



Your Divine Destination Travel Details

CONTACT INFORMATION

We are thrilled that you will be joining us in France!

If you have any questions prior to travel, please contact Allison Frame at:
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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All Canadian citizens must have a valid passport to enter France. Citizens of other countries should check with the French Embassy/Consulate for details on Visa requirements.

Passports must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the period of intended stay.

Please Note: The name on your ticket must EXACTLY match that of your passport or boarding may be denied. If you have a middle name or initial on your passport, please ensure it appears on your ticket as well.

Always carry your documents, tickets, medication and valuables with you while travelling. They should not be packed with your checked luggage. They should be carried with you while travelling.

Unless insured, your baggage is transported at your own risk. It is recommended that you pack a change of clothing in your carry-on luggage in the event of mis-routed or delayed luggage.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Although no vaccinations are required to enter France, please ensure that you have consulted with your medical doctor or travel clinic to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date.

These precautions are to ensure nothing prevents you from having the time of your life on this magical journey!

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AIRPORT CHECK-IN

Please ensure you check-in at the airport at least 3 hours prior to your departure time.

It is recommended you call the Airline Information Number or check online to verify your flight times. Due to increased airport security measures, please be sure to leave ample time for check-in as late arrivals could be denied boarding. Please also confirm that your frequent flyer number (if applicable) is on file upon check-in.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Economy Ticket Holders:

Carry-On: Passengers are allowed one carry-on bag plus one personal item such as a purse, briefcase, laptop or backpack, though some airlines now may charge for carry-on luggage. Passengers will be required to check any bags above this allowance. Please check with your airline(s). The maximum size of carry-on luggage for all airlines is 22" x 14" x 9". Any objects such as razors, tweezers, nail files, scissors or pocketknives are not allowed in your carry-on luggage. You are allowed to bring a quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes in your carry-on bag. These are limited to travel-sized containers of 3.4 ounces (100 mls) or less per item.

Checked Luggage: Due to recent changes in luggage allowances with all airlines, we recommend that you check the airline website for exact luggage allowances for your flights, as well as associated costs for checked luggage.

In the unlikely event that your luggage is misdirected, please report it at the Lost Luggage Counter before leaving the airport.

LUGGAGE TAGS

Please ensure all your luggage and carry-on is tagged with your name prior to departure from your home. These tags will expedite the identification and safe handling of your luggage at the hotels.

SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

The following are a few tips to help ensure safe travels. It is recommended that you limit the amount of valuables you bring with you. **While traveling it is best to keep valuables, jewelry, travel documents and medications with you or locked in your hotel in-room safety deposit box.** Do not place these items in your checked luggage or leave them in locked luggage or loose in your hotel room.

With respect to air transportation, never leave your luggage unattended and never, ever agree to carry on items, packages or suitcases for other people. Report any such requests to airline personnel or your travel staff immediately. While on the trip, be sure to follow the instructions of the travel staff regarding luggage and movements within the airport.

WEATHER

The average temperatures in the South of France in June range from a daytime high of 26 degrees Celsius to an evening low of 12 degrees Celsius.

TIME DIFFERENCE

France is 6 hours ahead of Toronto and all cities on EDT.

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AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Round-trip transfers for those flying will be provided between the Toulouse International Airport and Hôtel de la Cité in Carcassonne and from Hôtel Le Pignonnet to the Marseilles International Airport.

CURRENCY

The currency in France is the Euro and the exchange rate at time of printing is 1 Euro = \$1.48 CDN. We suggest you purchase a small amount of Euro before you arrive. ATM's are readily available in the larger towns and credit cards are widely accepted in major shops.

ELECTRICITY/VOLTAGE

Standard North American voltage is 120V 60Hz, while France is 220V 50Hz. This means that you will require an Adapter/Converter when charging your North American devices (cell phones, tablets, flat irons, etc.). We recommend getting a universal adapter kit. The hotels may have one or two North American outlets in the room as well as a limited number of adapters at the front desk.

CELL PHONE, ROAMING CHARGES & Wi-Fi

Please be aware that international cell phone roaming charges as well as long distance charges when calling from the hotel are very costly. We suggest you contact your cell phone provider prior to departure to purchase an International Talk & Text plan and/or an International Data Plan (for receiving emails). The hotels offer complimentary Wi-Fi.

