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## Following in Cézanne's footsteps In his hometown

*Morning walking tour of Aix followed by a drive along Cézanne's road.*

Full day visit of Aix-en-Provence on Cézanne's footsteps. The day begins with a visit to the house where he grew up, followed by a walking tour of the city center including the sites associated to his life. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to visit the artist's studio and to enjoy a drive along Cézanne's road.

### Make it Historical!

**DECOUVERTES ADVICE for a special optional venue:** you will visit a private Bastide at the outskirts of Aix en Provence under the guidance of the owners.  
*Please see the last page for more information*

### Make it Culinary!

**DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue:** Follow a local chef in Aix market and attend a hands-on cooking class followed by lunch at a private bastide  
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### *Cezanne in Aix en Provence*

9.00 am: Meet your driver and guide in the lobby of your hotel in Aix en Provence.

Morning visit to the **Jas de Bouffan**, the house where Cezanne grew up. The estate belonged to the Cézanne family from 1859 to 1899. The **manor house is set in a park with noble avenues** of chestnut and plane trees, a pond with fountains decorated with lions and dolphins, plus a small orangery hidden behind a cascade of greenery.

**The ancient trees** of the park and the cluster of six farm buildings, on the edge of the estate today, **were to be some of Cézanne's favourite subjects.**

Continue and enjoy a **walking tour of the city following Cezanne's footsteps**: Rue de l'Opera, his father's hat workshop, the Café des Deux Garçons, the Café Oriental (now Bistro Romain) where he met Joachim Gasquet for the first time, the Eglise de la Madeleine where he was christened, the Ecole St Joseph, Cezanne's last home, Church St Jean-Baptiste (where he married Hortense Fiquet), Saint Sauveur Cathedral, and many other sites associated with his life.

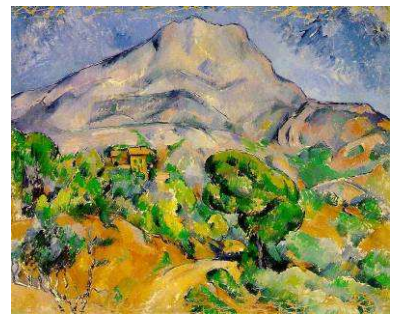
You may wish to have **lunch at l'Amphytrion**, near the Cours Mirabeau, with a mix of classical and modern decor. Enjoy **regional cuisine** in the dining room or at the more informal counter.

Short drive towards Cezanne's painting **studio "Les Lauves"!**

Admirers of Paul Cézanne know it well, it is here that we feel the presence of the painter with the greatest intensity. He created his shelter there, **a place of work and contemplation**, from where on sunny days, he painted in "le motif".

On rainy days or really cold days, Cezanne spent time surrounded by these **familiar objects which became the models of his still life paintings** : some pottery, bottles, vases, paper flowers or fabrics, fruits, mainly apples, as well as a some skulls and the little plaster cupid still remain untouched, as Cezanne left them.

Lots of works, now exhibited in renowned museums worldwide, such as "**Grandes Baigneuses**", **were painted in this studio** of light and silence.





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We continue our **ride along the road named after Paul Cezanne**, to the foot of Mount Sainte-Victoire. Our eyes are struck by the sometimes subtle, sometimes bright light so often painted by the artist.

We stop to view **Château Noir**, the Hills of St Joseph, the renovated Mill at le Tholonet. We pass the Relais Cezanne with its restaurant, the site of Beurecueil.

Continue to the **Pont des Trois Sautets**. It was here, along the banks of the Arc River that he and the young Zola went swimming and read poetry. Years later this setting provided inspiration for the Bathers.

Drive back towards your hotel in Aix en Provence at the end of the afternoon.





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*NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long.  
We suggest you to check with our Production Managers*

### *This package includes*

- Deluxe minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

### *This package does not include*

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

### **Découvertes can also provide:**

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations

## *Make it Optional*

### **Make it Historical!**

#### ***DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue***

Visit the private chateau de la Mignarde. Famous for having sheltered Pauline Borghese in 1807, this bastide is one of the most representative of the Aixois spirit of the 18th century. The first house, property of a confectioner, was sumptuously remodelled and decorated in the Louis XVI style by his son, Sauveur Mignard by 1770. The facade, embellished with elements in dressed stone dominates a garden ornamented by ponds and statues.

*Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.*



### **Make it Culinary!**

#### ***DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue***

You begin the day for a walking tour of Aix market with a local chef where you will purchase produces for the hands-on cooking class that will take place in a countryside bastide located at the outskirts of Aix-en-Provence (15 minutes drive).

You will prepare a three course Provençal meal that will be followed by lunch. You will also enjoy a guided visit of the beautiful gardens of the estate.

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