Travel routes

A one day trip from Beziers, France

Exploring Southern France: from castle to seaside and Salvador Dali

Today's trip will open up to you the stunning experiences, totally unforgettable for your senses. Walking along cobblestone road in the medieval town of Carcassonne, you feel like being taken back to the time in history when this famous citadel was just built.

9:00 **Béziers**

You are about to start route into the most inspiring and calming your senses experience of your lifetime. Hold tight and get ready!

9:25

Plateau des poètes

Before the longer drive, have a stop at this park, located right in the heart of Béziers park. Designed in English style with calming stoned waterfall and numerous statues of famous French, local poets - is a great way to start your French journey.

Open Hours:

Monday - Sunday: 7:00 - 20:00

11:05 La Petite Cuillère

You have just arrived in the stunning medieval town of Carcassonne. From here, you can feel instantly like being transported into the past. The stone walls, a magnificent castle is in front of you.

Go for breakfast to this family can café. If the weather allows, you can sit outside and

while sipping coffee and having a bit of freshly baked chocolate croissant, you can let your thoughts drift away to the past times in the history of Carcassonne. **Open Hours:** Monday: 9:30 - 14:30 18:30 - 21:30 Tuesday - Thursday: 9:30 - 14:30 Friday - Sunday: Closed

12:10 **Cité de Carcassonne**

Take a stroll inside the medieval village walls from the Porte Narbonnaise where echo of the past is still existing in everyday life of local residents. The Citadel of Carcassonne is a heart of the town and was added to Unesco World Heritage List in 1997

13:1 Basilique Saint Nazaire

The church in its form represents the Gothic - Romanesque marriage of styles. With rose-shaped window located on the facade of basilica and magnificent vibrant stained-glass windows brightening up the churches indoor with rays of colours are the significant elements of this time period.

Open Hours: 1st February until 31 March: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 - 17:00 Sunday: 9:00 - 10:45, 12:30 - 17:00 1st April until 31st August: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 - 20:00 Sunday: 9:00 - 10:45, 12:30 - 20:30 1st September until 31st October: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 - 18:30 Sunday: 9:00 -10:45, 12:30 - 20:30 1st November until 31 December: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 - 17:30 Sunday: 9:00 -10:45, 12:30 - 17:30

15:05 Casa Sansa

You arrived in Perpignan, called the heart of French Catalan. This medieval town is a pleasant blend of French and Spanish heritage. Before entering the old town through Le Castillet, the former main gate of the town, try local specialities in a nearby restaurant.

This uniquely decorated restaurant surprises its visitors with ships models and

Salvador Dalí and Pablo Picasso, surrealist artist's portraits hanging on the walls. Casa Sana is undoubtedly the best seafood restaurant in the town. Taste calamari and creamy delightful cream Catalan as a sweet discovery of Catalan bakery delights. **Open Hours:** Monday: Closed Tuesday - Friday: 12:45 - 13.45, 19:00 - 22:45 Saturday:12:45 - 13.45, 19:00 - 23:00

16:40 Le Castillet

The city gate stands at the entry to the old town of Perpignan. Built in 14th century, as a part of large fortress, remains in its glory until today. In the old part of town, the Spanish side of Perpignan, once called the continental Kingdom of Mallorca, comes alive. The earthy, warm, energizing colours of yellow and red Spanish flag, characteristic Spanish style architecture and bilingual street names, clearly show the influence of a closely located neighbour.

Open hours: Monday: Closed Tuesday - Sunday: 10:30 - 18:00

17:30 **Statue de Dali**

The humongous Salvador Dalí statue faces Perpignan train station entrance and welcomes with open arms all leaving the train station visitors. One time, Dali visited Perpignan and experienced a vision at the train station. Based on this feeling, he called the town " le centre du monde" which translates as "the centre of the Universe" and the created painting which recorded that experience was titled: "Le mystique del a gare de Perpignan". Inspired by this oil painting, "Le Pritchards", a couple of artists, made this sculpture as a reminder of this event. **Open Hours:** 24 hours

18:15 Le Jardin des Plantes

In Saint - Cyprien, take a stroll in the ambient, magical world of this botanic garden with over 800 different types of plants and species including ancient rose and bamboo plantation.

Open Hours: Monday - Sunday: 13:30 - 19:00

18:55 Restaurant L'Aquarium

After an intensive day, the last cherry on the top of the cake is local food. Chose this restaurant with astonishing view over the sea, offering French and Mediterranean cousin with excellent service. Over a plate full of delicious buttery mussels, you can discuss the joy of today's travel.

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20:55 Plage de Saint - Cyprien

Before returning to Béziers, take some time to enjoy a local beach with lovely clean water and fresh air.

23:00 **Béziers**

On the way to your accommodation for tonight, remind yourself the best moments of today's trip.