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# **Mediterranean Coastal Journey**

November 2 - 17, 2024

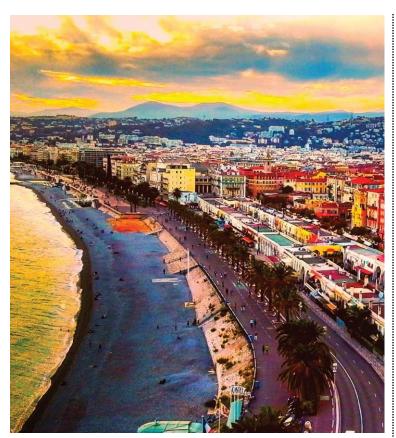


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#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hotel Catalonia Passeig de Gracia , Barcelona
Days 5, 6	Park Hotel San Jorge, Costa Brava
Days 7, 8	NH Collection Marseille, Marseille
Days 9, 10	Hotel Apollinaire, Nice
Days 11 – 13	NH Collection Genova Marina, Genoa
Days 14, 15	Hotel Borgo di Cortefreda , Tuscany
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

- Day 1: Saturday, November 2, 2024 Overnight Flight You're on your way to the Mediterranean coast for a journey connecting the Spanish, French and Italian Rivieras. From chameleonic Barcelona to sun-kissed Nice; from glamorous Monaco to the rolling hills of the Chianti countryside, embark on a coastal journey combining rich scenery, art, culture, food, and wine.
- Day 2: Sunday, November 3, 2024 Barcelona, Spain Tour Begins Welcome to the Mediterranean coast. Begin your journey in the spirited city of Barcelona, famed for its exceptional architecture and vibrant culinary scene. Settle in for a 3-night stay in this cosmopolitan city. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (D)
- Day 3: Monday, November 4, 2024 Barcelona This morning, explore the ever-changing Catalonian capital as it was meant to be explored on foot. Ramble along the bustling La Rambla boulevard, famous for its street artists and performers. Wander along the Gothic Quarter's labyrinthine streets and delve into one of Barcelona's lively food markets pausing to savor a traditional *paella* lunch. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop Park Güell or join an optional food tour of the Eixample district, interlacing Modernist architecture with tasty tapas. (*B*, *L*)
- Day 4: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Barcelona Gain a different perspective on Barcelona during a panoramic tour showcasing the expansive Plaça de Catalunya, the Columbus Monument, and Antoni Gaudí's Batllo House and Casa Mila building (UNESCO). Then, it's your choice! Visit Catalunya's National Museum of Art in company of a local guide -OR- hop on a cable car\* and ascend the Montjuïc Castle for bird-eye views over the bustling port. This afternoon, visit the awe-inspiring La Sagrada Família\*\* (UNESCO). Work on Gaudí's visionary basilica began in 1882, and is scheduled to be completed in 2026, on the 100th anniversary of the architect's death. As the day draws to a close, dine on traditional Catalan specialties at a farmhouse turned restaurant. (*B*, *D*)
- Day 5: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Barcelona Girona Costa Brava Set out for Girona, a medieval town known for its atmospheric Old Quarter. Explore the Barri Vell in company of a local guide and enjoy some free time to stroll along its riverbanks. Admire Girona's colorful houses before heading to the Catalonian coast for a 2-night stay at a seaside hotel. Costa Brava is an incredibly alluring place, and the perfect region to spend your days relaxing in your sea-view room or exploring its secluded coves and beaches. (B)
- Day 6: Thursday, November 7, 2024 Costa Brava Figueres Besalú Take in the Spanish coastline during a coastal walk between the charming villages of Calella de Palafrugell and Llafranc. Then, travel to nearby Figueres, where the surreal outside architecture of the Dalí Theatre-Museum matches the artist's legendary works inside. After taking in the mind-boggling art of Salvador Dalí, you'll continue on to the medieval village of Besalú. This evening, relax over dinner at your hotel. (B, D)
- Day 7: Friday, November 8, 2024 Costa Brava Winery Visit Marseille, France Bid adiós to Spain this morning as you cross into France during a full-day transfer. Along the way, pause at the Abbey of Fontfroide founded almost 10 centuries ago. Explore its tumultuous history during a guided visit that concludes with lunch and a taste of its locally produced wine. Check into your hotel in the early evening and make yourself at home in multicultural Marseille, France's second-largest city. (B, L)
- **Day 8: Saturday, November 9, 2024 Marseille** Founded over 26 centuries ago, Marseille is France's oldest city. In the company of an expert guide, explore *Le Panier* district, the city's eminently walkable old town. Narrow lanes lined with flowers and street-art embellished facades suddenly open onto the blue waters of the Old Port, the city's museum and cultural hub. The area was entirely rejuvenated when







