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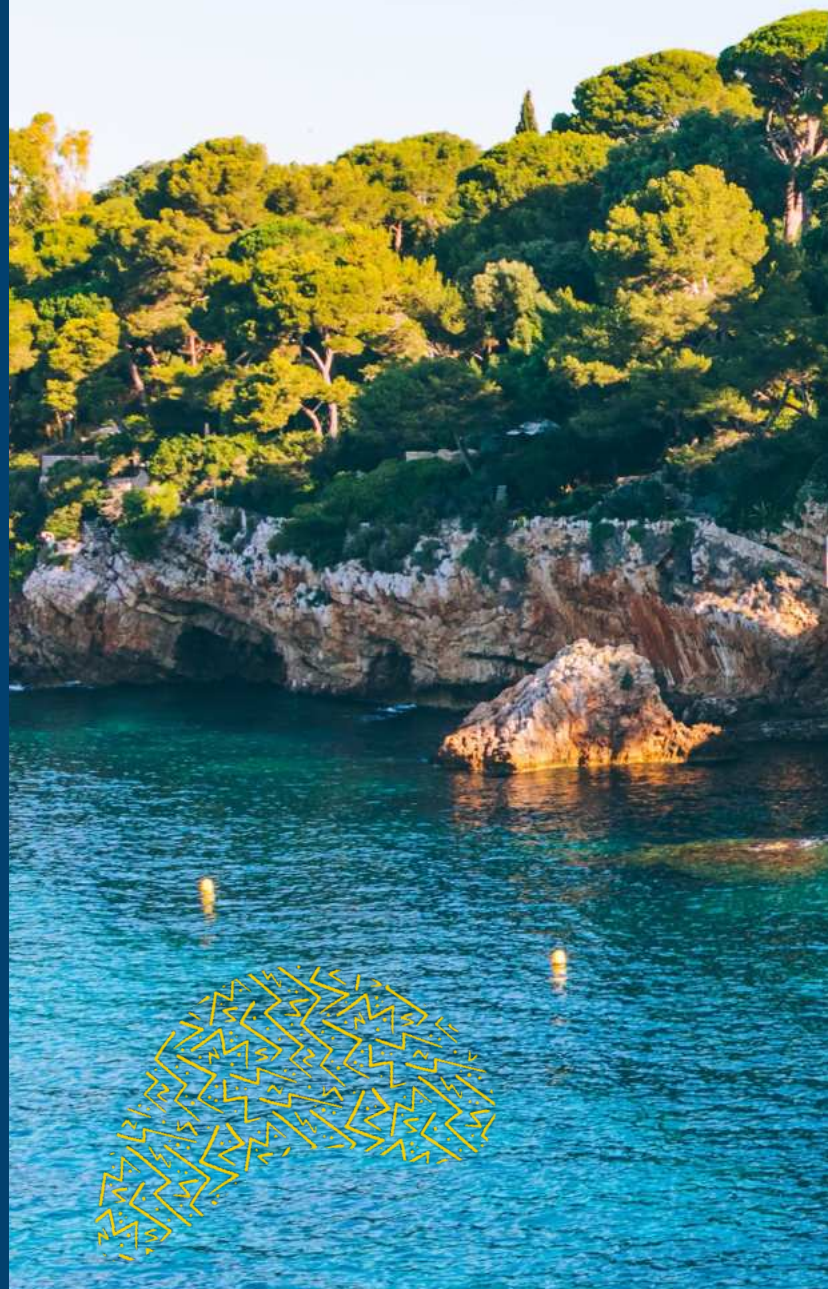
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MORE THAN EVER, LET'S BREATHE, THINK, SAVOUR #COTEDAZURFRANCE !

Far from certain received ideas, the Côte d'Azur offers many different faces and reveals all its contrasts for so many discoveries, rich in light, majestic landscapes and experiences. Whether you come here for its wide open spaces, its culture, gastronomy or sports and leisure, the Côte d'Azur is an experience to enjoy and invites each visitor to become fully involved in their stay, and not just passing through.

From the sunny coastline to the snow-capped peaks, not forgetting its legendary roads, **The Côte d'Azur** presents a unique diversity, an opportunity for so many getaways and experiences.

This non-exhaustive **press kit** offers the curious reader a range of possibilities. Whether you're sporty, passionate about art, crafts or history, a gourmet, party lover or in search of tranquillity and fresh air, France's Côte d'Azur will always surprise you with its tourist offer which is still little known.

Travelling the Côte d'Azur also means taking time to enjoy **experiences** you won't discover anywhere else, like so many precious moments to share with family, friends or even enjoy on your own.

For **culture** lovers, there's plenty to discover in the footsteps of the greatest artists and movie stars who helped create its legend. For lovers of good food, an invitation to savour the gastronomy of the Riviera, on the go or at the finest Michelin-starred tables.

As for **nature**, garden enthusiasts will be enchanted by the scents of the most beautiful creations on the Riviera, while lovers of wide open spaces will marvel at the Mediterranean, pre-Alpine and Alpine landscapes, playgrounds of choice for high-level competitions. Throughout the year, the Côte d'Azur calendar is full of major sporting and cultural events.

You can discover the Côte d'Azur and its unrivalled way of life in all seasons, with the sun always shining. So, from the coastline bathed in light to the peaks offering such spectacular panoramas, come and experience **#CotedAzurFrance** !

Alexandra BORCHIO FONTIMP,

President of Côte d'Azur France Tourism Board





THE CÔTE D'AZUR





KEY FIGURES FOR TOURISM ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR

TOURIST NUMBERS

11.5 million visitors welcomed in 2022 (spread over the year and across the region) and several million day trippers.

Representing a tourist population of **200,000 visitors** (present on average on a given day).

14% of stays are for business reasons.

52% French visitors, 35% of whom have never stayed on the Côte d'Azur before.

52% international visitors.

The Tourism Observatory :



Top 5 most represented foreign nationalities (2022)

- British (16%).
- Italians (11%).
- Americans (9%).
- Eastern Europe excl. Russia (8%).
- Germans (8%).

Hospitality

- 1 hotel room out of every 2 is classified as 4 or 5*.
- The Côte d'Azur has 130,000 commercial accommodation beds.
- Average hotel occupancy rate in 2023: 63% over the year

TOURISM ECONOMY

Nearly **€6.5 billion** of direct tourist consumption in 2023, generating **€12 billion** in turnover, of which 60% comes from foreign customers.

75 000 jobs directly related to tourism.

15 %

Weight of tourism in the local economy in 2019.

Against 7.5% on average in France.





AN ACCESSIBLE REGION



By plane*

- Nice is the 2nd airport in France after those of Paris.
- 122 destinations with direct flights (summer 2024).
- 45 countries served by 57 companies.
- A record 13 long-haul routes.



By train

For those who like to take their time to travel, the train offers a soft mobility alternative to reach the Côte d'Azur region from Paris at reasonable prices. Allow **6 hours of travel time**.

The **night train** also offers the experience of leaving Paris in the evening (Austerlitz station) and waking up the next morning on the Côte d'Azur.

The **Marseille-Nice line** serves several stations in the Var and Alpes-Maritimes, offering everyone the opportunity to get off as close as possible to their holiday destination : Toulon, Les Arcs Draguignan, Saint-Raphaël Valescure, Cannes and Antibes.

New routes 2024:

- Agadir easyJet
- Aalborg Norwegian
- Abu Dhabi Etihad Airways
- Alicante easyJet
- Cephalonie easyJet
- Faro Transavia France
- La Valette easyJet
- Nuremberg EuroWings
- Philadelphie American Airlines
- Rabat easyJet
- Tenerife easyJet
- Erevan FlyOne



When you're there

You can get around without a car on the Côte d'Azur, by combining the bus (local and regional express lines) and train. With in particular **3 tram lines and 175 bus and coach routes** in the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, the network makes it easy to get around in the Alpes-Maritimes Department.

► www.lignesdazur.com

To make travel easier, the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region has set up the «ZOU!» portal and app. ».

► www.zou.maregionsud.fr

How to get to the Côte d'Azur?



Getting around the Côte d'Azur



*Data : Nice Côte d'Azur Airport www.nice.aeroport.fr



ENJOY THE CULTURE

HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE

Whether you're passionate about history, inspired by Baroque Art, nostalgic for the Belle Epoque or a design enthusiast, the Côte d'Azur is home to many treasures, visible for the most part by simply strolling through the alleyways or along the coastline. Keep your eyes open and stay alert!

On the road to the Baroque

For Baroque Art lovers, **the Nisso-Ligure Baroque Route** reveals the secrets of the most wonderful monuments of Baroque heritage in the County of Nice and Ponant Liguria : **80 monuments** (churches, chapels, palaces, citadels) are waiting to be discovered. The road starts from Nice and runs along the coast before entering the Moyen-Pays via the valleys of Paillon then Bévéra, and finally reaches the Haut-Pays by Roya.

Leaving Italy at the end of the 16th century, the Baroque movement found its adopted land on the Côte d'Azur. Witness a baroque architectural, secular and religious heritage of rare richness to admire all along this route.

The route will take history and architecture enthusiasts to Nice (don't miss the Palais Lascaris, Sainte-Réparate Cathedral or Place Garibaldi), Villefranche-sur-Mer, Èze, La Turbie, Peille, L'Escarène, Lucéram, Sospel, Breil-sur-Roya, La Brigue and Tende, for their baroque churches, as well as Saorge and its superb Franciscan convent.

To end this getaway in style, a visit to Menton is a must. You'll visit the Basilica of Saint-Michel Archange (St Michael the Archangel) and the Chapel of the Conception.



Suggested paths
on the Baroque Route:





The Belle Epoque

Hotels, palaces, leisure locations ... there are lots of buildings on the Riviera that take us back to the Belle Epoque.

This period, extending from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the First World War, bequeathed to the Côte d'Azur a unique heritage that we continue to admire. Some towns on the coast remain undisputed examples of this glorious past.

Cupolas, balconies with railings, wall decorations, fountains, friezes and frescoes are all elements found in Belle Époque architecture, which stands out for its elegant curves and creativity. It's impossible to list all the Belle Epoque sites on the Côte d'Azur. Just stroll through the alleys and avenues lined with palm trees to fall under their spell.

We should mention, among others, the Museum of Fine Arts in Nice, the imposing apartment buildings of the Cimiez district, the famous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and, of course, all the legendary hotels of the Côte d'Azur, such as the Grand Hôtel du Cap Ferrat, the Negresco, the Belles Rives hotel in Antibes or the Carlton in Cannes.



Hôtel L'Orangerie, Menton



FOCUS ON VILLA EPHRUSSI DE ROTHSCHILD, VOTED FRANCE'S FAVOURITE MONUMENT 2024!

Overlooking the Cap Ferrat peninsula, Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is one of the most beautiful Belle Epoque palaces on the Côte d'Azur. It was built between 1905 and 1912 for Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild. Surrounded by 9 thematic gardens, the villa is a real invitation to travel. An unmissable part of the Côte d'Azur region.

www.villa-ephrussi.com

HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE

Nice on the UNESCO list -
worldwide recognition

Since 2021, Nice has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as the «Riviera's winter resort town». From the Promenade des Anglais to the residential district of Cimiez and up to Mont-Boron, this listing acknowledges the fantastic villas and hotels, the local and exotic vegetation, and the town planning and architecture that shaped the city through two-and-a-half centuries of tourist activity.

During a thematic guided tour or maybe alone, the best option to enjoy it is to stroll through the alleys of Old Nice, look up at the ornate facades of «palaces», chapels and hotels, Baroque or Belle Epoque, stroll along the famous Promenade des Anglais and sample the Côte d'Azur way of life, bask in the gardens of Cimiez Monastery and, to finish off in style, climb Mont Boron to enjoy an exceptional panorama of the Baie des Anges.

Immersion video :
Nice labelled Unesco



ARCHITECTURAL GEMS

The Côte d'Azur also has plenty of surprises with, here and there, surprising achievements, timeless and out of the ordinary to discover, to understand the Côte d'Azur region in a new light.

Palais Bulles - futuristic

How curious is this «house with 1,000 portholes».

Built in the 1980s by architect Antti Lovag on the heights of Théoule-sur-Mer, Palais Bulles surprises with its spherical, futuristic shapes. A labyrinth of modern times, this private residence was bought by the famous couturier Pierre Cardin as a summer residence.

— www.palaisbulles.com

Villa Kérylos - a trip back to ancient Greece

Inspired by a house in **Ancient Greece**, Villa Kérylos (1902-1908) is a dream fulfilled, that of Théodore Reinach, who was fascinated by Greek civilisation. Built around an open-air courtyard, the Villa evokes the daily life of the Greeks of the Hellenistic period. Frescoes, furniture and mosaics have been imitated from Antiquity and the site, overlooking **the Baie des Fourmis**, is a real invitation to travel.

