

Aix-en-Provence, Provence, France

The 'City of a Thousand Fountains' sits 30 km from Marseille, offering Provence at its most refined — shaded boulevards, Cézanne's preserved studio, vibrant morning markets, and streets unchanged since the 17th century.

Shore excursion from Marseille Typical call: 8–10 hrs Euro (EUR) French

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Getting There: Ships dock at Marseille; Aix is ~30 km away — 30–40 min by taxi/shuttle or 40–45 min by regional train from Marseille St-Charles.

Best For: Art lovers (Cézanne), market shoppers, walkers who love fountain-dotted plazas and sidewalk cafés.

Walk to Center: Aix old town is compact and flat; Cours Mirabeau to Cathédrale Saint-Sauveur is a 10-min walk.

Don't Miss: Cours Mirabeau boulevard, Cézanne's Atelier on Lauves hill, and calisson candy from a local confiserie.

Getting around: Taxi €90–€100 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Cézanne's Atelier & the Painter's Trail** — Follow brass 'C' medallions embedded in Aix's sidewalks to trace Paul Cézanne's life — his birthplace, the Musée Granet, and his hilltop studio on...
- **Cours Mirabeau & Old Town Stroll** — Aix's grand boulevard is lined with plane trees, hot-spring fountains, and 17th-century mansions.
- **Provençal Market & Calisson Tasting** — On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays the Cours and surrounding squares fill with vendors selling flowers, produce, fabrics, and spices.
- **Aix + Calanques Combo** — Many operators pair Aix with the dramatic limestone calanques near Cassis — turquoise sea inlets accessible by boat or on foot.
- **Hôtel de Caumont Art Center** — An 18th-century private mansion restored as a prestigious art venue with temporary exhibitions and a garden café.

BEST WALKS

- **Cours Mirabeau to Cathédrale Saint-Sauveur** 1.2 km · ~20 min · Easy — Walk the full length of Cours Mirabeau past the Fontaine de la Rotonde and King René's Fountain, then weave through the old-town lanes to Place de l'Hôtel de Ville and...
- **Mazarin Quarter & Four Dolphins Fountain** 0.8 km · ~15 min · Easy — South of Cours Mirabeau, the 17th-century Mazarin Quarter is quieter and more aristocratic.
- **Uphill to Cézanne's Studio** 1.5 km · ~20 min uphill · Moderate — From the old town, follow the brass Cézanne medallions north up Avenue Paul Cézanne to his Atelier des Lauves — the studio where he painted his final works, still...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	65°	46°	8d
Jun	82°	62°	7d
Aug	86°	65°	3d
Sep	78°	59°	6d
Oct	69°	52°	8d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Apr 6:55AM–8:21PM · Jun 5:56AM–9:20PM · Aug 6:43AM–8:41PM · Sep 7:17AM–7:47PM · Oct 7:52AM–6:54PM	
Euro (EUR)	

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-arrange your return taxi. Ask your driver to meet you at a set time; Aix can get busy and cabs are harder to flag in the old town.
- Book Cézanne's studio in advance. The Atelier des Lauves has limited daily capacity — walk-ups are often turned away in summer.
- Aim for a market day. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays the Cours and surrounding squares host Provence's liveliest open-air markets — flowers, cheese, fabric, and spice.
- Cash useful at markets. Many market stalls and small cafés prefer euros in cash; ATMs are plentiful near the Rotonde fountain.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The old town streets are cobblestoned; the walk to Cézanne's studio is a gentle but sustained uphill.
- Try calissons. These almond-and-melon candies are Aix's signature product — pick them up at Confiserie Léonard Parli or Maison Weibel, both near Cours Mirabeau.

Aix-en-Provence, Provence, France — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal