

\$ Marseille, the Capital of Provence and a must-do city trip in Europe, was (already a decade ago!) the 2013 European Capital of Culture, a designation that gave it a second wind that is still noticeable today. In 10 years, Marseille has maintained that capital year's legacy and has been able to develop and adapt to the current challenges of tourism while upholding testimonies of its 2,600 years of history, which still and always give it its status as the oldest city in France. Flash-back through the past 10 years ...

In 2013, Mucem and 9 other cultural spaces in the area opens; in 2016, the Orange Vélodrome Stadium renovates for the Euro football championship and Le Corbusier's Cité Radieuse is inscribed into UNESCO's World Heritage List; in 2017, Marseille is elected the European Capital of Sport; in 2021, Alexandre Mazzia joins Gérald Passadat in the elite circle of 3-Michelin-star chefs...

In 2020, COVID 19 puts the world of tourism on hold for a while. But new positive trends emerged from this crisis, in particular a major rise in local tourism by the French, which led to a new French clientele coming to Marseille. Once the crisis passed, business tourism resumed with the hosting of many international congresses such as the IUCN in 2021.

In June 2022, the Grotte Cosquer replica opened in the Villa Méditerranée, also contributing to Marseille's attractiveness. The city continues to captivate and will shine in 2023 and 2024 by showcasing no less than 6 matches for the 2023 Rugby World Cup and sailing and football competitions for the 2024 Olympic Games.

Ever concerned about protecting its environment, Marseille boasts a remarkable range of sustainable offerings, including zero-pollution activities such as cycling, climbing, kayaking, hiking, and more. As well as lodging in a wide range of hotels with the Green Key Label and restaurants with the important Ecotable designation. What's more, Marseille is home to Europe's only national peri-urban park, Calanques National Park, which, since 2022, employs a reservation system in a section of the park to preserve its exceptional ecosystem's flora and fauna. City of contrasts, Marseille, by definition, successfully embodies blends, between tradition and modernity, between land and sea, and between warm sun and refreshing sea.

Made up of 111 districts, each with their own identity and strength, you can visit and appreciate the city over several days, enough time to satisfy all your senses; tasting numerous Marseillais specialties and other delicacies from around the world served in Marseille's many restaurants; marvelling at the turquoise blue water of Calanques National Park, smelling the mix of spices in the different multicultural neighbourhoods peppered around the city, hearing the roar of Marseille fans for l'OM, or walking, running, or cycling in streets that are as sunny as they are different from one another.

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Car Access

Marseille is the highway hub between Spain, Italy, and Northern Europe:

North Highway A7: Aix en Provence, Lyon, Paris, Brussels

Coastal Highway A55: Fos, Martigues, Arles, Montpellier, Toulouse, Barcelona

East Highway A50: Cassis, Toulon, Nice, Milan, Turin, Genoa

Public Parking

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Taxi

Taxi Sud

+33 (0)4 91 02 20 20

Taxi Marseillais

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Air Access

Marseille-Provence Airport

The airport is located 25 minutes away from the center of Marseille. It directly connects Marseille to 83 different cities in 30 different countries, with a flight to Paris every 30 minutes.

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For low-cost travel : **MP2 - Marseille Provence Airport**

www.mp2.aeroport.fr

Airport Shuttles - Marseille Saint-Charles Train Station

+33 4 42 14 31 27 or +33 4 91 50 59 34

Approximate travel time: 25 minutes, depending on traffic.

Departures every 10 minutes.

Transfer price: approximately €10.

Airport Taxis

Book your taxi : +33 4 42 88 11 44

Taxi Sud

Approximate price: around €50 during the day and around €60 at night.

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Train Access

Marseille Saint-Charles Station

Marseille has a direct TGV (high-speed train) line to Paris Gare de Lyon (3 hours) and to Paris Roissy Charles De Gaulle Airport (3 hours and 30 minutes).

SNCF

36 35 or + 33 1 84 94 36 35

Want to get a traffic update, check a train timetable, buy a ticket for travel in France or another country or get a ticket exchange or refund?

Seven days a week, 08.00-20.00

Free service: you pay only the cost of your call.

To get to the Pharo Palace, take metro line 1 from the "Saint-Charles" station towards "La Fourragère" and get off at the "Vieux Port" stop. Walk a few minutes to the "Métro Vieux Port" bus stop. Take bus 81, 82, or 83 to the "Le Pharo" stop.

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Public Transport

Régie des Transports de Marseille (RTM)

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Metro (lines 1 and 2)

Metro line 1 from "La Rose" to "La Fourragère," stop at "Vieux Port."

7 days a week, from 5:00 AM to 1:00 AM - €1.80 per trip - 10-trip card: €15.10 (individual or groups)

First departure: 5:00 AM from each terminus

Last departure: 10:30 PM from Monday to Thursday, and 12:30 AM on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Maps and guides are distributed for free at the information center and metro hub stations: La Rose, St Just, Réformés, Saint Charles, Vieux Port, Estrangin, Castellane, La Timone, Bougainville, Joliette, Noailles, Rond Point du Prado, and Ste Marguerite.

Tramway (2 lines)

First departure: 5:00 AM from each terminus

Last departure: 12:30 AM

For your information, RTM offers a PASS system that provides unlimited access to the three means of transportation in Marseille: bus, metro, and tramway, according to the following fare conditions: the Day Pass at €5.20 (valid from the first validation until midnight), the 3-Day Pass at €10.80 (valid for three consecutive days). The prices are given for reference and are subject to change by RTM without prior notice.

Bus 81, 82, and 83

€1.80 per trip

€2 for tickets purchased on the bus

10 tickets: €15.10

Lines 81, 82, and 83, stop at "Le Pharo."

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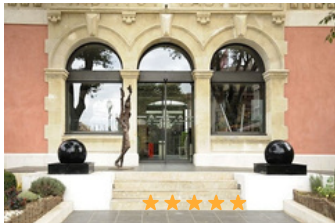
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If you need one, please [contact us](#) using the contact-form.