VIDEO CREW/FILMING

We will have a small video crew with us to capture highlights of the trip, which we will then edit into 3-4 short videos as a remembrance for everyone. We will also use some of the footage for promotional purposes. They have assured us that the shoot will not interfere with or distract from your experience. If you do not mind being filmed, they have asked that you sign a release form, which they will provide (standard video protocol). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

HOSPITALITY DESK

The Divine Destination Collection Hospitality Desk will be located in each hotel for the duration of the program. Should you have any questions or specific needs during your stay please come to the Hospitality Desk, where our staff will be pleased to assist you. This itinerary shows times that may change on occasion.

SUGGESTED DRESS

The tone for the trip is casual & comfortable. The weather in France should be warm during the day and cooler during the evening so we recommend you bring clothing that can be layered. We recommend smart/elegant casual for the various evening functions and perhaps something a little dressier for the final night. Both hotels have outdoor swimming pools be sure to pack your swimsuit.

INCLUSIONS

All breakfasts, three lunches, two cocktail receptions, five dinners, and activities are included as noted in this itinerary. In-room dining, three lunches, two dinners and items of a personal nature are not included.

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GRATUITIES

All gratuities for planned activities have been prepaid. This includes tips for guides, drivers, bellmen & waiters (included meals only). Gratuities for personal activities such as in-room dining or bar charges are not included in this program.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT

The hotels will maintain an incidental account to cover your personal expenses such as in-room dining, telephone charges, spa services and any additional food & beverage items not included in the program. To ensure this account is set up for you, please leave a credit card imprint when you check-in. Please ensure you settle this account with the front desk prior to departure.

THE HOTELS

Hôtel de la Cité: June 5 - 8 (3 nights)

The Hôtel de la Cité is an integral part of the history of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At the very heart of the medieval city and built on the site of the former bishop's palace, this 5-star hotel stands next to the Saint-Nazaire Basilica and overlooks the lower town from the ramparts, offering an enchanting view over the city, its gardens, walls and stones that have been there for centuries. The hotel's foyer and lounges are an enchanting mix of Neo-Gothic and 1920s Art Deco styles.

Hôtel de la Cité

2 Rue du Comte Roger
11000 Carcassonne

Tel: 011 334 68 11 12 65

Check out the hotel's website for detailed information such as amenities, activities, dining, etc.
www.cite-hotels.com/en/etablisements/hotel-de-la-cite.html

Hôtel Le Pignonnet: June 8 - 12 (4 nights)

A discrete and verdant haven of peace in the heart of Aix-en-Provence. Between the traditional and contemporary art of living, Le Pignonnet is the perfect point to discover Provence. Let yourself be lulled by the rustle of its fountains and walk in the footsteps of Paul Cézanne.

Hôtel Le Pignonnet

5 Avenue du Pignonnet
13090 Aix-en-Provence

Tel: 011 334 42 59 02 90

Check out the hotel's website for detailed information such as amenities, activities, dining, etc.

<https://en.hotelpignonnet.com/>



ITINERARY

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Afternoon: Please consult your personal flight itinerary schedule for your flight departure information. Be sure to check-in at least 3 hours prior to departure for your overnight flights.

Monday, June 5, 2023

Arrivals: Upon arrival in Toulouse and once you have collected your luggage, representatives will meet you outside the arrivals area bearing *The Divine Destination Collection* signs. They will direct you to your transfer to Carcassonne (approximately 1 hour 30 mins. transfer).

Afternoon: **CHECK-IN AT HÔTEL DE LA CITÉ**

Location: The Library Bar

NOTE: Please ensure you leave a credit card imprint with the front desk for any incidental charges you may incur.

Note: Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Desk should you require suggestions on dinner reservations for tomorrow evening.

6:30 p.m. **WELCOME "A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW" EVENING**

Location: Meet in the Library Bar

Suggested Dress: Smart/Elegant Casual. Bring a wrap as we will be outdoors

Join us for a short stroll along the ramparts overlooking the medieval city followed by an evening of delicious food stations, and Blanquette, the local sparkling wine. The owner of the hotel will pop in to greet us and share the hotel's history and its connection to the city of Carcassonne.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:00 to **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**

10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Barbacane Restaurant

Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.

8:30 a.m.- **DEPART FOR ALET-LES-BAINS**

Location: Depart the hotel lobby

Suggested Dress: Casual layered walking wear, comfortable shoes and sunscreen

Beginning in Alet-les-Bains, our experts will give us context for our journey and discuss symbols and hidden signs and codes as they relate to Mary Magdalene. Let the adventure begin!

