



FRANCE

BARCELONA, SOUTHERN FRANCE & NORTHERN ITALY JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12909)

STARTS AND ENDS

Barcelona to
Venice

TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Mar 24 - 09 Nov 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Experience the enchanting beauty of Provence, the French Riviera, and Northern Italy on this 12-day journey that will mesmerise your senses.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Experience the glamour and beauty of the **French Riviera** in Nice and Cannes
- Visit **Palais des Papes**, one of the most important Gothic buildings in Europe
- Explore the medieval fortress of **Cité de Carcassonne**, a UNESCO Site
- Stop in **Milan**, recognised as one of the world's four fashion capitals in the world!
- Discover **Verona**, the city of Romeo and Juliet
- Stroll down **St. Mark's Square in Venice**, offering a captivating blend of stunning architecture, historical significance, and a vibrant atmosphere

Embark on a mesmerizing 12-day journey from Barcelona, where you'll explore the medieval fortress of Cité de Carcassonne, a UNESCO site, visit the iconic Palais des Papes in Avignon, experience the glamour of the French Riviera in Nice and Cannes.

Continue to Northern Italy and stop in fashion-forward Milan, discover the romantic city of Verona and the enchanting Lake Garda, and stroll through the captivating St. Mark's Square in Venice, culminating in an unforgettable adventure.



**GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES**



**SMALL GROUP
SIZES**



**SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL**



**ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES**



**CITY-CENTRE
QUALITY HOTELS**



**SPECIAL EVENTS
INCLUDED**



**SLOWER-PACED
ITINERARY**



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 11-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Wine tasting in Provence (France)
- Create your own fragrance at the School of Perfume
- Guided visits in Barcelona, Carcassone, Avignon, Nice, Milan & Venice
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Barcelona, Southern France & Northern Italy Journeys



Day **1**

Barcelona Airport Barcelona

A private transfer will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at the **Catalonia Diagonal Centro Hotel**



Day **2**

Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Begin your day in **Barcelona** with a city discovery tour. See the Barcelona Pavilion, a study in minimalism built for the 1929

International Exposition. Then explore the Sagrada Familia (entrance not included), a still-unfinished cathedral designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.

The afternoon is free to explore the city at your own pace.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Barcelona at the **Catalonia Diagonal Centro Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day

3

Barcelona Girona Carcassonne

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart towards **Girona**. Much of the old quarter of this ancient city has been preserved and is a popular destination for tourists, and film productions have used it as a filming location (e.g., Game of Thrones). Enjoy time at leisure.

Continue crossing the border to France to Carcassonne and continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Canal Du Midi.

Overnight stay in Carcassonne at the **Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4

Carcassonne

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Start your day with a walking City tour of the **Citadel**, known as the Cité de Carcassonne, a medieval fortress dating back to the Gallo-Roman period and restored in 1853. It was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1997 because of the exceptional preservation and restoration of the medieval citadel.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure for you enjoy this stunning medieval Southern France town.

Overnight stay in Carcassonne at the **Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel**

Breakfast



Day 5

Carcassonne Nimes Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Nîmes**, the most Roman city outside of Italy. Several famous monuments are in Nîmes, such as the Arena of Nîmes and the Maison Carrée. Because of this, Nîmes is often referred to as the "French Rome".

We continue our roman day visiting the **Pont du Gard**, an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge built in the first century AD to carry water over 50 km. It was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites in 1985 because of its exceptional preservation, historical importance, and architectural ingenuity.

Overnight stay in Avignon at the **Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **6**

Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today, discover the famous Provence capital, **Avignon**. Visit The Palais des Papes. It is one of the largest and most important medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. Once a fortress and palace, the papal residence was a seat of Western Christianity during the 14th century. UNESCO World Heritage Site, for its outstanding architecture and historical importance for the Papacy. We will admire the Pont d'Avignon.

Optional tour for a Rhone River cruise with lunch to Villeneuve les Avignon (not included).

Overnight stay in Avignon at the **Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **7**

Avignon Cote D'Azur Cannes

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today's first activity will bring you to the charming town of **Chateauneuf du Pape**, well known for its wine. The total annual production is around 100,000 hectolitres (equivalent to 13 million bottles of wine).

Continue with a unique visit and wine tasting with light lunch at one of the most beautiful cellars of Provence.

Overnight stay in Cannes at the **Juliana Hotel**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **8**

Cannes Nice Cannes

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

A full day excursion to enjoy the glamorous **Cote d'Azur**. This region is the centre of the French perfume industry. This

region produces over two-thirds of France's natural aromas.

