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# Shore excursions from Normandy





## NORMANDY REGION

### Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur

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### Departure from Saint Malo

- ❖ Day tour Mont Saint Michel
- ❖ Day tour Brittany Coast : Saint Malo & Dinan





### Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur

#### Day tour Flower Coast : Deauville, Trouville & Honfleur

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a full day visit of the flower coast**

You will take the coast road out of the town and pass through the seaside villages along the way, complete with their old whaling stations, such as Trouville, Villers sur Mer and Houlgate. If you wish you can follow in the footsteps of the American Film Festival at the “Planches de Deauville”, or visit the sumptuous casino to be found in this holiday town. The arrival of the first train here in 1863 gave this “Little Sister of Cannes”, as the town is known by the French, the nickname “21st Quarter of Paris” as it soon became a favourite holiday destination for the Parisiennes

#### **Then continue your day with a visit of Honfleur**

A visit to Honfleur is in itself a complete history lesson, from the 100 years’ war, through the voyages of discovery to the New World during the 17th century to the art of the impressionists. As a defense against invasion by the English the town was walled and fortified during the second half of the 14th century. You can still go through the old “Caen Gate”, the last remaining piece of the original fortifications, most of which were demolished as the town and port were being expanded in the 17th century. In the medieval part of the town, known as the “Quartier de l’Enclos”, you can see the “Rue de la Ville”, the old main commercial and trading street in the town, still showing its medieval architecture and buildings from a bygone era, such as the old salt store.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship







## Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur Day tour Etretat & Fecamp

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for Etretat**

Etretat is found in the Seine-Maritime department of Normandy, 20 kilometres north of Le Havre. The town is on the Normandy coast, and is renowned for its 70 metre high picture postcard white cliffs, and the arches and tunnels in the cliffs that jut out to sea, and a large rock needle. Both the cliffs and village are the scenic highlight of the region and not to be missed if you visiting this part of Normandy.

Apart from the cliffs there are three main 'formations':

- the falaise d'aval and the aiguille ('downstream cliff and needle);
- the manneporte, a second natural rock arch;
- the falaise d'amont ('upstream cliff'), a think rock that juts into the sea

**Continue your day with a visit of Fecamp**

Fecamp is situated between cliffs and has a medium sized pleasure boats harbor and a fishing harbor. There are several shopping streets, museums, restaurants and a cathedral.

Fecamp is the home of the **Benedictine** liquor which is still made there. There are several large German bunker complexes in the cliffs.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship





### Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur D Day Normandy Landing Beaches

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a full day visit of the Normandy Landing beaches**

Departure for a full day to relive all instants that made Normandy, on June 6th, 1944, the most important battlefield of the 20th century history. From Bloody Omaha to Gold Beach, you will get your fill of emotions, through various sites, on the roads taken by our liberators during the Overlord Operation, while appreciating the story of our guides.

**Sainte-Mère Eglise :** This old cattle market town was made famous in the film “The Longest Day”, when Red Buttons who played Private John Steele landed on the church steeple during the night of 5th – 6th June 1944.

**Pointe du Hoc** was the site of the german coastal battery with Utah Beach and Omaha Beach well within their gun range.

The assault and capture of Pointe du Hoc fell to Americas’ elite unit, the 2nd Ranger Battalion, lead by Lieutenant Colonel James Rudder, as seen in “The Longest Day” They held out from the 6th – 8th June 1944 until reinforcements arrived from Omaha Beach. For people visiting the site today it is truly a spectacular site as it has been left in the same condition as when the rangers left it 1944.

#### **American Cemetery**

Overlooking the eastern end of Omaha Beach, the American cemetery holds the bodies of 9,387 soldiers who came from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean to liberate Western Europe from the Germans. This immense place of memory and reflection will impress you with its calm and serenity. You can see the graves of some of the 307 unknown soldiers or visit the resting places of the more famous, such as the Niland brothers, the family who inspired the film “Saving Private Ryan” as well as the three Medal of Honor winners, one of whom is General Theodore Roosevelt Jr.

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TO THE HEROIC RANGER COMMANDOS  
D-2RN, E-2RN, F-2RN  
OF THE 116<sup>TH</sup> INF  
WHO UNDER THE COMMAND OF  
COLONEL JAMES E. RUDDER  
OF THE FIRST AMERICAN DIVISION  
ATTACKED AND TOOK POSSESSION OF  
THE POINTE DU HOC



## Departure from Le Havre & Honfleur Day Tour Vallée D'Auge

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for the Cider Road:** As we follow the Route du Cidre, we'll visit cider, pommeau and calvados makers. Of course, we'll taste their products and learn about the AOC Calvados du Pays d'Auge.