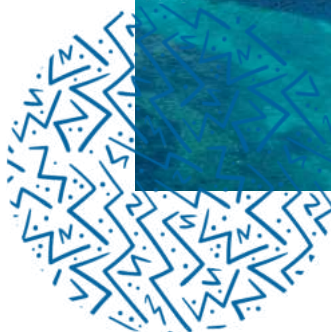
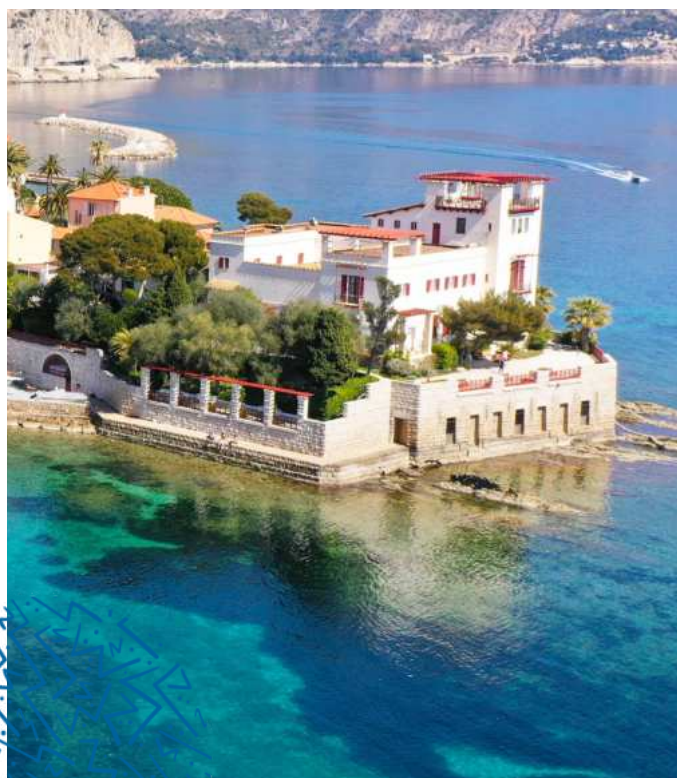
— www.villakerylos.fr

La Villa E-1027 and the Cabanon Le Corbusier - design jewels

Built in Roquebrune-Cap Martin in the 1920s by Irish architect **Eileen Gray** and her lover **Jean Badovici**, this icon of **modern architecture** is home to paintings **by Le Corbusier**, a friend of the couple.

Staying in the villa on several occasions between 1937 and 1939, the artist **built Le Cabanon Le Corbusier** there, a pocket-sized château (3.66 m by 3.66) designed as a model of minimal living from the «Modulor».

— <https://capmoderne.com/fr/>



OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL HILLTOP VILLAGES

How about gaining a little height? The Côte d'Azur is full of jewels perched up on the sides of its hills, dominating the waves, the valleys and carrying in their stones the richness of the Riviera's heritage.



Eze



Saint-Paul-de-Vence



Courdon

EZE, an eagle's nest on the Mediterranean

Eze is surely one of the most famous villages on the Côte d'Azur. The narrow streets, lined with vaulted houses where **numerous shops of artists and craftsmen** are grouped together, give this village all its charm. On the ruins of the old fortress, its **famous Exotic Garden** plunges down to the sea. The brave can reach the village from Eze-sur-Mer by climbing the **Chemin de Nietzsche**. It takes about 1 hour to climb!

SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE, artists' village

Matisse, Chagall, Modigliani, Picasso ... they all succumbed to the charm of this medieval village. Just stroll through its flowery streets, from terraces to artist galleries, to soak up **the artistic atmosphere of the place**. Obviously, a detour to the **Maeght Foundation, an open-air museum and showcase of modern and contemporary art**, is a must before leaving the village.

SAINTE-AGNÈS, balcony of the Côte d'Azur

A glance at the Menton coast is enough to understand why it has this nickname. **«The highest coastal village in Europe»**, Sainte-Agnès offers a taste of the Azur and stands out among «the Most Beautiful Villages in France» for its panorama, cobbled alleys, century-old houses, bell tower with glazed tiles and medieval garden.

GOURDON, an exceptional panorama

Ranked among the «Most beautiful villages in France», Gourdon offers a panoramic view of **80 km of coastline**, from Nice to the Estérel. With its medieval houses, Romanesque church, Côte d'Azur atmosphere and thousand-year-old château, surrounded by gardens created by Le Nôtre, the hilltop village of Gourdon really offers a taste of Eden.

SAORGE, a medieval marvel

Clinging to the cliff, Saorge is unquestionably the **most spectacular hilltop village in the Roya Valley**. The old buildings and troglodyte streets lose us in time. From the Franciscan monastery to the Semite bath in the Roya, via the baroque church of Saint-Sauveur, it's a real change of scenery.

COARAZE, village of sun

On the list of the "Most beautiful Villages in France", Coaraze overlooks the Paillon Valley at an altitude of 650 m. Steep, cobbled streets, squares full of flowers, vaulted passageways, houses made of stone or coated with colours in the Italian style have attracted many artists and personalities, some of whom have designed the **sundials** scattered around the village.

PEILLON, travel back through time

With its winding streets interspersed with vaulted passages and wide staircases, its tall stone houses grouped in a circular pattern, its Chapel of the White Penitents and Saint-Sauveur Church perched at the top of the village, Peillon offers **visitors a real journey back through time**. Feel free to climb up to the orientation table. In summer, the village hosts **the Peillon Jazz Festival**, the highest hilltop festival on the Côte d'Azur!



Saint-Martin-Vésubie

SAINT-MARTIN-VÉSUBIE, the little Switzerland of Nice

At the gates of the Mercantour National Park, between the Boréon and Madone de Fenestre valleys, in the middle of 3,600 hectares of forest, this beautiful village, perched at an altitude of 975 m, offers **a range of traditions and outdoor activities** which delight open-air enthusiasts.

TOURRETTES-SUR-LOUP, capital of the violet

This medieval village **owes its fame to the violet**, which became the main crop in this region from the 1880s. The development of the perfume industry in Grasse in the 19th century was a real opportunity for locals, and the tradition still continues today.

TENDE, an air of the Himalayas

Surrounded by mountains between the sky and Roya, you'll love Tende with its maze of alleys to lose yourself in, its round tower and collegiate church with its unusual bell tower, remarkable architecture mixing Gothic and Baroque. Also worth seeing is **the Departmental Museum of Merveilles**.



Tende

THE PAINTERS' CÔTE D'AZUR

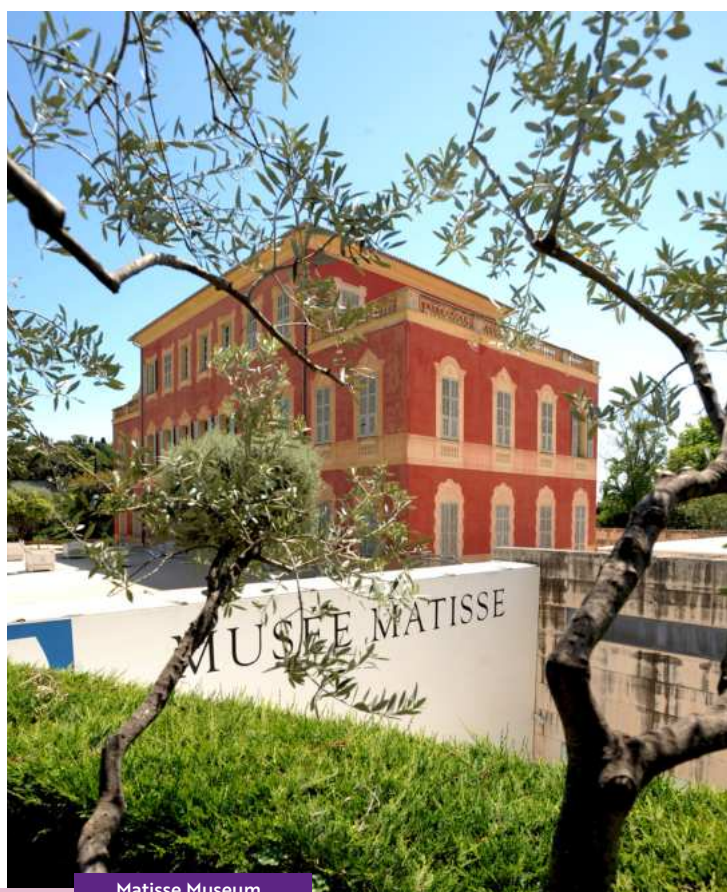
Maritime landscapes, towns and villages, squares and alleys and gardens are all settings that make up the visual richness of the Côte d'Azur. Antibes Juan-Les-Pins, Cagnes-sur-Mer, Grasse, Le Cannet, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Menton, Mougins, Cannes and Villeneuve-Loubet have all inspired the greatest artists.



Bonnard Museum

Pierre Bonnard (1867-1947) at Le Cannet

The Bonnard Museum is the only museum in the world dedicated to the work of Pierre Bonnard, a key figure in 19th- and 20th-century art. The artist stayed in Le Cannet from 1922 to 1947. During this period, he produced more than 300 works, some intimate, inspired by his private world, as well as the landscapes of the town and the Côte d'Azur more generally, an inexhaustible source of inspiration.



Matisse Museum

Henri Matisse (1869-1954) in Nice

When Henri Matisse discovered Nice at the age of 48, he saw this encounter as a revelation. The light of the sky, the reflections of the Mediterranean find in the master of colour such a resonance that the painter would honour the Côte d'Azur with unwavering loyalty and passion. The Matisse Museum in Nice was inaugurated in 1963 and is labelled «Musée de France». 2023 celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Matisse Museum.

Marc Chagall (1887-1985) in Nice

Totally unique, the Marc Chagall National Museum houses 17 paintings illustrating the biblical message. An impressive collection you could spend hours admiring! Marc Chagall spent the last 35 years of his life on the Côte d'Azur, in Vence, then in Saint-Paul-de-Vence. He continued to work there in a wide variety of fields : painting, ceramics, mosaics, stained glass, sculptures... 2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the Museum.

Fernand Léger (1881-1955) in Biot

Shortly before his death, painter Fernand Léger acquired Mas Saint André, a villa located at the foot of the village of Biot. He settled in this house to devote himself to making his ceramics. When he died, his widow requested the construction of a museum in tribute to the painter and his works. The museum was inaugurated in 1960 under the patronage of Picasso, Braque and Chagall.

Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919) in Cagnes-sur-Mer

Renoir moved to Domaine des Collettes in 1907. He received his artist friends there and remained there until his death in 1919. With its 14 original canvases, 40 sculptures, furniture and studio, the Renoir Museum remains a wonderful testimony to the creative world of the Impressionist master who spent the last 12 years of his life in Cagnes-sur-Mer.

Jean Cocteau (1889-1963) in Menton

Jean Cocteau discovered Menton in summer 1955 and fell in love with the town. He stayed there regularly. In 1957, while he was working on the decoration of the wedding hall in Menton (a must-see), the mayor at the time offered to transform the abandoned fort into a museum of his works. Opened in 1966, it was the first museum dedicated to Jean Cocteau.



Renoir Museum

In the footsteps of Picasso



Strength and beauty of landscapes, intensity of light, brilliance of colours ... the Côte d'Azur has been a source of inspiration in the life and work of many artists. Attracted by these southern lands, Picasso found a place of residence and creativity here worthy of him.

Antibes Juan-les-Pins (1946) :

Picasso moved to Château Grimaldi to paint. Now the Picasso Museum, many of the artist's works dedicated to the Mediterranean are presented here.

Vallauris Golfe-Juan (1947-1955) :

It was in Vallauris that Picasso discovered ceramics. He produced more than 4,000 works in the workshops of Fournas and Madoura,

and chose the Romanesque chapel of Vallauris to paint the fresco *La Guerre et la Paix* (War and Peace - now the National Museum).

Cannes (1955) :

Picasso acquired "La Villa Californie" with a breathtaking view of the sea. The ideal place to stay and create, he set up his studio and produced numerous works here.

Mougins (1961-1973) :

Picasso died in Mougins in 1973 in his final residence Notre-Dame-de-Vie, which was also his final studio. 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the artist's death.

www.cotedazurfrance.fr

La Colombe d'Or : the artists' hideout

Paul Roux opened his inn in Saint-Paul-de-Vence in 1931. It regularly provided board and lodging to visiting artists. Roux hosted Matisse, Miró, Picasso, Léger and many others, and they all, in return, left him a work as a sign of their friendship. This incredible collection, since enriched by Arman, César, Calder, Klein, Folon, Buffet and even Combas, still lights up the walls and terrace of the restaurant.





CÔTE D'AZUR AND CONTEMPORARY ART : a region full of creativity!

Between permanent collections and temporary exhibitions, the Côte d'Azur is an immense land of creativity where avant-garde artists have left an indelible mark.

The Fondation Maeght in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Founded in 1964 by the couple Marguerite and Aimé Maeght, this major landmark in contemporary art is an incredible place of ambition and creativity graced by numerous artists: Chagall, Léger, Juan Miró, Giacometti. The Foundation has 12,000 works, making it one of the best Contemporary Art collections in Europe. The first independent foundation in France, labelled «remarkable contemporary architecture», its new route around the 500m² extension and two new exhibition rooms inaugurated in 2024 perpetuates the avant-garde focus of the place.

www.fondation-maeght.com

The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Nice

César, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Niki de Saint Phalle, Yves Klein ... with 1,300 works created by more than 300 artists, the MAMAC offers an exhaustive overview of modern and contemporary art from 1950 to the present day. Currently closed for renovation, it now offers its collections externally.

www.mamac-nice.org/fr

The Fernand Léger National Museum in Biot

Bringing together a unique collection of paintings, ceramics and drawings, the museum's collection lets you discover this major avant-garde artist, from his cubist research to the large, colourful compositions of the 1950s.

www.musees-nationaux-alpesmaritimes.fr/fleger/

The Picasso Museum in Antibes

Listed as a Historic Monument, the Picasso Museum was the first museum dedicated to the artist. From 1946, the master of cubism used part of the building as a studio and created many works there, which he left to the city of Antibes. The museum also houses works by Nicolas de Staël, Hans Hartung, Anna-Eva Bergman.

www.antibes-juanlespins.com/culture/musee-picasso





The Museum of Asian Arts in Nice

Created by the Alpes-Maritimes Department as a living link with Asia, the Museum of Asian Arts owes the harmony of its marble and glass architecture to Japanese architect Kenzo Tange. A true temple of Asian cultures, this national museum notably hosts high-level temporary exhibitions, such as the Hokusai exhibition in 2022-2023.

