



Destination: **MEW**

Itinerary: **Genoa, Marseille, Barcelona, Tangier, Casablanca, Ceuta, Malaga**

Ship: **MSC LIRICA**

Departure port: **Genoa (Portofino), Italy**

Departure date: **2023-03-29**

Duration: **10 Nights**

Marseille (Provence), France 2023-03-30



MRS20 - MARSEILLE WALKING TOUR

CITY TOUR



Spend 2 hours off the ship stretching your legs in the fresh air on a leisurely walk around the lovely French city of Marseille, situated in the nation's deep south. You'll catch a shuttle bus to reach the city centre, after which the tour continues on foot. Taking through a mainly pedestrianised area, the guided walk begins at the foot of the old town and ends at its highest point, with information provided on the city's storied past as you go. Key landmarks include the 17th-century city hall, 16th-century Hôtel de Cabre, the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Mary Major, completed in the late 19th-century, and Fort Saint-Jean, built in 1660 by order of Louis XIV. You'll also have some free time to explore the Vieux Port the old harbour area before catching a shuttle bus back to the ship. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of moderate walking, at times over uneven surfaces is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. All visits are external.

Price per person

Adult: € 32.00
Child: € 29.00



MRS02 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE

CITY TOUR



We will leave Marseille port for a 40-minute drive to the lovely town of Aix-en-Provence. The excursion starts with a visit to the famous XII century St. Saviour's Cathedral and gardens. The Cathedral was built on the site of a Roman Temple and dates from a period that spans the XI and XIII centuries. Fronted by a richly decorated Gothic-style portal with elaborately carved doors, the Cathedral is flanked on the north by an unfinished tower. Enjoy a pleasant walk (1.5 hours) through the historic town centre before reaching the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarin's brother in the last half of the XVII century for the gentry of Aix en Provence. Free time for shopping. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground and is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. On 2-day calls, this tour may be performed also at night with a departure set at 16.30. It may be dusk while visiting some of the sites.

Price per person

Adult: € 59.00
Child: € 45.00



MRS06 - MARSEILLES CITY TOUR

CITY TOUR



Join us on a visit around this important maritime town. We will begin our excursion with a visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde which stands majestically on top of a hill. The Basilica is made up of a lower and an upper church and was built on the site of an ancient chapel. Continue along the "Corniche" (coast road) where we will admire Borely Castle and garden (no inside visit). The excursion includes sightseeing in the centre of Marseilles and photos at Longchamps Palace before enjoying some free time in the "Vieux Port" (old port). Please note: this tour includes walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica and is not available to guests who use a wheelchair; guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events. On 2-day calls, this tour may be performed also at night with a departure set at 16.00. It may be dusk while visiting some of the sites.

Price per person

Adult: € 59.00
Child: € 45.00



MRS15 - BEST OF TWO CITIES: AIX-EN-PROVENCE AND MARSEILLE

CULTURE AND HISTORY



An all-day tour of two cities awaits that will take you to see both Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, two of the most popular destinations in the south of France. Initially remaining in Marseille, a coach will take you down the coastal Kennedy Corniche for views of the near-shore islands called "Les Îles", before continuing on to the hilltop location of the Neo-Byzantine Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde, where more superb vistas are a snapshot waiting to happen. Next, you will descend and reach Palais Longchamps for an inside visit of its Park before heading for the Vieux Port for some free time to explore. The many cafés and restaurants are perfect for coffee or a bite to eat and the nearby Centre Bourse is ideal for all who love to shop. A 40-minute coach journey will then take you up to the beautiful university and spa town of Aix-en-Provence. A walk through the historical district will take you from the tree-lined Cours Mirabeau boulevard to the 17th-century residential Mazarin quarter, built to house the town's gentry, en route to Place des Quatre Dauphins, its ornate "Four Dolphins" fountain and the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour, a blend of various architectural styles from the 5th- to the 17th-centuries. You will have some time to spend on your own at this lovely spot before the coach returns you to your ship. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground in Aix-en-Provence and walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica in Marseille; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde and of Palais Longchamps' Park may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events. The visit to Palais Longchamp is not included.

Price per person

Adult: € 85.00
Child: € 62.00



MRS07 - AVIGNON AND PANORAMIC OF MARSEILLES



CULTURE AND HISTORY

Our starting point for this day-long tour begins in Marseilles, at the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde. This Neo-Byzantine church stands on top of a hill and was designed by the French architect Esperandiu between 1853 and 1864. The site was formerly a XIII century chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Guard and features several votive offerings from safely returned sailors. Stop for an inside visit before continuing on a 1.5-hour coach ride to the medieval city of Avignon. Here we will visit the Palace of the Popes, an ancient fortress rich in galleries and chapels. The frescoes and hand-painted tapestries in the Popes' bedrooms and private rooms bear witness to the former opulence of this residence. Make the most of your free time to stroll around and have lunch (non-inclusive) in one of the typical French brasserie-restaurants. Return to Marseilles for embarkation. Please note: this tour includes walking on uneven ground in Avignon and walking uphill with some steps around the Basilica in Marseille; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde may be replaced with a visit to Marseilles Cathedral in case of special events.

