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Saint Jean Castle, Cathedral de la Major and the Vieux Port in Marseille

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SOUTH OF FRANCE: IDYLLE PROVENÇAL

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS MARSEILLE, LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE & VENCE

Take an unforgettable journey through the South of France, from the famed port city of Marseille, with its bustling fish markets and atmospheric old town, through the rolling hills and lavender fields of Provence and to the azure waters of the French Riviera. Along the way, sail the Mediterranean coastline to Cassis, meet local producers of olive oil, enjoy a picnic at a winery, and explore the magical hill town of Saint Paul de Vence.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the 17th-century fort of Saint Jean in Marseille

Explore the scenic *calanques* of the Mediterranean coastline

Visit the enchanting town of Saint Rémy de Provence

Take a privately guided walk around the core of Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

In Gordes, meet the Cistercian monks who live in the Romanesque Abbaye of Sénanque

Enjoy a tasting and winemaker's picnic at Château de Saint Martin

Immerse yourself in the romance of Saint Paul de Vence

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

Find out why Aix-en-Provence's stunning light and color have inspired artists for centuries during a private painting class hosted by a local artist

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

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Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

Price From:

*Two People

\$9,195

Day 1: Arrive Marseille, France

Upon arrival in Marseille, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and escorted to your hotel. **Intercontinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu – 3 nights**

Day 2: Marseille

Join your local expert for a guided visit of Marseille, including Notre Dame de la Garde, Vieux-Port, and Fort Saint Jean, which was built by Louis XIV in 1660. **(B)**

Day 3: Marseille

Embark on an unforgettable boat trip to Cassis. The 10-mile stretch of coast between Marseille and Cassis features not only France's highest sea cliffs, but also a series of *calanques*, fjord-like inlets carved into the white limestone. For the adventurous, plenty of active experiences are available in this area, including guided walks, canyoning, rappelling, mountain biking and rock climbing. **(B)**

Day 4: To Les Baux-de-Provence

Depart Marseille today and head to the heartlands of Provence and the charming Domaine de Manville. This afternoon, stroll the narrow cobblestone streets of Saint Rémy de Provence. During your visit, meet a local family who have produced fine olive oil for the past four generations. **Domaine de Manville – 3 nights (B)**

Day 5: Les Baux-de-Provence

Enjoy a guided walk around the historic core of Avignon, which has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Continue with a visit to Châteauneuf-du-Pape and a wine tasting at the Château La Nerthe, a wine producer since the 12th century. **(B)**

Day 6: Les Baux-de-Provence

This morning, embark on a full-day trip to the Luberon starting with a visit to Gordes, one of the most beautiful villages in France. Visit the beautiful Romanesque Abbaye of Sénanque, and meet the Cistercian monks



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Cathedral Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille

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who live there and produce honey, lavender essence and liqueurs. **(B)**

Day 7: To Vence

After breakfast, depart for the hill town of Vence, stopping en route in Aix-en-Provence. Admire its famous Cours Mirabeau, a beautiful tree-lined avenue with terrace cafés and bookshops along the way. Visit the Granet Museum or the Cezanne Studio. Later, enjoy a privately guided visit of the Château de Saint Martin cellar and a wine tasting followed by a “winemaker’s picnic” under the old plane trees. **Château Saint Martin & Spa – 3 nights (B, L)**

Day 8: Vence

Join your local expert for a private visit of Nice, including the local markets, Place Garibaldi in the Old Town, and the modern New Town as you stroll along Promenade des Arts. In Cimiez, visit the Matisse

Museum or walk among the olive trees and the 15th-century garden of the Franciscan Monastery. Explore the extraordinary Russian Cathedral before returning to your château for the evening. **(B)**

Day 9: Vence

Discover the regal town of Saint Paul de Vence. Stop at one of its galleries or the Maeght Foundation, a remarkable collection of modern and contemporary art. Continue to Grasse, which produces over two-thirds of France’s perfumes. Stop at the House of Fragonard to discover how perfumers master the art of fragrance creation while learning about the history of perfume. **(B)**

Day 10: Depart Nice

After a leisurely morning, bid *adieu* to France as you are escorted to Nice-Côte d’Azur Airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT’S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Sénanque Abbey

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{**}Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{***}Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50