— <https://maa.departement06.fr/musee-des-arts-asiatiques-13422.html>

The new national museum of Monaco – NMNM – Villa Paloma/ Villa Sauber

Two sites for a multi-faceted collection made up of 10,000 works created between the 19th and 21st centuries linked to Monaco and its region, contemporary with internationally renowned artists, featuring dolls and mechanical automatons from the 19th century, along with costumes and models of sets from the Monte-Carlo Opera. Works addressing the major issues of our time resonate with older collections, revealing the specific features of the Monegasque region and its openness to the world.

— www.nmnm.mc

The Female Artists of Mougins Museum

Completely renovated, the Mougins Museum of Classical Art has been reborn around a unique concept that places women at the centre of art history thanks to the Levett collection to become the first European museum dedicated to female artists!

— www.famm.com



The Hartung Bergman Foundation in Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Essential figures of modern art, Hans Hartung and Anna-Eva Bergman acquired a villa in the 1960s where they set up their studios. This place is now a foundation that preserves works of art and constitutes a remarkable architectural ensemble.

— www.fondationhartungbergman.fr

The CAB Foundation in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Housed in a superb building from the 1950s, this place aims to pursue the mission of the Fondation Cab de Bruxelles, dedicated to minimal and conceptual art. Photo, video, street art ... art comes in all its forms, from the most classic to the most alternative, offering a new, original look at the destination.

— www.fondationcab.com/fr/fondation-cab-Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Street Art on the Côte d'Azur

Explore the Côte d'Azur in search of works of Street Art by trendy new local artists. It's an alliance of modernity and Roman culture for artist César Malfi, for example, who leaves us lost for words.

Nice, Cannes, La Colle-sur-Loup, Antibes Juan-les-Pins - check out our selection of the best works of Street Art at:



Villa Arson in Nice

Villa Arson was designed in the 1960s by André Malraux, then Minister of Cultural Affairs, as part of the cultural decentralisation programme. Inaugurated in 1972, it was designed as an innovative establishment, intended to promote creation. Villa Arson now welcomes around 230 students and offers a programme of exhibitions promoting emerging creativity.

— www.villa-arson.fr

La Napoule Art Foundation in Mandelieu - La Napoule

Purchased in 1918 by a couple of American artists and patrons, Henry and Marie Clews, Château de La Napoule now houses the La Napoule Art Foundation, which hosts artists, most of them international. As such, accomplished and emerging creators from all over the world are selected each year to take part in artist residencies at Château de La Napoule. The «Villa Medici» of the Côte d'Azur!

— www.mandelieu-tourisme.com/decouvrir/le-chateau-de-la-napoule

OVNI FESTIVAL

The Objectif Vidéo Nice Festival (or OVNi) gives visibility to emerging and established videographers. Their work is highlighted through a journey through the city that includes museums, hotels, cultural spaces and unusual places. **More than just a festival, it's a real experience to enjoy.**

— www.ovni-festival.fr

Also to see in Nice :

➤ Le 109, Centre for Contemporary Cultures of the City of Nice, with its 23 artists' studios and numerous exhibitions, sets out to provide a breeding ground for contemporary creation.

— www.le109.nice.fr

➤ La Gaya Scienza, Exhibitions, Conferences, Interpretation and Screenings take place throughout the year in this new "space for poetic and artistic exploration" set up in a vast Nice apartment of nearly 300m² overlooking the city.

— www.lagayascienza.com

SACRED ART : CHAPELS & MONASTERIES

Monasteries, cathedrals, chapels, abbeys, whether for their architecture, environment or the works they contain, places of worship deserve attention and are all cultural places to discover on your Riviera journey.

Lérins Abbey

Off Cannes, on Saint-Honorat Island, stands Lérins Abbey, heir to 16 centuries of history and faith. The monastery is now inhabited by Cistercian friars. Day visitors can walk freely to enjoy the beauty of the site.

The Monastery of Saorge

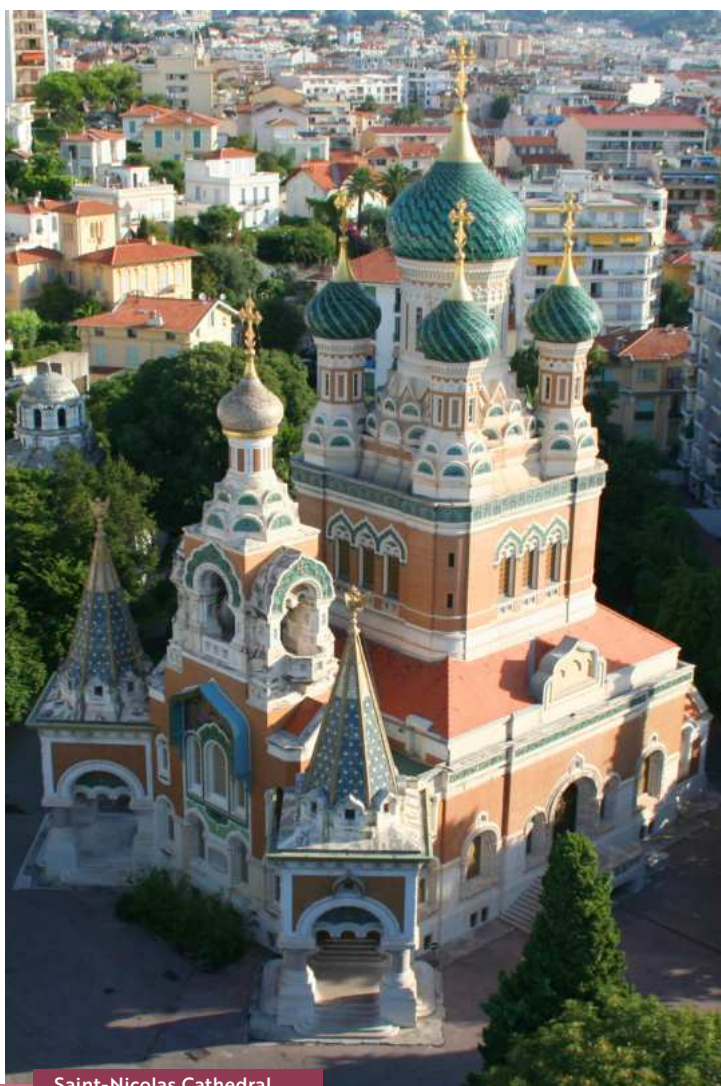
A former Franciscan convent, the monastery now overlooks the village and gorges of La Roya, at the gates of the Mercantour. Great harmony reigns between baroque taste and sobriety, specific to the order of the Franciscans. Visitors will also appreciate its vast garden offering an exceptional panorama of the mountains.

The Cimiez Monastery in Nice

The capital of the Côte d'Azur is home to a jewel of sacred art : Cimiez Monastery. Neighbouring the Roman arenas, it shines with its remarkable architecture, the three altarpieces of its church, its romantic garden overlooking the city and the Mediterranean and even its cemetery, the final resting place of Matisse and Dufy.

Saint-Nicolas Cathedral

Inaugurated in 1912, this cathedral is one of the most important and oldest Russian Orthodox buildings outside Russia. The property and its furniture are classified as a Historic Monument. It's inspired by the style of Moscow churches with very rich interior decoration.



Saint-Nicolas Cathedral

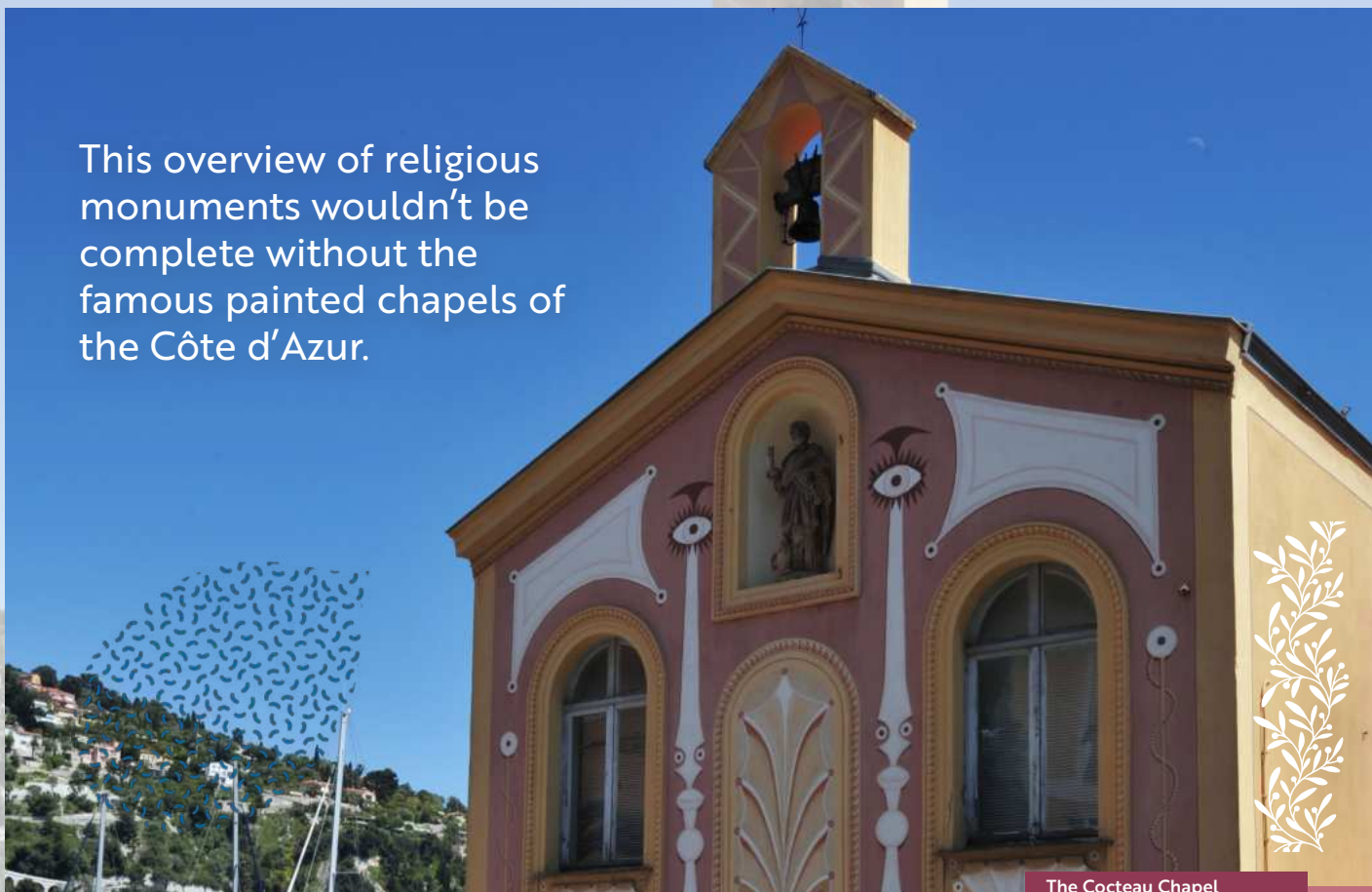


Lérins Abbey



Cimiez Monastery

This overview of religious monuments wouldn't be complete without the famous painted chapels of the Côte d'Azur.



The Cocteau Chapel

The Picasso Chapel in Vallauris

It was in 1952, in his studio at Fournas in Vallauris, that Picasso produced *War and Peace*, two very large painted panels. The *Four Parts of the World*, a fresco painted at the back of the chapel, was created in 1958. Initiated into a movement of rediscovery of sacred art, the ensemble was inaugurated in 1959. Today, this chapel houses the **Musée National Picasso** de la Guerre et de la Paix.

The Matisse Chapel in Vence

Created by Henri Matisse for the Dominican sisters, the Chapel of the Rosary, now better known as the «Matisse Chapel», reveals all its beauty once inside. Composed of three colours (yellow, green and blue), the stained-glass windows flood the whitewashed walls and the 3 large ceramic paintings with light. The chapel was consecrated in 1951 and **listed as a Historic Monument** in 1965.

The Cocteau Chapel in Villefranche-sur-Mer

In 1957, after many stays in Villefranche-sur-Mer, Jean Cocteau undertook the decoration of the Saint-Pierre Chapel, as a sign of friendship towards the fishermen of the village, who owned the chapel. You can see scenes inspired by local Mediterranean life and episodes from the life of Saint Peter, patron saint of fishermen.

The Folon Chapel in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

To visit this chapel means discovering the admirable work of the painter Jean-Michel Folon (1934-2005).

The close relationships that Folon maintained with craftsmen, his conception of stained glass and sculpture, **and his fascination with light** are all keys that help us decipher his world and conception of art.

The Notre-Dame des Fontaines Chapel in La Brigue

Nicknamed the «**Sistine Chapel of the Alpes-Maritimes**», it's entirely painted with 15th-century frescoes which remain the best preserved on the Côte d'Azur. Cannavesio and Balaison provide us here with an exceptional vision of nearly 220m² of frescoes.

The Hierro Chapel in Villeplaine

The village of Guillaumes is home to the small hamlet of Villeplaine, where a sleepy chapel was enhanced by the daring work of artist **Jean-Antoine Hierro** in the summer of 2022. Like Matisse or Cocteau, the painter gave new pictorial life to this small chapel by drawing inspiration from the texts of the Bible.

