



Destination: **MEDITERRANEAN**

Itinerary: **Spain, France, Italy, Malta**

Ship:

Departure port: **Barcelona, Spain**

Departure date: **2020-01-16**

Duration: **7 Nights**

Marseille, France 2020-01-17



MRSBK2 - MARSEILLE E-BIKE DISCOVERY TOUR



active & adventure

Explore the cultural highlights of France's second-biggest city on a pedelec, a bicycle with a small electric motor that assists you up to 25 km/h while pedalling. Your first stop is the Cathedral of St. Mary Major, right by the sea. From here, pass Fort Saint-Jean before skirting the city's picturesque old town. Longchamp Palace, housing two museums, is your next stop. Its worth stepping outside, too: the gardens used to be home to a 19th century zoo and now hold animal statues. After all that culture, it's on to Notre-Dame de la Garde, located on a hilltop overlooking Marseille, for some splendid views over the city and its surroundings, before descending and riding through the countryside to the beach for a refreshment stop. Then before heading back to the port, there's just time for some shopping in the old town. Please note: the tour involves cycling along an approx. 40-km route and is considered to be suitable only for guests with a high level of physical fitness. Children are allowed to take part in this tour provided their height is 155 cm. A declaration of agreement must be signed by an adult with parental authority for children before authorisation can be given for such guests to take part. The stop at the beach is foreseen only during summer months.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 83.00

Child: \$ 60.00



MRS02 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE



city tour

We will leave Marseille port for a 40-minute drive to the lovely town of Aix-en-Provence. The excursion starts with a visit to the famous XII century St. Saviour's Cathedral and gardens. The Cathedral was built on the site of a Roman Temple and dates from a period that spans the XI and XIII centuries. Fronted by a richly decorated Gothic-style portal with elaborately carved doors, the Cathedral is flanked on the north by an unfinished tower. Enjoy a pleasant walk (1.5 hours) through the historic town centre before reaching the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarin's brother in the last half of the XVII century for the gentry of Aix-en-Provence. Free time for shopping. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground and is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. On 2-day calls, this tour may be performed also at night with a departure set at 16.30. It may be dusk while visiting some of the sites.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 60.00

Child: \$ 45.00

**MRS06 - MARSEILLES CITY TOUR**

city tour

Join us on a visit around this important maritime town. We will begin our excursion with a visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde which stands majestically on top of a hill. The Basilica is made up of a lower and an upper church and was built on the site of an ancient chapel. Continue along the "Corniche" (coast road) where we will admire Borely Castle and garden (no inside visit). The excursion includes sightseeing in the centre of Marseilles and photos at Longchamps Palace before enjoying some free time in the "Vieux Port" (old port). Please note: this tour includes walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica and is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events. On 2-day calls, this tour may be performed also at night with a departure set at 16.00. It may be dusk while visiting some of the sites.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 56.00

Child: \$ 40.00

**MRS07 - AVIGNON AND PANORAMIC OF MARSEILLES**culture and
history

Our starting point for this day-long tour begins in Marseilles, at the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde. This Neo-Byzantine church stands on top of a hill and was designed by the French architect Esperandiu between 1853 and 1864. The site was formerly a XIII century chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Guard and features several votive offerings from safely returned sailors. Stop for an inside visit before continuing on a 1.5-hour coach ride to the medieval city of Avignon. Here we will visit the Palace of the Popes, an ancient fortress rich in galleries and chapels. The frescoes and hand-painted tapestries in the Popes' bedrooms and private rooms bear witness to the former opulence of this residence. Make the most of your free time to stroll around and have lunch (non-inclusive) in one of the typical French brasserie-restaurants. Return to Marseilles for embarkation. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground in Avignon and walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica in Marseille; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 98.00

