

# MARSEILLE CASSIS AND THE CALANQUES



Discover the places of interests which made Marseille and its **unique** culture.

The Vieux Port into which all streets converge, Notre Dame de la Garde, and the famous Corniche scenic route. You will also see an old Fisherman's port in the Vallon des Auffes. After eating in an amazing restaurant overlooking the coastline, we will take you to a much wilder atmosphere, on the coast in places like Goudes, Calelongue and Cassis, small fishermen village. Discover also the local wine of the Bandol area.



## THE CITIES DESCRIPTION



### MARSEILLE

Although part of the region of Provence, Marseille has a soul of its own. Founded in 600 B.C. by the Greek sailors of Phocaea, this great city is the oldest in France and surely the most complex. Second largest city in France, Marseille was the gateway to the Mediterranean. Today Marseille remains a capital of southern Europe, cosmopolitan and exuberant, with its picturesque old port, its Bouillabaisse and its folklore.

### CASSIS

This little seaside resort is snuggled at the foot of a very tall cliff called Cap Canaille. Cassis is a wonderful place to stroll about with its picturesque fishing port lined with cafes and restaurants. The city built with its streets going up and down has lovely old quarters with an elegant hotel de Ville on the shady square, where the inhabitants came to cool off and play "petanque" on summer nights!

### BANDOL WINE AREA

Bandol's port is fitted out to shelter 1,500 boats of all sizes: yachts, great sailing vessels and professional fishing boats. The vineyards of Bandol are famous:

- The red wines are powerful but velvety
- The roses are fruity and racy
- The whites, full bodied and fine.

So, whatever the colour, the wines of Bandol are amongst the best of the Provence.

### WHAT TO SEE IN MARSEILLE

- . Cathedral of the Major.
- . La Vieille Charité (old quarter of Panier).
- . Notre Dame de la Garde (a 19th Century basilic).
- . The Jardin des Vestiges (ruins).
- . The Palaces of Longchamps and Pharo...

### WHAT TO SEE IN CASSIS

- . Museum of Arts and Popular Traditions
- . Wine tasting in gorgeous chateau along seaside.
- . Boat trip in the Calanques area.
- . Relaxing and having a drink at a terrace...
- . Shopping.

### WHAT TO SEE IN THE BANDOL AREA

The prestigious "Vins de Bandol" appellation groups 53 independent growers situated in the neighbouring districts of Bandol, all the Bandol AOC (Appellation d'Origine Controlée) producers are in the neighbouring villages.

## RESTAURANTS RECOMMENDED

### GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANT

*L'Escale* in les Goudes.

Stunning view over an old fishermen's village, where the fish is fresh straight out of the sea ! A place quite famous among French actors, don't miss it !

### BEST QUALITY FOR REASONABLE PRICES

*L'Oustaou Del Mar* in Cassis.

Located right on the port's alley, you will experience the local food and fish in a simple way, like French people do !

## SUGGESTION FOR YOUR DAY

### THE ROUTE DES CRÊTES

The route des Cretes high above the sea offers very impressive views and has a fabulous panorama of the area. This road links Cassis to La Ciotat and follows along the cliffs Soubeyranes. Above these cliffs are the famous calanques or in lets that go all the way to Marseille.