To see in the surrounding area : **the Route des Brea**, a tourist circuit that criss-crosses the middle and upper lands of Nice to discover the altarpieces created by the school of "Nice primitives".



The Hierro Chapel

CINEMA

LA CÔTE D'AZUR ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET !

1897

The Lumière brothers film the Nice Carnival. The directors come to the Côte d'Azur to find the light that allows them to shoot in winter.

1908

Pathé builds a film studio in Nice.

1913

Gaumont sets up its studios in the Nice district of Carras.

1919

Louis Nalpas acquires Villa Liserb in Nice, to produce the feature film «La Sultane de l'amour». He buys the Victorine property and sets up his studios there.

1920s

The greatest directors shoot silent and talkie films on the Côte d'Azur, the new European Hollywood.

1946

First Cannes Film Festival.

2018

1st edition of the 2018 International "Canneseries" Festival of Series

2024

78^{me} edition of the Cannes Film Festival, which today represents the most important Film Market in the world and the most glamorous showcase in cinema.

The Studios of the Côte d'Azur

3 film studios rival the rest of Europe, attracting the biggest international productions: the Victorine Studios in Nice currently being re-modernised, the Prêt-à-Tourner Studios in Grasse, and the brand-new Bastide Rouge audiovisual centre in Cannes.

Filmography of the Côte d'Azur

1955 To Catch a Thief - *Alfred Hitchcock*
1956 And God ... Created Woman - *Roger Vadim*
1963 Bay of Angels - *Jacques Demy*
1977 Day for Night - *François Truffaut*
1983 Never Say Never Again (James Bond)
Irvin Kershner
2001 The Son's Room - *Nanni Moretti*
2010 Heartbreaker - *Pascal Chaumeil*
2012 Rust and Bone - *Jacques Audiard*
2014 Magic in the Moonlight - *Woody Allen*
and Grace de Monaco - Olivier Dahan
2015 The Transporter - *Luc Besson*
2019 The Climb - *Michael*
Angelo Covino
2020 Emily in Paris - *Darren Star*
2020 Waiting for Bojangles
Régis Roinsard
2022 Mascarade - *Nicolas Bedos*
2023 On the Wandering Paths
Denis Imbert
2024 A throw of the dic - *Yvan*
Attal

Filmography of
the Côte d'Azur :



CANNES

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT



Cannes Film Festival

Since **1946**, Cannes has hosted its Film Festival where for 12 days, a jury made up of international talents rewards the best films of the year. An official international competition that takes place in the heart of the famous **Palais des Festivals** and attracts attention from all over the world. Alongside the official selection, there are other sections such as the **directors' fortnight**, **"a certain look"**, the **critics' week** and especially **the film market**.

The Cannes Film Festival remains one of the most covered events in the world and the most important Film Festival from the point of view of international reach.

The 79th edition of the Cannes Film Festival will be held from 13 to 24 May 2025. Another highlight, the Cannes Film Encounters in November.

Canneseries

The Cannes International Series Festival celebrates series from around the world and brings together those who make them and love them, in the legendary setting of the city of Cannes and the magic of its Palais des Festivals. CANNESERIES presents an official competition, in long, short and documentary format, submitted to international juries as well as a parallel selection that brings together fans of series in all their diversity.

Season 7 will be held from 24 to 29 April 2024.



The «Chemin des Etoiles», like the famous Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, pays tribute to film stars who have left their handprints and signatures at the foot of the Palais des Festivals.

A Commission supporting the 7th Art

Created in 1999, the **Alpes-Maritimes Côte d'Azur Film Commission** is a real lever to promote the region's attractiveness for the film, audiovisual and advertising industries. To date, the association has more than 350 technicians, 180 actors, 55 "cinema-friendly" hotel establishments, as well as a regional support fund, associations, schools and training centres, writing residencies, etc.



**COMMISSION
DU FILM**
CÔTE D'AZUR - FRANCE

Its mission:

Promote the resources of the Alpes-Maritimes : its sets, its human and technical resources.

Conduct the sector by organising professional events (job-dating, discussion forums at festivals, trade and markets, networking, group scouting, etc.).

Assist film and audiovisual industry professionals in all project development phases.

Evaluate the economic benefits of filming in the region.



A RICH CULTURAL AGENDA all year long

Festivals, concerts, exhibitions, traditional celebrations, fireworks and festive events are part of the Côte d'Azur's DNA. Often held outdoors, major cultural events take over the most iconic places in the region, offering visitors truly unique experiences.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

June

Festival Nuits Carrées Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Hip-hop, jazz, electro and rock for this contemporary music festival which brings the town to life for a weekend.

— www.nuitscarrees.com

La Crème Villefranche-sur-Mer

Contemporary music festival in the outstanding setting of the citadel.

— <https://lacremefestival.com>

UNOC 2025 Nice

Nice will be the centre of global attention as it hosts the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference. This international summit will bring together world leaders and governments for a week of debate and decision-making for the future of our planet.

— <https://lacremefestival.com>

July

Jazz à Juan Antibes Juan-les-Pins

From Ella Fitzgerald to Miles Davis, this festival has hosted the biggest names in international jazz.

— www.jazzajuan.com

Nice Jazz Fest Nice

A new concept for 2024 with more current music.

— www.nicejazzfest.fr

Beaulieu la Nuit Beaulieu-sur-Mer

Beaulieu-la-nuit, an invitation to join an enchanted party, a moment devoted to music between sea and mountains, in the heart of the olive groves of Beaulieu-sur-Mer.

— www.beaulieulanuit.com

Les Nuits du Sud Vence

Vence entre dans la légende des grands Festivals azuréens et le Grand Jardin se transforme, en scène magique, à la découverte des talents de demain comme des stars internationales

— www.nuitsdusud.com

Le Festival de Saint-Paul-de-Vence

At the foot of its famous ramparts, facing the Mediterranean horizon, 5 concerts of classical music and jazz, including 2 exclusive evenings in the gardens of the Maeght Foundation, invite you to (re)discover one of the most legendary villages on the Côte d'Azur...

— www.festivalsaintpauldevence.com

Festival Electro Summer Antibes Juan-les-Pins

August

Jazz à Domergue Cannes

A festival in the green setting of Villa Domergue.

Les plages électroniques Cannes

The biggest names in electro meet at the Palais des Festivals and on the beach, transforming the city into a huge beach party.

Festival Saint Jazz Cap Ferrat Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

July - August

Bal des Fous Cannes

Sunday afternoons go wild with crazy costume balls at the Palais des Festivals.

Festival de musique classique Menton

Les Festivals d'art pyrotechniques Cannes, Monaco, Antibes

The greatest pyrotechnicians from a wide range of countries compete in musical splendour to put on amazing shows.

Monte Carlo Summer Festival Monaco

International stars for concerts in upmarket venues such as the Opéra Garnier Monte Carlo and Salle des Etoiles.

Les Soirées estivales of the Alpes-Maritimes

500 free concerts and shows throughout the summer right across the region.

— www.soirees-estivales.departement06.fr

Les Nocturnes de la Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

A captivating new festival offering a flamboyant programme: singing, music, dancing and wonderful texts by the light of a thousand candles.

— www.villa-ephrussi.com/fr/nocturnes-villa

September

Crossover Festival Nice

Rap, hip-hop, pop, electro ... all musical styles are represented

— www.festival-crossover.com

Lots of exhibitions to discover each year in the museums and foundations of the Côte d'Azur !

Find the program on :
www.cotedazurfrance.fr



Podcast Jazz on
the Côte d'Azur



A COLOURFUL WINTER !

Carnivals, parades, flower battles, parades of floats ... at the start of the year, the Côte d'Azur is decked out with its most beautiful colours for the Winter Festival. A date for your diaries - don't miss these major highlights of the Côte d'Azur calendar !

Nice Carnival

In February, two weeks of festivities really bring the city of Nice to life. Day and night carnival parades and flower battles are on the programme for this unmissable event. Lots of decorated, animated floats parade to the rhythm of street art troupes and musical groups from all over the world in a colourful, festive, family atmosphere.

The flower battle is a unique event that makes the Nice Carnival so famous.

The costumed actresses parade on floats adorned with flowers and distribute more than 100,000 flowers to the public! In 2024, the Nice Carnival celebrated its 151st anniversary with the theme: King of Pop Culture. In 2025, it will give way to the "King of the Seas and Oceans"!

www.nicecarnaval.com

Another February highlight :
the flowery naval battle
of Villefranche-sur-Mer.



The Lemon Festival Menton

Come and celebrate the end of winter on the Côte d'Azur with the lively, crazy parade of the Lemon Festival.

Every year, for 15 days in February, thousands of spectators flock to see incredible floats created from lemons and oranges parade by. A truly unique event ! In 2025, the 91st Lemon Festival will be held from February 15 to March 2.

www.fete-du-citron.com

The Mimosa Festival Mandelieu - La Napoule

An integral part of winter celebrations on the Côte d'Azur since 1931, the Mimosa Festival is an unmissable annual



event. On the programme : parades, light parades, flower parades, children's carnival, entertainment, walks and exhibitions over the 5 days of intense festivities. In 2025, meet us from February 12 to 16 for an edition on the theme of "La grande vadrouille des régions!"

The Violet Festival Tourettes-sur-Loup

Every year in March, the Violet Festival closes the violet season and celebrates Spring. The streets of the village are brought to life by musical serenades and local dances. A flower parade and flower battle complete the show

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OUTDOOR GETAWAYS

Lovers of the great outdoors and wide open spaces, the Côte d'Azur has everything to satisfy sports enthusiasts and lovers of tranquillity who can only marvel at the diversity of its unspoilt landscapes, rich in wildlife and incredible flora.



Mercantour National Park

The last link in the Southern Alps plunging into the Mediterranean, Mercantour National Park is one of the richest natural areas in France in terms of its biodiversity. Take a breath of fresh air in the "Mediterranean Alps" just an hour from Nice.

From Sospel to Barcelonnette, you can choose from six valleys in two departments : Vésubie, Tinée, Roya-Bévéra, Haut-Var/Cians and Haut-Verdon and Ubaye (in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence). Between lakes, passes, summits and gorges, the panoramas of the Mercantour are captivating !

Plan several days to explore it all ! With its 550 km of marked trails, from spring to autumn, the Mercantour is a paradise for hikers. Also, for sports enthusiasts and mountaineers, the Mercantour offers unforgettable climbing routes.

www.mercantour-parcnational.fr

Immerse yourself in nature in the Mercantour with Isabelle Fabre, Ambassador for Côte d'Azur France



The Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park

Located in the Pre-Alps of Grasse, between the valleys of Siagne, Loup, Cagne, Estéron and Var, the Park is nicknamed «The water tower of the Côte d'Azur» for its underground water reserves.

Between coast and mountains, this unspoiled rural mountain area overlooks the coast. You can walk between rock gardens and arid moors (Calern, Caussols, Saint-Barnabé plateaux), cross the valleys and their charming villages (Saint-Auban, Aiglun, Sigale, Les Mujouls), cool off in the steep gorges (Gorges du Loup and de la Siagne), discover forest areas (Bois de Sauma Longa, Bois du Cheiron) and the cultivated or grazed plains (Plaine de Caille).

Also, if you like walking in the mountains, the summit of Cheiron awaits, perched up at 1,778 m. The reward? An infinite landscape over the whole department and even, in good weather, Corsica !

www.parc-prealpesdazur.fr

The Alpes Azur Mercantour International Starry Sky Reserve

With the "International Starry Sky Reserve" (RICE) label obtained in 2019, the Alpes Azur Mercantour region has joined the very exclusive club of astronomical observatories and national and departmental parks which protect their skies. This distinction rewards regions committed to carrying out actions to reduce light pollution and so guarantee an exceptional quality of night sky.

Raise your eyes to the heavens !

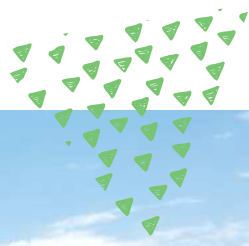




The Estérel Massif

Nestled majestically between the Mediterranean, Var and Alpes-Maritimes in the areas of Saint-Raphaël, Fréjus, Pays de Fayence, Théoule-sur-Mer and Mandelieu - La Napoule, the Estérel Massif is a jewel of the French Riviera! Astonishing and so characteristic, its red rock gives the landscape its unique identity.

Of the 32,000 natural hectares, half is classified as a "Natura 2000" area and hikers, horse riders and mountain bikers can have a field day on the various organised circuits. Among them : The Pic de l'Ours, Saint-Barthélémy rock, Cap Dramont, the Cap Roux belvedere, Mont-Vinaigre, the Perthus and Malinfret ravines, the Blavet gorges...



Departmental natural parks



Fancy a walk in the middle of nature, need fresh air, want to enjoy a pleasant time with your family or some exercise? More than fifteen departmental natural parks await you on the Côte d'Azur.



