **Tours of iconic cultural sites including Palais de Papes and Pont d'Avignon**
- **Comfortable VIP transportation with climate control and a professional driver.**

**Please note that the cost does not include flights or travel arrangements to France, or transportation to Lyon and from Avignon.**

**As for payments, here's how it works:**

- **Payment 1: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 upon booking.**
- **Payment 2: \$2,350 due 90 days from the start of the trip.**
- **Payment 3: Another \$2,350 (plus the single supplement, if applicable) due 60 days from the start.**

**We can't wait for you to join us on this incredible journey!**

How does a bonus sound? Once you book this 2024 study trip to the Rhone Valley, we're excited to offer you a \$250 discount on your first trip with us in 2025 (trust us, you'll dream of another trip!) That's our way of saying thanks for choosing us again.

Your special discount will be deducted from the final payment of your first 2025 trip. Just remember, to take advantage of this great offer, your first trip must be fully paid. We can't wait to see you enjoy more amazing adventures!

We want you to know that while we've put a lot of thought and care into planning our itinerary, sometimes changes can happen. We promise to do our very best to stick to our original plans as much as possible, but please bear with us if we need to adjust due to wine producer schedules, availability, or any unforeseen circumstances. Rest assured, whichever wine estates we visit, they'll be of top-notch quality.

Feel free to reach out to your tour specialist, Jean Cox ([j\\_cox@napavalleywineacademy.com](mailto:j_cox@napavalleywineacademy.com)) with any questions. Looking forward to an unforgettable experience together!