11:30 a.m. **ARRIVE RENNES-LE-CHÂTEAU**

This small hilltop hamlet is home to only nineteen residents. Here, we will explore the local church (dedicated to Mary Magdalene) and the nearby tower.

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Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - CONTINUED

- 1:00 p.m.** **LUNCH**
Location: Le Jardin de Marie Restaurant
We will enjoy a casual lunch in this charming local restaurant.
- 2:30 p.m.** After lunch we'll visit Gerda's private garden (one of our Mary experts) for a blessing and reading.
- 4:30 p.m.** **Arrive back at the hotel**
- 6:30 p.m.** **PRE-DINNER COCKTAIL**
Location: Hotel Terrace
Suggested Dress: Smart/Elegant Casual
Pop in for a cocktail before heading out for dinner.
HINT: Don't be late!
- Dinner** **At Leisure and on own.**
This evening is all yours...Check out one of the many restaurants in this majestic medieval town. Relax and unwind after a day filled with history, lore and unrivalled beauty.
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Wednesday, June 7, 2023

- 7:00 to** **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**
10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Barbacane Restaurant
Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.
- 9:00 a.m.** **DEPART ON A GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF CARCASSONNE**
Location: Meet in the hotel lobby
Suggested Dress: Casual layered walking wear, comfortable shoes and sunscreen
Our engaging guides will explain the incredible history of the walled city.
- Lunch:** **At leisure & on own**
- AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**
Location: Depart the hotel lobby
This afternoon you have your choice of pre-selected activities:
- 12:30 p.m.** **LOVERS FOUNTAIN & ISIS CHAIR:** Located in Rennes-les-Bains (50 mins. drive), originally home to Roman Thermal Baths, scamper down an overgrown path to the sacred and serene site of The Lovers Fountain "Fontaine des Amours." A beautiful series of languid pools and waterfalls. Feel free to take a moment for a brief mediation with our Mary Expert Ani or immerse yourself in the cold waters of the river. From here it is a more rigorous hike to the Isis Chair, a high energy stone "chair" dedicated to the Egyptian Goddess.
Suggested Dress: Casual walking/hiking wear, swimsuit/water shoes optional & sunscreen
Activity Level: Moderate to Rigorous
OR
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Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - CONTINUED

- 1:30 p.m.** **CATHAR CASTLES OF LASTOURS:** A spectacular hike to the ruins of 11th Century castles. Due to its' location on a rocky spur above the village of Lastours, the castles were an important fortress during the Cathar resistance.
Suggested Dress: Casual walking/hiking wear & sunscreen
Activity Level: Moderate to Rigorous
OR
- 1:30 p.m.** **PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING & SHOPPING EXPERIENCE IN CARCASSONNE:**
A personalized guide offers local knowledge that will help you with the language, bargaining and insight into which shops might be most suitable. Enjoy some retail therapy in a gorgeous setting.
- Note:** A departure notice will be delivered to your room this afternoon. Please read it carefully as it contains important information regarding tomorrow's check-out and transfer to Aix-en-Provence and Hôtel Le Pignonnet.
- 6:15 p.m.** **A HINT OF ITALY EVENING AT BOURDASSO**
Location: Depart the hotel lobby
Suggested Dress: Smart/Elegant Casual
Dinner this evening is an unexpected experience as we present a hint of Italy at Bourdasso, a fabulous well known eclectic Italian restaurant in the French countryside.
- 10:30 p.m.** **Return to the hotel**
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Thursday, June 8, 2023

- 7:00 to** **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**
10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Barbacane Restaurant
Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.
- Note:** Please ensure you have settled your incidental account and identify your luggage before departing the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m.** **DEPART HOTEL**
Location: Meet in the hotel lobby
Suggested Dress: Casual layered walking wear, comfortable shoes and sunscreen
We depart this morning for Aix-en-Provence. Take in the lovely French countryside enroute before stopping at the picturesque seaside port town of Sete.
- 11:00 a.m.** **OYSTER EXPERIENCE & LUNCH**
Location: Domaine Tarbouriech
Famous for its oysters, we travel by barge to a local oyster farm to see first-hand how they harvested followed by an amazing seafood lunch.
- 2:00 p.m.** **DEPART FOR AIX-EN-PROVENCE**
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Thursday, June 8, 2023 - CONTINUED

4:00 p.m. ARRIVE & CHECK-IN HÔTEL LE PIGONNET

Location: Hotel Gardens

This low-key hotel appears at first to underwhelm, but as you enter and immerse, you come to understand that you are experiencing something, some place, that far surpasses the enchanting.