You will visit A visit to the farm of an artisanal cheesemaker at the Domaine St. Hippolyte, is an occasion to learn about the making of livarot, pont l'evêque and fresh pave d'augecheeses, made exclusively from the milk of Race Normand "happy" cows. The Domaine St.Hippolyte recently won a gold medal for it's artisanal pont l'evêque cheese at the 2008 Paris Agricultural Fair.

**The day will end with a visit of Lisieux Saint Pierre Cathedral.**

Romanesque cathedral dedicated July 8, 1060. It burned in 1136. It remains, of the first cathedral, two square pillars on each side of the main entrance inside. The present cathedral was completed in 1182. In 1218, another fire destroyed the top of the choir. This part was immediately rebuilt, in part, in Gothic-Romanesque. At the end of the twelfth century, Gothic architecture developed in France but shows a great diversity, especially in the West. The Cathedral of Lisieux is largely built in a soft limestone and friable Valley Touques.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship





### Departure from Saint Malo

#### Day tour Brittany Coast : Saint Malo & Dinan

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of Dinan**

Up to the Rance river to Brittany's finest jewel : Dinan, mediaeval city, which provides ART, CULTURE and HISTORY. With more than a thousand years of history behind it this charming town will entice you with many treasures: visit to the RAMPARTS, the BASILICA SAINT SAUVEUR and then stroll around the old streets lined with half-timbered houses and old mansions. Discover the world of the Middle Ages as it is living again through the traditional skills of the craftsmen of Dinan.

#### **After your visit – departure for St Malo**

Walled and built with the same grey granite stone as Mont St Michel, ST-MALO was originally in the Middle Ages a fortified island at the mouth of the Rance, controlling not only the estuary but the open sea beyond. In later centuries it became notorious as the home of a fierce breed of pirate-mariners, who were never quite under anybody's control but their own; for four years from 1590, St-Malo even declared itself to be an independent republic. The corsaires of St-Malo not only forced English ships passing up the Channel to pay tribute, but also brought wealth from further afield.

Now inseparably attached to the mainland, St-Malo is the most visited place in Brittany, thanks more to its superb old citadelle . From outside the walls, the dignified ensemble of the old city might seem stern and forbidding, but passing through into the streets within the walls brings you into a busy, lively and very characterful town, packed with hotels, restaurants, bars and shops. Though the summer crowds can be oppressive, a stroll atop the ramparts should restore your equilibrium, and the presence of vast, clean beaches right on the city's doorstep is a big bonus if you're travelling with kids in town.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

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### Departure from Saint Malo Day tour Mont Saint Michel

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of the Mont ST Michel**

Follow the legends of the rock such as the two Gods fighting to the death on the Mont-Saint-Michel and the Mont Tombe, places that have been considered sacred by the inhabitants since the third century B.C. The first sanctuary, which turned the site into a Christian place of pilgrimage, was built by Saint Aubert, bishop of Avranches in 708 A.D. This was done because the bishop had received visions from St Michael ordering him to build the sanctuary on the site, and to dedicate it to him. As the centuries went by, with increasing numbers of pilgrims coming to pay homage and leave an offering, the sanctuary grew rich and a monastery was founded.

As well as this, the sanctuary was being continually expanded and made ever grander, following the different architectural styles of the times which turned the Mont Saint Michel into what it is today, an Abbey on the scale of which the world has no equal. From the ramparts of the medieval town walls, built to protect the town from invaders, you can admire the magnificent view of the bay and the surrounding salt marshes.

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# Shore excursions from South West Region



## Departure from Bordeaux

- ❖ Cultural tour of Bordeaux city
- ❖ Gourmet tour of Bordeaux City
- ❖ Wine tour in Bordeaux regions

## Departure from St Jean de Luz

- ❖ Discovery of the Basque Country: Biarritz, Bayonne and St Jean de Luz
  - ❖ Day tour of the French basque Country
- ❖ Day tour of the Spanish basque country :San Sebastian, Bilbao, Guggenheim Museum ,Casa Balenciaga





## Departure from Bordeaux Cultural tour of Bordeaux city

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of Bordeaux**

“The historic centre of Bordeaux forms an outstanding urban and architectural ensemble, created in the Age of Enlightenment, whose values continued up to the first half of the 20th century, with more protected buildings than any other French city, except Paris. It is also recognized for its historic role as a place of exchange of cultural values over more than 2,000 years, particularly since the 12th century due to commercial links with Britain and the Low Countries.

