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Intoxicating Southern France: Provence & Languedoc Spotlight (PJ Adams Intoxicating Travel Series)



Synopsis

Pamela "PJ" Adams, whose best seller *Intoxicating Paris* uncorks the magic in Paris, is back with another quirky journey. This time it's through *Intoxicating Southern France: the French Riviera, Provence, Languedoc, Dordogne, and Bordeaux*. This *Provence & Languedoc Spotlight* guide is two chapters taken from the complete *Intoxicating Southern France*. It's designed to meet the needs of readers who want to concentrate specifically on Provence and the Languedoc. Inside, you'll find stories and travel detail about Provence and the Languedoc with their lavender-scented hill towns like Gordes and MÃ©nerbes, medieval enclaves such as Les-Baux-de-Provence and Carcassonne, culture centers Arles, Avignon, and Aix-en-Provence, and the vast Camargue preserve where bulls and white horses run wild. You'll also explore the Languedoc's vast wine belt, wilderness parks and dramatic gorges, the Roman Pont du Gard and NÃ©mes ruins, space age Toulouse, and crag-perched villages like Cordes-sur-Ciel. Above all, it's a guide to the delights of Provence and the Languedoc for those who journey here--or dream of doing so one day.

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"PJ Adams has crafted a vivid travel memoir filled with stories and photographs of the bounteous beauties of Southern France."--Paul Shawcross, author/photographer of *Nice & Beyond*, *Dordogne Explorations*, and *ProvenÃ§al Roaming* "PJ's writing style is engaging. [Her] ability to weave in the facts and historic information in a logical way that is fun to read is so well-done and the amount of information [she] provides about each region is really

impressive."--Patricia McBain, *Â Bordeaux Walking Tours*"Passing through some of the villages in Southern France and stopping along the way, PJ Adams is your chauffeur. Get intoxicated. You won't have a hangover, but you will feel a good buzz while reading PJ Adams's latest personalized travelogue, *Â Intoxicating Southern France*...It is impossible to find a section to skim or a boring line. Each paragraph is filled with information, history and intoxicating Southern France."--Colleen Shaughnessy-Larsson, *Â Colleen's Paris* "PJ Adams does a marvelous job of presenting readers with the Provence and Languedoc regions of southern France. Her descriptions of the landmarks and other sights, history, art, people, culture, transportation, accommodations, and unique dining experiences are not to be missed, and her plentiful photos are beautiful, too!...Intoxicating Southern France: Provence & Languedoc Spotlight is both an invaluable guidebook for visitors and a priceless vicarious experience for armchair travelers. Highly recommended!" *Â --Lynette Smith, Â Heartfelt Letters* The P.J. Adams books lend themselves to quickly planning a trip through the most fascinating parts of rural France. The descriptions in the Adams books allow me to size up an area and determine which towns are worth an overnight stay, which cities merit three nights in a central boutique hotel, and what parts of the countryside will be most enjoyable. She also writes about people, not just monuments. --Gary Beals, Director, Fortaleza Experiencias Medievales

Measure your Provence & Languedoc IQ: *Â In Â Intoxicating Southern France: Provence & Languedoc Spotlight*, PJ Adams explores the delights of Provence and the Languedoc. Take the quiz below to find out how much you already know about these fabulous areas: 1. *Â Â Â Â Miraval is the Provence rose' wine linked to superstar couple George & Amal Clooney. True or False*
 2. *Â Â Â Â Van Gogh painted hundreds of paintings in his beloved Arles in Provence. True or False*
 3. *Â Â Â Â Frédéric Mistral famously wrote: "When the Good Lord comes to doubt about the world, he remembers that he created Provence." True or False* 4. *Â Â Â Â Southern France has bullfights, similar to Italy. True or False* 5. *Â Â Â Â Toulouse-Lautrec, who was born in the Languedoc region, is sometimes considered the Father of Modern Marketing. True or False*
 6. *Â Â Â Â The Pont du Gard bridge was built by the Greeks, Romans, or Celts? True or False*
 7. *Â Â Â Â The Languedoc produces more wine than anywhere else in the world? True or False*
 8. *Â Â Â Â The Camargue is famous for white frogs, white bulls, or white horses?* 9. *Â Â Â Â Fill in: "Shallots are for babies; onions are for men; _____ is for heroes."* *Â Answers: 1. False: Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie. 2. True. 3. True. 4. False. Similar to Spain. 5. True. 6. Romans. 7. True. 8. White horses. 9. Garlic.*

I am in Provence for 6 weeks and am loving "Intoxicating Southern France, Provence & Languedoc Spotlight." This is sort of a hybrid - not really a full-fledged guidebook, but more than a travel article. The books in this series go into details about what there is to see, do, taste, quaff, and experience in this most beautiful region of France. My recommendation is to read this book as you plan your trip, take some notes about what sounds great to you, and use a more conventional guide book to do the specifics. P.J. Adams gives a great feel for the regions she writes about and this book is no exception. Or, if you would love to travel to southern France but just can't right now, this book is a great substitute! You can visualize a future trip as you read about the wonders, joys, delicacies, and experiences that await you here.

P. J. Adams' series on Paris and Southern France is a great addition to guide books, and her style is entertaining and informative. I'll be taking her book when I go to Southern France this fall for all the tips and hints she writes about.

PJ Adams does a marvelous job of presenting readers with the Provence and Languedoc regions of southern France. Her descriptions of the landmarks and other sights, history, art, people, culture, transportation, accommodations, and unique dining experiences are not to be missed, and her plentiful photos are beautiful, too! And what a talent Adams has for turning a phrase. You'll find yourself transported whenever you read passages such as this--"Provence is a land of changing geography where verdant valleys end in cliff-hanging villages. Where bulls run wild on marshy lands, and where the Luberon is ringed by ancient villages like Gordes and MÃ©nerbes that end up on book covers and in movies. Yes, this is also a place where a river runs through it--but here it's the RhÃ´ne hailing from the Swiss Alps and flowing freely by flourishing vineyards, Pope's palaces, and finally out to the Mediterranean sea."--and this:"They create their own brand of cuisine for example--not quite French, not quite Spanish, but a unique blend of local ingredients that come together in dishes that don't just stick to your ribs--they stick to your soul." You can easily become immersed in this book. It provides an engaging perspective on each area, starting with the fascinating local history--with Roman, Spanish, and other influences--through the centuries that builds context for what visitors can see and experience today. Adams has seasoned this book with gently and affectionately told vignettes of her experiences and observations. She also speaks throughout of the high value placed on creativity--painting, cooking, writing, and even artistic expression in displaying one's wares in the marketplace. "Intoxicating Southern France: Provence & Languedoc Spotlight" is both an invaluable guidebook for visitors and a priceless vicarious

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