PRE & POST-CRUISE TOURS

3 days /3 nights
MARSEILLE - PROVENCE - CAMARGUE

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PLANS

ARLES

AIX-EN PROVENCE

MARSEILLE

Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Marignane

Arles

Istres

Camargue

Les Baux-de-Provence

Salon-de-Provence

Martigues

Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Aubagne

Cassis

La Ciotat

Aubagne

Provence

Marseille
PROGRAM
Holidaying in Provence promises you 3 travel experiences in 1!

• **DAY 1 - MARSEILLE,** Magnificent, urban and welcoming, the new-look Marseille is an astonishing and dynamic city.
  
  **Morning:** visit to the MuCEM - National Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations – an architectural feat hovering between sea and sky and the first French museum dedicated to Mediterranean civilisations. Stroll through the lanes of the Panier quarter, Marseille’s oldest area.
  
  **Midday:** lunch on a terrace on the Vieux-Port (Old Port).
  
  **Afternoon:** boat tour of the Calanques National Park, Europe’s only land, marine and suburban national park, between Marseille and La Ciotat. Visit of Cassis, its traditional fishing port, its vineyards and La Ciotat, its beaches and historic center.
  
  **Followed by a choice of activities:**
  - **Tourist train** from the Vieux-Port to Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde via the coast road, to enjoy the stunning views over the city.
  - **Shopping** in Marseille’s new shopping quarters: the ‘Halles de la Major’ for gourmets, ‘Les Terrasses du Port’ facing the sea, the ‘Docks Village’, another trendy new venue and in the historical center of the city: ‘Centre Bourse’, ‘Rue Saint-Ferréol’, ‘Cours Estienne d’Orves’...

  **Dinner:** Bouillabaisse, a local fish soup speciality, at the little fishing harbour of ‘Vallon des Auffes’. Night in Marseille.

• **DAY 2 - PROVENCE,** Vineyards, old country houses and all the inimitable lifestyle of Provence, at less than 30 km from Marseille!
  
  **Morning:** tour of Aix-en-Provence, including Cours Mirabeau, the Mazarin quarter, old town and fountains… Visit to Hôtel de Caumont to discover the great names in the history of art and enjoy a full immersion in the atmosphere of an ancient mansion house.
  
  **Midday:** lunch on a sunny square
  
  **Choice of afternoon activities:**
  - **In the footsteps of Cézanne** in Aix, including Cézanne’s studio, ‘Bastide du Jas de Bouffan’ where the artist was born and Sainte-Victoire mountain.
  - **Wine Route:** Domaine Terre de Mistral, hosting fun activities on the wine theme, Château Virant, etc.
  - **The Alpilles:** less than one hour away from Aix, les Baux-de-Provence, one of the most beautiful villages in France and its ‘Carrières de Lumières’, hosting extraordinary multimedia shows which are unique in the world.
  - **Aubagne:** visit of the capital of the santon figurine at the heart of authentic Provence.

  **Dinner and night in Marseille.**

• **DAY 3 - CAMARGUE,** Located 1 hour from Aix, Camargue offers a wildly beautiful change of scene, combining ancient traditions and modernity.
  
  **Morning:** tour of Arles, home to over 100 UNESCO World Heritage Monuments including a Roman Arena, Theatre and Cryptoporticoes. Guided tour of the Van Gogh Foundation.
  
  **Midday:** lunch at a local ranch - a traditional ‘Gardianne de Taureau’ bull beef stew with delicious Camargue rice.
  
  **Afternoon:** horse ride through the Camargue Regional Nature Reserve. Visit to the Pont de Gau ornithological reserve in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer.
  
  **Dinner and night in Marseille.**