From its medieval quarters to the Classical splendour of the Golden Age in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, you will be able to discover a city emerging from a long face lift of over 5 years of work.

The **futuristic tram network** established in 2005 is evidence of the dynamism of today's Bordeaux and the historic heart which has been given back to pedestrians, allow the visitors to discover the principal monuments illustrating the city's History: the Palais Gallien amphitheatre (4<sup>th</sup> century), the Saint Seurin Basilica (11<sup>th</sup> century foundations), the Saint André Cathedral (13<sup>th</sup> century), the Porte Cailhau and the "Grosse Cloche" ("big bell", 15<sup>th</sup> century).

The 18th century gave the city its outstanding "**Grand Theatre**", a national opera house built in 1781, and the Allées de Tourny, as well as the remarkable waterfront buildings and the Place de la Bourse (formerly the Place Royale), a quarter over 4 kilometres in length which serves as the backdrop for the port's trading activities.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship





## Departure from Bordeaux

### ❖ Gourmet tour of Bordeaux City

Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a gourmet visit of Bordeaux

We invite you to enjoy a **gourmet guided tour of Bordeaux** which has been listed as a World Heritage Site by Unesco in June 2007.

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Our visit offers to combine historic discovery with regional and typical "delicacies" punctuated by three stops at specialized producers:

- **Tasting of ewe cheese** with jam of cherries from Pyrenean mountains
- **Tasting of “cannelé”** a very local sweet specialty at Baillardran,
- And of course a "**wine tasting**" in a bistro...

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship





### Departure from Bordeaux

#### ❖ Wine tour in Bordeaux regions

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for Saint Emilion.**

Cross the Garonne River to the Right Bank and arrive in the enchanting medieval village of Saint-Emilion, classified by Unesco in 1999. A luminous, ochre-colored jewel built of limestone and Roman roof tiles, it's perched on a plateau and completely surrounded by a sea of vineyards.

The steep and narrow cobblestone streets are lined with remnants of monasteries and convents dating from the 11th to 18th centuries that tell the story of the village.

**During the day, visit 2 Grands Crus classés of the appellation: one illustrating the classical high end grands cru classé such as Château Canon or Figeac in the morning and one with a modern realization (such as Château Faugères, Château La Dominique...)**

Most of its finest wine estates are either clustered on the hilltop plateau, cradling the historic town itself with its winding streets and breathtaking churches, or on the hillside slopes. There are some glorious château blends on the surrounding landscape. The 19th century Château Cheval Blanc, with its new cellar designed by Christian de Portzamparc seems to float gracefully on the vines, through the movement of its curved concrete sails. The idea behind the cellar at Château Faugères created by designer Mario Botta is a partly buried stone plinth with an immense covered terrace above it, looking out over the vineyard and the 18th century chartreuse-style château, in perfect harmony with the landscape... Finally, the spectacular winery at the Château La Dominique designed by architect Jean Nouvel is a futuristic space vessel, emerging from right inside the vineyard. The new winery will be decorated in metal plates with red reflections, creating a reversed mirror effect inspired by the works of the great British artist Anish Kapoor.

Lunch in a Château such as Troplong Mondot or at leisure

End of the tour at your ship







## Departure from St Jean de Luz

- ❖ Discovery of the Basque Country: Biarritz, Bayonne and St Jean de Luz

Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for St Jean de Luz .

The day will start with the visit of **Saint Jean de Luz**: « the jewel of Basque coast »

St. Jean de Luz has an active fishing harbor filled with colorfully painted boats and a sprawling bay area. Its boutique-lined pedestrian streets and art galleries make this town a "must see" when visiting the Basque Country.

During the town tour we will visit the church where the wedding took place over 340 years ago, the most lavish Basque-style church in the area.

Then walking tour of **Biarritz**: from the "Grande Plage", the main beach in town, where surfers from the world over come to ride the waves. From here guests will head to the cosy fishing port nestled in the rocks, which is considered by many a tiny village unto itself within the city of Biarritz. Then to the Rock of the Madonna, a landmark in Biarritz, attainable only by an imposing bridge constructed by Gustave Eiffel.

