

Best in travel 2023: France edition

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We've hand-picked our favourite French holiday destinations with top tips, to help you create story-worthy travel moments this summer.

Ready to fall head over heels for France? From the glamorous streets of Paris to the sun-kissed beaches of Nice, France is filled with some truly magical spots.

Whether you're heading over for the rugby this September or simply looking for your next break across the channel, we've got you covered.

Here are our top five favourite French destinations plus, our top tips on attractions, food spots and our 'hidden gems'.

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Paris



The so-called City of Lights, Paris dazzles all who visit. If you're looking for glam, spend the day strolling along the charming streets of Montmartre or indulging in a shopping spree along the Champs-Élysées, and spend the evening enjoying an illuminated view of the city's iconic landmarks on a river cruise along the Seine. For something a little more relaxed, enjoy a picnic in the Jardin du Luxembourg or pick up a novel at one of the city's charming bookshops before settling down to read it in a charming café in Le Marais.

Top tourist attraction: The iconic Eiffel Tower

Favourite food spot: La Couple – the best seafood in the city

Hidden gem: Crêperie des Pêcheurs – a cosy spot for tasty crêpes

Best sports bar: The Counter Rugby Bar

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Nice



A true gem in the French Riviera, Nice mesmerises visitors with its picturesque Old Town, Mediterranean climate and pristine beaches. It's also a culinary paradise, offering some of the best seafood and rosé in Europe. To truly capture the spirit of Nice, take a leisurely stroll along the iconic Promenade des Anglais, which is lined with palm trees and offers stunning panoramic views of the coast. It's also worth exploring the lively markets, art galleries and charming cafés that are dotted around the city.

Top tourist attraction: Colline du Château for best views of the city

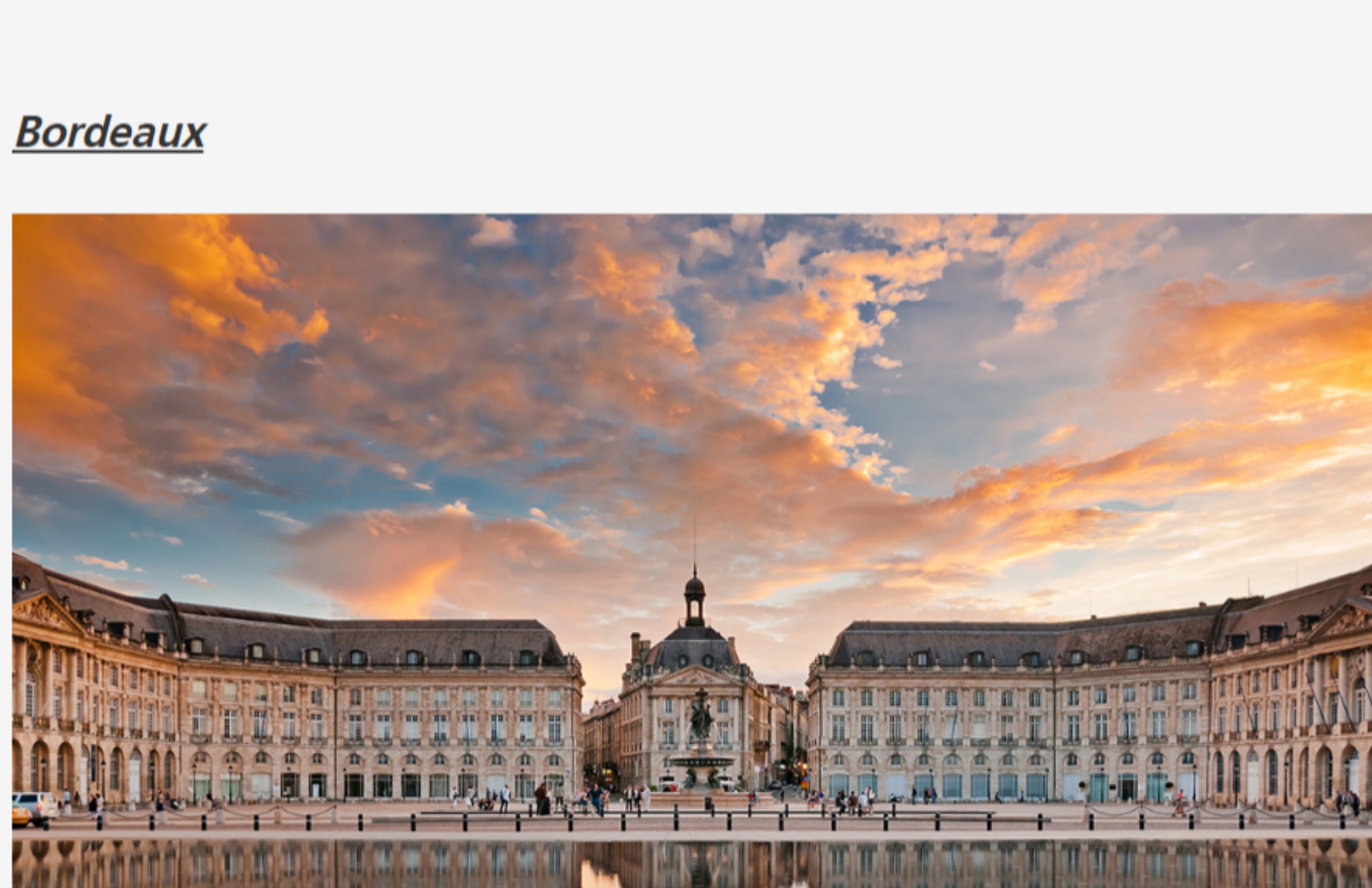
Favourite food spot: Le Canon - a Michelin-recommended restaurant with local produce

