

# Marseille and Aix-en-Provence



**Duration : 5 days**

**Best time : Spring and Autumn**

**Number of People (mini /max) : 15-50**

*Marseille - an unmissable Provençal city, is rich in its heritage with its districts, Old Port, museums, Phocaean city. Not far from here is Aix-en-Provence, a spa town, with it's association with Paul Cézanne, who was born here and to whom the Granet Museum pays tribute through an exhibition.*

## Day 1 : Marseille

Meet at the hotel in the early afternoon.

Departure for the ascent to Notre Dame de la Garde, a small basilica of the Roman Catholic Church. Visit of the Basilica of Saint Victor founded in the 5th century with its crypt.

Continue to the Old Port, which has become one of the largest pedestrian squares in Europe.

Dinner and accommodation.



## Day 2 : Marseille and its museums

Breakfast, then visit to the Museum of Roman Docks. Designed as a centre for archaeological documentation on ancient trade, the Roman Musée des Docks evokes the port activity of Marseille between the 6th century BC and the 4th century AD.

Road to Le Panier, a small district and the last vestige of old Marseille with the Vieille Charité, which brings together several multi-cultural structures: museums, associations, schools, cinema...

Free lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the Marseille History Museum dedicated to the history of the city. Founded in 1983, it has been completely renovated.

Dinner and accommodation at your hotel.

## Day 3 : Marseille the Fort and the Mucem

After breakfast, departure for the 17th century Saint-Jean fort, for a walk along the ramparts. Continue on the visit of the Mucem (Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations) dedicated to the meetings between Euro-Mediterranean civilizations (architectural presentation and free visit of the collections).

After lunch, discover the Fine Arts Museum, the oldest of the museums in Marseille. It is one of fifteen museums that the Consulate created in 1801, in the major cities of France.

Return to the hotel and dinner.

## Day 4 : Marseille – Aix-en-Provence



Departure to discover the Catholic Cathedral of the Major.

Then visit the Docks de la Joliette, former port warehouses.

Free lunch and departure for Aix-en-Provence to discover the city: Albertas Square, City Hall, Saint Sauveur Cathedral.

Dinner at the hotel.

## Day 5 : Aix-en-Provence around Paul Cézanne

Breakfast then departure to discover Cézanian sites around Aix-en-Provence.

Lunch.

In the afternoon, guided visit to the Granet Museum.

End of our services.

### An espresso at the counter

In the 17th century, coffee arrived in France through the port of Marseille, and it was in Marseille that the first French public café was opened in 1671.

