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SOUTH OF FRANCE
MARSEILLES
AND PROVENCE

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MARSEILLES

Marseilles has a rugged reputation, but look beyond to see nuances of a multi-cultural and artistic mecca on the sea.

STAY

New Hotel Le Quai - Vieux Port

Hausman style apartments-turned bohemian hotel. www.new-hotel.com/fr/hotels-marseille/le-quai-vieux-port

Hôtel Le Corbusier

Modernist hotel designed by the famed architect - 3 stars with quirks. www.hotellecorbusier.com/



SEE

Saint-Charles Train Station

Corniche Président John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The grand, coastline route along the city front.

Cathédrale La Major

Mucem - Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean

Award-winning, world class art museum that has helped to revitalized the city center.

Plages du Prado

Urban beach cove.

Friche la Belle de Mai

Former tobacco factory-turned multi-cultural center with basketball, outdoor cinema, and playground.

EAT

Tuba Club

Chic, coastal restaurant on the cliffs (and 5 room hotel), just south of the city. <https://tuba-club.com/>

Aux Antipodes

Quaint Brazilian-Thai-French fusion restaurant

Café de l'Abbaye

Sunset gathering spot above Vieux Port. <https://www.facebook.com/lecafedelabbaye/>

Le Monticelli

The best pizzas outside of Naples. <https://www.trattoria-monticelli-restaurant-marseille.fr/>

La Fontaine

Tunisian food is some of the best in the world, and Marseilles' Tunisian population serves it in several spots around the city.

PROVENCE DAY TRIPS AND OVERNIGHTS

ARLES

Historical town on the Parc Naturel Regional de Camargue, 1 hour from Marseilles.

Van Gogh Walking Route (See)

Vincent Van Gogh lived and painted many of his most notable scenes--including Starry Night and the Cafe--and also famously cut off his ear--in Arles. Some of the stops include the Cafe du Forum and Alyscamps. You can access a walkable map of all the scenes at: <https://vangoghroute.com/france/arles/>

L'Hôtel Particulier Arles (Stay)