NOTE: Please ensure you leave passport scan and a credit card imprint with the front desk for any incidental charges you may incur.

Note: Be sure to stop by the Hospitality Desk should you require suggestions on dinner reservations for tomorrow evening.

7:00 p.m. LA VIE EN ROSE EVENING

Location: The Rose Garden

Suggested Dress: Casual Elegant (bring a wrap as we are outdoors this evening)

Join us for a very Provençal dining experience replete with mouth-watering gourmet French specialities and vintage rose wines. The moment is al fresco and charming with the sultry sounds of Edith Piaf to seduce all your senses.

Friday, June 9, 2023

7:00 to 10:00 a.m. BREAKFAST AT LEISURE

Location: La Table du Pignonnet Restaurant

Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.

8:00 a.m. DEPART HOTEL

Location: Meet in the hotel lobby

Suggested Dress: Casual layered walking wear, comfortable shoes and sunscreen

We will depart this morning for Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume...Exploring the Divine Feminine...a Day of Mary Magdalene

9:00 a.m. ARRIVE SAINT-MAXIMIN-LA-SAINTE-BAUME

The morning begins with a 45 minute "easy to navigate and well worth it" hike up to the Grotto where Mary was said to have spent much time in solitary prayer and meditation.

12:15 p.m. PICNIC LUNCH

Location: Saint-Maximin-La-Sainte-Baume Park

We'll enjoy a casual picnic lunch in the main square park of Saint-Maximin-La-Sainte-Baume.

1:30 p.m. VISIT TO THE BASILICA

Location: Basilique Sainte-Marie-Madeleine de Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume

After lunch, we visit the 13th Century Basilica dedicated to Mary Magdalene. They claim to have Mary Magdalene's skull in the Basilica crypt.

4:00 p.m. Return to the Hotel

Dinner At Leisure and on own.

This evening is all yours! Check out one of the many fabulous restaurants in Aix or dine at the hotel's gourmet restaurant. Relax and unwind after a day filled with history and lore.



Saturday, June 10, 2023

7:00 to **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**

10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Table du Pignonnet Restaurant
Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.

9:00 a.m. **DEPART HOTEL**

Location: Meet in the hotel lobby

Suggested Dress: Casual layered walking wear, comfortable shoes and sunscreen

It is market day in Aix-en-Provence and the perfect time to explore this lovely city on a guided walking market adventure.

Lunch **At Leisure and on own**

Afternoon **At Leisure**

This is your opportunity to further explore the quaint city of Aix, relax in the hotel gardens, take a dip in the pool or try your hand at a game of pétanque.

7:00 p.m. **DINNER WITH THE STARS**

Location: Meet in the hotel lobby

Suggested Dress: Casual elegant

Everyone will have the opportunity to dine at a Michelin Star restaurant; Mickael Feval, or Le Mas Bottero. Bon appétit takes on a whole new meaning with tonight's incredible culinary extravaganza!

Sunday, June 11, 2023

7:00 to **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**

10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Table du Pignonnet Restaurant
Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.

Full Day **At Leisure**

Feel free to stop by the Hospitality Desk for suggestions on what to see and do in Aix-en-Provence. The famous post-impressionist painter **Paul Cézanne** was born in Aix and is best known for his stunning landscapes of Mont Sainte-Victoire. His studio is open to the public along with an elegantly signposted trail throughout the city, which includes landmarks of his youth, his family home, and cafes he frequented with friends.

Lunch: At leisure and on your own.

Note: A departure notice will be delivered to your room this afternoon. Please read it carefully as it contains important information regarding tomorrow's check-out and airport departures.

6:00 p.m. **AU REVOIR GALA AFFAIR**

Location: Depart the hotel lobby

Suggested Dress: Elegant but not formal (no jeans)

This evening, we celebrate our time in the South of France, a place that is ethereal, sacred with breathtaking beauty at Chateau de la Gaude. An exclusive evening of vistas, French vintage wines, delectable cuisine and other fancies...C'est magnifique!

10:15 p.m. **Return to hotel**



Monday, June 12, 2023

7:00 to **BREAKFAST AT LEISURE**

10:00 a.m. **Location:** La Table du Pignonnet Restaurant

Please give your name and room number to the hostess when you arrive for breakfast.

Morning **CHECK OUT**

Please refer to your departure notice for important information regarding check-out and departure.

Please ensure you have settled your incidental account before departing the hotel.

*Thank you for joining **The Divine Destination Collection** in the Sacred South of France.*

Have a safe and pleasant trip home!