The on to view the ancient whaling port, which is an integral part of the

history of Biarritz. The tour continues towards the center of town to Place Clémenceau.

At the junction of the Nive and Adour rivers lies Bayonne. Both regional capital and port, this town is steeped in history. Originally a Roman garrison, medieval Bayonne developed on the same site, under the coat-of-arms of both France and England! The town became a flourishing port during 300 years of English rule, which originated in the famous marriage between Alienor of Aquitaine and Henry Plantaganet. Stop at a famous chocolate shop is highly recommended !

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship





## Departure from St Jean de Luz

### ❖ Day tour of the French basque Country

Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for St Jean de Luz

The day will start with the visit of **Saint Jean de Luz**: « the jewel of Basque coast »

St. Jean de Luz has an active fishing harbor filled with colorfully painted boats and a sprawling bay area. Its boutique-lined pedestrian streets and art galleries make this town a "must see" when visiting the Basque Country.

Then drive to the Basque villages discovery !!!

A day in the country! Just minutes away from the bustle of the more sophisticated Basque coast lies the essence of the Basque country, the villages. A proud people with traditions dating back to the beginning of time the history of the Basque people is ingrained in "interior" country. Enjoy the leisurely pace of another time and place.

- **Ascain**: The Basque village that was the source of inspiration for Pierre Loti's famous novel "Ramuntcho".
- **Ainhoa**: Ainhoa is listed among the "Loveliest Villages in France"..
- **Espelette**: An unusual narrow winding main street is famous for its Pottoks (Basque mountain ponies) and especially for its red pimentos used extensively in Basque cuisine.
- **Larressore**: **we suggest a stop at Makhila production workshop**. Discover the noble step-by-step method of fabrication, the ancestral "savoir faire" of the only Basque family who still make the makhila by tradition.
- **St Pée sur Nivelle**: part of the province of Labourd. Ever since the Middle Ages, together with Basse Navarre and Soule, these three provinces have together formed the northern Basque Country.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

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## Departure from St Jean de Luz

- ❖ Day tour of the Spanish basque country :San Sebastian, Bilbao, Guggenheim Museum ,Casa Balenciaga

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for Bilbao**  
Start the day with a guided tour of Bilbao and visit the Famous Guggenheim museum.

**The Guggenheim Bilbao Museum** was created by the American architect Frank O. Gehry in order to revitalize the city. Opened in 1997, the building quickly became a major tourist attraction thanks to its innovative design architecture made of a blend of stone and glass, water and titanium. This is a modern and contemporary art museum, it is one of the five museums of Solomon R. Guggenheim's society.

### **Visit of Casa Balenciaga - Getaria:**

Balenciaga museum was created in the designer's native city, the city of Getaria. It is located in the park Aldabar and composed of two main buildings: Aldabar palace from the nineteenth century which displays temporary exhibitions and a building housing six exhibition rooms renovated after 10 years of work. This is the first museum in the world dedicated exclusively to a fashion designer

### **End of your day with a Walking tour of San Sebastian:**

The Kings and Queens of Spain chose San Sebastian as the royal seaside resort just as Napoleon III and the Empress Eugenie chose Biarritz. Today San Sebastian remains a brilliant and seductive city, a cultural hub of the Basque Country. No tour of San Sebastian would be complete without a visit of the city's "old quarter". Here, on the narrow pedestrian streets are located the famous "tapas" bars. Over one hundred such establishments open daily, their counters overflowing with delicious local appetizers or "tapas".

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your request on site

End of the tour at your ship

# Shore excursions from Provence Region





## PROVENCE REGION

### Departure from Marseille & Toulon

- ❖ Day tour in the picturesque villages of Provence called « Les Alpilles »
  - ❖ Day tour discovery of the Luberon
    - ❖ Day tour Marseille
    - ❖ Bandol wine & Cassis

### Departure from St Tropez:

- ❖ Visit of St Tropez
- ❖ Lorgues Wine Area







## Departure from Marseille & Toulon

- ❖ Day tour in the picturesque villages of Provence called « Les Alpilles »

**Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of Saint remy en Provence (Wednesday Market )**

**Situated in the heart of the Alpilles Saint Rémy** is one of the "must-sees" in Provence. Surrounded by lush green perfumed valleys, its ancient streets are lined with beautifully restored old houses... you will soon be seduced by Saint Rémy's charm! While strolling through the narrow winding streets you will discover fantastic old fountains, shady squares, picturesque restaurants and elegant boutiques. From the place Jean Jaurès to the gates of the old town, you will come across a long succession of "hôtels particuliers" (often converted into museums or art galleries), convents, chapels, and ornate houses from the 17th and 18th century. The beauty of the countryside and the quality of light has inspired many artists, writers and painters. Without a doubt, the most famous was Vincent Van Gogh who produced more than 150 paintings of the countryside surrounding Saint Rémy de Provence.

Departure for Les Baux de Provence

### **Les Baux de Provence including les Carriere de Lumiere**

The village of the Baux de Provence is situated in the heart of the Alpilles on a rocky plateau 245m high. A brilliant view of Arles, the Camargue and the Alpilles can be seen from the look-out points! This immense and superb stone fortress is without doubt one of the "must-sees" on the Provençal tourist trail! The village is officially classified and labeled as "one of the most beautiful villages in France". Its cultural heritage is exceptionally rich, with 22 architectural treasures classified as "Historic Monuments" The village has been painstakingly restored and is now one of the most popular attractions in the region... The village can only be visited by foot and you will admire the ancient houses that have been carefully restored, beautiful Renaissance façades and several magnificent "hôtels particuliers" which today serve as art galleries or museums.

Lunch at leisure your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and request on site

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## Departure from Marseille & Toulon

### ❖ Day tour discovery of the Luberon

**9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of the Luberon**

This is the real Provence, full of character. A sweet dolce vita of a climate and pure clean air which just breathes the incredible contrasts between a rich, and variable natural environment :the blue strides of lavender, the subtle nuances of green in the forests, the flamboyant and blinding colours of the cliffs of ochre, or the austere white of the limestone hills.

This is the living Luberon, where everything goes back to "man's» relationship with the basic element, earth. The dry stone walls and bories, the imposing "bastides", villages perched on the sides of hills between church and château of which some are extremely famous: Lourmarin, Gordes , Manosque, Roussillon..., and others

### **Visit of Rousillon & Les Ocres**

The ochre of the Luberon fascinates. From Roussillon to Gignac, by way of Villars, Gargas and Rustrel, the former ochre quarries of the Apt valley (Vaucluse) surge from the past, hiking trails have been blazed, panoramic viewpoints opened up, signs of bygone days brought up to date and car parks can be found.

The **Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque** is a lovely medieval Cistercian abbey that is one of the best places to see Provence's famed lavender fields. Founded in 1148 and once again populated by Cistercian monks, the peaceful abbey welcomes visitors and provides overnight retreats.

**Gordes** is a very beautiful old village, perched on the southern edge of the high Plateau de Vaucluse. The stone buildings built in tight against the base of the cliffs and those perched on the rocks above, including the 12th-century castle, are made of an beige stone that glows orange in the morning sun. The view from the village is a southern panorama out across fields and forests and small perched villages to the Montagne du Luberon

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## Departure from Marseille & Toulon

### ❖ Day tour Marseille

**9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of Marseille.**

Enjoy a walking tour including **the old Harbor, the Vieux Panier district and the new Museum the Mucem .**

Surging up from the north quay of the Old Port, its tall, narrow houses draped with washing lines and criss-crossed by steep steps with gutters running down the middle, Marseille's Old Town, or Panier, is steeped in history.

his was the site first settled by the Greeks who founded the city of Massalia, as it was known then, in 600 BC and has welcomed successive waves of immigration ever since, initially from Italy and Corsica, more recently from everywhere from South America and North Africa to Vietnam and the Comoro Islands, near Madagascar

**The Panier's** expansion was funded by rich traders in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries ("panier" means "the basket" and comes from a 17th century inn, Le Logis du Panier, located on what's now the Rue du Panier).

Some elements of this era survive (see below), but great swathes of the Panier were destroyed during the Second World War, when its labyrinthine warren was a haven for Resistance fighters, Jews and Communists: in short, all those who embodied Marseille's feisty, freedom-loving spirit.