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Marseille was elected European Capital of Culture in 2013. Then, it's your choice! Delve into the area's prehistoric past with a visit to the Cosquer Cave, an outstanding example of primitive rock art admirably replicated in the Villa Méditerranée Museum -OR- hop on a local ferry and discover one of the city's heritage trades during a visit to the museum of "Marseille" soap, which has been crafted in the area for over 600 years. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll venture to the hilltop cathedral of Notre Dame offering panoramic views of the city or take a scenic cruise of the Calanques National Park. This evening's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of dinner at a socially responsible restaurant that uses its profits to provide meals to the impoverished for a symbolic cost. (*B*, *D*)

Day 9: Sunday, November 10, 2024 Marseille - Aix-en-Provence - Nice, French Riviera Let the colors and light of southern France captivate you as you explore Aix-en-Provence. Perhaps you'll visit the atelier (artist studio) of Paul Cézanne, frozen in time since the painter's death in 1906. Or acquaint yourself with the *Provençale* lifestyle browsing the town's food shops in search of the perfect olive tapenade. An afternoon transfer takes you to Nice, a coastal pearl known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. Join an orientation walk of the old town before setting off for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 10: Monday, November 11, 2024 Nice** The day is yours to explore Nice. Perhaps you'll stroll along the lively seafront *Promenade des Anglais* before finding your favorite café and soaking in the local life. Or join an optional tour to historic St. Paul de Vence. After exploring this charming walled medieval village, continue to Grasse, the capital of French perfume. Learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as *nez* (nose) before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. (*B*)

Day 11: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Genoa, Italy Bid *au revoir* to France this morning as you

head to Monaco, the second smallest country in the world. On a walking tour, view the changing of the guards and visit the Cathedral of Monaco – the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. Explore the tiny Principality on a panoramic Little Train\*\*\* tour taking you across to Monte Carlo for views of its famous Casino. Take in the coastal views as you cross into Italy during an afternoon-long transfer to the bustling port city of Genoa. In the early evening, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 12: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Genoa - Portofino - Genoa Taste your way across Genoa's old town during a walking tour of this ancient Maritime Republic, once so affluent that it rivalled Venice. This afternoon, board a boat\*\*\*\* to one of the most glamorous spots on the Italian Riviera. Spend time in Portofino and take in the colorful harbor, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings. This evening pause for a taste of the Italian Riviera at a local restaurant renowned for its cheese-filled *focaccia* and home-made *pesto* sauce. (*B*, *D*)

Day 13: Thursday, November 14, 2024 Genoa - Cinque Terre - Genoa Spend the day exploring the colorful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre.\*\*\*\* Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

Day 14: Friday, November 15, 2024 Genoa - Florence - Tuscan Countryside A morning-long transfer takes you to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Home to Italy's best art and architecture, Florence is a work of art all on its own. Marvel at Ghiberti's 'Gates of Paradise' and Brunelleschi's imposing dome at the Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral complex. Take in the towering Palazzo Vecchio – the center of power of the Medici dynasty, before concluding your guided walking tour in the expansive Piazza Santa Croce. Enjoy an hour at leisure before savoring Tuscan specialties for dinner at a local

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restaurant. In the early evening journey further into the surrounding hills for a 2-night stay in the Tuscan countryside.\*\*\*\*\* (B, D)

