

Barcelona & The South of France

With Suzanne Bona



Join **Suzanne Bona** of **Sunday Baroque** for her eighth classical music, art, food and wine lover's journey with Earthbound Expeditions. From October 2 - 12, 2023 Suzanne travels to Barcelona and the South of France. This arts adventure is set to commence in Barcelona, Spain. Enjoy a performance of classical guitar and a tour of the celebrated Palau de la Música Catalana. Dive into Barcelona's many artistic aspects with a privately guided tour of the Picasso Museum and discover works by Gaudí, Miró and Dalí. Then it's off to the south of France, where you'll stay in

a charming coastal village on the way to Provence and the Cote d'Azur. The gorgeous light and scenery found in the South of France lured many painters such as Signac, Matisse, Chagall, Dufy, Mackintosh and Picasso. Our journey culminates in breezy Nice, where we'll see the wonderful Matisse Museum and enjoy another classical performance. Wine and olive oil tastings, world-class art, charming villages, outdoor markets and Roman ruins are all included! Don't miss out-space is limited.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- 3 Nights Barcelona, Catalonia
- 2 Nights Collioure, France
- 3 Nights Arles, Provence
- 2 Nights Nice, Côte d'Azur



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“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

Pablo Picasso

INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Three classical performances ♦ Private tours of the Picasso Museums of Barcelona and Antibes ♦ Tours of the Dalí, Matisse and Miró Museums ♦ Wine tastings with the producers in Spain and France ♦ Dine in local cafés and restaurants ♦ Provençal villages ♦ The Roman ruins of Arles and the Pont du Gard ♦ Historic walks with local experts ♦ Time for personal discovery

IT'S INCLUDED

- With host Sunday Baroque host, Suzanne Bona
- Three classical concerts
- Ten nights of accommodation in central & charming 4 & superior 3 star hotels
- Transport by coach
- All breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners featuring local culinary specialties
- A pre-tour wine and cheese gathering
- Numerous private museum entrances and tours with knowledgeable docents
- All entrances as listed in your itinerary
- Outings to open air markets, Roman ruins, vineyards, scenic villages
- Wine tastings with the producers in Spain and France
- Gratuities for your driver and guides

TRIP FACTS

11 Days/ 10 Nights (excluding air travel)

\$4,995 per person double occupancy Land

\$1,250 single supplement

Journey begins in Barcelona on October 2 at 6pm

Journey ends in Nice on October 12 after breakfast



NOT INCLUDED: International airline tickets, airline luggage fees, beverages with meals (other than coffee, tea and water), any meals not mentioned, room/mini-bar service, gratuities for hotel staff, travel insurance, items of a personal nature and anything not listed in the “It’s Included” section above

SAVE \$300: Travel alumni save \$100 ♦ Pay by check and save \$100 ♦ Reserve by June 1, and save \$100

RESERVATIONS: Reservations made be made online or by calling our staff at 800.723.8454. A \$500 deposit is required to secure your space. Deposits are refundable for 60 days from the processing date or 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Payments made within 90-days of your departure date are non-refundable. A \$150 per person processing fee applies to all cancellations.



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The Palau de la Música Catalana, Barcelona

“At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since.” Salvador Dalí

The Adventure Begins!

Travel Day: Depart for Barcelona, Capital of Catalonia
Your journey begins as you board your flight for Spain!

Day 1: Monday, October 2 - “*Buenos Días y Bon Día*” Arrive in Barcelona

Today, Barcelona is exciting, modern and one of the world’s premier cultural centers. Cutting edge artists, intellectuals and architects such as Dalí, Picasso and Gaudí have long been attracted to the city’s Mediterranean climate, charm and cuisine.

Make yourself comfortable, for this fascinating city will be your home for the next three nights. Enjoy Barcelona’s vibrant Gothic Quarter and the famous pedestrian shopping street “La Rambla,” of which Spanish poet Federico García Lorca once said “*it’s the only street in the world which I wish would never end.*” While in Barcelona you’ll enjoy colorful markets and Gaudí’s dreamlike architecture and a private tour of the world-renowned Picasso Museum. This evening you’ll be treated to a welcome glass of “Cava,” a trip orientation and a dinner hosted by your Earthbound Expeditions guide, Cesar Escuin and your host, Suzanne Bona of Sunday Baroque. *Sleep in Barcelona (D)*



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Day 2: Tuesday, October 3 - The Gothic Quarter, La Boqueria and Picasso Museum

This morning we set out to discover Barcelona's Gothic Quarter. We'll start out at La Boqueria, the most famous market in the city, located on the lively Rambla Avenue. Accompanied by your guide, you'll explore this bustling market, with the freshest fruits and vegetables you can imagine, and quite a unique display of fish and seafood stalls.

We'll see the Cathedral of Barcelona, known as La Seu and go underground to view a well-preserved Roman temple.

Enjoy a delicious included lunch. Then we are off to the world-renowned Picasso Museum, which is a perfect expression of his time in Barcelona. Today the museum houses the world's most important collection of his early work. *Sleep in Barcelona (B, L)*

Day 3: Wednesday, October 4 - A Day with Miró and Gaudí

Your day begins with a tour of a neighborhood of early 20th century architecture designed by the world-famous architect Antoni Gaudí. Situated on an asymmetrical corner lot, lies a large apartment building that was immediately dubbed "La Pedrera," or "the quarry," because of its cliff-like walls. This imaginative building was designed by Antoni Gaudí i Cornet and built between 1906 and 1910 for the Milà family. This is one of the main Gaudí residential buildings and one of the most imaginative houses in the history of the architecture.

Then discover "La Sagrada Familia," considered Antoni Gaudí's most impressive work. This enormous church, as yet unfinished, is a summary of everything that Gaudí designed before. The structural difficulties he faced and errors he committed in other projects are revisited and resolved in Sagrada Familia. The architectural style of La Sagrada Familia has been called "warped Gothic," and it's easy to see why. The rippling contours of the stone façade make it look as though La Sagrada Familia is melting in the sun, while the towers are topped with brightly-colored mosaics which look like bowls of fruit. Gaudí believed that color is life, and, knowing that he would not live to see completion of his masterpiece, left colored drawings of his vision for future architects to follow.



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Relax in the arty seaside town of Collioure

After lunch, Miró enthusiasts will enjoy the Joan Miró Foundation which was designed by Josep Lluís Sert. The great architect created a space which offers visitors a moment of calm and beauty where light and beauty interact in perfect harmony. Upon entering the museum you'll discover the work of another Picasso contemporary, Joan Miró, who throughout his life took a particular interest in the diversity of materials, forms and colors. It led him to explore and experiment with different art forms such as painting, sculpture, printing techniques, ceramics, theatre and tapestry. For those with a bit of energy, we suggest a visit to the Ceramics Museum of Barcelona where you'll find 16 ceramic works by Picasso. Or you may wish to visit the National Art Museum of Catalonia or the Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona.

We'll enjoy a tour of the Palau de la Musica today and have a classical performance this evening (TBA). *Sleep in Barcelona (B, L)*

Day 4: The Dalí Museum and Seaside Villages

After breakfast we depart on a lovely drive to the town of Figueres. Located on the Costa Brava, Figueres houses the Fundacio-Gala Salvador Dalí, a museum and mausoleum where much of Salvador Dalí's most important and dramatic art is to be found. You'll have plenty of time to experience the full breadth of Dalí's works before setting off for lunch at a restaurant frequented by Dalí himself. Then we cross into Languedoc, France and drive to the quaint seaside village of Collioure. Tonight, let's toast to France and feast on local specialties at a nearby bistro. *Sleep in Collioure (B, L, D)*



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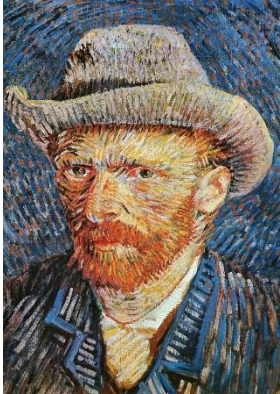
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Day 5: Friday, October 6 - Relax in the Artful Seaside Village of Collioure

In the early 1900s Collioure became a center of artistic activity, with several Fauvist artists selecting it as their favorite place to paint. Other artists were attracted too. Among them were André Derain, Georges Braque, Othon Friesz, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Tsuguharu Fujita and Salvador Dalí. Collioure became the home of the Fauvist Movement because of the rare quality of the light. As Matisse, said "no sky in all France is bluer than that of Collioure." In 1994 "Le Chemin du Fauvisme" Art Walk was created with works by Matisse and Derain placed around town in locations from which the originals were painted, allowing viewers to compare the painting to the present view. Today the town remains a popular destination for inspiring artists.