In no particular order, here are a few :

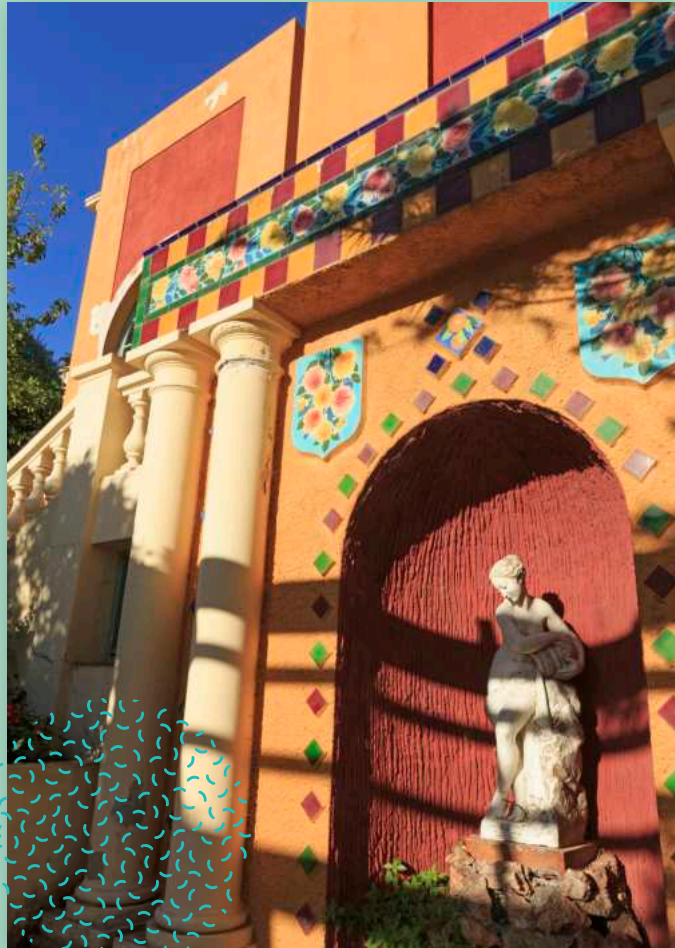
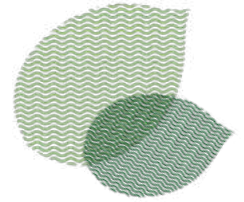
Parc du Cros de Casté in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, Parc de la Grande Corniche above Eze, Parc de l'Estéron, Parc de la Pointe de l'Aiguille in Théoule-sur-Mer, Parc du San Peyre in Mandelieu-La Napoule, Parc des Rives du Loup in Ville-neuve-Loubet, Parc de la Valmasque and the magnificent Parc du Vinaigrier. A great way to get some fresh air !

Remember to download the mobile app «Les Explorateurs des Parcs» to discover these natural parks in a different way with fun, educational content.



STROLLING IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND GARDENS

A land of contrasts between sea and mountains, the Côte d'Azur is home to parks and gardens in exceptional locations, from the coast to the high and middle uplands, on the water's edge or perched on the most beautiful peaks. The Côte d'Azur climate provides these green settings with temperatures ideal for the growth and acclimatisation of rare or exotic plants, making #CotedAzurFrance a wonderful testing ground for the most renowned botanists.



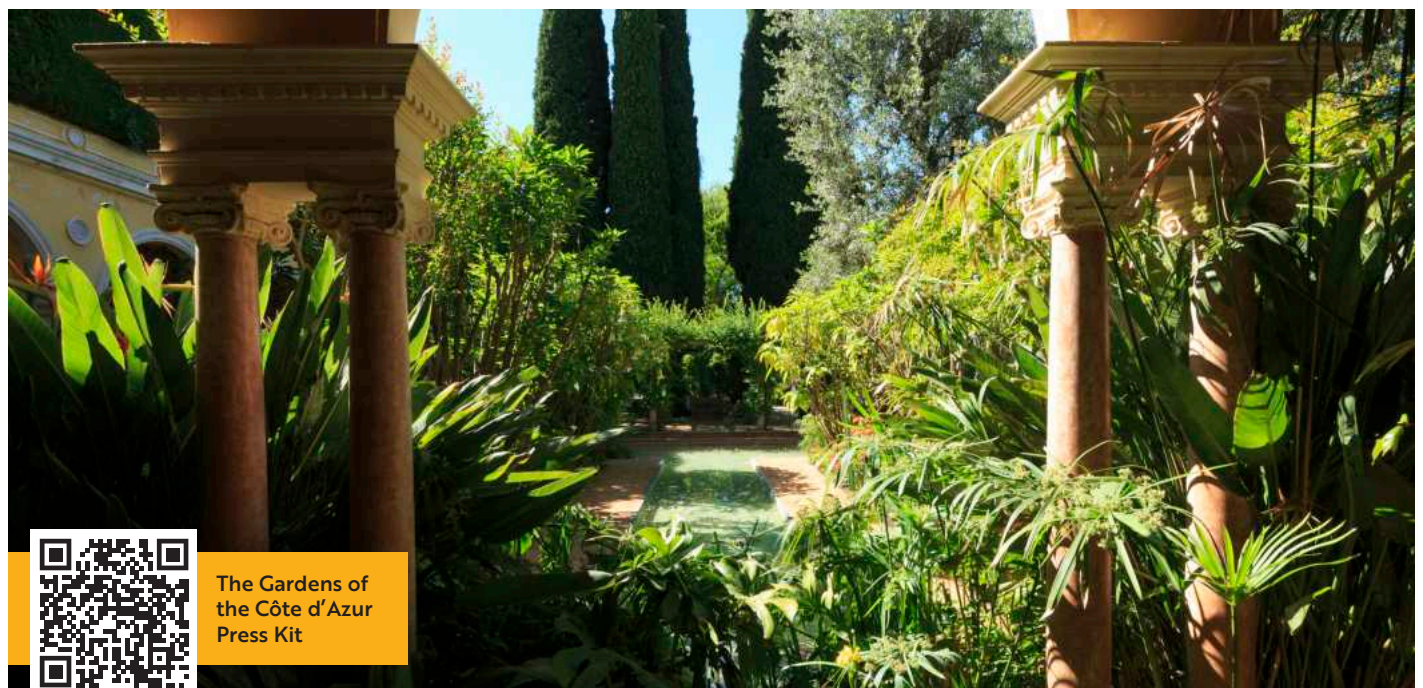
Whether they decorate private estates, châteaux, museums, religious sites or even historic villas, the gardens of the Côte d'Azur on their own reveal all the culture, elegance and know-how of our destination. With more than 80 gardens accessible to the public, including 14 classified as «Remarkable Gardens», the Department of Alpes-Maritimes has a unique natural heritage.

Jean Mus, landscape architect of the Mediterranean

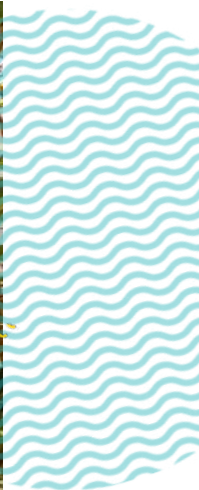
Born in Grasse, Jean Mus joined the National Landscape School in Versailles and opened his first garden architecture office in 1967. 40 years of career and more than 1,500 landscaping achievements later, this enthusiast has acquired international fame and promotes the art of the Mediterranean garden throughout the world. His desire to always pass on knowledge leads him to sponsor and support many events and, in particular, the Côte d'Azur Garden Festival.



Portrait of Jean Mus, landscaper, Ambassador for Côte d'Azur France



The Gardens of the Côte d'Azur Press Kit



CALENDAR OF FLORAL EVENTS ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR

February

Mandelieu - La Napoule : **Mimosa Festival**
 Nice : **Carnival and Flower Battles**
 Menton : **Lemon Festival and Orchid Festival**
 Villefranche-sur-Mer : **Floral naval battle**

March

Tourrettes-sur-Loup : **Violet Festival**

April

Le Bar-sur-Loup : **Orange Festival**
 Vallauris : **Orange Blossom Festival**
 Falicon : **Carnation Festival**
 Cannes : **Flore Passion**

May

Grasse : **Rose Expo**
 Opio : **Rose Festival**

Plascassier - Grasse : **Centifolia Festival**

La Colle-sur-Loup : **"Around the Rose"**

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat : **Roses and Plants Festival at the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild**

June

In all of France : **"Rendez-vous at the Gardens"**
 Menton : **Garden Month** August Grasse : **Jasmine Festival**

August

Grasse : **Jasmine Festival**

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THE CÔTE D'AZUR BY TRAIN : immediate boarding !

At a time of soft mobility and environmental preservation, discover the Côte d'Azur by embarking on an incredible train journey. All you have to do is let yourself be carried away and admire the landscape passing by.

The Train des Merveilles

Treasure of the Haut-Pays located at the gates to Mercantour, the Train des Merveilles connects Nice to Tende, after an incredible 2-hour journey. Travel 120km of pure happiness, where riches and wonders emerge as the train progresses. From the Mediterranean coast to the Alps, this train takes us on the historic route of the salt trade.

Departing from Nice, travel through the Paillon, Bévéra and Roya Valleys, and discover the jewels of Piedmontese Baroque art. Far from the crowds, this route promises a panoramic journey in the mountains, through the medieval villages of Sospel, Saorge, Breil-sur-Roya and Tende, its terminus, where you can discover the Departmental Museum of Merveilles.

On a single day, you can get on the train in the morning and off wherever you want before getting on the next train for a second stage. To visit more than 2 villages, the ideal is to spend a night up there and come back down the next day to fully enjoy it.

In summer, a tour guide is present on the 9.08am train and provides useful explanations about the construction of this railway, the history of the salt route and unusual anecdotes about life in the valleys. A rewarding getaway!

Please note, currently undergoing renovation work, temporary closure until the end of 2025.

www.menton-riviera-merveilles.fr/mercantour-roya-bevera

The "Train des Pignes"

Throughout the 151 km of the Nice>Digne-les-Bains line, the century-old Pignes steam train rocks us to the rhythm of the last century from Nice to Haute Provence, from the land of olive trees to that of chestnut trees. An opportunity to stop in the medieval villages of Entreaux and Annot, Pays des Grès, to the land of Fugeret, more than 800 m in altitude !

The train is still running thanks to the investment and passion of a team of 45 volunteers. Its enthusiasts work year-round to restore and preserve the old railway heritage. The 2 locomotives of the Train des Pignes date from 1909 and 1923, and are both classified as "Historic Monuments". As for the passenger cars, the oldest date from 1892 and the most "modern" from 1939 !

www.traindespignes.fr





The Corniche d'Or by train

Travelling also means taking your time. From Marseille to Nice, the TER regional line serves all the stations on this stretch of coast : Toulon, Mandelieu, Cannes, Antibes...

This unique railway line runs along the coast overlooking the Mediterranean. Sit on the sea side and treat yourself to the most beautiful postcard scenery by simply looking out of the window.



The most spectacular part is undoubtedly the section that crosses the Estérel massif and its red rocks that literally flow into the Mediterranean. The contrast with the blues of the sky and sea is striking, and you won't regret having chosen the train while enjoying such points of view.

www.ter.sncf.com/sud-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur

ROAMING AROUND THE RIVIERA ROADS



Route Napoléon, a historic route on horseback

42 towns, 2 regions, 4 departments ... the Route Napoléon is an often overlooked jewel of the Riviera's heritage.

From Golfe-Juan to Grenoble, it follows the route taken in March 1815 by the Emperor, who left the island of Elba to reach the capital and regain power. 314 km long, this historic road crosses unique natural sites and offers so many pretexts for discovering activities around the Route, in an exceptional environment, with very diverse heritage, off the beaten track.

To discover the famous old Route Napoléon, what could be better than riding in the saddle in the footsteps of the Emperor? Since 2018, the «La Route Napoléon» association has offered visitors the opportunity to hike, stay and ride on horseback on the first Grand Equestrian Route labelled by the French Equestrian Federation.

The routes and accommodation are obviously open to independent riders, and many fun activities are offered for children.

Every year, Vallauris Golfe-Juan celebrates Napoleon landing in the bay of Golfe-Juan with a 2-day party (imperial village, parades, conferences, etc.).

— www.route-napoleon-a-cheval.com

The Route des Grandes Alpes on foot or by bike

From Thonon-les-Bains to Nice, the Route des Grandes Alpes, the highest road in Europe, winds for 720 km, passing through the most majestic Alpine passes. 6 to 8 days are required for seasoned cyclists to cover this route divided into several sections.

In the Alpes-Maritimes, one of the stages crosses the Vésubie Valley, the gateway to the Mercantour National Park. Baptised "Nice's Switzerland", this region is a real paradise for lovers of outdoor activities: from fishing to mountaineering.

On the last stage, more athletic cyclists will launch an assault on the Vallée des Merveilles, famous for its concentration of rock engravings. Prefer outdoor activities? The waters of the Roya are a fabulous playground for lovers of whitewater thrills!


— www.routedesgrandesalpes.com

The Mimosa Route



Over 130 km, the Route du Mimosa stretches from Bormes-les-Mimosas (Var) to Grasse (Alpes-Maritimes). This tourist route, recommended from January to March during the flowering period, offers many discoveries and historical, sporting or gastronomic activities based around the mimosa. A traveller's resort between azure blue and sunny yellow.

► www.routedumimosa.com



Travel the 3 corniches, panoramic routes

These 3 mythical routes linking Nice to Menton offer breathtaking panoramas of the wide open sea and a striking glimpse of the diversity of the Côte d'Azur. Whether down by the sea or with your head in the clouds, everyone has their favourite route !

The Lower Corniche

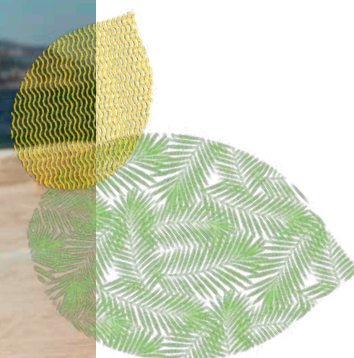
This route combines the most popular stages : Villefranche-sur-Mer, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Eze-sur-Mer (climb up to the village by the winding Nietzsche path), Cap d'Ail and its superb Mala Beach, then Monaco, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin and, finally, Menton. Feel free to get out of the car to follow the coastal path and walk around this unique coast.

