



## **7th SAGA-ICCY Winter Meeting in the Mediterranean Marseilles, Provence, from 4 to 8 March 2015** *(invitation as of 25 November 2014)*

### **Wednesday 4 March** : welcome of participants - Opening of Meeting

Welcome of participants at Marseille-Provence Airport or Saint-Charles railway station and at the hotel situated on the old port (*Vieux-Port*), at Fort Saint-Nicolas followed by installation in the hotel situated at Fort Saint-Nicolas in the old port (address: 3 boulevard Charles Livon, tel. 00 33 496 172 899. N.B. parking is free within the Fort)

- 16:30 : discovery of Marseilles from the Pharo Palace overlooking the city
- 19:30: welcome dinner and official opening of the meeting at the hotel restaurant - after dinner: further visit of the city starting from the Church of Saint-Victor situated nearby.

### **Thursday 5 March** : Marseilles, from its foundation by the Greeks to the present day

The morning will be dedicated to a walking tour around the old port and the lower part of the Canebière (Marseille's main thoroughfare), the Historical Museum, the remains of the antique harbour, the new footbridge installed in the framework of 'Marseilles, European Capital of Culture 2013' between Saint Lawrence's medieval Church, the upper part of Fort Saint Jean and "MUCEM" (the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations), a stroll through the typical "Panier" quarter which was the historical heart of the city, to La Vieille Charité, a former almshouse, now functioning as a museum and cultural centre. Back at the old port there will be a short reception at the Town Hall.

Lunch will take place near Notre-Dame de la Garde. A coach will transport participants there. The afternoon will be dedicated to visiting (by coach) the modern city (the sea promenade called the Corniche, the Prado and Le Corbusier's 'Cité radieuse' or *radiant city*, also called 'maison du fada', i.e. the madman's house)) and the sea route up to the Calanque Mountains. Dinner will be taken in one of the most famous sailing clubs located on the old port: either the CNTL or the Société Nautique.

### **Friday 6 March** : we put to sea (onboard ships belonging either to SAGA or UNM: *Union Nautique Marseillaise*) members.

Marseilles, its sea approaches, the Corniche, the islands, its hinterland, seen from the sea. Lunch will be taken onboard ship, riding at anchor (either in the Calanque de Marseillevéyre, or at the Frioul islands or 'Côte Bleue' (part of the coastline reaching from Marseilles to the Etang de Berre), depending on weather). Dinner will be taken in another of the main sailing clubs located on the old port.

**Saturday 7 March** : A day in Aix-en-provence and the countryside around Aix.

Discovering the historical capital of Provence (30 minutes journey by motorway)

Morning: the old town with its weekly market, the Cours Mirabeau (Aix's main thoroughfare), the Square of the Four Dolphins, the narrow lanes, the characteristic fountains, the monuments (the City Hall, the cathedral, the Albertas Square and Pavillion Vendôme) . Guided visit with on-the-spot interpretation.

Lunch will be taken either on the Cours Mirabeau or in the village of Tholonet (east of Aix en Provence).

In the afternoon: the Cézanne Road on the Southern outskirts of Sainte-Victoire mountain and return to Marseilles along the small country roads with a last stop on the heights of Allauch village which overlooks the entire city of Marseilles and the sea approaches from Cape Croisette to Cape Couronne. In the evening: gala dinner at the UNM. Exchange of pennants.

**Sunday 8 March** : Goodbyes

Closure of the meeting after breakfast at the hotel. Transport of the participants to the airport or railway station as appropriate.