



FRANCE

BARCELONA, SOUTHERN FRANCE & ITALY IN STYLE JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 12914)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Barcelona to Rome	23 Mar 24 - 02 Nov 24	Escorted	Group Journeys

An extraordinary 19-day journey from Barcelona to Rome, exploring iconic cities, indulging in wine tastings, and immersing yourself in the captivating beauty of the French Riviera and Italian treasures.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Explore the medieval fortress of **Cité de Carcassonne**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit **Palais des Papes**, one of the most important Gothic buildings in Europe
- Experience the glamour and beauty of the **French Riviera**, where azure waters meet golden sandy beaches, and indulge in the luxurious ambiance of city like **Cannes and Nice**
- Visit **Siena**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe
- Take a **gondola ride** as you glimpse through the Venice's narrow canals
- Uncover the breathtaking frescoes in the **Sistine Chapel** ceiling and **"The last Judgment"** both by **Michelangelo**

Embark on an extraordinary 19-day journey starting from the vibrant city of Barcelona, where you'll delve into its rich heritage through guided visits. Explore the medieval fortress of Carcassonne and the enchanting city of Avignon before immersing yourself in the aromatic delights of Provence with a wine tasting and a visit to a school of perfume. Indulge in the sun-soaked glamour of the French Riviera in Nice.

Continue your adventure through the iconic cities of Milan, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia, and Siena. Experience the renowned Chianti wine testing and savor a delightful "Aperitivo" in Siena. Finally, conclude your remarkable journey in Rome, where you'll have the privilege of exploring the majestic Sistine Chapel.



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

- 18-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 the Provence
- Chianti wine tasting, Typical "Aperitivo" in Siena
- Create your own fragrance at the School of Perfume
- Guided visits in Barcelona, Carcassonne, Avignon, Nice
- Guided visits in Milan, Rome (Sistine Chapel entrance included), Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Barcelona, Southern France & Italy in Style Journeys



Day **1** Barcelona Airport Barcelona

Meet & greet at the airport and take a private transfer to your hotel.

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. 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**. Since 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 of 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



Carcassonne

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

We start our day with a walking City tour of the **Citadel**, known as the Cité de Carcassonne, is 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.

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



Carcassonne Nimes Avignon

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to **Nimes**, the most Roman city outside 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 we 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.

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

Breakfast



AVIGNON

Day 7

Avignon Cote D'Azur Cannes

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Our 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 0.75 litre).

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.

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 (for perfume and for food flavorings).

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

We continue our trip to Nice to discover what the city has to offer.

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, bond for Milan, Italian Northern capital. Milan has been recognized as one of the world's four fashion capitals. City tour. 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 of 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 channels.

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

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 11 Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Walking city tour. Piazza San Marco, often known in English as St Mark's Square, is the principal public square of Venice, A remark usually attributed (though without proof) to Napoleon calls the Piazza San Marco "the drawing room of Europe".

Afternoon 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 Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **12** Venice Bologna Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Bologna**, famous for its towers, churches and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical center City tour & Archiginnasio. The Archiginnasio of Bologna is one of the most important buildings in the city of Bologna; once the main building of the University of Bologna, it currently houses the Archiginnasio Municipal Library and the Anatomical Theatre.

Continue towards **Florence**, famous Tuscany capital, and the Italian city of Renaissance.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day **13** Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Florence on a walking city tour. Piazza Signoria, Duomo, Battistero, Campanile Giotto, Ponte Vecchio, old markets...Florence was a center of medieval European trade and finance, and UNESCO declared the Historic Centre of Florence a World Heritage Site in 1982.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy your own time in this stunning city of arts.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



Day 14 Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to Pisa and Lucca (extra cost).

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**.

Breakfast



PONTE VECCHIO, FLORENCE

Day **15** Florence Siena Perugia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to "The Road of Chianti". A Chianti wine is any wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany. Sangiovese is the blend's dominant grape variety. Wine tasting in one of the classic vineyard and cellar.

Continue to **Siena**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is famous for "The Palio", a horse race held twice a year in Piazza del Campo. "Aperitivo" (light lunch) in Piazza del Campo with local products and wines.

After lunch, depart towards Perugia.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Perugia Plaza**.

Breakfast, Lunch



SIENACATHEDRAL

Day **16** Perugia Assisi Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Discover today the historical city of Perugia. Going back to the Etruscan times, Perugia was one of the main cities. The city is also known as the universities town.

Depart to Assisi. The city of St Francis. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare, who with St. Francis founded the Poor. UNESCO collectively designated the Franciscan structures of Assisi as a World Heritage Site in 2000.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Rome, The Head of the World.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 17 Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour, and enjoy one of the most historical cities in the world, Rome City tour. Finish the tour at Saint Peter's Square, located directly in front of Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Afterwards, visit the famous Sistine Chapel (*entrance included*). Its importance lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The Last Judgment both by Michelangelo.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **18** Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to discover the art of Rome visiting Major Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (The cathedral of Rome), & Michelangelo's Moses in San Pietro in Vincoli (extra cost).

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

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **19** Rome Airport Rome

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you 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.



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.



Villa Neroli

Florence

Each room of the Hotel Villa Neroli is treated in detail, from the pastel tones of the walls to the style of the furnishings. The rooms have recently been renovated to ensure the guests a pleasant and relaxing stay, in an environment with a contemporary design and impeccable comfort to make every moment of the holiday even more precious. The hotel reserves a range of special services for all its guests, which will make your stay in Florence even more unforgettable. All services are designed to best satisfy every single need.



Perugia Plaza Hotel

Perugia

The Perugia Plaza Hotel offers its customers all the services to make their stay in Perugia comfortable and unique. ideal for for weekends, business trips or meetings and conferences in Perugia. Rooms equipped with all comforts. The rooms welcome the customer by responding to your different needs.



The Hoxton Hotel Rome

Rome

The Hoxton is a series of open-house hotels inspired by the diversity and originality of the streets and scenes that surround the establishment. The lobbies are the beating heart of the hotel. Open round the clock, with comfy seats, cosy corners, and food and drink on tap, they're spaces where guests can hang out alongside the locals, and immerse themselves in the neighbourhood.

All the bedrooms, public spaces and restaurants are designed to feel vibrant, cosy and welcoming – like a home away from home. The in-house design team takes inspiration from the neighbourhoods right the way through the design process, and work closely with local artists and makers to add flair to each property.



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,



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.



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!



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

- 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

