



FRANCE

# BARCELONA, SOUTHERN FRANCE & NORTHERN ITALY JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12909)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

Barcelona to Milan

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

31 May 25 - 01 Nov 25

**EXPERIENCE**

Escorted

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Group Journeys

Experience the enchanting beauty of Provence, the French Riviera, and Northern Italy on this 11-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!

Embark on a mesmerizing 11-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

- 10-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
- Boat trip and light lunch in Lake Garda
- Guided visits in Barcelona, Carcassonne, Avignon, Nice, Milan
- Entrance fees for Sagrada Familia included
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

## ITINERARY

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 Barcelona Plaza**.





Day **2**

## Barcelona

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a **morning city discovery** and enjoy the main Mediterranean Spanish city, home to the world-famous architect Gaudí, a symbol of Catalan modernism. Follow your guide through the streets of Barcelona and enter your private vehicle for a panoramic tour of the city. We will head towards **Montjuïc Mountain**, the area that hosted many of the facilities for the 1992 Olympic Games. Get ready to enjoy the incredible views over the city of Barcelona.

On the way back to the city center, we will drive along Paseo de Gracia, one of the most important streets in Barcelona, where we will see the facades of **Gaudí's** emblematic buildings, such as Casa Batlló and La Pedrera. Admire Gaudí's mastery and make sure not to miss out on the rich symbolism of his works. Learn about the history and significance of Sagrada Família from the inside and discover how nature influenced and inspired Gaudí in his planning.

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

Overnight stay in Barcelona at the **Catalonia Barcelona Plaza**.

Breakfast, Dinner



## 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 (*bookable on-site only*).

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

Breakfast, Dinner



## 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





CARCASSONE

## Day 5 Carcassonne Nimes Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Nimes**, the most Roman city outside of Italy. Several famous monuments are in Nimes, such as the Arena of Nimes and the Maison Carrée. Because of this, Nimes 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



PONT DU GARD

## 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 (*bookable on site only*).

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 the day with a unique visit and wine tasting experience, accompanied by a **light lunch**, at one of the region's most stunning wine cellars. Immerse yourself in the rich history and expertise that defines Provençal winemaking while enjoying the picturesque surroundings that enhance the charm of this memorable culinary and cultural experience.

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 Milan

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. Return to Milan.

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

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day **11** Milan Milan Airport

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Take a private transfer to the airport.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### Hotel Catalonia Barcelona Plaza

#### Barcelona

The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel is located in Barcelona next to Plaza España and the facilities of the Fira de Barcelona and Montjuïc. With 347 rooms, an ideal place to stay on a business trip or a few days off. The panoramic terrace has a swimming pool and a large chill-out area with bar service and offers incomparable views of Plaza España and the Magic Fountains of Montjuïc, as well as most of the rooms. The Catalonia Barcelona Plaza hotel has 3 restaurants, an aesthetic and beauty center with treatments and massages, 13 meeting rooms equipped with the latest technology, free Wi-Fi, parking in the same building and excellent connections with all public transport.



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## 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!



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## Najeti La Magnameraie Hotel

### **Avignon**

On the banks of the Rhône, at the gates of the famous city of the Popes, the Hotel La Magnameraie 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 Magnameraie 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.





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## 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,



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## 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.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- 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.

### 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

