



SPRINGTIME IN CARCASSONNE & THE MYSTICAL LAND OF THE CATHARS

5 days / 4 nights in the glorious south of France

£xxx per person based on shared occupancy of a twin/double room



The Walled City of Carcassonne

The mediaeval walled citadel of Carcassonne, positioned between the mountains and the sea, is quite simply spectacular. The surrounding countryside of the Languedoc - strewn with vineyards and other ruined castles that featured in the tragic story of the Albigensian Crusade - is one of the undiscovered corners of France. We include visits—amongst others— to lovely Collioure, a stone's throw from the Spanish border, and the great cathedral city of Albi, birthplace of Toulouse-Lautrec. By the end of our short springtime programme, you'll be going home with a lasting affection for this glorious corner of the south of France. With all arrangements taken care of from Wemyss Bay, it's sure to be popular!

Tuesday, 14th April - Saturday, 18th April, 2020

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Our itinerary:

- ◆ **Day 1 — Tuesday, 14.4.20 — Journey to Carcassonne:** We are met at Wemyss Bay by our coach and Tour Manager and transfer together to Edinburgh airport for check-in. Upon arrival at Carcassonne airport, we are met by our local coach and transfer to Hotel Campanile, Carcassonne (3*). This evening there is a return transfer from the hotel to the walled citadel for dinner and for free time.
- ◆ **Day 2 — Wednesday, 15.4.20 — Carcassonne and 'Les Montagnes Noires':** Following breakfast this morning, we embark on a walking tour of the citadel of Carcassonne lasting 90 minutes. Following the tour, we allow free time for shopping and for lunch before transferring this afternoon to the Gouffre de Cabrespine for a visit complete with a sound and light show, followed with a visit to the site of the Four Castles of Lastours. Following these visits, we travel back to our hotel in Carcassonne for the rest of the day and evening at leisure. Once again, we include a return transfer to the walled citadel for dinner at leisure for those that wish.
- ◆ **Day 3 — Thursday, 16.4.20 — The Abbey of Fontfroide and Collioure:** After breakfast this morning, we travel to the Abbey of Fontfroide. Here we have a guided tour, visiting the abbey and its gardens, finishing with a tasting of the celebrated wines produced on the Abbey vineyards. We continue to Collioure – little gem of French Catalonia and artists colony, that played host to Matisse, Derain and Rennie Mackintosh - arriving in time for lunch, and spend the rest of the afternoon there before returning to Carcassonne for another evening at leisure. Once more, this evening we include a return transfer to the walled citadel for those that wish.
- ◆ **Day 4 — Friday, 17.4.20 — Castres and Albi:** Following breakfast this morning, we travel to riverside Castres for a short visit. We continue to Albi, birthplace of Henri Toulouse-Lautrec and allow plenty of free time to enjoy the setting of this gorgeous old town, astride the great river Tarn. Later we return to our hotel in Carcassonne. We include a return transfer from the hotel to the citadel of Carcassonne for those that wish for our last evening in the glorious south of France!
- ◆ **Day 5 — Saturday, 18.4.20—Travel back to Wemyss Bay:** Following breakfast this morning, we check out of the hotel and make the short transfer back to Carcassonne airport to arrive in time for check-in to open at 09:30. Flight departs at 11:30 (FR1120 - Ryanair) and arrives in Edinburgh at 12:55. Upon arrival in Edinburgh, we are met by our executive coach to transfer back to Wemyss Bay in time for an afternoon ferry back to Bute. END OF SERVICES.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for this trip.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL: 01700 502866 / 07770 954000

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Our trip to the south of France includes:

- * Return coach transfers from Wemyss Bay ferry terminal to Edinburgh airport
- * Return flights from Edinburgh to Carcassonne with cabin baggage only. Hold baggage available for a supplement—please see below.
- * 4 nights B&B accommodation in a twin/double room at the Hotel Campanile, Carcassonne – 3* . Single rooms available at a supplement, please see below
- * Return transfers from Carcassonne airport to Hotel Campanile, Carcassonne
- * All coach excursions and entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Return coach transfers from the hotel each evening to the walled citadel of Carcassonne for dinner and free time (dinner not included)
- * Services of a professional, English and French-speaking Tour Manager with local knowledge throughout. You will be met at Wemyss Bay
- * Porterage in and out -1 piece of baggage per person at the hotel
- * All taxes and service charges

Not included:

- * *Gratuities to driver and guide* * *Lunch and dinner not included*

Optional Supplements per person:

- * *Single room—£ / 1 x 10kgs hold baggage—£ / 1 x 20 kgs hold baggage—£*



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Booking Form

Carcassonne—xxxxxxxxx

Mr/Mrs/Miss/ (As per passport)
Ms/Other First name & Surname

Address & Telephone No.

Accommodation (please tick) Double room Twin bedded room *Single room
The quoted price is per person.

*There is a single room supplement of £

No. of places _____ Price per person _____

A deposit of £ per person must accompany your booking form. The balance will be required by 31st January, 2020.

Special requests _____

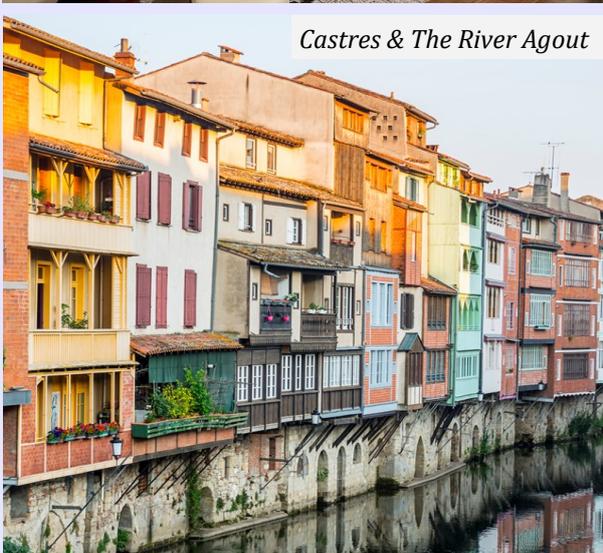
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Terms & Conditions

- ◆ *A deposit of £ per person is required with your booking form*
- ◆ *Once there are a minimum of 20 subscriptions, the tour will be confirmed, you will receive notification, and full payment will be requested along with passport details—for flight bookings*
- ◆ *Any cancellation received after xxxxxxxx will be liable for the total cost*
- ◆ *This tour has been designed by **New Vistas Tours of Rothesay***
- ◆ *We reserve the right to alter the itinerary should local circumstances demand*



Hotel Campanile, Carcassonne



Castres & The River Agout



Albi & The River Tarn



Collioure

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