

# CIRCLE MEETING 2005

Dear Circle Members

On behalf of the local organization committee, I would like to give you some information about our next Circle Meeting which will take place **in Marseille from April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2005**. We chose Marseille as base due to its easier access and because it is a very “in” city at the moment with plenty to offer.

Here is the preliminary program:

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>:

Arrival, get-together

Afternoon (time will be defined according to your arrival times): guided tour in Marseille

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>

We will spend the morning in Marseille with different activities suggestions (fish market, soap factory, santons factory....)

Then we will head to Aix-en-Provence where we will follow the “Parcours Cézanne”.

Saturday April 30<sup>st</sup>

Day tour to Lubéron, l’Isle-sur-Sorgue (world capital of antiques), and Eygalières, a charming provençal village in the Alpilles, for a private wine tasting at Gander’s place.

Circle Dinner in Marseille

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Marseille: excursion in the calanques.

End of the meeting.

If you have some special wishes or suggestions, please feel free to contact me (0041 79 423 55 81) as soon as you can in order to integrate it in the program.

## Hotel reservation

We have an option on rooms at the **Hotel Mercure Marseille Euro-Centre**, Rue Neuve Saint-Martin, for the price of 107 Euros for a double. This hotel is very well located, 2 min walk from La Canebière (main street of Marseille) and 3 min. walk from the Old harbour, a wonderful setting.

You can book your room by phone (0033 4 96 172 222), fax (0033 4 96 172 233) or e-mail (H1148-RE@accor-hotels.com) at the attention of Pascal Benedetti. Please mention "Circle USF" for the reservation. You will find a fax form in the attachment.

The option is limited on time therefore **please make your reservation no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005.**

I would be glad if you could keep me informed when you made your reservation in order for me to plan the activities and remind people who might have missed the deadline.

It is quite difficult to get a hotel in Marseille and there will be a huge medical congress at the end of April. Therefore do please book your hotel room now.

Those who would prefer another hotel can give me a call. I have visited quite a few of them and can give some information.

## Transportation

Marseille has an airport (Marseille Provence – Marignane) which is 30 min north of the city. There is a bus every 20 min going to the main station Gare St-Charles for 8.50 Euros. The taxi will cost 40-50 Euros.

Marseille is also on the TGV line. The TGV arrive at Gare St-Charles which is 15 min walk from the hotel.

If you do not have good flight connections to Marseille, you might consider to fly to Nice or Paris and take the TGV. Here are some trains you might want to take:

Dep. Paris Gare de Lyon	11.20	13.20	15.20	
16.20	17.20	18.20	19.20	20.20
Arr. Marseille St-Charles	14.32	16.30	18.20	19.34
	20.29	21.35	22.38	23.34
Dep. Nice-Ville	10.20	10.31	11.14	13.35
14.06	15.35	15.56	16.34	17.50
Arr. Marseille St-Charles	13.02	13.12	13.42	16.04
16.40	18.09	18.29	19.18	20.42

If you need some help for your reservation please let me know.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Marseille and hope you will enjoy this area as much as I do.

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