

# PORT INFORMATION



## MARSEILLE



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#### Port Adventures:

Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.

#### Take Ashore

- ✓ This Map
- ✓ Passport for adults and children (Passport copy is valid) & Key to the World Card
- ✓ Cash & Credit Cards

### Travel Safety Tips

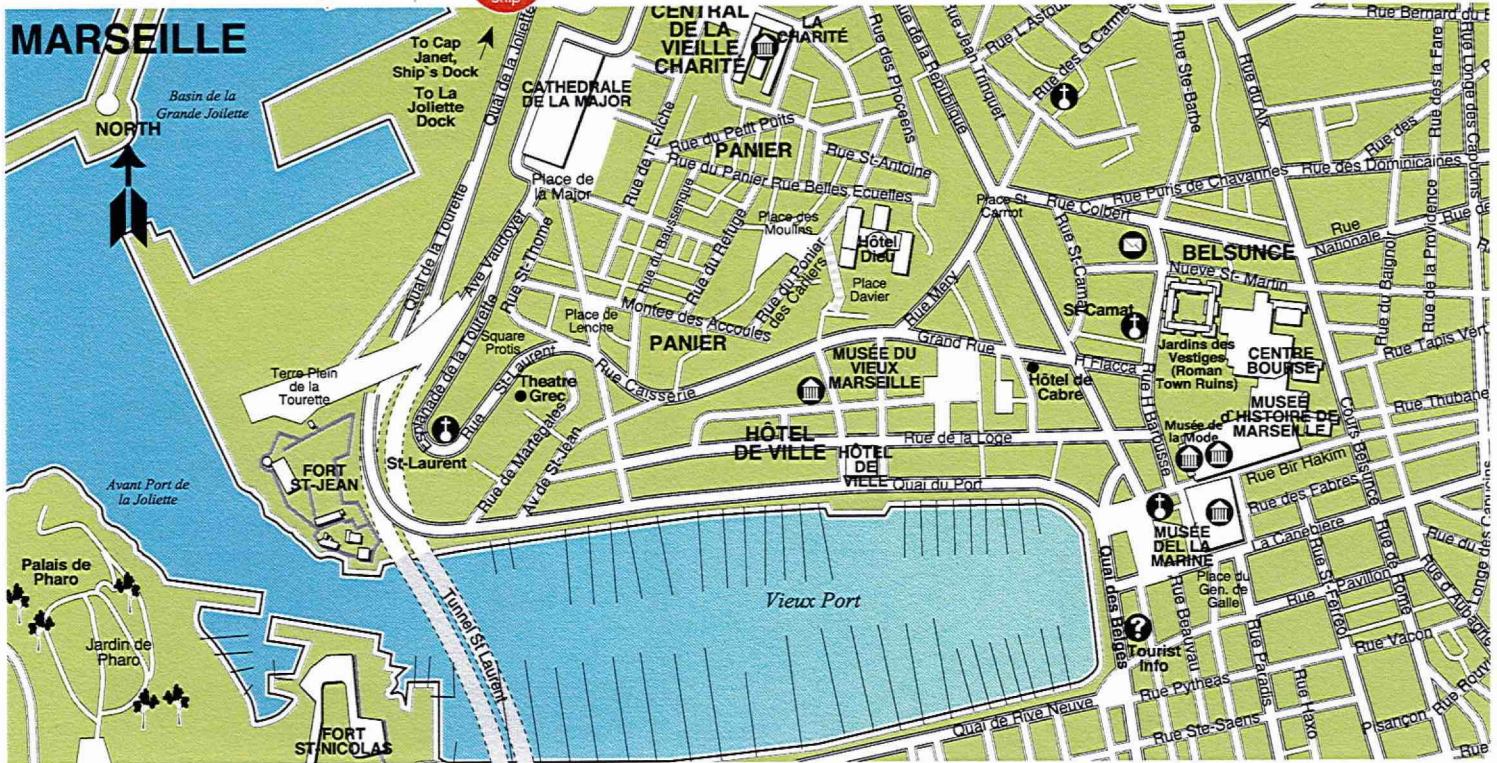
As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
- Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
- Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
- Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
- When going ashore, each adult and child is required to carry a passport or a copy of their passport. European Guests are required to carry a valid national photo ID.
- In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.

Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.

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The Magic will be docked at Pier 183, Terminal B in the northern part of the port, with a shuttle to the city Centre.



## MARSEILLE OVERVIEW

Marseille has been a target of foreign invasion throughout European history. Established as Massalia in 600 BC by Greek sailors from Phocaea, it is the oldest French city. It was one of the most important outposts of the Greek Empire and momentous exploratory expeditions were launched from its shores. Pytheas led the first known Mediterranean team to the British Isles. Merchants traded with communities along the mighty Rhône, and it rose as a successful center of commerce.

Romans brought an era of prosperity. Much success is attributed to Julius Caesar who established a firm border between what are now Germany and France, and helped quell internal Gaul strife that might have led to the demise of the civilization. The French kingdom expanded and consolidated its authority during the following centuries. Marseille remained a vital port and during the Crusades, many of the Knights sailed from Vieux Port – the city soul.

Even with its rich history, the city has only a few points of true historic interest and there are only a few museums (but they are gems). Marseille is also a place to wander and enjoy French joie de vivre. And the city is certainly alive. Everything emanates from Vieux Port, where the Greeks first landed. Enjoy fresh seafood near the port – try bouillabaisse (aka, bourride) as you enjoy magnificent views of St. John and St. Nicholas forts (which guard the harbor entrance).

Construction began on Hospice de la Vieille Charité in the late 1700s. Egyptian and Greek history and culture are explored at Musée d'Archéologie Méditerranéenne. Musée des Arts Africains, Océaniques et Amérindiens features a primitive and modern art.

Marseille's Musée des Docks Romains (Roman Docks Museum) displays a unique and fascinating preserved section of the ancient Roman port. It was discovered when German troops demolished the seedy and unmanageable red light district during WWII. The ruins of a Roman waterfront house have also been preserved. Food jars functioned as an ancient pantry.

Musée des Beaux Arts houses a fine collection by Provençal artists, most of whom never gained widespread fame. Some like Ricard and Guigou are widely known, but a large section of the museum is devoted to painter and sculptor Pierre Puget, known only for his portrait of Louis XIV. Native satirist Honoré Daumier is also represented.

**Capital:** Paris

**Location:** Côte d'Azur

**Taxi:** Taxis are available outside the secure port area.

**Currency:** Euro

**Language:** French

**Population:** 822,000 (approximately 1,230,000 in the greater metropolitan)

**Banking:** French banks generally open daily, except Sunday from 9:00am to noon and from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Some banks close Monday and some are open Saturdays.

**Post Office:** French post offices usually open weekdays 8:00am to 6:00pm and 8:00am to noon on Saturdays.