Enjoy a restful morning, take a leisurely coastal cruise or go on an energetic hike—it's up to you. We've intentionally left this morning unplanned so you can stroll the village of Collioure and soak up the French atmosphere. Wine lovers may choose to meet up for a wine excursion and tasting this afternoon and we'll enjoy dinner together tonight. *Sleep in Collioure (B, D)*

Day 6: Saturday, October 7 - West to Arles via the Pont du Gard



Early birds may want to head out to the Saturday market in Collioure today. Grab some bus snacks, as will make our way to Arles today. A gem of Provençal history, ancient "Arelate", with its seven UNESCO World Heritage monuments and sites, inspired Picasso and attracted other famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin. Today Arles is a charming city filled with many interesting museums and Roman ruins which are living monuments that continue to host events. We'll enjoy a late lunch together in Arles and have a walking tour of this lively town after checking into our centrally located hotel. *Sleep in Arles (B, L)*

Day 7: Sunday, October 8 - To Market, to Market! Ile Sur la Sorgue

This morning we make our way to the delightful village of Ile sur la Sorgue. Known as the antiques capital of Provence, Ile sur la Sorgue also has an excellent street market and flea market. Wander the markets and shops or simply meander in this sweet little village; enjoy an independent lunch and we'll meet up again and have a scenic drive through the exquisitely charming villages of the Luberon Valley. We'll do a little wine tasting before we return to Arles for an included dinner. *Sleep in Arles (B, D)*

Vincent Van Gogh and St. Remy, Provence

Unable to live securely on his own in Arles, Vincent Van Gogh voluntarily entered Saint Paul-de-Mausole, a psychiatric asylum located in nearby Saint Rémy-de-Provence. When Vincent entered the asylum on May 8, 1889, his condition was diagnosed as a form of epilepsy. As long as he remained stable, the doctors allowed Vincent to paint, though for the first weeks of his residence, he was confined to the hospital for supervision.



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Day 8: Monday, October 9 - Pont du Gard and Wines of the Côtes du Rhône

We head out into the Provencal countryside today to see Europe's best preserved Roman ruin, the 2,000-year-old aqueduct, le Pont du Gard. Words cannot describe the grandeur and the sheer stunning feat of Roman engineering it represents. There's a fabulous museum and visitor center which highlights the importance of this magnificent site and after the visit, we get to see the bridge in person and even walk across it to admire the view.

After a group lunch in St Remy de Provence, we'll visit the peaceful Saint Paul Mausole, the asylum that Vincent Van Gogh voluntarily entered once he left Arles and the place where he painted his famous *Iris*. Next, enjoy a tasting of another famous fruit of this region: olives! Return to Arles in the late afternoon. *Sleep in Arles (B, L)*

Day 9: Tuesday, October 10 - Picasso Museum and the Côte d'Azur

We depart Provence for the Cote d'Azur today, and along the way, we stop in Antibes to see the wonderful Picasso Museum housed in the Maison Grimaldi. We'll have lunch together, then make our way to our wonderful hotel in Nice. We'll see a classical performance tonight or tomorrow, TBA. *Sleep in Nice (B, L)*

Day 10: Wednesday, October 11 - Flower Market and Henri Matisse

It's market day in Nice, so we'll head out to see the colorful market and visit the charming Old Town before we set out to investigate the works of Henri Matisse. The Matisse Museum is situated on the hill of Cimiez, not far from the Franciscan monastery and the Hotel Regina where Matisse lived from 1918 to 1954. The Museum's collection of works was left by both the artist and his heirs.

This afternoon is free for independent exploration. May we suggest the Chagall Museum or the Museum of Fine Art? We'll have a farewell dinner this evening and toast to our fabulous voyage! *Sleep in Nice (B, D)*



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Experience the best of Barcelona & Provence with Suzanne Bona

Day 11: Thursday, October 12 - Your Journey Concludes

Transfer to Nice Airport for your flight home. Or, hop the fast train to Paris. By late afternoon you could be relaxing in a café in the City of Light.

We wish you un très bon voyage!

-Itinerary Subject to Change-

Questions & Reservations

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