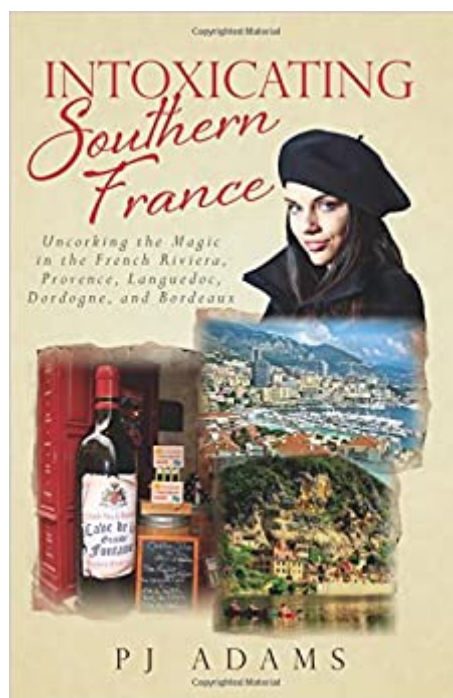




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# **Intoxicating Southern France: Uncorking The Magic In The French Riviera, Provence, Languedoc, Dordogne, And Bordeaux (PJ Adams Intoxicating Travel Series)**



## Synopsis

Pamela "PJ" Adams, whose best seller *Intoxicating Paris* uncorks the magic in Paris, is back with another quirky journey--this time through *Intoxicating Southern France*. As you journey, you'll sip chilled champagne in Monaco, rub elbows with the famous and infamous in Cannes, pick lavender from the sunny fields of Provence, scale the magical turrets of fortified Carcassonne, spelunk the caves of prehistoric Pech Merle, and traverse the skies in a hot-air balloon over Rocamadour and Castelnaud. Finally, you'll visit Bordeaux grands crus estates, savoring the world-famous *MÃfÂ©doc* and *Saint-ÃfÂ* million wines. Along the way, you'll feast on cassoulet and croquants, sip pastis and Mouton Rothschild, and encounter ghosts, serfs, and quirky French people. Fabulous food, fine wine, formidable history, fantastic fortresses, and fascinating friends tell the story of this exhilarating journey through Southern France you won't want to miss!

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## Customer Reviews

"...another fun adventure by PJ Adams. Taste the foie gras, smell the Mouton Rothschild, and feel the Carcassonne stones under your feet. PJ takes us from the Cote d'Azur beaches all the way across Southern France to the legendary vineyards of Bordeaux in style. Might well prompt a visit there to enjoy her temptations yourself."--Tom Leech, *Say It Like Shakespeare and On the Road in '68* "Intoxicating Southern France is both an invaluable guidebook for visitors and a priceless vicarious experience for armchair travelers. Highly recommended!"--Lynette

Smith, "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

"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 Provençal 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, Bordeaux Walking Tours

Nominated for the 2015 Book Award by the American Library in Paris. "Intoxicating Southern France is a vivid travel memoir by PJ Adams [who] embarks on a magical journey through Southern France...Covering history and culture, and not forgetting the delicious food and wine, this story is so rich in detail that it will have you longing to witness the attractions of these regions for yourself." --Carolyn Boyd, France Magazine

"As a blogger and France travel pro, my tour group guests have found Intoxicating Southern France to be a valuable travel resource in planning their trips to Provence and Bordeaux particularly. Guests comment on how fun it is discovering the magical moments PJ Adams describes in her book and reviewed on my blog." --Christy Destremau, President, France Off the Beaten Path

"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, 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, Colleen's Paris

Measure your Intoxicating Southern France IQ: In Intoxicating Southern France, PJ Adams explores the delights of the French Riviera, Provence, the Languedoc, the Dordogne, and Bordeaux. Take the quiz below to find out how much you already know about fabulous Southern France:

1. Eleanor of Aquitaine married Henri II and became Queen of Normandy. True or False
2. Brigitte Bardot became a paparazzi sensation lounging on the beaches of Monaco in 1953 in a tiny bikini. True or False
3. The first Cannes Film Festival was set to debut in 1939 but was deferred due to World War II. True or False
4. Walt Disney's favorite town in Southern France was

Saint-Remy-de-Provence. True or False 5. Miraval is the Provence rose' wine linked to superstar couple George & Amal Clooney. True or False 6. Frédéric Mistral famously wrote: "When the Good Lord comes to doubt about the world, he remembers that he created Dordogne." True or False 7. Southern France has bullfights, similar to Spain. True or False 8. Toulouse-Lautrec is sometimes considered the Father of Modern Marketing. True or False 9. Van Gogh painted hundreds of paintings in his beloved Arles in Provence. True or False 10. Benjamin Franklin visited numerous wine estates in Bordeaux while serving as Ambassador to France. True or False 11. Which (now) premier grands crus estate lobbied for years to be included in the top tier of the Grands Crus Classés wines of Bordeaux? 12. The Dordogne is famous for its apricots, breads, or foie gras products? Answers: 1. False: England, not Normandy. 2. False: Cannes. 3. True. 4. False: Eze. 5. False: Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie. 6. False: Provence not Dordogne. 7. True. 8. False: Advertising. 9. True 10. False: Thomas Jefferson 11. Château Mouton Rothschild 12. Foie gras.

Pour yourself a glass of wine, sit back in a cozy place, and let your imagination run wild on a dream trip through southern France...Intoxicating Southern France gives you practical tips and inside information to plan your own exploration of the food and fancies of this region, from the elegant avenues of the Cote d'Azur and the distinguished vineyards of Bordeaux, to the hearty cassoulet of Provence and castles of Carcassonne--from beans to bling, as it were. With the wild white horses of Carmargue your imaginary familiars, with the area's history as your guide through time, you'll savor the magic--past and present, expansive and particular--and come away happy and inspired, I promise! So much fun! I dare you not to run right out and buy some yummy French cheeses the minute you close this delectable book!

I was hoping for more information about the Dordogne area and less "fluff."

Loved it and the Author is right on the Mark!!!

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 Mâconnerbes 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 Rhône 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 experience for armchair travelers. Highly recommended!

I was browsing the French travel books and stumbled on this quirky travel guide. I was surprised to find there aren't a lot of books on this region of France and I've been pining to go there, so I sprang for it! What fun! It's a treasure trove of useful, specific, practical details about places to visit and delights to experience, and of entertaining stories of Ms. Adams' encounters with interesting people of all kinds - from gracious vintners to gregarious hotel clerks, shopkeepers and chefs and wine tour guides all with interesting personal histories that intertwine with the history of the places they call home. I feel like I've traveled the beautiful French countryside, learning about exquisite wine and desserts, castles and cave paintings with a dear, funny friend. Highly recommended!

I should mention, that I've been addicted to audio books for over twenty years. So it takes a pretty strong recommendation to get me to actually read a paper book. Around two years ago, a friend highly encouraged me to read "Intoxicating Paris", even though it was not available in Audio. Well, I loved it! So when this new book came out, no one had to talk me into trying it. It is equally "intoxicating". I felt like I was traveling and dining with the author. You'll just have to dive in yourself for all the details, but you won't be disappointed.

PJ does an exceptional job of illustrating the authenticity of a culturally rich France. Intoxicating Southern France is the perfect companion for travel to southern France. Her writing is fresh, fun and alluring. Love this book!!" Christy Destremau, France Off the Beaten Path tours

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