

DAY 1 Welcome to the French Riviera

Transfer to your hotel before dining waterside at Fontvieille marina. Enjoy an evening drive along the legendary Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit to the Grimaldi Palace.

Included Dining: Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Monte Carlo.

DAY 2 Nice Sightseeing

Hug the Mediterranean coastline on your way to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat where you'll join a Local Expert touring the opulent, pink-hued Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Stroll through the lush gardens and admire the over 5,000 beautiful objects including delicate pieces of furniture once belonging to Marie Antoinette since acquired by passionate art collector Madame Ephrussi. Continue your scenic journey to Nice. Join a Local Expert on a walk through the streets of Old Nice lined with shops and homes painted in warm pastels. View the opera house, admire the Sainte-Réparate Cathedral and maybe taste some socca at the lively, colorful food market on the Cours Saleya. Or sit back and enjoy a pastis al fresco in a local café and watch the world go by.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fairmont Monte Carlo.

DAY 3 Star-studded St. Tropez

Step into the 1950s glamour of the French Riviera in iconic St. Tropez. Once a sleepy fishing port, Brigitte Bardot's classic "And God Created Woman" launched the town into the dreamy destination it's known for today. Join a Local Expert to discover the chic boutiques, the old town and admire the luxurious yachts in the marina. Taste the local Tarte Tropézienne custard-filled, sugar-topped pastry at the bakery where it was first created.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Château de Fonscolombe, Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 4 Aix-en-Provence

Cultural and gastronomic highlights await as you explore Aix-en-Provence and its pastoral countryside. Join your Local Expert for an easy amble through the maze-like streets of the Old Town under the cool shadow of the Aix Cathedral. Follow in the footsteps of Paul Cézanne along the grand, tree-lined boulevard of Cours Mirabeau and enjoy a French pastry and coffee in one of the most prestigious residences. Then curate your visit at the stunning Château La Coste winery and open-air museum. Sample the estate's organic wines and visit their one-of-a-kind wine cellar on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Or, join a Local Expert for a relaxed walk among the installations created by the best modern artists and architects.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Château de Fonscolombe, Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 5 Calanques National Park

Today is ripe with adventure as you journey through traditional French hilltop villages and stop in the quaint cobbled town of Le Castellet en route to Cassis and board your private cruise to Calanques National Park. Journey past towering, reddish-brown limestone cliffs looming over turquoise waters, narrow and deep fjord-like inlets, and hidden beaches. In the afternoon, relax at your boutique hotel by strolling or cycling in the Château gardens, trying your hand at the classic French game of pétanque on the lavish grounds - glass of pastis at hand or lounging by the pool. This evening, indulge in a 3 Course Dinner at the beautiful Chex Gilbert.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Château de Fonscolombe, Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 6 French Icons

Classic France calls today, and you won't want to miss a moment. Begin by visiting the village of Lourmarin, the village made famous by Peter Mayle's "Year in Provence," to browse the stalls of its famous market. Tables stacked with bouquets of fragrant lavender, colorful cookware and crockery, bottles of golden olive oil and honey, and the quintessential herbs de Provence tempt your senses. Next, take a seat in your vintage Citroen 2CV and embark on a chauffeured drive through the Luberon mountains, through lush vineyards and scenic villages arriving at the Domaine de la Citadelle winery to taste its wines with a delicious picnic prepared by local chef Madame Dromer. Then, continue through picturesque scenery to majestic Nimes.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Maison Albar L'Imperator, Nimes.

DAY 7 Les Baux

Start your day with a trip to the renowned Pont du Gard, an exceptionally well-preserved Roman aqueduct. As you stand before this technical and artistic masterpiece, observe how this three-level, 900-footlong bridge was built out of soft yellow limestone blocks from a nearby quarry along the river. Stop in Avignon and admire the Palace of the Popes, the famous broken bridge and beautiful squares shaded by imposing, leafy platanes. There's time for lunch before continuing through the Alpilles National Park to the perched village of Les Baux-de-Provence. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Maison Albar L'Imperator, Nimes.

DAY 8 Arles and Carcassonne Sightseeing

Today, journey on to the historic fortified city of Carcassonne, one of the largest surviving medieval walled cities in Europe. Spend time en route visiting Van Gogh's charming town of Arles where, with a Local Expert, you'll visit the first century Roman Amphitheater and discover the many places held dear to the troubled artist. Journey through Camargue to your luxurious hotel in Carcassonne, right in the heart of the walled medieval city.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hôtel de la Cité Carcassonne -MGallery, Carcassonne.

DAY 9 Carcassonne and the Languedoc Region

After a leisurely breakfast, discover the secrets of this intriguing city before venturing into the rolling countryside to the village of Lastours overlooked by its four Cathar castles. Here you will meet Jean-Marc Boyer, the Michelin-starred chef of Le Puits du Trésor where you will enjoy a traditional French cooking class and savor the food you have prepared accompanied by local wine. At the end of your day relax on our evening cruise of the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hôtel de la Cité Carcassonne -MGallery, Carcassonne.

DAY 10 Bordeaux and St. Émilion

Journey to the enchanting city of Bordeaux where you will have time to have lunch and explore this elegant, 18th century jewel on the banks of the Garonne. Refreshed and ready to explore further afield, visit the nearby, charming town of St. Émilion, regarded as one of the most beautiful in France and one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. After time visiting its winding cobbled streets and 12th-century monolithic church, drive through the lush vineyards to Château de Ferrand, home to Madame Bic and Monsieur Chandon. Here we enjoy a tour of the winery followed by a tasting of some of its fine vintages and an exclusive dinner in a wonderful setting.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hôtel Burdigala, Bordeaux.

DAY 11 Bordeaux Sightseeing

Personalise your morning with your choice of curated experiences. Guided by your Local Expert, learn about the impressive 18th-century architecture of Vieux Bordeaux. See the magnificent Esplanade des Quinconces and Triangle d'Or, the bustling hub of three major boulevards that shows off the decadence of Bordelais architecture and tempts with high-end boutiques and bistros. Or, set off on a leisurely bike ride on a beautiful loop of the Garonne River. Pass through the bourgeois and bohemian Chartrons district filled with wine and antique shops before concluding in the picturesque Jardin Public. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hôtel Burdigala, Bordeaux.

DAY 12 Travel to Paris

After a leisurely breakfast, board your high-speed train that whisks you through the French countryside to Paris, the most romantic city in the world. Enjoy lunch in the Montparnasse district before setting off to see the landmark sights of the capital city including Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and the Eiffel Tower. Enjoy an evening at leisure in this dazzling city.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hôtel Napoléon, Paris.

DAY 13 Paris Sightseeing

Personalise your time in Paris with a curated experience. Join a Local Expert to discover the artists of Montmartre or explore the hidden squares and galleries of Paris with its Royalty and the Revolution story. This afternoon, shop in the boutiques of the Avenue Montaigne, explore the Marais district or visit the Louvre or Musee d'Orsay with its fine collection of impressionist paintings. Tonight, the climax of your French trip will be a celebration dinner on the glittering Eiffel Tower: a chance to bid a fond farewell to your fellow travelers and this wonderful city.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hôtel Napoléon, Paris.

DAY 14 Depart Paris

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before your private transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

Included Dining: Breakfast