The Middle Corniche

The "Holiday Route", the former Route Nationale 7 which linked Paris to Menton, rises a few hundred metres from sea level, winds along the steep cliffs and offers plunging views of the coastal towns. The Middle Corniche is also a special route for reaching the natural sites that surround it, starting points for many hiking trails.

The Great Corniche

Perched more than 400 metres above sea level, this is the oldest route, built under the orders of Napoleon I. The Corniche follows the route of the "Via Augusta" Roman road, and some sections are original. On the side of the cliff, it's the best known, the most mythical, the most demanding and the wildest of the 3 corniches. Blue as far as the eye can see on one side and the Mercantour mountains on the other ! Striking !



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THE HEADLANDS AND ISLANDS

The Côte d'Azur. Look no further, it's all in its name. From the coast to the open sea, by exploring the seabed, the Côte d'Azur region can also be discovered by sea !



Cap Roux

Stroll from headland to headland

Cap Roux

Located in the Var, Cap Roux is a balcony over the sea and a very popular hiking site. At its summit (454 metres), an orientation table lets you contemplate the volcanism of the Estérel, as well as the marine horizon.

A sensational 360° panorama of the Côte d'Azur awaits you at Cap Roux !

Cap d'Antibes

This peninsula is located near the cove of Argent Faux and Villa Eilenroc. A coastal path, called «Tire-Poil», lets you travel around the cape for 3 km from Plage de la Garoupe. The panorama over the Lérins Islands and peaks of the Mercantour is exceptional.

Cap Ferrat

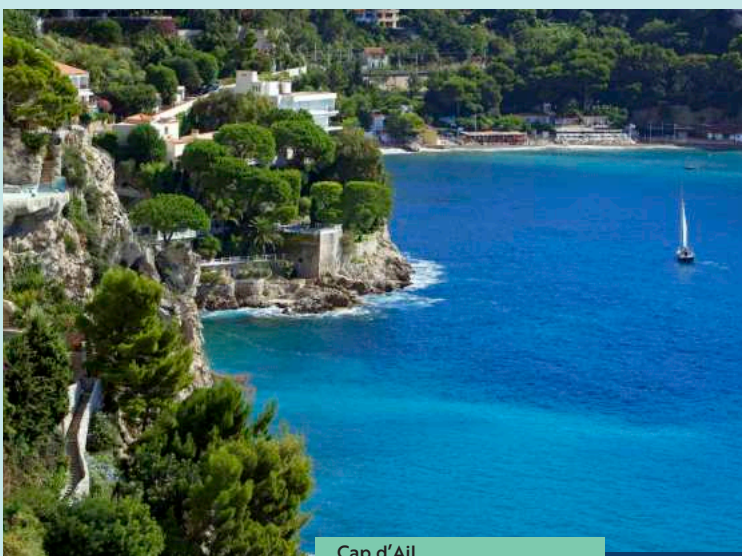
Often called the «Billionaire Peninsula», you can go around Cap Ferrat by taking the coastal footpath from the bay of Villefranche to the village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. Limestone coves, bucolic path, breathtaking views and a lighthouse at its southern end, Cap Ferrat is a marvel for photographers.

Cap d'Ail

As in Cap-Ferrat, a path goes around the cape from the superb beach of La Mala to that of Marquet. You can discover the local flora, exotic gardens and villas which have preserved the style of the 19th century.

Cap Martin

At the end of the 19th century, the site became the property of wealthy Englishmen and luxurious villas flourished there. By taking the old customs path, a 5 km walk awaits you with beautiful views of Menton and Monaco. See also : Le Cabanon du Corbusier.



Cap d'Ail

The Lérins Islands

The Lérins Islands are just 20 minutes from Cannes by boat, and yet the change of scenery is total. Wild Sainte-Marguerite, the first of the islands on your way, will amaze you with its calm and diversity. The promise of soothing walks and swimming in the creeks, to feel alone in the world.

A few waves from Sainte-Marguerite, the boat moors on Saint-Honorat Island, overlooked by Lérins Abbey. From its fragmented coasts, you can walk through lush vegetation in total silence. What peace! Here, monks live in an imposing central monastery, an architectural gem. It's possible to attend services, perform a retreat, taste and buy local wine or liqueurs produced by the monks.



The Lérins Islands are the subject of a **Unesco World Heritage** registration project to enhance this natural, cultural and spiritual heritage and permanently protect this environmental jewel.



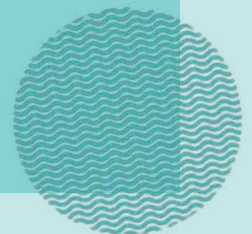
The marvellous marine world of the Pelagos Sanctuary

Imagine a maritime area of 87,500 km² in the Mediterranean where marine mammals are kings...

Located between France (Hyères), Monaco and the Italian coasts (as far as Rome), the Pelagos sanctuary was born of an agreement between Italy, the Principality of Monaco and France for the protection of the marine mammals that frequent it.

Fin whales, blue and white dolphins, pilot whales, sperm whales, turtles, sunfish...

This aquatic kingdom has more than 8,500 species, a remarkable biodiversity!





From beach to beach on the Côte d'Azur

The Côte d'Azur is aptly named : our beautiful blue sky with its translucent waters is reflected in the admiring eyes of the whole world who come to visit it. And if we had to establish a ranking of the most beautiful beaches, it would be difficult to decide between all these little corners of paradise. Whether you're more of a pebble beach or a fine sandy beach person, this selection will be useful for criss-crossing our beautiful Côte d'Azur coast from east to west.

Sablettes Beach in Menton

A stone's throw from the Italian border, an air of dolce vita blows over this beach, with its calm waters, ideal for families.

Mala Beach in Cap d'Ail

Surrounded by cliffs that flow into a sea of turquoise waters, Mala is often described as the most beautiful beach on the Côte d'Azur. Breathtaking.

Little Africa Beach in Beaulieu-sur-Mer

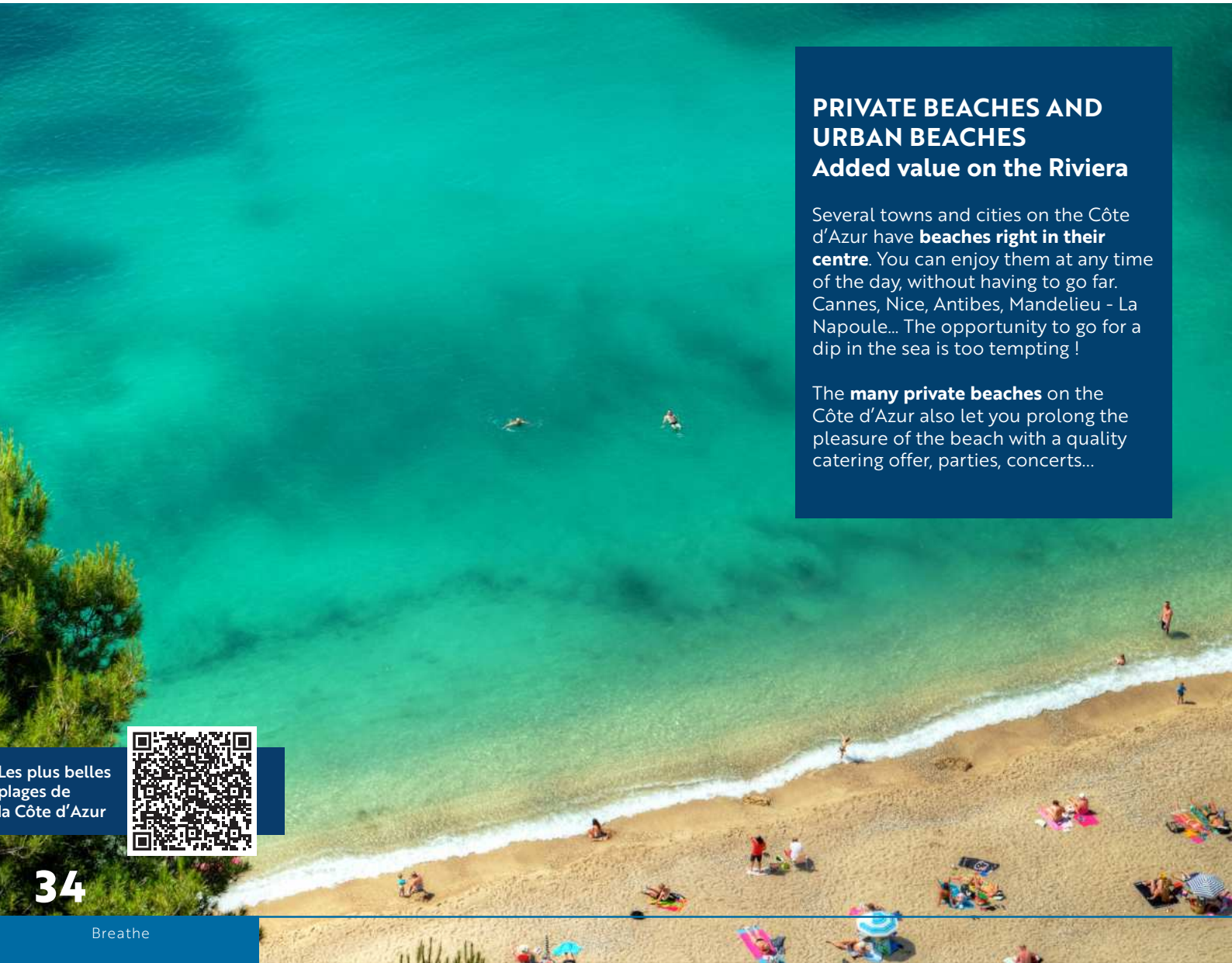
Sheltered by large umbrella pines, a beautiful, large beach more than 400 m long, ideal for families.

Passable Beach at Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Cradled by the gentle lapping of translucent water, the small cove of Passable offers a delicious horizon over the bay of Villefranche-sur-Mer and its citadel.

Reserve Beach in Nice

Beyond the well-known pebble beaches of the Promenade des Anglais, this iconic Nice beach is mainly the meeting place for regulars and locals.



PRIVATE BEACHES AND URBAN BEACHES Added value on the Riviera

Several towns and cities on the Côte d'Azur have **beaches right in their centre**. You can enjoy them at any time of the day, without having to go far. Cannes, Nice, Antibes, Mandelieu - La Napoule... The opportunity to go for a dip in the sea is too tempting !

The **many private beaches** on the Côte d'Azur also let you prolong the pleasure of the beach with a quality catering offer, parties, concerts...

Les plus belles
plages de
la Côte d'Azur



Mandelieu-La Napoule



Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat



**Gravette Beach
in Antibes**

Located between Old Antibes and Port Vauban, this wide beach of fine sand is protected by the magnificent stone ramparts that surround it. We should also mention Garoupe Beach in Antibes. At the entrance to the coastal path, it's known for its crystal-clear water.

**Midi Beach
in Cannes**

One of the largest sandy beaches on the Côte d'Azur! Less crowded than the Croisette beach, Midi Beach is located after the Port of Cannes and extends to Mandelieu - La Napoule.

**Château Beach
in Mandelieu-La Napoule**

In the shadow of the magnificent Château de la Napoule looking out to sea, this serene sandy beach connects the coastal path leading to Théoule-sur-Mer.

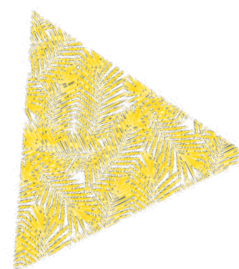
**Anglais Beach
in Agay**

A beach located in the heart of the Massif de l'Estérel, in the town of Saint-Raphaël. There are no long stretches of sand here, but coves of red pebbles.

Source : Côte d'Azur France Ambassadors survey 2020

**Pointe de l'Aiguille Beach
in Théoule-sur-Mer**

Nestled in a small cove of turquoise water in the heart of the Pointe de l'Aiguille Natural Park, this pebble beach will charm you with its view of the Lérins Islands.



ON THE MOVE

BOATING AND WATER ACTIVITIES

From the coast to the peaks, the Côte d'Azur offers a unique sea-mountain playground in France. There are plenty of opportunities to get some exercise in the great outdoors and everyone can find something that suits them.

The Call of the Sea

Paddleboard

Very fashionable, Stand-Up Paddle (SUP) is the relaxation activity respectful of the sea par excellence. With its calm sea, small secret coves and islands, the Côte d'Azur is particularly suitable for it here. Among the most wonderful spots, we recommend : the Lérins Islands off Cannes ; La Siagne from Robinson Beach in Mandelieu-La Napoule ; Cap d'Antibes and Billionaires' Bay or even Menton for a spot facing the old town and its colorful facades.

Canoe-kayak

From the red rocks of the Estérel to the calm waters of Menton, the entire Côte d'Azur is great for canoeing and sea kayaking, on your own or on accompanied outings. This sport is also done in fresh water, as in the Gorges du Loup.

From sailing to E-Foil

All the major towns and cities of the Côte d'Azur have sailing clubs and centres where you can take

sailing lessons and courses : from the optimist for the youngest to the laser, including the catamaran as well as windsurfing. Speed lovers, try electric surfing, where boards can reach 35 km/h. The even more sensational electric foil lets you fly over the water at up to 30 km/h, without noise or pollution!

