

## Have you seen the movie 'Julie & Julia' yet? For an Julia Experience: *A Taste of Julia Child's Paris & Provence is priced from \$2,150*

Tour presented by Julia-philis Kathy Morton and Debra Fioritto – Tour de Forks (recipients of the 2006 Culinary Trust's Julia Child Endowment Fund Scholarship) were so inspired, they rushed home to put on their thinking toques, and created a package to channel Julia's early days in France.

A Taste of Julia Child's Paris & Provence is a self-guided 7 night/8 day package that begins in Paris with at the left bank's legendary Hotel Pont Royal - where Julia and her husband Paul spent their first night in Paris. The Paris stay is designed as a walking tour (Julia did so love to explore the city by foot) and the package provides detailed directions to all her favorite haunts. And the 'piece de résistance' is a culinary experience at Julia's alma mater the famed Le Cordon Bleu.

Travel to Provence via TGV's comfy trains and your rental car will be waiting in Avignon. The first night in the region will be at the boutique hotel L'Oustau de Baumaniere; then on to the heart of the Cote d'Azur and the stunning Chateau de la Begude. Explore the hilltop towns and meander the colorful markets. A visit to the charming farmhouse La Pitchoune, where Julia wrote Mastering the Art of French Cooking is a must.

As a bespoke travel company, we will be delighted to customize your package, make restaurant reservations, arrange additional activities, and provide you with a private guide and/or driver for any portion of your adventure. And, if you are lucky enough to have a foodie as your significant other, this would make for a romantic rendezvous - think Julia and Paul. For a group of foodie friends, well, wow! We envision this at the ultimate girlfriend's getaway.

The 7 night package starts at \$2,150 per person based on double occupancy and the 5 & 4-Star hotels listed. Charming 3-Star properties can be substituted for frugal foodies. Extensions to Marseille and Normandy are available; details and pricing upon request. The Julia theme and can also be incorporated into a customized escorted tour. Just ask. Bon Appetit!

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Have you seen the movie **Julie & Julia**, directed by Nora Ephron? Read the book?

Much of the film takes off from **My Life in France**, describing Julia Child's post-World War II encounters with French cooking and eating. The renowned chef was working on the memoir when she died in 2004, leaving it to be finished by Alex Prud'homme.

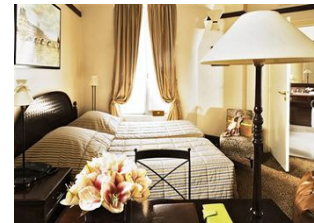
Now true believers in the **French Chef** can follow her tracks through the land of tripe and escargot on a tour devised by New York-based Tour de Forks, which specializes in culinary excursions around the world, from New Orleans to Australia.

The seven-night Julia Child commemorative trip includes cooking instruction at **Le Cordon Bleu** in Paris, where Child studied, and the possibility of taking a cooking class at **La Pitchoune**, her country home in Provence. Prices start at \$2,150, per person, based on double occupancy. Bon appétit!



### **Hotel Pont Royal Paris**

*A legendary boutique hotel in the heart of Saint Germain des Près, combines charm and elegance. Located in the heart of the left bank of Paris in the famous Saint-Germain-des-Près. About 10 minutes walk from the Musée d'Orsay, the Louvre Museum and Café de Flore, made famous by Sartre & Simone de Beauvoir.*



*Classic Room*



*Dining View of 'Paris la Nuit'*



**Oustau de Baumaniere Hotel**  
*Located in Baux Village, Oustau de Baumanière is an exceptional hotel and former 16th century*

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As foodies we have always been enamored of French cuisine and of course, its high priestess Julia Child. Could we be more pleased and excited with the advent of the fun new movie **Julie & Julia? Non!**

With all the buzz, we decided to create our own tribute to Julia, by way of a truly special epicurean adventure channeling the beloved cook's early days in "her" Paris and Provence. We know her devotees, and her growing legion of new fans will be deliciously ecstatic.

The package's itinerary has been designed by Tour de Forks' French associates Kathy Morton and Debra Fioritto, recipients of the **2006 Julia Child Endowment Fund Scholarship**. Kathy and Debra drew from their own extensive expertise - they too, consider France their spiritual homeland - and their well-worn copies of Julia's treasured memoir **My Life in France**.

**Your stays in Paris and Provence will be at the following properties:**

The adventure begins in Paris and includes three nights at the Left Bank's legendary **Hotel Pont Royal** where Julia and her husband Paul first stayed. Stroll through her *arrondissement*; visit museums and explore the colorful markets where she loved to shop. Dine in the very same bistros and brasseries whose food contributed to her love affair with *la belle France*. The *pièce de résistance*? A lesson at Julia's alma mater, the illustrious *Le Cordon Bleu*.

Then, off by rail - via the high-speed TGV to Provence. Spend one night in *Les Baux* at **Oustau de Baumaniere** and three nights at **Chateau de la Begude**. You'll explore Julia's past haunts including a visit to her former home, the charming farmhouse *La Pitchoune*. Add your own ingredients to make this adventure one you will always remember.

**The final stay on your Julia experience will be at:**

Chateau de la Begude in Opio, Provence - AOC Cotes de Provence Grand Vin A Riviera jewel stands proudly in the heart of a splendid natural estate displaying complete harmony. The country house and its 17th century sheepfold make up a rare place where a special time can be spent. The swimming pool and putting green ensure sporting entertainment. Summer evenings feature the "Nuits du Château de La Bégude" restaurant programme with music and jazz.

**Package Includes:**

7 nights hotel (Hotel Pont Royal in Paris, L'Oustau de Baumaniere, Chateau de la Begude); Coupe de Champagne upon arrival in Paris; Daily breakfast; culinary experience at Le Cordon Bleu; One way 1st class train ticket Paris - Avignon; Detailed itinerary with directions - walking routes and Metro stops - activities and restaurant recommendations; Optional 3 day extension to Marseille and/or Normandy

*residence with vaults, a superb terrace, and the Alpilles hills as a*

*backdrop and its gastronomic restaurant offers an exceptional wine cellar; and cuisine that has qualities not unlike the Baux de Provence.*



**Chateau de la Begude**



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**A Taste of Julia Child's Paris & Provence** is also available for groups and depending on dates, can be escorted by Kathy Morton and Debra Fioritto.

**Not Included:** International / domestic airfares; excess baggage charges; airport arrival / departure taxes; travel insurance; meals, wines, sightseeing; personal expenses such as laundry and communication charges; gratuities, other charges.

**For more information on this very special 'Julia Tour'**

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