

# La Dolce Vita in the Calanques

3 days / 2 nights in a 3\* hotel

## Day 1: Friday, May 24: home / Marseille / Cassis (40 km)

Arrive at Marseille Saint Charles station in the late morning.

Take the very clean, very safe and very fast Marseille metro (Métro 2 direction La Fourragère, for 2 stations to the “Vieux-Port - Hôtel de ville” stop.

Price €1.70 per person, payable directly by credit card.

Lunch of grilled sardines and panisses on the pleasant terrace of Le Petit Mistral restaurant at the end of Cours d’Estienne d’Orves. (400 m from the metro exit).



Pick up your 2 electric scooters at 300 meters from the restaurant.

Leave your suitcases at the rental station, and we’ll transfer them to your hotel in Cassis.

Get on your scooters and head for Les Goudes, the tip of Marseille that marks the beginning of the Calanques.

To get there, you’ll take the beautiful road known as the Corniche Kennedy. You’ll pass through Pointe Rouge, then La Madrague de Montredon before reaching Les Goudes, a charming fishing village at the end of Marseille.

Grab a coffee or a Gambetta Bitter (non-alcoholic) at 20 000 Lieues sous la Bière to enjoy the view of the port and the sea; then head for Cassis, taking the route de la Gineste, famous for being the course of that emblematic foot race: La Marseille Cassis.



From the top of the 326-metre-high mountain, you’ll have a splendid view of the city of Marseille. Several stops will allow you to immortalize this fantastic landscape.



On the other side, you'll make your way to Cassis, from where you'll have an incredible view of its cliffs and famous Cap Canaille, before reaching the center of Cassis and the small beach of Bestouan, where you'll find your haven of peace for these 2 nights: a lovely 3\* hotel.



Facing a small beach so authentic that you feel privileged to be there, you will stay in a charming 3\* hotel with terracotta walls, housing just 5 rooms and 2 family suites. When you arrive, you'll enjoy imagining yourself having breakfast on the terrace tomorrow morning, reading your favorite Provencal newspaper.

In the late afternoon, laze on the beach before getting ready for dinner at the port of Cassis. You'll be spoilt for choice of restaurants.

Overnight in your hotel.



**Day 2: Saturday, May 25:**  
**Cassis / La Ciotat / Cassis (35 km)**

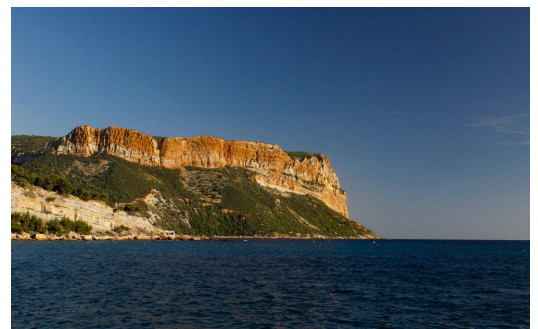
This morning, you'll have the pleasure of enjoying breakfast under the centuries-old pine trees of your hotel, on its enchanting terrace.

You'll then hop on your scooters, which will have filled up with electricity overnight, and head for La Ciotat along the famous Route des Crêtes.

You'll first skirt the famous vineyards of Cassis, before leaving the town and embarking on the Route des Crêtes.

A dazzling climb through a maze of small roads, before discovering this mythical road, which winds its way through this rugged landscape.

Your first stop is at Cap Canaille, where you'll enjoy an impressive view of Cassis.





Detective novels tell of numerous settlements of scores at Cap Canaille, from which thieves threw their debtors off the 394-metre high cliffs. It's surprising to discover that you can reach the edge of these cliffs without any protection whatsoever to prevent you from falling into the void, so watch out! Continue

along the 17-kilometre route, taking in the breathtaking views from a number of belvederes.

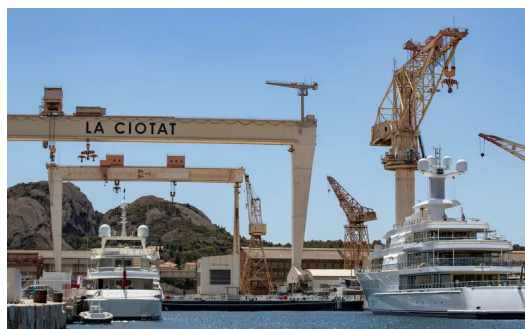
Arrive at La Ciotat and its famous shipyard gantries.

Once a mecca for the shipbuilding industry, La Ciotat is now an industrial wasteland that has blighted the lives of many local families.

Today, the nautical industry has regained its lustre, thanks to the maintenance of luxury yachts. We've booked a tour of the shipyards for you, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., to give you an idea of this tremendous human and industrial adventure.

We'll then take you to the port of La Ciotat for lunch.

In the afternoon, we recommend a swim at the confidential Calanque de Figuerolles beach.



Return to Cassis in the late afternoon, taking the Route des Crêtes in the opposite direction. You'll find it hard to imagine that you've already been on this road this morning, so different are the images and sensations from one direction to the other.

At 6pm, it's time to head for Domaine La Dona Tigana, high above Cassis. Covering 14 hectares, this is the estate of former footballer and coach Jean Tigana. You'll enjoy a tour of the vineyard and cellar, followed by a tasting of 3 wines, all guided by Jean's daughter. This tasting tour is perfect for an aperitif before dinner overlooking the sea.







Stop off at your hotel to freshen up before dinner at La Presqu'île restaurant, where your table awaits you on the terrace overlooking the sea, between the Calanques massif and Cassis Bay.

Return and overnight in your hotel.

### **Day 3: Sunday, May 26 : Cassis / Marseille (40 km)**

Breakfast on your hotel's pleasant terrace.

You will leave your luggage at reception. It will be taken care of by our team and transported directly to your afternoon meeting point at the scooter rental company in Marseille.



You'll then take a stroll around the port of Cassis to explore its charming pedestrian lanes and flower-filled squares. The village of Cassis is also a great place for shopping, with its fine fashion and decorating brands mingling with the Provençal creations to be found in the many workshops of passionate artists and craftsmen.

Lunch in the shade of a plane tree, then enjoy an ice cream while admiring the traditional boats of Cassis, before taking your scooter back to Marseille via the Col de la Gineste.

After a leisurely ride to the scooter rental company where you'll return your fellow scooters, you'll be transferred by electric car to the Marseille Saint Charles train station, where your TGV will be waiting to take you home.

Price from **€695 per person** based on double occupancy, including:

- Scooter rental for 3 days
- 2 nights' accommodation in a 3\* hotel in Cassis with DDP
- 1 lunch in Marseille, 1 dinner in Cassis
- Visit to La Ciotat shipyard
- Visit and tasting at Domaine La Dona Tigana
- Luggage transfer Marseille / Cassis / Marseille-
- Return transfer to Marseille Saint Charles train station