Freediving and scuba diving

The sea is always a paradise for divers and freedivers, experienced or novice. On the Côte d'Azur, beginner divers can enjoy swimming in the 20-meter deep zone with schools of sea bream and salepa while floating above the seagrass fields at Cap-Ferrat, Cap d'Antibes and the Lérins Islands. Experienced divers will appreciate the drop-offs from Nice to Menton which descend 40 to 60 metres deep near the shore. From Golfe-Juan, you can explore a maze of narrow canyons off Cap d'Antibes.

Snorkelling

Among the remarkable and unmissable snorkelling sites, the Pointe de l'Aiguille underwater discovery trail is a must. Accessible to all, it allows observation, recognition and awareness of the fauna and flora of the Mediterranean shallows.

Portrait of Guillaume Néry, freediver, Ambassador for Côte d'Azur France



Underwater eco-museum

A rare spectacle, the first eco-museum in France and the Mediterranean that can be visited by snorkelling!

Equipped with mask and snorkel, travel a hundred metres from the southern shore of Île Sainte-Marguerite and discover, less than five metres deep, six monumental statues by the artist Jason deCaires Taylor.





Major nautical events



Pleasure boaters, water sports enthusiasts or simply boat enthusiasts, shipyards outdo each other every year to set open sea enthusiasts dreaming. Mixing traditional sailboats and luxury yachts, there's no shortage of events on the Côte d'Azur to take you on a journey and discover the world of water sports.

Le Napoule Boat Show - avril

THE show to get yourself a new boat and start enjoying the sea as soon as possible! An unmissable event that has welcomed 15,000 visitors over 4 days for over 30 years.

Voiles d'Antibes - June

The Voiles d'Antibes - Panerai Trophy marks the opening of the Mediterranean circuit for Traditional Yachts, where adventure and luxury come together in a sporting, friendly tradition.

Cannes Yachting Festival - September

An opportunity to discover, as a world preview, all that's best in terms of monohulls, multihulls with hard or semi-rigid hulls and even luxury yachts.

SailGP - September

The fastest flying catamarans in the world meet in Saint-Tropez for the France Sail Grand Prix. Intense, spectacular races along the coast and spectator boats. Thrills guaranteed!

The Royal Regatta - September

In the mild autumn of Cannes, the Royal Regatta brings together the most beautiful traditional yachts in the world. The authenticity of the event finds its strength in its incredible "lords of the sea" with the participation of century-old boats.

Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez - September-October

For two weeks, the famous little fishing village hosts a mix of prestigious traditional sailboats and the most avant-garde racing prototypes of the moment.

Monaco Yacht Show - September

Considered the most prestigious yachting show in the world, the Monaco Yacht Show welcomes the largest shipyards in the world and major luxury yachting companies afloat.

Nice Boating Tomorrow - novembre

New sustainable boat show in Nice. First edition dedicated to the boating of tomorrow on the Port of Nice. 4 days with exhibitors present on land and afloat offering sea trials and demos.

Portrait of Alexia
Barrier, sailor,
Ambassador for Côte
d'Azur France



The Royal Regatta - Cannes

FORWARD WALK!

Through the villages and hamlets, at the top of the peaks, in the Alps or on the shores of the Mediterranean, in the valleys, gorges and even on the islands, there's no shortage of hiking in the Alpes-Maritimes. To discover your favourite route, you might as well try several !



1,000 km of long-distance hiking trails

You're quite sporty? A long-distance hiking lover? Then you'll find what you're looking for among the 7 "GR" routes that run through the Alpes-Maritimes. The diversity of altitudes here lets you set off on a "GR" adventure all year round.

Make your choice, 1,000 kilometres of paths, tracks or trails with the famous white and red markings await you.

Among them, names that set you dreaming: «**Grande Traversée du Mercantour**» (GR®GTM), from the high mountains to the sea, «**Balcons de la Méditerranée**» (GR®51), «**Panoramique du Mercantour**» (GR®52A), or the «**Sentier des 8 vallées**» (GR®510), and «**La Grande traversée des Alpes**» from Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean (GR5)...

The «Randoxygènes»
(Healthy Hikes) of the
Alpes-Maritimes



Discover all the hiking options on the Côte d'Azur at a glance thanks to the Randoxygène Guides published by the Alpes-Maritimes Department.

<https://randoxygene.departement06.fr>



To explore the island at your own pace while looking after its environment. With 160 points of interest, the "Lerins and Me" app lets you explore the island's cultural and natural heritage in great depth, including 2 expert-guided walks with all their varied colours.



7 hikes to do in the Mercantour

The last link in the Southern Alps plunging into the Mediterranean, the Mercantour National Park is one of the richest natural areas in France in terms of its biodiversity. Beyond the famous hiking routes along the Vallée des Merveilles, Lac Autier, Mont-Pépoiri, the Lacs de Prals, the Cime du Gélas or Cime du Diable, here are 7 hikes to discover off the beaten trails.

Mont Mounier from Valberg

Between the Tinée and Var valleys, this hike leads to a unique 360° viewpoint.

The Cime de Chamoussillon

This 5-hour loop hike will take you to the Cime de Chamoussillon, then the Cime de l'Aspre on which the remains of an old observatory remain.

From Le Moulinet to the Peira-Cava drop

5 hours of walking in the fresh air from this former hamlet in the commune of Sospel, founded in the 12th century by farmers.

On the salt roads to the Col de Cerise from Le Boréon

5 hours of walking to discover the historic communication route between France and Italy.

Mont Péroiri from Valdebore

A beautiful hike in the Alpagnes du Valdeblore, with the ascent of a summit offering an exceptional view of the entire border ridge of the Mercantour massif.

Hike down Cruos from Isola 2000

Extraordinary landscapes, especially on the lakes of Terre Rouge.

The Bois d'Anelle circuit from Saint Etienne de Tinée

4 good hours of walking to discover the bucolic Anelle Plateau.



Roc de l'Orméa

FORWARD WALK!

On a sports outing or with the family, here is an overview of the diversity of hikes that await you on the Côte d'Azur. There are obviously hundreds of others !

The Roya Valley

In the heart of the Mercantour National Park, more than a remarkable hiking site, the Vallée des Merveilles is classified as a Historic Monument because it contains nearly 40,000 prehistoric rock engravings spread out at an altitude of 2,000 metres around Mont-Bego.

Baou de Saint-Jeannet

In the chain of «baous», that of Saint-Jeannet stands out for the exceptional size of its limestone face and the breathtaking view of the Mediterranean and the Alpine peaks that can be enjoyed from the summit.

The Cians Gorges

Nicknamed «Colorado Niçois» in connection with the wine-red colour of the rock they're made of, these gorges offer a great discovery of the famous canyon and a journey through time through its particular geology. In the same sector, the "Balconies of the Gorges du Daluis" itinerary is also a must.

The Estéron gorges

Close to the crystal-clear waters of the Clue de la Cerise, the Gorges de L'Estéron hiking trail passes through the picturesque villages of Ferres and Bouyon. The spectacle of the narrowness of these limestone gorges, flown over by many birds of prey, is striking.

Roc de l'Orméa

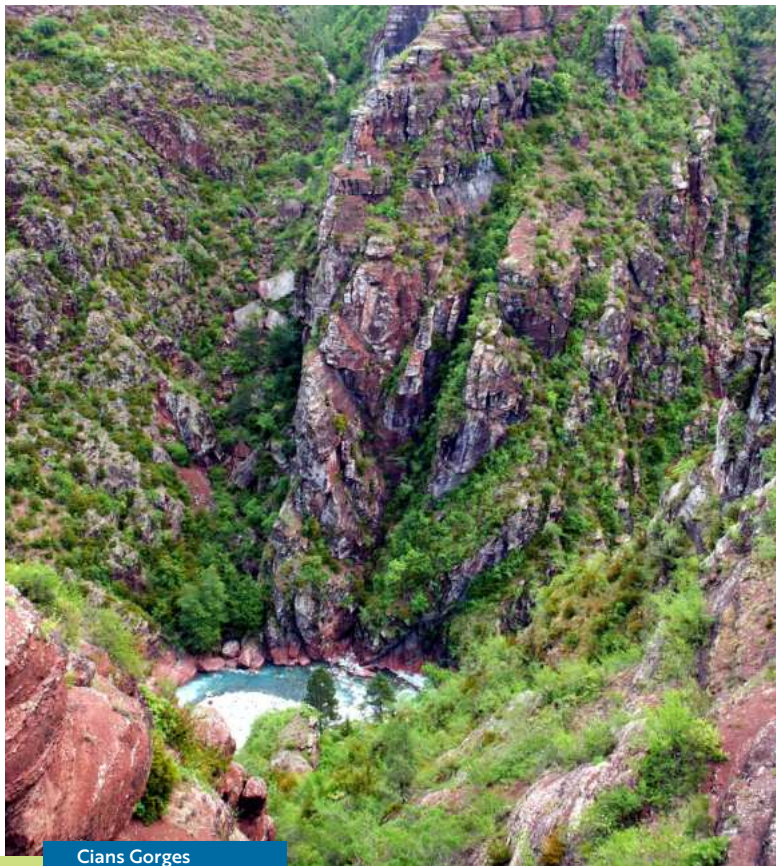
At the crossroads of French and Italian paths, between Mediterranean beaches and Alpine peaks, Roc de l'Orméa stands like a border. Towering 1,132 metres above the beaches of Menton, it offers a unique panorama of the entire coastline and the peaks of the Alps.

The Chemin du Paradis in the Vallée du Loup

To discover the most beautiful landscapes of the Grasse hinterland, you have to take the aptly named "Chemin du Paradis" (Paradise Path). Rising to the peaks from the town of Bar-sur-Loup, it crosses forests as well as small villages perched above the valley.

Sainte-Marguerite Island

Allow about 2 hr 30 to complete this island walk of about 7 km along the seaside. In total, more than 21 km of trails to lengthen or shorten this summer hike in the shade of Aleppo pines and holm oaks.



Cians Gorges



Baous de Saint-Jeannet



Hike around towns and on the coast

You don't need to be a top athlete to tackle the hundreds of trails that criss-cross the Côte d'Azur. The majority of towns and villages offer ideal starting bases for hikes lasting a few hours, and there's something for all levels.

In Nice, for example, get off the beaten track with **«Lou Camin Nissart», a GR de Pays®** that goes around the city through the hills and provides access to the most beautiful views. In Mandelieu - La Napoule, go for the Circuit du Grand-Duc, where mimosa is king in the Massif de Tanneron from January to March. The examples are endless.

Finally, you can't complete your discovery of the Côte d'Azur on foot without walking the famous **coastal path**. From Pointe de l'Aiguille to Menton, via Cap d'Antibes, Nice, Cap Ferrat and even Cap d'Ail, this legendary walk along the water reveals all the splendour of the Riviera.

Check out our selections of unmissable hikes on the website :

► www.cotedazurfrance.fr

ON THE MOVE

HIT THE SADDLE !



With its 1,800 km of cycle paths, the Côte d'Azur offers routes for all levels, from a family seaside ride to climbing the highest passes for yellow jersey fans !



Keep it cool with our «Tourist loops»

The tourist loops are discovery circuits that plunge into magnificent regions where gastronomy, geology and history await.

Eight routes take you through the mid-country of the Alpes-Maritimes and, for four of them, into the heart of the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park.

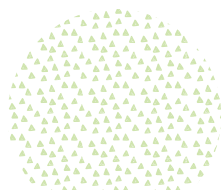
More full-on with our «Sporting loops»

Reserved for the most experienced, the "Sporting loops" cross the wild areas of the Var Valley in the Haut-pays, from the Mediterranean to the mythical Col de Turini pass in the east, around the Col de Vence in the west. Also head off to discover the unspoiled landscapes of the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park and the Siagne Valley from Mandelieu-La Napoule.

GREAT BIKE TRIPS

The Grand Tour of the Préalpes d'Azur

This 6-day route crosses the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park. Along the stages and landscapes cradled in light, you'll discover surprising sites every day : vertiginous canyons with blue-turquoise waters (clues), colourful Riviera villages on their rocky outcrops, high limestone plateaux and balconies over the Mediterranean offering the most beautiful viewpoints.



The Alpi Marittime-Mercantour Grand Tour

Also known as the "Route des Grands Col", this Mercantour cycle route takes you to conquer the Mercantour passes. Reserved for seasoned cyclists and cycle tourists, this circuit in 5 stages (and as many days) passes through colourful villages and offers views of the sea and the entire Alpine arc. Here, the atmosphere of the Alps, Italian Piedmont and the Mediterranean blend together.

The «Mediterranean by bike»

7,600 km and 10 countries crossed! From Andalusia to Cyprus, EuroVelo 8 runs along the entire Mediterranean coast. In so doing, it crosses the Alpes-Maritimes department and Côte d'Azur to Italy. An opportunity to explore magnificent landscapes from the Pays de Fayence and its hilltop villages before reaching the Mediterranean along the banks of the Siagne, travelling along the coast and climbing from Nice to the Col de Tende.

More information : www.lamediterraneavelo.com

TOP 5 legendary passes on the Côte d'Azur

Col de Vence : to test your physical condition in all seasons.

Col de la Bonette : the highest road in Europe.

Col de la Madone : training spot for the greatest cycling champions.

Col de Turini : a 3-sided pass, made legendary by the Monte-Carlo Rally.

Col d'Eze : The myth of Paris-Nice just a few pedal turns from Nice.

The challenge of Cols Connectés 06

Want to challenge yourself ? Take up the Cols Connectés challenge offered by the Department of Alpes-Maritimes. A permanent timing device lets you compare yourself to the best professionals in the sport.

www.cols-connectes06.fr



A special welcome for cyclists

Accueil Vélo is a national brand that guarantees a special quality welcome and services along cycle routes for cyclists on the move. About a hundred service providers have the Accueil Vélo label in the Alpes-Maritimes.