Try to create your own fragrance in an amazing Perfume school. (You'll keep your personal creation!)

Continue the journey to Nice to discover what the city has to offer. Afterwards, return to Cannes and the remaining of the evening is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Cannes at the **Juliana Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **9**

Cannes Milan

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We will cross another European border, en route to Milan, Italy's Northern capital. Milan has been recognized as one of the world's four fashion capitals. Milan's Cathedral is the fifth-largest cathedral in the world and the most important example of Gothic architecture in Italy. The city hosts La Scala opera house, considered one of the world's most prestigious.

Overnight stay in Milan at the **Starhotels Ritz**

Breakfast



Day **10** Milan Garda Lake Verona Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Early departure to the beautiful Lake Garda. Take a stunning boat trip & light lunch at one of the most beautiful European corners. Continue to Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet. Time at leisure to visit the town.

Finally, we will arrive in Venice, the city of canals.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Cassanova Hotel**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **11** Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Partake in a walking tour of Venice. Traverse the Piazza San Marco, often referred to as St Mark's Square and see the

history and hear the rumoured fables about it being the drawing room of Europe.

The afternoon is at leisure to continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Murano & Burano islands.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an amazing **Gondola ride** to your Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Casanova Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 12 Venice Airport Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Take a private transfer to the airport.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Catalonia Diagonal Centro

Barcelona

Stay in the heart of Barcelona's Eixample at the Catalonia Diagonal Centro hotel, located next to Passeig de Gràcia and close to the main buildings on the city's modernist route. Its good connections with different means of public transport will make it easy for you to move around Barcelona, whether you come for tourism or business. The location of the Catalonia Diagonal Centro hotel is ideal for touring Barcelona or for staying during your business trips.



Sowell Les Chevaliers Hotel

Carcassonne

Due to its perfect location, the establishment offers rooms equipped with great comfort and most of them offering an unobstructed view of the ramparts.

Families wishing to stay at the hotel will have the option of opting for connecting rooms. You will be seduced by the medieval decoration of our establishment, which will surely offer you an extraordinary journey through time!



Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel

Avignon

On the banks of the Rhône, at the gates of the famous city of the Popes, the Hotel La Magnaneraie offers 32 rooms and suites. Located on the heights of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, our hotel invites you to take a quiet break while enjoying the tranquility.

A former country house, a place of feasts in the 16th century that became a magnanerie – breeding silkworms – then a wine estate in the 20th century before finding its vocation as a hotel in the 1970s, La Magnaneraie joined Najeti Hotels & Golfs Collection in 2000. Since then, the residence has been reborn to offer its guests an intimate, warm and refined setting, making the Provençal dolce vita a true art of living.



Juliana Hotel

Cannes

Space and Design are key words for the Juliana. You will appreciate the warm and airy entrance in the lines of Pierre Cardin, leading to the reception and lobby.

The glamorous hall provides a dedicated access to the differently abled, to ensure comfort and attention to every guest. The bar will serve until late, and our relaxing lounges will welcome you with the finest custom-made furniture and attentive service. The hotel is equipped with a large car park available to all residents and visitors. The rejuvenated Juliana Hotel Cannes' unique design will attract you with its iconic designs and art like David Bailey's Original photographic artwork, with portraits of the most famous stars and celebrities of the 1960s and 70s including Brigitte Bardot,



Starhotels Ritz

Milan

Its chic, contemporary atmosphere and strategic position near the shopping district of Corso Buenos Aires and Porta Venezia make the Starhotels Ritz the ideal starting point to experience Milan's fascinating charm.

Each one of Starhotels Ritz's 197 rooms and suites has been refurbished, blending contemporary furnishings with quality fabrics.



Hotel Casanova

Venice

Hotel Casanova is a four-star hotel located in the heart of Venice, Italy. It offers its guests a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic Venetian style. Thanks to its central location, guests have easy access to various iconic landmarks, including St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. The hotel features elegantly designed rooms. For guests seeking relaxation, the hotel offers a panoramic terrace that provides stunning views of the city. The hotel provides a wide range of services, including concierge, luggage storage, and ticket assistance. The on-site restaurant serves a range of delicious Italian cuisine, while the bar offers a variety of beverages. Hotel Casanova is the perfect destination for travelers seeking a comfortable and memorable stay in Venice, Italy.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 8 or fewer passengers, the tour will not include a Tour Director, but a knowledgeable expert driver/guide. A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided in this case.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- For organisational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fee
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

IN PARTNERSHIP

