

Invitation

Fly-In 2012 **Alpes de Haute Provence** 21.-24.6.2012



Dear Members,

This year's Fly-In will take us to the south of France, to the Haute Provence and village of Tourtour between the Alps and the plains of the Var. At an altitude of 635 meters the village is located in a wooded area near to many springs and not far from the George Du Verdon Canyon.

The mountain village *Tourtour* has about 580 inhabitants and has managed to preserve its medieval character. The streets of old houses and fountains are interspersed with steps and vaulted arches.

Thanks to its location on a hill and its view over the vast expanse of the Provence landscape of the middle Var stretching from Fréjus on the Mediterranean to the Sainte-Victoire mountain in the west the town describes itself as the "village in the sky of Provence".

We will be visiting the second largest gorge in Europe, the impressive Gorges du Verdon. It begins behind Castellane and ends at the lake of Ste-Croix. The Verdon has carved a ravine 21 km long and between 250 and 700 meters deep. At the bottom it is between 6 and 100 meters wide, at the top between 200 and 1500 metres wide.

Stunning views from special vantage points overlooking the famous Verdon

Gorge will have our hearts beating faster. Of course, we will also be providing participants with the chance to do a little light rafting, while others will have the opportunity to go out in pedal or electric boats in the canyon to experience breathtaking impressions.

Then we will be visiting the charming and beautifully situated village of Moustiers-Sainte-Marie. Ancient houses nestle densely against a backdrop of steep rocky mountain slopes. Above the village is the pilgrim chapel of Notre-Dame-de-Beauvoir. Moustiers began to grow in the 5th Century around a monastery. In the 17th and 18th Century the manufacture of faience helped the place to a degree of economic prosperity.

Here we will have our lunch at the restaurant Les Santons de Moustiers overlooking the waterfall.

Like Tourtour, Moustiers-Sainte-Marie has been awarded the title "one of the most beautiful villages in France".

Our day trip will take us on Saturday to Saint Tropez, cult city on the Côte d'Azur, a city full of stereotypes and myths, originally a typical small fishing village in Provence...

Our excellent little hotel "La Bastide de Tourtour" has been booked exclusively for us. In the heart of a 4 hectare park, guests have a stunning view over the beautiful surrounding countryside.

Dear Members, you are cordially invited to join us. The full program is attached.

As usual, the hotel rooms will be allocated in order of registration, i.e. The first to register will receive the best rooms.

Look forward to our next fly-in!

Closing date for registrations: 20th May, 2012

I hope most of you will be able to come.

Best regards and see you soon

On behalf of the Committee

Wilhelm Schröer