**The MuCEM**, a national museum designed for the Mediterranean of the 21st century, is located on a 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> site. This site includes the Fort Saint-Jean, a historic monument overlooking the Vieux-Port dating back to the 12th century, and a new building designed by architect Rudy Ricciotti on the J4 esplanade. The two buildings are linked by a footbridge.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

End of the tour at your ship





## Departure from Marseille & Toulon

### ❖ Bandol wine & Cassis

9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a visit of Bandol & Cassis.

#### **Bandol (40min drive)**

The vineyards of Bandol are famous: Whatever the color, the wines of Bandol are amongst the best of the Midi and even of France. You will be driven thru the vineyard and will stop by some famous village such as La Cadière d'Azur, Le Castellet

Perched on the edge of its cliff, on a hill opposite the village of Castellet, La Cadière d'Azur is a small medieval village which benefits from a panorama that goes right to the shores of the Mediterranean. It is surrounded by pine forests and overlooks the renowned and famous Bandole(AOC) vineyard. La Cadière has the charm of those Provencal villages that have retained their authentic identity with its small flower-filled streets steeped in history.

#### **Then you will continue to cassis for a visit. (30min drive)**

This little seaside resort is snuggled at the foot of a very tall cliff called Cap Canaille. Cassis is a wonderful place to stroll about with its picturesque fishing port lined with cafes and restaurants.

The city built with its streets going up and down has lovely old quarters with an elegant hotel de ville on the shady square, where the inhabitants came to cool off and play "petanque" on summer nights

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

End of the tour at your ship







## Departure from St Tropez:

### ❖ Visit of St Tropez

**9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure a full day tour of St Tropez**

Amazingly though when you arrive in St Tropez you can still see that sleepy fishing village that it once was. The narrow streets wind back from the coast up to the citadel and the houses are all in the simple style of fisherman's houses. They are painted in pale pastels ranging from pale cream to deep terracotta. Watch the sun set on those at the sea front and the effect is breathtaking.

Wandering into the town from the harbour the streets narrow and offer a little shade from the sun. Enjoy the many chic boutiques that Saint Tropez has to offer.

The rich and famous might have their enormous yachts and grand chateaux, but any one of us can occupy the chairs and tables in the cafes that line the promenade at St Tropez, enjoy the sunshine and views, or climb the winding narrow streets up the hills to lovely, simple Church of St Tropez on the hilltop.

St Tropez began life as a military stronghold and humble fishing village but it was inevitable that with such natural beauty and a location between Marseille, Provence and the Cote d'Azur, it would become a seaside resort. It was the artists and musicians of Paris who first discovered this small town after World War II when they came to escape Paris and find quiet and creative inspiration. The jet set followed. Finally the rest of us arrived to see both the beauty of nature and the beautiful people.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

End of the tour at your ship





## Departure from St Tropez:

❖ Lorgues Wine Area

**9 am – Meet your private driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for Green Provence**

Tucked away from the summer crowd between the Verdon, La Sainte-Baume and La Sainte-Victoire, lies a region that has truly been blessed : La Provence Verte .

Set in the heart of Provence, the Var's vineyards are the oldest in France. The Phoenicians introduced the first vines into Provence in around 600 BC. The vineyards expanded under Roman rule, and the first wines produced were rosés. Wine growing is hence a time-honoured tradition here, and the Var is currently the world's leading producer of fine rosé wines, born out of a long experience and in-depth research focusing first and foremost on quality.

**Visit and wine tasting at Chateau de Berne** - A fabulous feat of precision and discipline is required to bring out the best of the grapes, for each wine is a subtle synergy of nature's gifts and the expert hand of man.

The Cellars Masters in the art of wine making and ageing techniques, oenologist Nicolas Turounet and Eric Fabre – Cellar Manager for the last 20 years – ensure that every bottle boasts a flawless quality. They oversee the whole wine making process, from the arrival of the grapes at the winery to bottling. The facilities have struck a perfect balance between modernity and the purest winemaking traditions. The winery – where the wines are vinified and matured – is fitted with double-bottomed stainless-steel tanks, an ageing cellar set out in arcades and lit by a stained-glass

**2pm – Enjoy a wine tasting at Château Sainte Roseline**

**Chateau Sainte Roseline** is a property dating back to the tenth century. It was founded by a hermit named Robaud who decided to settle there, attracted by it's calm beauty and the presence of an abundant spring. In the 14th century, under the influence of the Bishop of Fréjus (the future Pope Jean XXII in Avignon), the property became one of the most important vineyards in Provence.

