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## HALF – DAY Tarascon

Departure from Marseille at 9.00 am return at 12.00 pm



Situated on the banks of the Rhone at the crossroads that lead to Avignon, Camargue and Luberon, Tarascon is still today associated with the legend that supposedly took place here in the year 48AD.

The legend goes that Martha came from Palestine to Tarascon where there ruled at the time a terrible amphibian monster called **Tarasque**. With great courage the saint miraculously tamed the monster.

Since that time pilgrims come to visit the Collegiate Church St. Martha which was built in her honor not far from the chateau Rene (one of the most beautiful medieval castles in France).

Tarascon inspired other stories, in particular Tartarin de Tarascon by Alphonse Daudet in 1872. A house in the center of the city is dedicated to him. You should visit it after having strolled through the picturesque streets, one being the Halles a Arcades, or the Arc de Boqui (covered) and the rue des Juifs.

Tarascon is also proud to have the Souleïado museum that exhibits the famous Provençal fabric. It is in a 14thc. building in the center of town.

This traditional cloth is still being manufactured by the Carles Demery factory and is exported throughout the world.

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