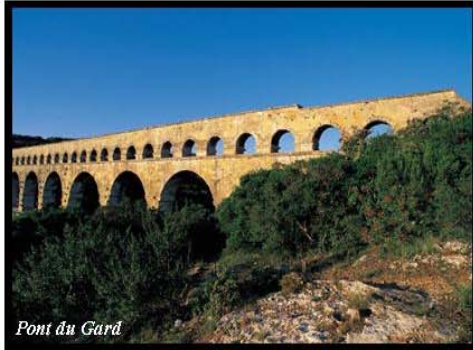


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ITINERARY NIGHTS: Florence (2), Nice (2), Provence Area (1), Barcelona (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: Florence City Tour • Accademia • Straw Market • Pisa • Nice City Tour • Monaco • Musée Océanographique • Avignon • Pont du Gard • Carcassonne • Barcelona City Tour • Sagrada Familia • Pueblo Espanol

OPTIONS: 2-Night Extension to Paris w/City Tour • 2-Night Extension to Madrid w/City Tour



Pont du Gard

DAY 1 Depart for Europe.

DAY 2 FLORENCE Arrive in Italy where your TSA Tours guide will escort you on an overview of Milan. Then travel to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Inspired by the incomparable beauty of the Florentine countryside combined with the extraordinarily translucent light, the artists of the Renaissance strove to capture the natural radiance of the area. Their “search to achieve balance between nature and order” has given to the world the most precious of gifts.



DAY 3 FLORENCE Explore *Firenze* and take in the highlights of the city. On your **city tour**, see the Piazza del Duomo with the magnificent cathedral and baptistery whose East door is Ghiberti’s *Gates of Paradise*, a renowned landmark of Renaissance sculpture.

Continue to see the Church of San Lorenzo and the Bargello, the former city hall. Also visit the **Accademia** home of Michelangelo’s famous sculpture *David*.

Later hunt for bargains at the **Straw Market** or buy jewelry on the Ponte Vecchio.

DAY 4 NICE Visit **Pisa**. Straddling the Arno River, the city of Pisa is renowned for its artistic treasures and its history. Its most famous monument is the Leaning Tower or Campanile. Construction on the famous tower was begun in 1174, but was not finished until 1350 because of the complications arising from the unstable nature of the ground on which it was built.

Next, travel to France and the vibrant French Riviera city of Nice on the Mediterranean’s Côte d’Azur.

DAY 5 NICE On a **Nice City Tour**, see the city’s acclaimed museums, the Flower Market, and the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais. Later tour the elegant city-state of **Monaco** to see the casino

of Monte Carlo, the Palais du Prince, and visit the Musée Océanographique to view incredible specimens of marine life including the skeleton of a 6-½-ft wide Japanese crab.

DAY 6 PROVENCE AREA

Visit **Avignon**, the home of the first French Popes. Today Avignon is a lively cultural and arts center. See the **Pont du Gard**, the magnificent Roman aqueduct whose striking arches, constructed entirely without mortar, rise 160 feet above the valley. Continue to **Nîmes**, site of the Maison Carrée, one of the best preserved Roman temples in existence. Spend the night in this charming region of red-tiled roofs, olive trees and fields of fragrant lavender.

DAY 7 BARCELONA

Travel to the Olympic city of Barcelona via **Carcassonne**. Explore the drawbridges, towers and sentry walks of this fortified city, which by some wave of a magic wand seems to have been preserved untouched since the end of the Middle Ages.

DAY 8 BARCELONA

Discover Barcelona on a **City Tour**. See the Parque de la Ciudadela, Barceloneta and its beaches, Barrio Gótico, Plaza de España, Palacio Nacional and Fuentes, then visit Gaudí’s unusual



Monaco

Church of the Sagrada Familia. In the afternoon, visit **Pueblo Español**, where you will see reproductions of typical houses from the various regions of Spain, each region represented by a street. You will also find theaters, band concerts, restaurants and artisans’ workshops in this lively attraction on Montjuïc.

DAY 9 DEPART/EXTENSION

Return home with great memories, or **optional** Transfer to one of two exciting European capitals, Paris or Madrid.

DAY 10 PARIS/MADRID

Take in the monuments of your chosen destination on a guided City Tour, then enjoy your last day in Europe at your leisure.

DAY 11 DEPART Jet home with wonderful memories of your Mediterranean Rendezvous!



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