

**- Déesse Incoming – Artiste of your emotions-**

# Marseille in the Heart of Provence



**Duration : 5 days / 4 nights**  
**Best time : Spring and Autumn**  
**Number of People (mini /max) : 15 - 55**

## Day 1 – Marseille, the Phocéenne town

Arrival for lunch.

Panoramic guided tour of Marseille. Access to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Guard.

Stop: Panoramic view, history of the site and visit of the Basilica interior. Continue by the seaside via the Corniche Kennedy to the Prado Spa Park. Evocation of the Villas de la Corniche, view of the Friuli archipelago and the Château d'If. Road on Avenue du Prado to Parc Chanot and Stade Vélodrome.

Return to the city centre and La Canebière to arrive at Palais Longchamp.

Drive to your hotel.

Installation in the rooms.

Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.

## Day 2 – Cassis



Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for the village of Cassis which is located by the sea between pine forests, ochre, white rocks and vineyards.

Transfer by small train from the bus parking area to the city centre.

Visit of Cassis by tourist train.

Speciality lunch based on fish products such as "*bouillabaisse*" (specially prepared authentic fish soup) in an enchanting pine forest setting.

A walk to digest your food along the quays of this photogenic fishing port will also be your opportunity to admire the traditional "pointed" Latin sailing boats.

In the afternoon, a boat trip along the coast to discover three beautiful blue wonders: the Calanque de Port Miou, the Calanque de Port Pin and the Calanque d'en Vau (visit of 5 creeks).

Free time at the port of this seaside resort.

Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.



## Day 3 – Aix-en-Provence



Breakfast at the hotel.

Guided tour of Aix-en-Provence.

From the Tourist Office, a walking tour of the city will reveal the charms of Aix-en-Provence, the elegance of its private mansions, the beauty of its architecture and its monuments, witness to its prestigious past.

Reading Aix like an open book, not missing any of its attractions, discovering its heritage and monuments, this is what this walking old city tour offers you.

Lunch at a restaurant.

Following in Cézanne's footsteps, as a great observer of nature, he knew perfectly well the geology of his country. The roads of the Aix countryside that he walked during his adolescence with Émile Zola, held no secrets for him. His steps led him to the banks of the Arc, to the Tholonet road; to the heart of the Bibémus quarries; to the Lauves hill; to the fields surrounding the Jas de Bouffan, and to the pine forests of the Valcros hills, near the fortified village of Bellevue and Montbriand.

Everywhere the Sainte-Victoire mountains dominate the landscape. When Cézanne was not in Aix, he lived and worked in l'Estaque, a small fishing village on the shores of the Mediterranean, or in Gardanne, where he settled with his wife and child between 1885 and 1886.

Guided tour of his workshop.

Dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.

## Day 4 – Aubagne, on the steps of Pagnol

Breakfast at the hotel.

Aubagne in the footsteps of Marcel Pagnol. The Pagnol circuit is an insight into the life and work of a child of the country. It is an opportunity to discover these places that rocked Marcel's childhood and enchanted his films.

Souvenir places with the charm of the hills, fortified villages and houses, the simple charm of Provence.

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Following in Marcel and Lili's footsteps, follow the route of la Treille from the car park at the bottom of the village. Cross the canal. Stop at the cemetery where Marcel Pagnol was buried, then take the rue dei Tambourinaires de Santo Estello, go up to Les Bellons, pass in front of the bar and turn left towards Bastide Neuve. The hills are all yours.

Lunch.

In the early afternoon, visit **Marcel Pagnol's little world**.

This universe of 200 santons signed by the greatest clay artists in Pays d'Aubagne and the Etoile, in homage to Marcel Pagnol's literary and cinematographic creation, becomes a real living and playful museum, through the magic of new technology.

Sound, image, lighting, reconstructions - modernity is in service of tradition to rediscover this exceptional heritage.

Marcel Pagnol's new "Petit monde" also welcomes the santons created by Daniel Scaturro, Best Worker in France, a diorama staging Pagnol's universe like a final painting.

At the beginning of the tour, to pay tribute to this great lady of Santon art, Thérèse Neveu (1866 - 1946), an historical space is naturally dedicated to the "beautiful Santonnière".

Take the road to visit a wine estate nestled in a park adorned with yew trees and greenery around a fountain with its water jet. This estate, renowned for its wines of Provence, will welcome you for a visit followed by a tasting.

Dinner. Overnight stay at your hotel.

### Day 5 – Marseille



Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Mucem.

A floating museum, suspended between sky and water at the entrance to the Old Port of Marseille, the famous museum opens its doors to you and invites you to discover the cultures of the Mediterranean.

Guided tour.

Push its doors open and immerse yourself in the great history of the Mediterranean basin. More than a museum, Mucem is a true cultural city and a new way to consider the Mediterranean as a space of openness and sharing; of envisaging a common history; of perceiving the dialogue of civilizations; of explaining its stakes; of giving depth to contemporary phenomena, and of shaping a new public space.

A ticket for MUCEM is valid, for one entry, to all exhibition spaces at J4 and Fort St Jean.

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Opposite **the Mucem is the Cathedral of the Major or Basilica of Sainte-Marie-Majeure de Marseille**. You can visit it freely.

**Visit the soap factory.** Discover the traditional method of manufacturing and saponification of Marseille soap in vats according to the true "Marseillaise" method. It was in the 19th century, in the Phocæan city, that hundreds of small factories made soap, Marseille's flagship product.

Lunch and return to the station for Departure.