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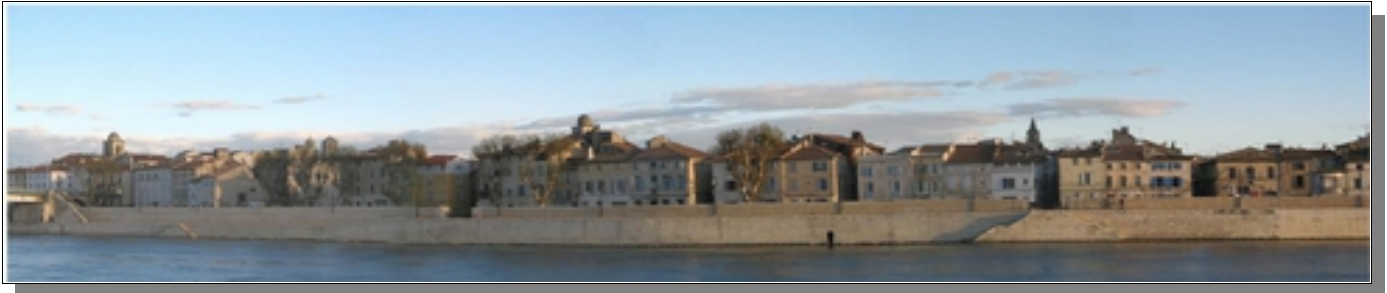
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FULL – DAY

Camargue – Arles – Ste. Marie de la Mer – Aigues Mortes

Departure from Marseille at 9.00 am return at 17.00 pm



Have a walk through the original landscape of the Camargue region.

You will begin with the access « door » of this region : Arles and its Roman arenas, the St Trophime's church and the Antique Theatre. Arles is the largest city in France with the surface area being 758km². It is encircled by an environment of exceptional beauty: the banks of the Rhône river, the arid plains of Crau, the Alpilles and the untamed land of Camargue.

Once a metropolis of Roman Gaul, then Arles became a symbol of ardent Christianity as can be seen through the arena, the Alyscamps burial grounds, the amphitheater and the Roman baths of Constantin.

Arles is now the gateway to Camargue, land of the Gypsies and meeting place of the Camargue *cowboys*, Today the *ferias* or bull runs and bull fights are held in this very same arena (12,000 seats) that was the scene of the Roman games in the first century!

The Roman monuments of Arles are registered with Unesco and should be seen, The houses and private mansions of the 16th and 17th centuries, the cloister of St. Trophime, the Hôtel de Ville, and the shaded terraces of the Place des Lices are all well worth a tour.



You will then discover the Saintes Marie de la Mer's village and its bull guardian traditions., situated on the Mediterranean coast in the Heart of Camargue's Parc Naturel (nature park). Surrounded by immense plains filled with ponds and wild lands the city has many activities to offer all within the framework of a protected environment.

St. Maries is especially famous for its oldest tradition which consists of being the meeting place for the gypsy people. Their rich folklore and music attract many visitors all throughout the year.

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There are many ranches (called manades) where both bulls and horses are bred. These ranches welcome visitors and in some cases will be glad to put you up. It is an excellent way to get to know the famous Camargue **cowboys** and their livestock.



Don't miss the fauna and flora of Camargue at the Launes Pond and do take a walk along the Port Gardian, the fishing and boating port of St. Maries. And finally for those devoted windsurfers, there is a speed canal waiting for you right next to the port.....for the fearless only!

After a free lunch, way to Aigues Mortes, fortified village, where you will follow in the footsteps of Saint Louis.



This preserved landscape will plunge you into an amazing wildlife : horses, cattle et rare birds. It is also possible during the excursion to rent a bike, ride horseback or even rent a boat.

Depending on the season, you may participate in a « ferrade ».

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