

LUXURY GOLD

Welcome to
The New Golden Age of Travel

Ultimate Southern France



Your Journey Map



KEY

- 1 LUXURY GOLD HOTEL STAYS
 - PLACE VISITED
 - ROAD/CRUISE JOURNEY
 - ===== INCLUDED FLIGHT
 - Train --- TRAIN JOURNEY
 - Optional Flight --- OPTIONAL FLIGHT/EXTENSION

Your Day by Day Experience

DAY 1 Welcome to the French Riviera



Your France luxury tour begins as you're transported to your lavish hotel in Monte Carlo. Settle into your elegant surroundings before meeting your Traveling Concierge for a Welcome Dinner by the Fontvieille marina. Surrounded by yachts and gazing up at Monaco's old town high on the cliff above, you're in the ideal spot to soak up Monte Carlo's jet-set atmosphere. After dinner, cap off your first day traveling along the legendary Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit to see 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 sojourn 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, find a treasure at the antique market and admire the St Reparate Cathedral.

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 film "And God Created Woman" launched the town into the dreamy destination it's known for today. Join a Local Expert to discover the ancient walls, medieval towers and see the landmark Notre Dame de l'Assomption's bright ochre and earthy sienna-colored bell tower. Taste the local Tarte Tropézienne custard-filled, sugar-topped pastry at the bakery where it was first created and named by Bardot herself. Dine at your Michelin Star Restaurant this evening accompanied by a private concert.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: La Magdeleine - Mathias Dandine

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 dine at a charming French bistro in the heart of the Mazarin district. Afterward, join a professional chef learning how to make a seasonal and classical French dessert. 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, Lunch

Accommodation: La Magdeleine - Mathias Dandine



DAY 5 Calanques National Park



Indulge in a morning of relaxation at your boutique hotel. Your afternoon is ripe with adventure as you head to the seaside of Cassis to board your private cruise to Calanques National Park before enjoying a seafood dinner. Journey past towering, reddish-brown limestone cliffs looming over turquoise waters, narrow and deep fjord-like inlets, and hidden beaches. As you return to Cassis and the crowds disappear, savor the still evening in the charming fishing village.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: La Magdeleine - Mathias Dandine

DAY 6 French Icons

Classic France calls today, and you won't want to miss a moment. Begin by visiting the village of Lourmarin 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 rolling countryside arriving at the acclaimed Domaine de la Citadelle winery for a tour of its grounds. Linger over a picnic lunch of Provencal favorites paired with local wine before concluding your day in Nîmes.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Maison Albar



DAY 7 Les Baux and Arles



Begin the day with a visit of the Pont du Gard, an exceptionally well-preserved Roman aqueduct. As you stand before this technical and artistic masterpiece, observe how this three-level, 900-foot-long bridge was built out of soft yellow limestone blocks from a nearby quarry along the river. Awaken your senses at a light and sound show at the Carrières de Lumières, where the works of renowned artists are projected in an abandoned limestone quarry. Travel to Arles with your Local Expert to take in the sites of the first century Roman Amphitheater and discover the profound influence Arles had on Vincent Van Gogh. Conclude your day in Avignon with dinner at your hotel.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Maison Albar

DAY 8 Carcassonne Sightseeing

Personalise your free time in Arles for lunch. Journey on to the historic fortified city of Carcassonne, one of the largest surviving medieval walled cities in Europe built surrounding Chateau Comtal – moat, drawbridge and all. This evening, take a historical stroll with a Local Expert to admire the impressive medieval structures of the walled city's ramparts, towers, and barbicans offering sweeping views of the surrounding countryside and Montagne Noire to the north and the Pyrenees to the south.

Included Dining: Breakfast

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



DAY 9 Carcassonne and the Languedoc Region



Find yourself elegantly cruising through authentic France on the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Developed in the 17th century to connect the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, the canal offers a tranquil passage through the countryside beneath 126 bridges, aqueducts and a tunnel. Enjoy sublime views beneath the shady cathedral of trees as you meander through ancient villages, lush vineyards of the Languedoc wine region and Roman fortifications. In the afternoon, enjoy a traditional French cooking class with Michelin Starred Chef, followed by an evening at leisure having eaten your own cooked delicacies!

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

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

DAY 10 Bordeaux Sightseeing

Journey to the enchanting region of Bordeaux and personalize your time with your choice of curated experiences. Guided by your Local Expert, choose to 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. Amidst classic buildings of honey-colored stone and a pond surrounded by ancient centuries-old trees, pause to take in the Guignol Guérin puppet theater, evoking children's laughter since 1853.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Le Grand Hotel, Bordeaux.



DAY 11 Bordeaux and St. Émilion



Enjoy your morning in Bordeaux as you like: heading out for a stroll from your hotel in the historic heart of the city. Refreshed and ready to explore further afield, visit the nearby town of St. Émilion, famous as the oldest active wine-producing appellation in the Bordeaux region with a history dating to the time of ancient Romans. View the 12th-century Monolithic church and perhaps ascend its bell tower, built in Romanesque and Gothic styles, for an impressive view of the city. Tonight, conclude your Monte Carlo to Bordeaux luxury tour with a superb dining experience at the historic Château du Ferrand where you toast to your travels during your Celebration Dinner.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Le Grand Hotel, Bordeaux.

DAY 12 Depart Bordeaux

After breakfast you are transferred to Bordeaux Airport as your Luxury Gold journey comes to an end.

Included Dining: Breakfast