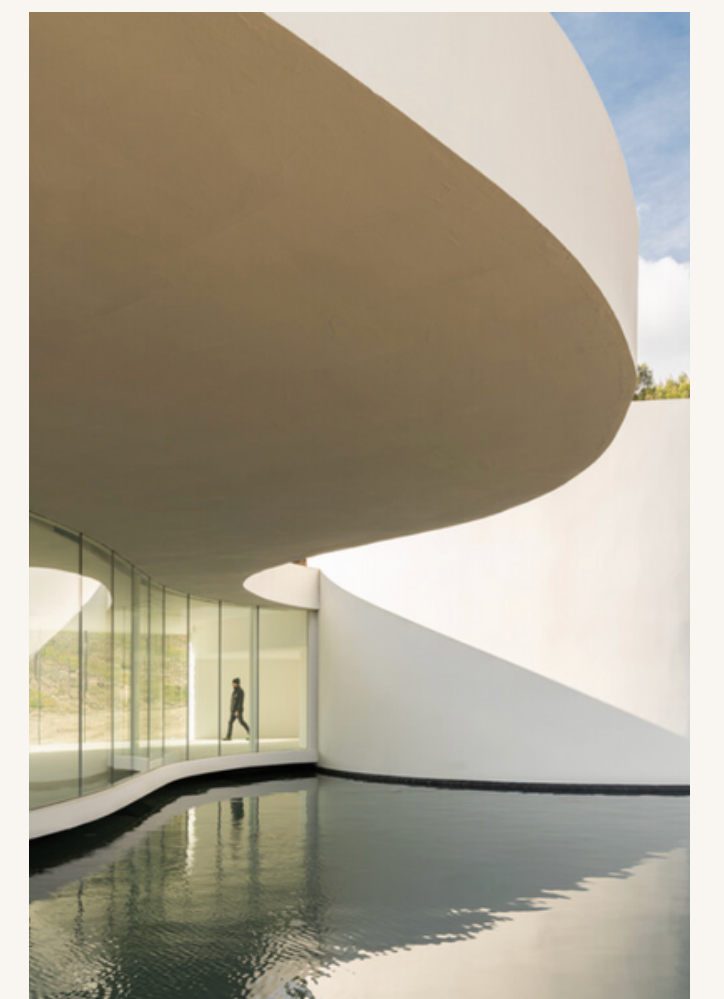
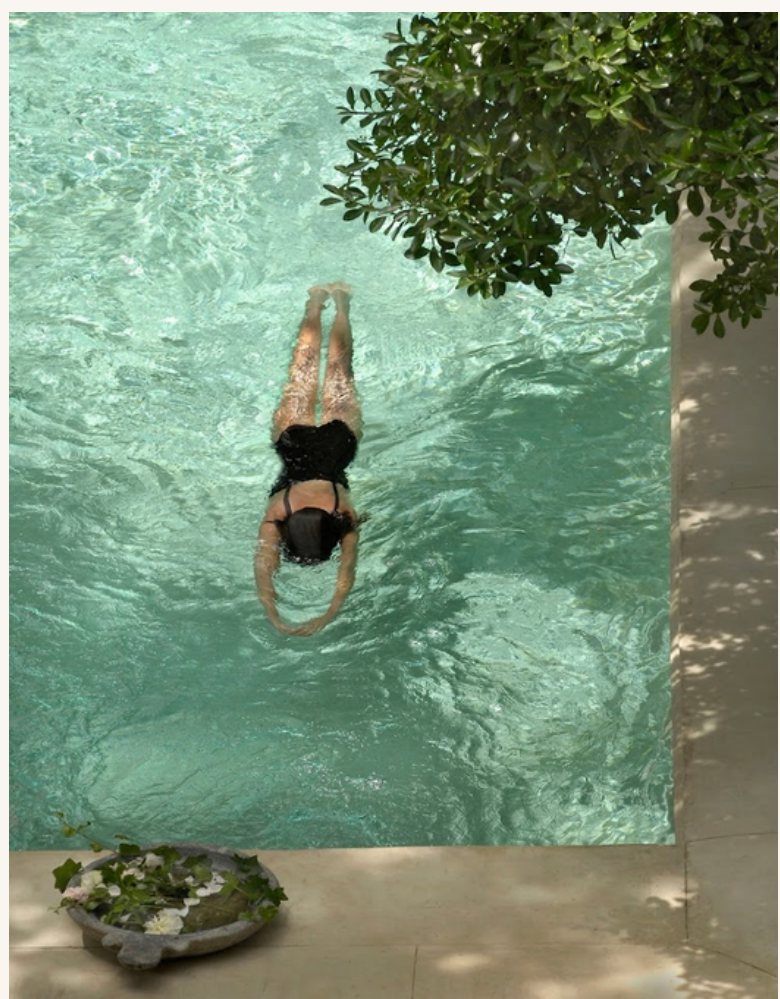
Overnight in Arles in a quiet manor house set in a lovely garden with spa, pool, and bar.

AVIGNON

Historical town with a university, perfect for a day trip or overnight, 1 hour 20 min from Marseilles. Don't miss the bridge of notable auditory fame "sur le Pont d'Avignon"- Pont Saint Benezet.

Le Mas des Oules (Stay)

Just take a look at the photos, and you'll want to nest in this countryside inn a few minutes outside of town. <https://www.lemasdesoules.eu/fr/>



Airelles Gordes, La Bastide (Stay)

If you really want to splurge, this is a luxurious new property in between Avignon and Aix. <https://airelles.com/fr/destination/gordes-hotel>

AIX-EN-PROVENCE 30 min from Marseilles.

Oscar Niemeyer Pavilion (See)

Chic, modernist building by the Brazilian architect with an equally-modern art gallery inside - set in a vineyard.

Hélène Darroze à Villa La Coste (Eat)

If you're visiting the Neimeyer Pavilion, this is a notable upscale restaurant next door. One Star Michelin-rated. <https://www.villalacoste.com/restaurant-provence/>

Cézanne's studio (See)

Museum in central Aix featuring Paul Cézanne.

Crêpes à Gogo (Eat)

Casual eatery in a tunnel in Aix, should you need to quickly nosh in town.