Price per person

Adult: € 92.00
Child: € 69.00



MRS14 - DELUXE VISIT TO PROVENCE: AVIGNON & AIX-EN-PROVENCE



CULTURE AND HISTORY

While the sun-kissed shores of southern France make ideal holiday destinations, the delightful towns lying inland are equally worth a visit. Designed to let you savour two such jewels, the outing begins with a 40-minute drive to Aix-en-Provence, where you will visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour. Sitting on the site of a former Roman forum and amalgamating a variety of architectural styles from the 5th- to the 17th-centuries, the Cathedral boasts a richly decorated Gothic façade with elaborately carved doors, and to the north of the building an unfinished tower. You will then walk through the historical district to reach the lovely Mazarin quarter, a residential area built for the town's gentry in the second half of the 17th-century. A chance to relax then follows on the 90-minute drive up to Avignon, after which you'll have some time for lunch in one of the town's many brasseries before moving on to the monumental Papal Palace, the seat of Christianity in the 14th-century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rich in galleries and chapels as well as frescoes and hand-painted wall-hangings in the private papal suite, the palace still bears testament to its former opulence. The pleasant return drive to Marseille and your ship then brings the tour to an unhurried close. Please note: this tour includes long periods of walking on uneven ground with stairs to negotiate; it is not available to guests who use a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. The cost of lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.

Price per person

Adult: € 92.00
Child: € 69.00



MRS16 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE ON YOUR OWN

SCENIC ROUTE



This tour for the independent traveller begins with a 40-minute coach transfer to the University and SPA town of Aix-en-Provence. On arrival in this lovely town, "Place de la Rotonde", with its beautiful fountain will be the starting point of your free exploration to discover Aix-en-Provence's many landmarks, streets and avenues. Popular attractions include "Place des Quatre Dauphins" Four Dolphins Square with its lovely fountain adorned with sculptures of four dolphins, the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour and the famous Mazarino Quarter, a residential district created by Cardinal Mazarin's brother in the last half of the XVII century. But as this tour is all about what you want to see in the French town, the choice of what to see is yours alone to make. Just be sure to be at the meeting point in good time in order to board your return coach to Marseille and your cruise ship. Please note: Wheelchair users must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach; wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Wheelchair users wishing to take part in this are requested to contact the Shore Excursions' Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

Price per person

Adult: € 42.00

Child: € 39.00

Note for guests with disabilities



MRS19 - CHARMING ARLES

CITY TOUR



Board a comfortable modern coach for an enjoyable 1.5-hour drive to the historical city of Arles located in the Camargue region in the south of France. The city was once the main Roman colony of ancient Gallia Narbonensis. UNESCO listed the city's Roman and Romanesque monuments as World Heritage Sites in 1981. The Dutch post-impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh, lived in Arles for a year between 1888 and 1889, during which time he produced more than 300 paintings and drawings. Your panoramic walking tour includes the main sights such as the Church of St. Trophime, which once held cathedral status, the "Place du Forum" that inspired van Gogh's famous painting and the Roman amphitheatre, whose 120 arches date back to the 1st-century. The amphitheatre was capable of seating more than 20,000 spectators and was built for providing entertainment for the masses in the form of chariot races and gladiators engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat. You will have time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. Please note: as the tour involves walking on uneven and rough ground, it is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Comfortable shoes and a hat (in summer months) recommended as well as conservative attire for visiting places of religious importance.

Price per person

Adult: € 52.00

Child: € 39.00



MRS47 - FORTIFIED TOWN OF AIGUES-MORTES & REGIONAL NATURE PARK OF THE CAMARGUE

CULTURE AND HISTORY



This day off the ship involves a trip to the walled medieval town of Aigues-Mortes and a drive through the scenic Camargue region, famed for both its landscape and culture. First up, you can relax on the coach en route to Aigues-Mortes, about 90 km (56 miles) from Marseille. The walled and fortified town dates to the 13th and 14th centuries, is full of historical landmarks and is surrounded by the marshlands and ponds that gave the town its name of "dead water". You'll have time to visit the ramparts, stroll through town and see the nearby saltworks before you return to your coach. The route then takes you to the Regional Nature Park of the Camargue, a large wetland area within the Rhône Delta and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Your narrated trip through the park will acquaint you with its varied flora and fauna, beautiful scenery and culture before you begin the journey back to your ship. Please note: as the tour involves much walking on uneven ground and sometimes narrow paths, it is considered to be unsuitable for guests of limited mobility or who use a wheelchair.

Price per person

Adult: € 85.00

Child: € 62.00



**MRS48 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE & MARSEILLE LA
LICORNE SOAP MUSEUM**

CITY TOUR



Price per person

Adult: € 62.00

Child: € 45.00

Legend

FAMILY FUN	Take your children on a journey of discovery, with a special programme for kids. The perfect family trip.
CITY TOUR	Explore the city centre with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.
CULTURE AND HISTORY	Learn all about the history and culture of your destination, with visits to must-see locations and guided tours of key sites. The ideal route to local knowledge.
PANORAMIC TOUR	Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.
SPORT AND ADVENTURE	Head ashore in search of adventure! Opportunities for sport and fun range from trekking and snorkelling to kayak tours and 4x4 vehicle adventures. The active choice.
WONDER OF NATURE	Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.
SOMETHING SPECIAL	Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, there's a world of pastimes and passions to explore.
SEA AND SUN	Treat yourself to some pure relaxation, basking on a beautiful beach or enjoying the stunning views on a scenic boat trip. A winner for sea and sun lovers.
EASY & ACCESSIBLE	Leisurely explore the best each destination has to offer, in small groups, on tailor-made itineraries for slow walkers and people with limited mobility. Up-close experiences available for everyone.
MSC PROTECTOURS	Protectours offers you unforgettable experiences while focusing on environmental sustainability in order to preserve a beautiful world for future generations to enjoy.
MSC BIKE ADVENTOURS	One of the best ways to explore a city is from the seat of a MSC bicycle. See, hear, smell and feel the destination like never before.