Hidden gem: Coco Beach - a secluded pebbly beach to escape the crowds

Best sports bar: Wayne's Bar

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Bordeaux



Famous for its stunning châteaux and exceptional wine, Bordeaux exudes elegance. Just wandering the streets, you'll feel the city's palpable sense of sophistication. Don't miss the iconic Place de la Bourse – the stunning effect of the Palais de la Bourse in the reflecting pool is a must-see. While you're there, make sure to visit the nearby Marché des Capucins, a bustling market where you can savour local delicacies. Wherever your Bordeaux adventure takes you, the city's charm and refined atmosphere will leave you captivated.

Top tourist attraction: La Cité du Vin - an interactive museum for wine lovers

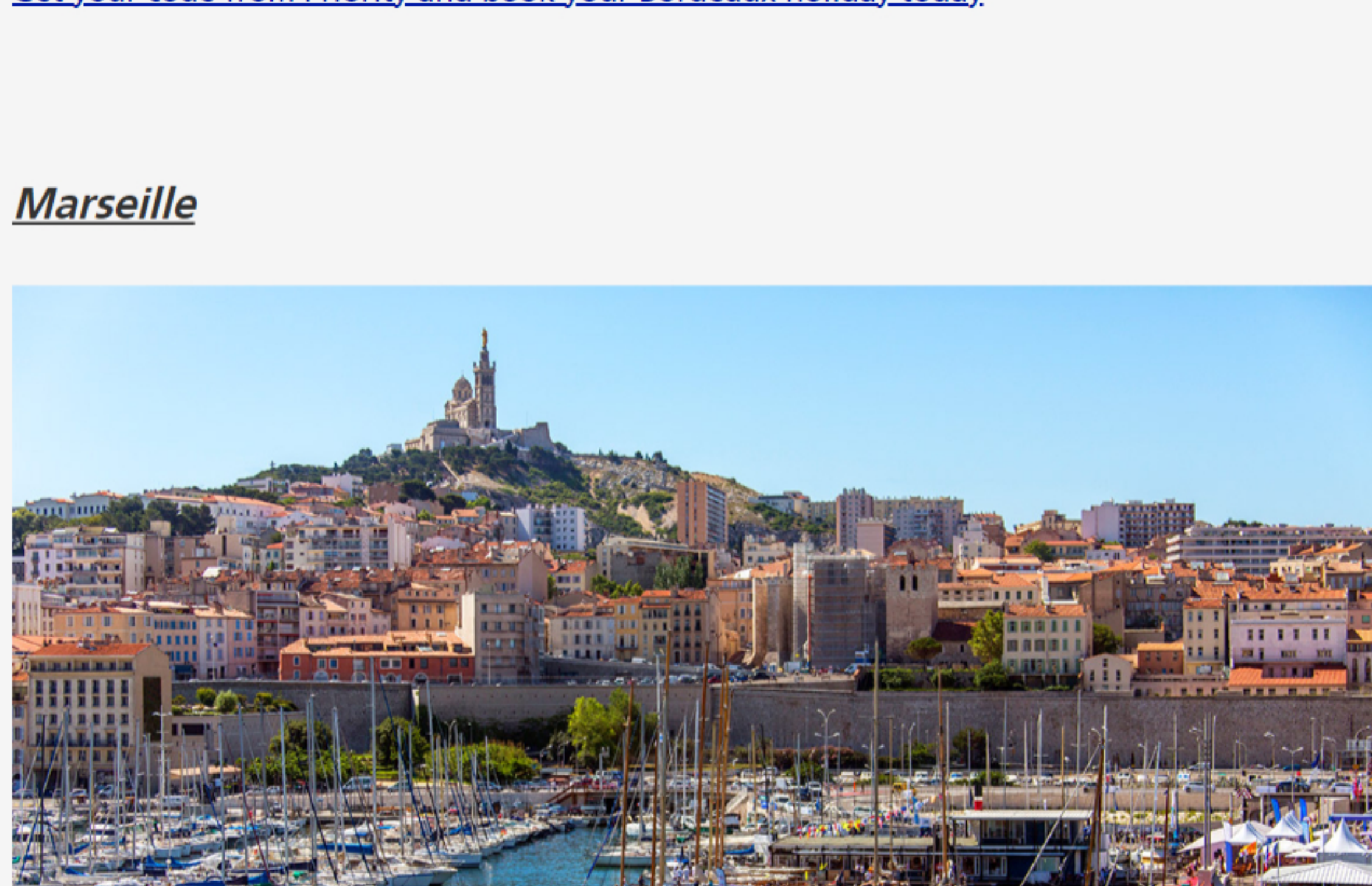
Favourite food spot: Symbiose - a cocktail bar that serves tasty small plates

Hidden gem: Cinéma Utopia - a cosy cinema in a 15th century church

Best sports bar: Casey's Pub

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Marseille



Marseille, the second largest city in France, beckons with its rich history and beautiful Mediterranean coastline. This stunning port city offers a unique blend of old-world charm and vibrant modernity. Explore the winding streets of the Le Panier neighbourhood, filled with colourful facades and charming boutiques, or soak up the sun on one of the area's stunning beaches (Plage du Prado is a favourite!). For history buffs, a visit to the MuCEM (Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations) is a must.

