

Ensemble Experience

MARSEILLE, FRANCE

Ship/Sailing:	Seabourn Legend	August 9, 2008
Tour Date:	August 13, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am -	1:00 pm
Tour Name:	<i>Intimate Aix-en-Provence</i>	
Half-Day Tour:	Depart: 8:30 am	Return: 12:30 pm

Today spend a wonderful morning in Aix-en-Provence. Leave Marseille behind and drive into the countryside to the lovely Château de la Mignarde where you will have a private visit with the owner as your guide.

Famous for having sheltered Pauline Borghese in 1807, the château is one of the most representative of the Aixoise spirit in the 18th century. By 1770 the first house, owned by the confectioner Mignarde was sumptuously remodeled by his son Sauveur in Louis XVI style. 1770. The facade, embellished with elements in dressed stone dominates a garden ornamented by ponds and statues. Then sit down for a light breakfast with the owner and admire this fascinating château.

Afterwards you will drive to the center of Aix for a marvelous walking tour that will take you in the footsteps of the city's famous son, Paul Cezanne. See his birthplace in the Rue de L'Opera, the workshop where his father made hats, the 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, the Lycée Mignet, called Bourbon in Cezanne's days, the Law School, his last home, the Church St Jean-Baptiste where he married Hortense Fiquet, Saint Sauveur Cathedral, and a number of other sites associated with his life. Then enjoy a taste of the local specialty, calissons, before returning to Marseille in time for a late lunch aboard ship.

Ensemble *Experience* shore excursions are capacity controlled, subject to change without notice and require a minimum number of participants. All times are approximate. Your Ensemble Traveler host onboard will advise final details.