Child: \$ 71.00

**MRS14 - DELUXE VISIT TO PROVENCE: AVIGNON & AIX-EN-PROVENCE**culture and
history

While the sun-kissed shores of southern France make ideal holiday destinations, the delightful towns lying inland are equally worth a visit. Designed to let you savour two such jewels, the outing begins with a 40-minute drive to Aix-en-Provence, where you will visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour. Sitting on the site of a former Roman forum and amalgamating a variety of architectural styles from the 5th- to the 17th-centuries, the Cathedral boasts a richly decorated Gothic façade with elaborately carved doors, and to the north of the building an unfinished tower. You will then walk through the historical district to reach the lovely Mazarin quarter, a residential area built for the town's gentry in the second half of the 17th-century. A chance to relax then follows on the 90-minute drive up to Avignon, after which you'll have some time for lunch in one of the town's many brasseries before moving on to the monumental Papal Palace, the seat of Christianity in the 14th-century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rich in galleries and chapels as well as frescoes and hand-painted wall-hangings in the private papal suite, the palace still bears testament to its former opulence. The pleasant return drive to Marseille and your ship then brings the tour to an unhurried close. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground with stairs to negotiate; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 102.00

Child: \$ 75.00

**MRS15 - BEST OF TWO CITIES: AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND MARSEILLE**culture and
history

An all-day tour of two cities awaits that will take you to see both Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, two of the most popular destinations in the south of France. Initially remaining in Marseille, a coach will take you down the coastal Kennedy Corniche for views of the near-shore islands called "Les Îles", before continuing on to the hilltop location of the Neo-Byzantine Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde, where more superb vistas are a snapshot waiting to happen. Next, you will descend and reach Palais Longchamps for an inside visit of its Park before heading for the Vieux Port for some free time to explore. The many cafés and restaurants are perfect for coffee or a bite to eat and the nearby Centre Bourse is ideal for all who love to shop. A 40-minute coach journey will then take you up to the beautiful university and spa town of Aix-en-Provence. A walk through the historical district will take you from the tree-lined Cours Mirabeau boulevard to the 17th-century residential Mazarin quarter, built to house the town's gentry, en route to Place des Quatre Dauphins, its ornate "Four Dolphins" fountain and the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour, a blend of various architectural styles from the 5th- to the 17th-centuries. You will have some time to spend on your own at this lovely spot before the coach returns you to your ship. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground in Aix-en-Provence and walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica in Marseille; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde and of Palais Longchamps' Park may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events. The visit to Palais Longchamp is not included.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 94.00

Child: \$ 68.00

**MRS19 - CHARMING ARLES**

city tour

Board a comfortable modern coach for an enjoyable 1.5-hour drive to the historical city of Arles located in the Camargue region in the south of France. The city was once the main Roman colony of ancient Gallia Narbonensis. UNESCO listed the city's Roman and Romanesque monuments as World Heritage Sites in 1981. The Dutch post-impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh, lived in Arles for a year between 1888 and 1889, during which time he produced more than 300 paintings and drawings. Your panoramic walking tour includes the main sights such as the Church of St. Trophime, which once held cathedral status, the "Place du Forum" that inspired van Gogh's famous painting and the Roman amphitheatre, whose 120 arches date back to the 1st-century. The amphitheatre was capable of seating more than 20.000 spectators and was built for providing entertainment for the masses in the form of chariot races and gladiators engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat. You will have time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven and rough ground, it is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Comfortable shoes and a hat (in summer months) recommended as well as conservative attire for visiting places of religious importance.

Price per person

Adult: \$ 56.00

Child: \$ 40.00

Legend

KEY TO SYMBOLS

 Possibility of swimming	 Long route by bus	 Best seller
 Tasting included	 Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee	 New
 Lunch or dinner included	 Shopping	 Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour Wheelchair guests must be accompanied by their own helper to get on/off the coach. Wheelchairs must be foldable as the coach is not provided with ramps or lifts. Once onboard, please contact Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements.
 Drink included	 Mini Tours	
 Snack included	 Limited seats	
 No guide available		

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

 **Easy**
May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing

 **Moderate**
May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing

 **Strenuous**
Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health

FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery, with a special programme for kids. The perfect family trip.
CITY TOUR	Explore the city center with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn all about the history and culture of your destination, with visits to must-see locations and guided tours of key sites. The ideal route to local knowledge.
PANORAMIC TOUR	Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.
SPORT AND ADVENTURE	Head ashore in search of adventure! Opportunities for sport and fun range from trekking and snorkelling to kayak tours and 4x4 vehicle adventures. The active choice.
WONDER OF NATURE	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, theres a world of pastimes and passions to explore.
SEA AND SUN	Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.