Top tourist attraction: Basilica of Notre-Dame of la Garde

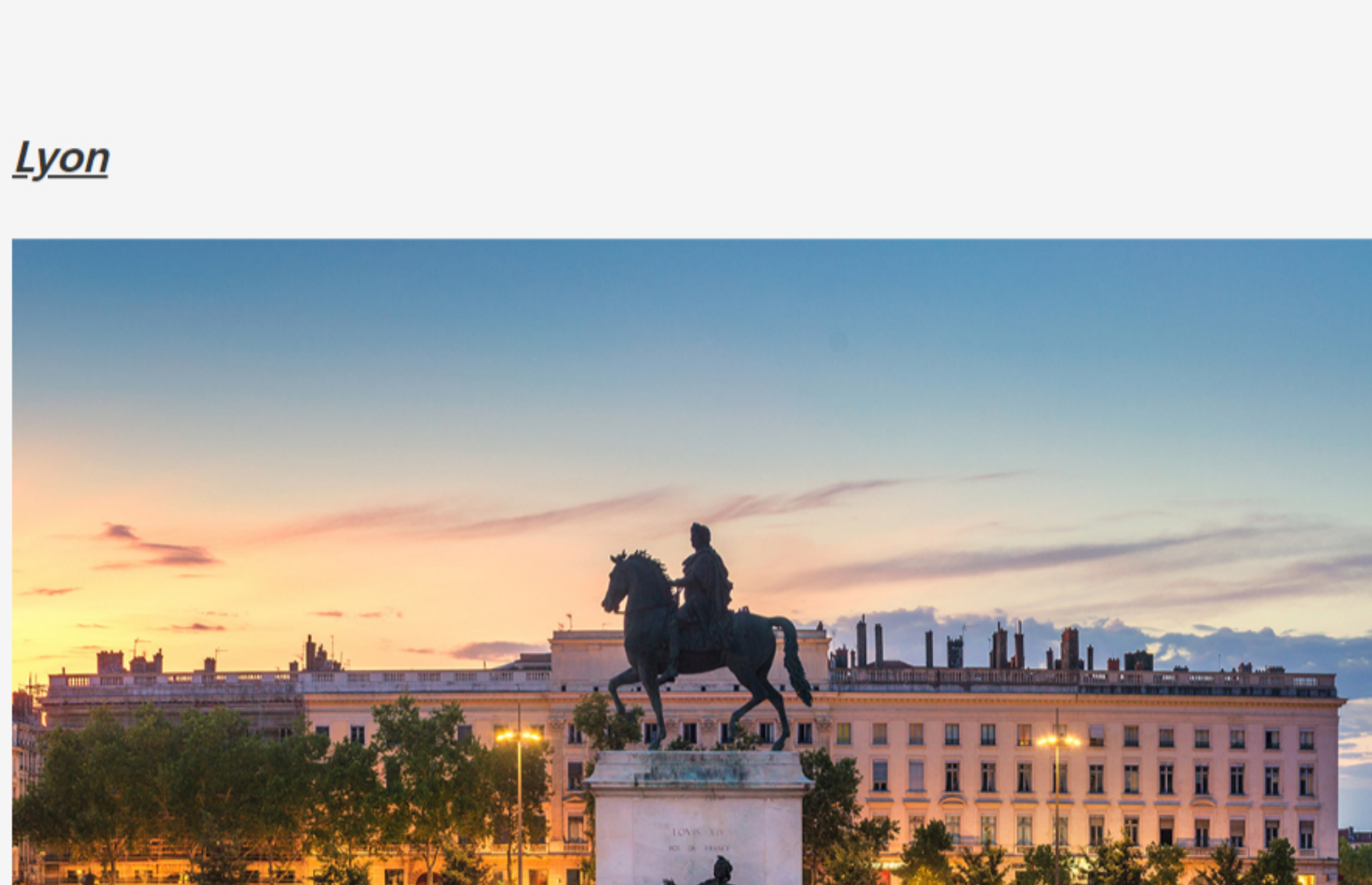
Favourite food spot: La Lauracée – a hidden gem with a creative take on traditional dishes

Hidden gem: Les Goudes - a little fishing village, just outside of Marseille

Best sports bar: Le Rookie's

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Lyon



As the gastronomic capital of France, Lyon is a haven for foodies. With tons of historical landmarks, it's also a must for culture vultures. Wander through the charming streets of Vieux Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover its exciting architecture and hidden passageways. Indulge in a culinary adventure by exploring the city's *bauchons*, traditional Lyonnais bistros serving hearty dishes like *coq au vin* and *quenelles*. Don't miss a visit to the breathtaking Basilique Notre-Dame de Fourvière, perched on a hill with stunning views of the city.

Top tourist attraction: Parc de la Tête d'Or - botanical gardens with a boating lake

Favourite food spot: La Gargotte - an authentic French restaurant with a great atmosphere

Hidden gem: Jardin Rosa Mir - a hidden garden with mosaic walls made of seashells

Best sports bar: Wallace

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