

GRAND TOUR • 6 H

French Riviera, Liguria and Tuscany motorhome route

The Cassis calanques, Nice, Monaco, Cinque Terre, Florence, Siena and the Val d'Orcia in 14 nights, with unlimited mileage from Segimon Rental.


START AND FINISH

Les Franqueses del Vallès

DURATION

14 rental nights

APPROX. DISTANCE

2,700 km

BEST TIME

May — June and September — October

MILEAGE

Unlimited (rentals of 7 days or more)

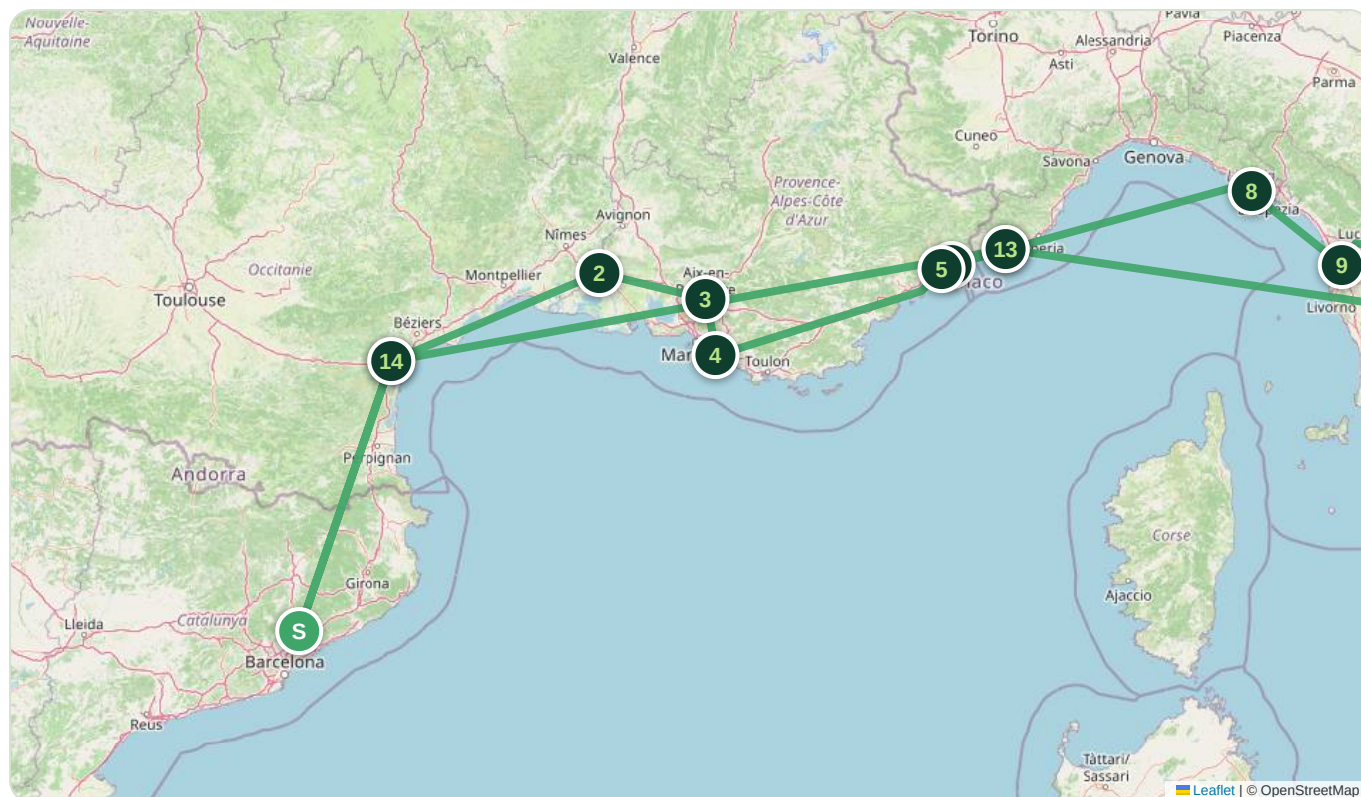
INDICATIVE PRICE

from €1,750 rental in low season

This route follows the Mediterranean east all the way into the heart of Tuscany: Arles and Aix-en-Provence, the Cassis calanques, Antibes, Nice, Èze and Monaco, the Italian Riviera with Sanremo and the Cinque Terre, then Pisa, Lucca, Florence, the Val d'Orcia, Siena and San Gimignano. It is 14 nights: you collect the motorhome on the afternoon of day 1 and return it on the morning of day 15.

It adds up to around 2,700 km and you do not need to count them: at Segimon Rental, rentals of 7 days or more come with unlimited mileage. Let us know before pick-up that you are driving to France, Monaco and Italy so we can confirm insurance cover. The best months are May-June or September-October; July and August are crowded and fall in high and peak season, with a 7-day minimum and the highest rate. For something shorter, our southern France route stays in Languedoc and the Camargue.