Day 15: Saturday, November 16, 2024 Tuscan Countryside - Truffle Hunting - San Gimignano Let a memorable epicurean adventure commence with a truffle hunt,\*\*\*\*\*\* led by a local expert and trained, truffle-sniffing dogs. Set out on foot through rolling hills and silvery olive groves in search of the elusive tuber-shaped fungi before sampling the results for lunch. Then spend time in San Gimignano, whose slender medieval towers stand tall over the surrounding vineyards. As the sun begins to set, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at your hotel. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

**Day 16: Sunday, November 17, 2024 Tuscan Countryside - Tour Ends** Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your journey along the Mediterranean coast comes to an end today. (*B*)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

**IDENTIFICATION** 

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Spain, France and Italy are often smaller in size.

\*The cable car to Montjuic is suspended at a height between 50 to 150 feet above ground; this activity may not be suitable for people with vertigo.

\*\*On the rare occasion when the Sagrada Família in Barcelona should not be available, you will visit another top attraction instead.

\*\*\*The Little Train tour operates from February to mid-November. In the other months, you will transfer to the Monte Carlo district by public bus.

\*\*\*\*The boat ride to Portofino operates on a weather permitting basis between March and early November. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by public bus.

\*\*\*\*\*Traveling to Cinque Terre requires the ability to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps holding on to 'pool-ladder' style railings in order to board the trains. The trains are crowded, and seating is not guaranteed. Trains are subject to delays and prone to public transportation strikes. In the event of a major strike, we may swap the days of the Portofino and Cinque Terre visits. Access to the Cinque Terre can be restricted by the local government in case of severe weather alerts. In the rare occasion of a multi-day strike or weather alert, we will replace Cinque Terre with another attraction.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Check in to your Tuscan villa accommodations will be after dinner, approximately 9:30 p.m. Villas and country estates in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this program. Some may be located in

the countryside, removed from a city center. Still others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, with many amenities, and brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*The truffle hunting activity takes place in the countryside on unpaved paths and in wooded areas. To participate you must wear comfortable, sturdy walking or hiking shoes. Waterproof shoes are recommended as mud and puddles are common in the area.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by observance of religious or local holidays. In France and Italy most museums are closed on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Dining hours in Spain are much later than in North America and South Pacific. Restaurants typically serve lunch around 1:00 p.m. and dinner around 8:30 p.m.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. In particular, you should expect large crowds in Barcelona, Portofino, the Cinque Terre and in Florence, which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. For the Cinque Terre train excursion, agility is required to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps holding on to 'pool-ladder' style railings. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Barcelona, Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco, Genoa, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Florence, and San Gimignano. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Passport numbers are required in advance. Please provide this information at time of booking.

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Our air travelers will arrive into Barcelona airport and depart from Florence airport. All departure transfers will depart from your Tuscan countryside hotel to Florence airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 27, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 03, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until April 03, 2024.

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### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Barcelona

## Modernist Barcelona Walking & Tapas Tour

\$135 USD

Explore Modernist Barcelona on a walking tour & "tapas" dinner. The Catalan Modernism, also called 'Catalan Art Nouveau,' was a movement in architecture, art, and literature that took place in Spain's Catalonia region, with Barcelona as the capital in the period from around 1885 to 1920. During your walking tour, visit 2 locally loved tapas bars and learn the unwritten rules of doing tapas like a local. Taste some of the city's most beloved bites as you take in the vibrant atmosphere of the Eixample neighborhood. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours*. Transportation is not included.

### **Nice**

## A Day in St. Paul de Vence & Grasse

**\$99** USD

Explore historic St. Paul de Vence, an artists' haven situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. Wander along the narrow lanes of this charming walled medieval village, soaking in its distinctive light, said to have inspired artists such as Matisse and poet Jacques Prévert. Continue to Grasse, the capital of French perfume. Here, discover the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop led by an expert perfumer, affectionately referred to as Nez (Nose). *Duration: Approximately 9 hours.* Transportation is included.

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