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BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN FRANCE

Here are 10 places outside of Paris every traveller should visit.

1. PONT DU GARD, GARD



This Roman aqueduct in southern France is beautiful to look at from afar or even from underneath (in a kayak).

2. GORDES, VAUCLUSE



It is designated one of "Les Plus Beaux Villages de France" (The most beautiful villages of France). Don't be deterred by all the tourists. It is a beautiful place to visit, particularly in the Spring and Fall.

3. MONT SAINT-MICHEL, MANCHE



Incredibly crowded in the summer but a beauty from far away. It is worth heading to the west coast of France and going to see it.

4. HONFLEUR, CALVADOS



16th to 18th century townhouses line the Vieux-Bassin (old harbour). Nothing better than sitting at a cafe overlooking the water, eating seafood and having a glass or two of wine.

5. VERSAILLES, YVELINES, ÎLE-DE-FRANCE



The Palace of Versailles is more than just the chateau. There are beautiful gardens, the Petite Trianon and Grand Trianon, and The Queen's Hamlet, basically a village with a farm created especially for Marie Antoinette.

6. CHATEAU DE CHENONCEAU, INDRE-ET-LOIRE



Glorious chateau in the Loire Valley spanning the River Cher that was built from 1514-1522 and was given by Henry II to his mistress, Diane de Poitiers but after King Henry died, his wife, Catherine de' Medici kept it.

7. CHATEAU DE VILLANDRY, INDRE-ET-LOIRE



Just one word: gardens. While you can visit the interior of the chateau which was built in the early 1500s, it is in the gardens where you will want to spend your time.

8. L'ISLE SUR LA SORGUE, VAUCLUSE



Known for its Thursday and Saturday markets that have more than just food. It is well known for the large number of antique dealers that attend.

9. SAINT-CIRQ-LAPOPIE, LOT



This town is located on a cliff and is designated one of "Les Plus Beaux Villages de France". This medieval village has narrow, cobblestone streets and a fortress.

10. ANNECY, HAUTE-SAVOIE



Annecy is sometimes called the "Venice of the Alps" due to the two canals and river which meander throughout the town.

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