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Marseille

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ARRIVAL & YOUR FIRST TRANSFER

Cruise ships use different Marseille terminals. The northern cruise terminals are separate from the Vieux-Port. Confirm your assigned terminal and the authorised shuttle, taxi or transfer options with your ship and port. Shuttle pickup points, availability, charges and hours vary; build port access and waiting time into your day.

CHOOSE YOUR PORT DAY

Vieux-Port & Le Panier

The historic Old Port is the city's waterfront heart, with cafes, boats and views. Le Panier has narrow lanes, stairs, local shops and galleries. Once in the central area these can be combined on foot, subject to your group's needs.

Notre-Dame de la Garde

The hilltop basilica is known for panoramic views. It is a steep climb; consider a suitable bus, taxi or other organised transport. Check current visitor access and leave time to return downhill and onward to the port.

Aix-en-Provence

A separate regional outing for historic streets, fountains, markets and Cezanne connections. Check the market day, transport and total excursion duration. Do not confuse a road ride estimate with the full time needed from ship to sights.

MuCEM & Fort Saint-Jean

Explore Mediterranean culture at MuCEM and the neighbouring Fort Saint-Jean area. Check which exhibitions, walkways and outdoor spaces are open, and whether your intended visit requires a ticket.

Calanques & Cassis

Limestone cliffs and sheltered coves are regional highlights. Boat trips are weather dependent; land access can be restricted by fire risk or other conditions. Cassis is a separate coastal town and a departure point for some boat outings. Verify the actual trip and return plan.

Marseille beaches & food

Local beach options include Plage des Catalans, the Prado beaches and Pointe-Rouge. Look for bouillabaisse, fish dishes, aioli and local produce; check bathing conditions and return transport.

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PRACTICAL PLANNING

Choose a manageable day

A short call suits one central cluster: Vieux-Port, Le Panier and possibly MuCEM. A longer call may fit Notre-Dame de la Garde or one regional outing. Avoid trying to combine Aix, Cassis and the Calanques in a single port day.

Current access checks

Check Marseille Tourism for terminal access and local transport, and the Calanques National Park for land-access restrictions. Boat operators publish their own routes and weather cancellation rules. Your ship's all-aboard deadline governs the return.

Before you leave the ship

Confirm ship time, the official all-aboard deadline, the return pickup or landing and a suitable earlier personal return target. Carry required documents, water and sun or weather protection. Recheck opening hours, tickets and transport for your actual date. This guide is planning guidance, not live port instructions or a navigation map.

OFFICIAL SOURCES & LIVE CHECKS

https://www.marseille-tourisme.com/en/organize-your-stay/practical-information/arriving-in-marseille/access-to-marseille-cruise-port/

https://www.marseille-tourisme.com/en/discover-marseille/nature/beaches-and-swimming-in-marseille/

https://www.calanques-parcnational.fr/en

Sources checked for the 25 October 2026 review. Operators and governments can change fares, access rules and timetables. Check again for your sailing.