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# Shore excursions from The French riviera



Departure from Cannes/ Antibes/ Nice/ Monaco:

- ❖ Visit of Monaco , Eze , and Nice
- ❖ Full day tour of St Paul de Vence and Grasse with wine tasting or private perfume workshop
- ❖ Full day tour Riviera Gardens with the visit of Menton and the villa Ephrussi





## Departure from Cannes/ Antibes/ Nice/ Monaco:

Visit of Monaco , Eze and Nice

**9 am – Meet your private driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a full day visit of the French Riviera**

### **Start with a visit of Nice**

Nice, the fifth largest city in France, acts as a magnet attracting people from all over the world, for a multitude of reasons. Elegant and simple, Nice's charm comes from its exceptional climate as well as its beauty. Even in the winter the café terraces are filled with people happily drinking and contemplating the ultra famous Promenade des Anglais.

### **Continue with a visit of eze**

Eze is a medieval village perched like an eagles nest on a narrow rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean sea. The ancient fortified village is still crowned with the ruins of its 12th-century fortified castle (torn down in 1706), sitting on a narrow rocky peak. The castle grounds host the well-known Jardin Exotique, and from the top (429 m) you'll have an good view of the coast

The village forms a circular pattern around the base of the castle. The old buildings and narrow streets are very well restored, with high stone walls and narrow roadways of red-brick centered stone

### **Then you will continue to Monaco**

Situated on the Cote d'Azur between Cap d'Ail and Menton, just a few kilometers from the Italian Riviera, Monaco is one of those magic glamorous places that has a worldwide reputation. Monaco is a sovereign state, independent and prosperous. It has its own government and the head of state since 1949 is His Highness Prince Albert.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

End of the tour at your ship





## Departure from Cannes/ Antibes/ Nice/ Monaco:

- ❖ Full day tour of St Paul de Vence and Grasse with wine tasting or in option private perfume workshop

**9 am – Meet your private driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a full day visit of Saint Paul de Vence & Grasse.**

### **Saint Paul de Vence**

The beauty of the surrounding area, quality of life and exceptional light has inspired numerous famous artists, painters, writers and poets, some of whom took up residence in the village. You can find signatures from some of these famous artists at the Foundation Maeght which has a large collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings and other graphic works from the XX<sup>o</sup> century.

the gardens, the little shady squares, ancient fountains, gateways and porches.

Then you will continue to **Grasse**

Grasse has been a popular tourist town for several centuries, with the smell of flowers and clear air. The altitude of the town, from 300-400 m, and the hills behind give Grasse a fresher climate than the beach during the heat of the summer.

### **Optional private perfume workshop**

Our historic perfume factory in the heart of the Old Town is one of the oldest in Grasse, for our present premises housed perfume making from their construction in 1782. In 1926 they took the name of Parfumeries Fragonard as a tribute to the famous painter Jean-Honoré Fragonard. Here on a daily basis we produce our perfumes, cosmetics and soaps in a setting imbued with respect for tradition.

An unforgettable learning experience in the world of perfume-making awaits you at the Fragonard perfume factories. You can discover how a perfumer or “nose” masters the art of fragrance creation while learning about the history of the perfume industry. By the end of the program you will be able to compose your own “eau de toilette” inspired by roses or the year’s flower.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

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## Departure from Cannes/ Antibes/ Nice/ Monaco:

Full day tour Riviera Gardens with the visit of Menton and the villa Ephrussi

**9 am – Meet your private driver guide at the main exit of your ship and departure for a full day visit of Menton and the villa Ephrussi**

### **Menton**

Set up in the hills overlooking the town, these gardens are one of the more beautiful and interesting places you can visit in the town. Filled with species of plant that thrive in the micro-climate of the area, the gardens are a stunning sensory experience that will take your breath away. Combined with the beautiful views of the coastline that is spread out to the side of the gardens, this is definitely a place you will not want to miss.

### **The Villa Ephrussis**

Discover the most beautiful French Riviera Palazzo and its nine wonderful gardens. Through the art dealers and experts she befriended, Baroness Ephrussi de Rothschild sought out artworks all over the world, transforming the Villa at Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat into a collector's paradise. Between sea and sky, overlooking the bay of Villefranche, the nine heavenly gardens are adorned with patios, fountains, ponds, flowered and shaded paths. The Villa is also a place for wedding and receptions organization.

Lunch at leisure – your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and requirements.

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