Route map (approximate line)



Route plan

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| Days 1-2 | Pick-up • Narbonne • Arles |
| Days 3-4 | Aix-en-Provence • Cassis • calanques |
| Days 5-6 | Antibes • Nice • Èze • Monaco |
| Days 7-8 | Sanremo • Levanto • Cinque Terre |
| Days 9-10 | Pisa • Lucca • Florence |
| Days 11-12 | Val d'Orcia • Siena • San Gimignano |
| Days 13-15 | Back along the Riviera • Narbonne • return |

Day-by-day itinerary

Days 1-2 • Narbonne and Arles

Collect the motorhome between 16:00 and 19:00; about two and a half hours on the AP-7 and A9 brings you to Narbonne, a short first stage to get used to the V66. On day 2, around 170 km via Montpellier and Nîmes to Arles: the Roman amphitheatre, the ancient theatre and the streets Van Gogh painted. With a spare afternoon, dip into the Camargue for salt pans, flamingos and white horses. Stay in or near Arles.

Days 3-4 · Aix-en-Provence, Cassis and the calanques

In the morning, stroll the Cours Mirabeau and old Aix, leaving the motorhome outside the centre. In the afternoon, 45 minutes to Cassis. On day 4 see the calanques by boat from the harbour or on foot towards Port-Miou, Port-Pin and En-Vau. In summer access to the massifs is restricted or closed depending on fire risk, and some access points need booking: check the National Park and prefecture information the day before. Mid-afternoon, about two hours to Antibes. With an extra day, add the Saint-Tropez peninsula.

Days 5-6 · Antibes, Nice, Èze and Monaco

Base yourself around Antibes for three nights and leave the motorhome parked: the coastal train goes everywhere. Nice is best on foot, from the old town and the Cours Saleya market to the Promenade des Anglais and Castle Hill. On day 6, take the train to Èze-sur-Mer and walk up the Nietzsche path (steep, an hour to an hour and a half) to the hilltop village, then go on to Monaco. Do not drive the motorhome to Monaco or Èze: parking for large vehicles is very limited.

Days 7-8 · Sanremo and Cinque Terre

Cross into Italy and stop in Sanremo for the seafront and the old quarter of La Pigna. Then about 225 km on the tunnel-laden A10 and A12 to Levanto or La Spezia: around 300 km in all. Day 8 is for the Cinque Terre, by train: the villages are virtually closed to traffic and there is almost nowhere to park. The Cinque Terre Card with train (Treno MS) covers the Levanto—La Spezia line and the park footpaths; check prices and open sections on the official website. Take your time in Monterosso, Vernazza and Manarola. If you fancy Portofino, go by boat rather than on its narrow road.

Days 9-10 · Pisa, Lucca and Florence

Just over an hour to Pisa: park outside and walk to the Piazza dei Miracoli. In the afternoon, Lucca, half an hour away, ringed by walls you can cycle along. Day 10 is Florence. The centre is a camera-enforced ZTL, and fines reach you weeks later: stay at a campsite or area on the outskirts and go in by tram or bus. The Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Uffizi (book ahead) and sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Days 11-12 · Val d'Orcia, Siena and San Gimignano

About two hours south, the Val d'Orcia is postcard Tuscany: rolling hills, cypresses lining white gravel lanes and towns such as Pienza, known for pecorino, and Montepulciano, home of vino nobile. Drive the minor roads slowly and park at the edge of each town. On day 12, Siena and its Piazza del Campo, then San Gimignano and its medieval towers in the afternoon. Both historic centres are ZTL.

Days 13-15 · Back along the Riviera to Narbonne

An honest word: the way home is about 1,100 km. Day 13 is around 390 km, about five hours via Pisa, Genoa and the A10 to the Sanremo area. Day 14 is the longest, about 470 km on French motorways to Narbonne: over five hours at the wheel, before stops. Leave early, break every two hours and share the driving if you can. On day 15, about two and a half hours to Les Franqueses to return the motorhome between 9:00 and 12:00.

Where to sleep

France has plenty of aires de camping-car and campsites; Italy has aree di sosta and campsites, several with public transport into Florence, Pisa or the Cinque Terre. Space is tight on the Riviera and in Liguria,

and many towns ban overnight stays on the street: in high season book campsites in Cassis, Antibes, Levanto and Florence. Park4Night and Campercontact help you find options.

Always follow the signs: parking is not camping, so no awning, chairs or levelling chocks outside campsites and official areas. If this is your first long trip, our guide to long motorhome trips covers water, emptying and pacing.

Practical tips

- Italian ZTLs: Florence, Pisa, Lucca, Siena, San Gimignano and many historic centres have camera-enforced limited traffic zones. Never drive in with the motorhome; the fine will follow you home.
- France: carry a Crit'Air sticker and check the current low-emission zone (ZFE) rules for Montpellier, Marseille or Nice before you go, as they have changed over time.
- Tolls: French and Italian motorways charge tolls, and on this route they add up; because of its height the V66 pays the higher-vehicle rate. Keep a card handy.
- At 2.74 m high, forget underground car parks and roads like the Monaco Corniche at rush hour. On the Riviera, park outside towns and use trains or buses.
- Cinque Terre and Portofino: train or boat. The access roads are narrow and steep, with very little parking.
- May, June, September and October are ideal: good weather, fewer people and mid-season rates. In summer everything fills up and prices are at their highest.

Information and bookings

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