

Provence Lavender and the White Horses of Camargue

A Photography Workshop Adventure
in the South of France
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Join us for a thrilling photography journey that blends the enchanting lavender fields and landscapes of Provence with the dynamic beauty of the Camargue's iconic white horses. This immersive workshop is designed for both passionate photo enthusiasts and seasoned professionals, offering unparalleled opportunities to capture the heart of two of France's most photogenic regions. You'll develop and refine your skills in capturing dynamic subjects, set against the backdrop of breathtaking sunrises and sunsets. From vibrant lavender fields at golden hour to the exhilarating action of horses galloping through marshlands and beaches, this adventure promises unforgettable moments, breathtaking compositions, and expert guidance every step of the way.



Lavender Fields in Provence

Our adventure begins in the rolling lavender fields of Provence, where you'll discover endless lavender fields, castle-like towns, meandering alleys, lush olive groves, and expansive landscapes that stretch from horizon to horizon. Under the guidance of photography experts Armand Sarlangue and Steve Carr, you'll explore this iconic landscape during the magical light of sunrise and sunset, perfect for creating portfolio-worthy images. Armand and Steve's deep local knowledge will lead you to hidden spots, ensuring you capture the beauty of Provence in fresh and dynamic ways.

The Majestic White Horses of Camargue

After exploring Provence, we'll head to the Camargue for an unforgettable experience photographing the famous white horses in their natural habitat. These magnificent creatures, known for their strength and grace, offer some of the most dramatic action shots in photography. Picture them galloping through shallow waters, their manes flying, with water splashing in every direction. Whether these majestic creatures are racing along the beach or across tidal flats, these sessions provide unparalleled opportunities to capture high-impact, stunning images.



Expert Instruction for Stunning Results

Throughout the tour, Armand and Steve will be there to help you refine your skills. Whether you're working on composition, mastering light, or capturing fast-moving subjects, their personalized instruction ensures you'll leave with professional-quality photographs. This is more than just a photo tour—it's an opportunity to push your creative boundaries and return home with extraordinary images.



Day 1, July 4:

Provence

- arrival
- sunset shooting in the lavender fields

Our journey commences as we gather at Marseille Airport at 1 PM. In order to optimize our time during the upcoming days and fully experience the wonders of France, we've planned a

schedule that's both efficient and exciting. As flights can be delayed unexpectedly, we recommend that to either book morning flights or consider an overnight stay in Marseille for a smooth start, leaving the airport by 1 PM.

We'll drive to our hotel in Provence. Upon arrival, we'll have introductions and a short trip briefing before being escorted to our accommodations, where we'll have a chance to relax, freshen up, and settle in. Later in the afternoon, we'll embark on a photography session in the stunning lavender landscapes of the Valensole plateau, capturing the beauty of Provence in the soft light of late afternoon and evening. This promises to be a serene and picturesque end to the day.





Day 2, July 5:

Provence

- sunrise shooting in the lavender fields
- Sunset in the lavender fields (or if preferred: sunset & blue hour shooting at Moustiers Sainte Marie)

We begin the second day of the tour by visiting the spectacular lavender fields just before sunrise breaks at Valensole. After that, we'll get the opportunity to rest before meeting for a group discussion on photography and processing. We'll head out again before the day ends to capture some great images as we head back to the lavender fields for a golden hour sunset shoot. Or we may choose to explore the charm of Moustiers Sainte-Marie, a true Provencal treasure, renowned for its sunset scenes that cast a warm, golden light over its historic stone buildings and quaint streets. Venturing beyond the village boundaries, the tranquil Notre-Dame de Beauvoir chapel and the expansive lavender fields present unparalleled opportunities to photograph the tranquil beauty and diverse landscapes of Provence. Nestled against dramatic cliffs, Moustiers Sainte-Marie is an idyllic spot for those looking to immerse themselves in the region's captivating light and scenery.

Day 3, July 6:

Provence/ Camargue

- sunrise shooting in the lavender fields
- transfer to Camargue hotel
- sunset shooting « horses at the beach »

For our last day in Provence, we'll have the privilege of witnessing one more stunning sunrise, this time in a different yet equally breathtaking field. This serene moment will mark a fitting end to our photographic adventure in the lavenders. Following a hearty breakfast, we'll pack up and commence our journey toward photographing the iconic white horses of Camargue.

Upon reaching the picturesque town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, the gateway to the park, we'll have a brief but informative orientation covering essential tips for photographing the horses.

Our first photographic expedition with the horses will be an exhilarating one, where we'll witness and capture the Romani guardians on horseback as they skillfully maneuver the horses to give us the best angles. These dynamic scenes will unfold on the stunning sandy beaches or amidst the shallow tidal basin waters of the region. The day's highlight will be the enchanting golden hours preceding sunset. During this magical time, we'll be immersed in photographing the unmatched beauty of Camargue's horses at the beach, a truly unforgettable experience that combines the art of photography with the natural splendor of the region.





Day 4, July 7:

Camargue

- sunrise shooting « horses in the marshes »
- sunset shooting « horses in the pink salt marshes »

Our adventure continues with an early morning photoshoot set against the stunning backdrop of the marshes. Here, we'll capture the ethereal beauty of the horses in the soft morning light. After this awe-inspiring session, we'll gather for a constructive critique and discussion, sharing insights and observations about the photographs we've captured, possibly picking up new tips to best capture the action. Later in the day, we'll venture back into the park for a mesmerizing sunset photoshoot. The pink salt marshes will serve as our canvas, with the majestic white horses and their herds moving gracefully under the guidance of the guardians. This session promises to offer not just spectacular photo opportunities but also an immersive experience in the heart of nature's beauty.

Day 5, July 8:

Camargue

- sunrise shooting « flamingoes at the bird park »
- sunset shooting « horses in the marshes » 2:

At sunrise, we will have special access only for our group in the Camargue National Park, home to 340 species of birds, most notable the pink flamingos. We'll follow the paths and use the observation booths in order to capture these colorful creatures mulling about in their colonies on a small island near Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, which is the only such habitat for these birds in France. Then we'll head back into the national park for a sunset session in the marshes with the white horses as they move around with their herds, guided by the ranchers.

Day 6, July 9:

- sunrise shooting « foals & mothers »
- Sunset shooting « horses in the classic marshes »

Today we head out to photograph the spectacular foals and mares in the early morning. This amazing photo shoot will be followed by a short critique and discussion session of the photos we've taken, before we head out into the park once again. This time, we'll continue to sharpen our photography skills as we capture the majestic horses at the classic marshes.





Day 7, July 10:

Camargue/ Home

- sunrise shooting « bulls & guardians »
- transfer airport

This will be our last day together in France. In the morning, we will photograph the Camargue bulls in a natural site between marshes and tall grass. The herd of 15 to 20 free-roaming bulls is led by herdsman on horseback. The photographers are high on a large trailer pulled by a tractor. This allows us to move to change our point of view without scaring the bulls. It will be a very memorable experience as we even have breakfast with the herdsman to have the chance to talk to them about their lives. Once we are back at the hotel, we'll pack our belongings and begin the drive back to Marseille, arriving by around noon. From there, you'll be able to catch your flight home or onwards to your next destination, no doubt with a plethora of new photography skills under your belt and a portfolio of incredible images of the blooming lavenders and white horses of Camargue.

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