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MARSEILLE

tips & tricks, discounts and much more
to make the most out of your stay!

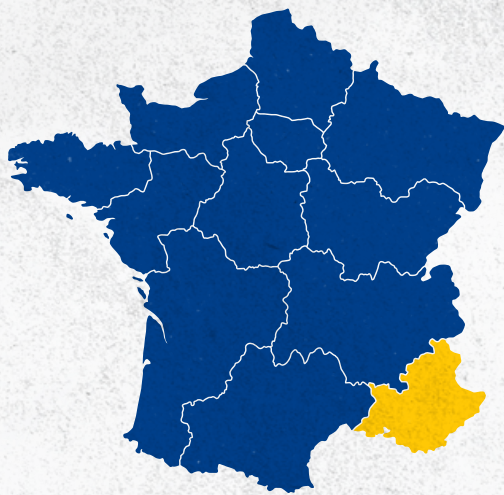
CITY GUIDE



THE CITY

Picture this: sea salt in your hair, sunset ahead of you and a stunning scenery. That's what your pit stop in Marseille could feel like!

This vibrant port city in southern France is ready to surprise you at every corner, through its artistic neighbourhoods, entertainment options and culinary delights.



**the beginning of
your adventure!**

BIENVENUE
*welcome in French

The city is the second biggest in France and the oldest! You can catch its beauty by wandering around the Vieux Port where, in the morning, fishermen sell their daily catch and, in the afternoon, you can find yourself playing pétanques with locals. Graffitis and tiny local shops will enchant you in Le Panier, the most artistic neighbourhood in Marseille. And how can we not mention the Calanques National Park and the delicious food? You need to see it and taste it to understand what it's all about!

In this guide, we're gathering all the best recommendations for your DiscoverEU trip. Leaf through it and find your perfect combo!



The typical "bouillabaisse"

FUN FACTS



The oldest city in France

Marseille has been around for a long time: more than 2,600 years, to be exact. Founded by Greek sailors from Phocaea (in present-day Turkey) around 600 BC, it officially holds the title of the oldest city in France!

But don't expect an open-air museum vibe. Marseille mixes ancient history with street art, buzzing cafés, and seaside energy like nowhere else. One minute you're walking past historic forts and old ports, the next you're grabbing a drink in a trendy neighborhood by the sea.



One of the sunniest cities in France

If Marseille had a personality trait, it would definitely be "sunny". With nearly 3,000 hours of sunshine every year, it's the sunniest city in France, and honestly, the weather alone is a solid reason to visit.

Idyllic natural park

Just outside the city, Marseille gives you access to one of the most incredible natural spots in France: the Calanques National Park. Think massive white cliffs, hidden coves, hiking trails, and unreal turquoise water. Whether you're into hiking, kayaking, cliff jumping, or simply spending the day by the sea, the Calanques are a must when visiting Marseille.

The Count of Monte Cristo

Marseille inspired one of the most famous adventure novels ever written! The story begins in the city, where Edmond Dantès is imprisoned in the legendary Château d'If, a fortress sitting on a small island just off the coast. And yes, you can actually visit the castle (for cheaper with your EYC).

The Tarot of Marseille

Even if you're not into tarot cards, you've probably seen the famous Tarot of Marseille aesthetic somewhere. This iconic tarot deck dates back centuries and became one of the most influential tarot styles in the world. Originally produced in Marseille by master card makers, its bold colours and symbolic illustrations are now recognised far beyond France.

DISCOUNTS

to save some ca\$\$\$\$hhh



We know what it means to travel on a budget and we're here to make it as easy as possible! In this section you will find some discounts that will help you save money without giving up on that one meal out you really want to have or that outdoor experience. Click on each discount to see how to use it on EYCA's website <3

CULTURE



Château d'Iff

10% off entrance ticket to one of the most visited tourist monuments in the city of Marseille!



Cosquer Méditerranée

4€ discount on the entrance ticket to explore more than 30,000 years of history through depictions of animals, human footprints and remarkable cave paintings.



EXCURSION TIPS

PAYS D'AUBAGNE ET DE L'ÉTOILE

Only 30 minutes away from Marseille by train, the region is an ideal destination for outdoor activities:

- Hiking in the heart of the Pagnol hills and along the Sainte-Baume trails
- Mountain bike and road cycling routes for all abilities
- Rock climbing at stunning natural sites
- Themed walks and nature experiences, suitable for families or groups of friends



Aubagne au fil du temps

30% off the guided tour to discover this unique region between nature and culture



ACCOMMODATION



HI hostels

10% discount in five different hostels located in the capital!

SERVICES



Cycles Joliette - Vélo Station

20% reduction on muscle and electric bike rentals, upon presentation of your European Youth Card!



Bird

20% discount on your bikes and scooters around the city. Explore Marseille the sustainable way!

FESTIVALS



Delta Festival

Get 15€ off the festival ticket (23-26 July 2026) - This summer in Marseille, there will be something for everyone. Explore the 5 musical stages and enjoy more than 200 concerts, feet in the water and under the southern sun!

SPORTS



Stade Orange Vélodrome

10% off to step into the hidden world of the Orange Vélodrome, where the history of Olympique de Marseille is steeped in myths and legends.

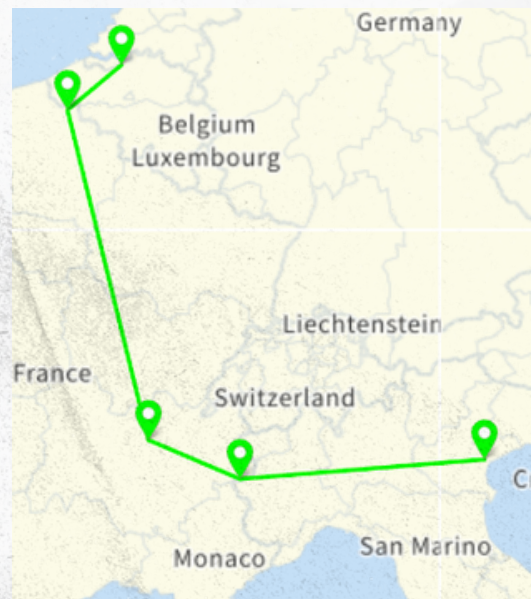
IF YOU HEAD NORTH...

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRAVEL ALONG A CULTURAL ROUTE?

The DiscoverEU Culture Route is a collection of European destinations carefully curated for fans of film, fashion, food, fine art and more. One of these cultural routes passes by France: it starts in Italy, travels through France and arrives all the way to Belgium.

By following this route, you will be transported into the European fashion world through carnival celebrations, fashion revolution anecdotes and modern day interpretations.

To know more about the different DiscoverEU Culture Routes, visit [the website](#).



LIFE-SAVER VOCAB

Surviving in another country is no joke! This is why we have collected some very useful vocabulary to help you socialise with locals and get by. Check the basics here:

Salut: Hello

Merci: Thanks

Une baguette, s'il vous plaît: One baguette, please

Ça va: That's okay

À toute: See you later

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