Tour de France 2024

The 21st and final stage of the 2024 Tour de France didn't finish in Paris, for the first time in its history, but ended with a time trial between Monaco and Nice. The riders crossed the finish line on the famous Promenade des Anglais. While amateurs were able to take part in the Etape du Tour, promoting the Côte d'Azur across France and internationally!

www.tourdefrance2024.fr

Land of mountain bikes

Thanks to its considerable reliefs, multiple types of terrain, trails and mild climate, the Côte d'Azur is a paradise for mountain bikers. From downhill competition to family outings, mountain biking offers all the thrills, caters for all styles and brings generations together! Great Côte d'Azur mountain bike champions have also excelled in numerous competitions, such as Nicolas Vouilloz, Fabien Barel and Loïc Bruni.

Discover the favourite spots of these great champions on :

www.cotedazurfrance.fr

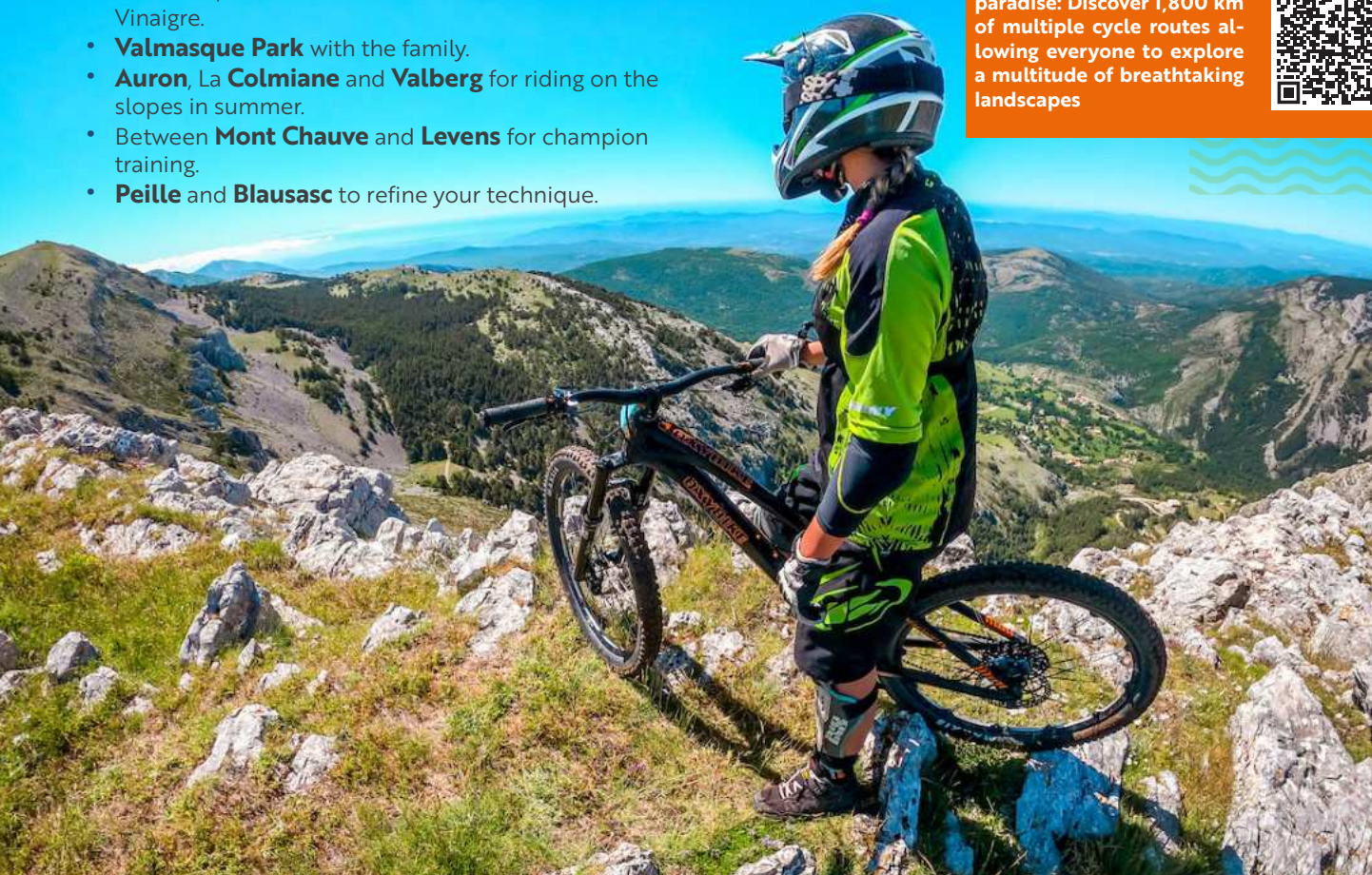
The Maritime Alps by bike

Within this mountain and mid-mountain region, which extends to the Mediterranean, a network of 2,000 km of mountain bike circuits, stretching between the French and Italian slopes, has been marked out. For the French part, the routes are mainly located in the valleys of Roya and Bévéra, often climbing into the high country of Menton and high valleys of Paillon.

TOP 5 best mountain biking spots according to Nicolas Vouilloz :

- **L'Estérel**, for a committed enduro around Mont Vinaigre.
- **Valmasque Park** with the family.
- **Auron**, La **Colmiane** and **Valberg** for riding on the slopes in summer.
- Between **Mont Chauve** and **Levens** for champion training.
- **Peille** and **Blausasc** to refine your technique.

The Côte d'Azur is a cyclist's paradise: Discover 1,800 km of multiple cycle routes allowing everyone to explore a multitude of breathtaking landscapes



TRAIL AND RUNNING

Between sea and mountains, the Côte d'Azur is a unique playground for all fans of trail and running. Do you have a taste for outdoor sports and a love of wide open spaces? Come and enjoy the exceptional climate of the Côte d'Azur to optimise your trail training and boost your running performance.



Admire the sunset at Pic de Courmettes

6km and 400D+. In front of you, the entire Côte d'Azur, from Cap Ferrat to the Estérel. On the other side, the dizzying Gorges du Loup, the famous Cheiron, and on a clear day, the entire Mercantour chain!

Take a bird's eye view of Monaco

This 7 km 400D+ trail starts in the village of La Turbie and ends at the famous "Tête de Chien". Admire the landscape from this incredible balcony suspended above the sea : below, the Rock of Monaco, and in the background, Cap Martin in Roquebrune.

Take a breath of sea air at Cap-Ferrat

This beautiful trail loop (10 km and 300D+) overlooks the turquoise coves. Climb to the lighthouse, listed as a Historic Monument.



Climb the dizzying Baou de Saint-Jeannet

Located at an altitude of 802 metres, Baou de Saint-Jeannet is a place renowned for trail running and climbing. This 10 km 600D+ trail offers an incredible view of Saint-Jeannet and the entire coast, from Cap Ferrat to Cap d'Antibes!

Getting away from it all in the heart of the Estérel

Set off on this beautiful rolling Côte d'Azur trail route in the heart of its red rocks. You're sure to love the view : on one side, the Bay of Cannes and its famous Lérins Islands, on the other, the Bay of Fréjus and, in the distance, the Massif des Maures.

The Côte d'Azur, a playground for trail and running fans



Côte d'Azur Trail Stations

A Trail Station® is a destination dedicated to trail running that offers permanent marked trails, services and tools to discover the various regions while running. Suitable for all levels, athletes can find everything in one place to organise their training, stop-offs or stays.

In the heart of the Alpes-Maritimes high country, **Haute Vésubie** and **Valdeblone** stand out with their topography, with a profusion of peaks and walls between 1,500 and 3,000 metres.

When spring comes, these slopes, with their steep drops, in the heart of natural spaces, partly protected by the Mercantour National Park and Parco Naturale delle Alpi Marittime, arouse the interest of trail or nature running enthusiasts.

Not forgetting **Tourrette-Levens**. For trail runners, 10 courses and 4 workshops are accessible all year round, offering sports enthusiasts superb views of the Mediterranean and Southern Alps.

The Alpes-Maritimes department organises the **Challenge Trail 06** every year, during which trail enthusiasts challenge each other on several dates over several routes.

The main highlight of the year remains the **Ultra Trail Côte d'Azur Mercantour**.

www.utcam06.com



Portrait of Sébastien Camus, ultra-trailer, Ambassador for Côte d'Azur France



The Micro-Aventures Côte d'Azur France

Associated with sustainable tourism, these "micro-adventures" are small-scale, short-term adventures that require little preparation and just a small budget. Their goal is to recharge your batteries and help you experience sporting or original outdoor experiences. On the coast, in the high and middle hinterland, the Alpes-Maritimes Department offers dozens of micro-adventures.

Experiences can be found at: www.cotedazurfrance.com/discover/eco-tourism

There's another vision of the Côte d'Azur for you to enjoy!



PLENTY OF THRILLS

Board sports in the mountains or at sea, adventure or altitude, the landscapes of the Côte d'Azur offer visitors a wide choice of sensational outdoor activities! Tree climbing adventures, via ferrata, zip line, canyoning, rafting, caving ... thrills guaranteed !

In the water !

With jumping, abseiling and slides, canyoning offers maximum thrills in an outstanding environment, between emerald-coloured pools, waterfalls and wild nature. The different valleys of the Mercantour Massif, Estéron Valley, Gorges du Loup and Roya Valley offer a wealth of impressive "clues" and canyons, making the Côte d'Azur a hot spot for these water-based activities. We should mention, among others, the Maglia Canyon, surely one of the most beautiful in Europe.

Underground

If you're looking for cool places and fancy heading underground, you should go to Parc de la Moulière in Caille for a **Via Souterrata**, a mix of via ferrata and caving ! At a depth of 45 m, you'll discover stalactites and stalagmites on rope bridges, footbridges or abseiling...

Video immersion
"Côte d'Azur, Outdoor
Destination"



Perched up high

To gain some height, opt for the **Via Ferrata**! Among the best known in the Alpes-Maritimes, the Lantosque via ferrata largely overlooks the Vésubie River. Novices can learn about the "Balma Negra" of Roubion overlooking the Tinée Valley. The more experienced can venture up the 1,600 m of cable from «Baus de la Frema» to Colmiane. Speaking of cable and La Colmiane, don't forget to try out **the largest zip line in France** ! We should also mention the via ferrata of La Brigue, overlooking the medieval town and reserved for experienced users.



In the air

Because the Côte d'Azur is also sublime seen from above, the region can also be discovered while **paragliding**. Incredible thrills and magical views guaranteed between sea and mountains. Take off from Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, La Colmiane and Gourdon.

Other outdoor activity ideas to discover at : www.cotedazurfrance.fr

MORE LEISURELY SPORTS



The tourist boom on the Côte d'Azur in the 19th century led to the development of more leisurely sports aimed at foreign clients and winter visitors. Golf and horse racing have become more popular in the Côte d'Azur region...



Working on your swing

Thanks to its exceptional sunshine, golf is played all year round on the Côte d'Azur. At the water's edge, in the mountains or inland, around twenty golf courses, 9 and 18 holes, are spread out from the Mediterranean to the Alps, offering exceptional settings to practise your swing.

We should mention, among others :

the Royal Mougins Golf Resort, the Riviera Golf Club de Barbossi, Golf Opio Valbonne, Golf de Saint Donat, Golf Old Course, Monte-Carlo Golf Club...

Attend a horse race

Located in Cagnes-sur-Mer, **Hippodrome de la Côte d'Azur** covers 60 hectares and can hold 12,000 spectators. Special meetings are organised there in summer and winter, with more than 80 horse races a year, organised by the Société des Courses de la Côte d'Azur since 1952.

In July and August, with the Summer Meetings, the atmosphere becomes magical during the night races. From December to March, there are Winter Meetings.

www.hippodrome-cotedazur.fr

SCHUSS TIME ON OUR SKI RESORTS !

600 km of slopes just 1 hr 30 from the coast, the resorts and ski areas of the Alpes-Maritimes offer a unique choice.

With a record level of sunshine and activities for all tastes : Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, ziplining ... the Côte d'Azur massif stands out for its exceptional landscapes, but also for its après-ski tourist offer and activities off the slopes.

From six resorts in the Alpes-Maritimes, on a clear day, skiers can see the sea and enjoy the beauty of the Côte d'Azur, even from up high !

The resorts also diversify their offers outside the winter season with sports and outdoor activities accessible to all. On the Côte d'Azur, the mountains can be enjoyed all year round.

Video immersion, the Côte d'Azur in winter



3 major areas for snow sports enthusiasts

AURON

Family-oriented and lively.

The largest ski area in the Alpes-Maritimes, the resort has the "Famille Plus" label. Area linked to Saint-Etienne-de-Tinée by gondola.

ISOLA 2000

Freestyle queen of champions.

A land of talents, it's the highest resort in the department and the most festive. It attracts freestyle enthusiasts.

VALBERG

Committed resort.



Labelled "Flocon Vert" (Green Snowflake) for its sustainable commitment and "Famille Plus" for the attention it pays to its family clientele. Ski area linked to Beuil-Les-Launes.



7 village resorts for an inviting family atmosphere

BEUIL-LES-LAUNES

Committed resort.

A cradle of skiing and winter sports in the Alpes-Maritimes. Connected to Valberg, dominates the Haut Cians and its red rocks.

LA COLMIANE-VALDEBLORE

Full of thrills.

The resort is home to the longest zip line in France : 2,663 metres long and 130 km/h top speed!

ROUBION - LES BUISSSES

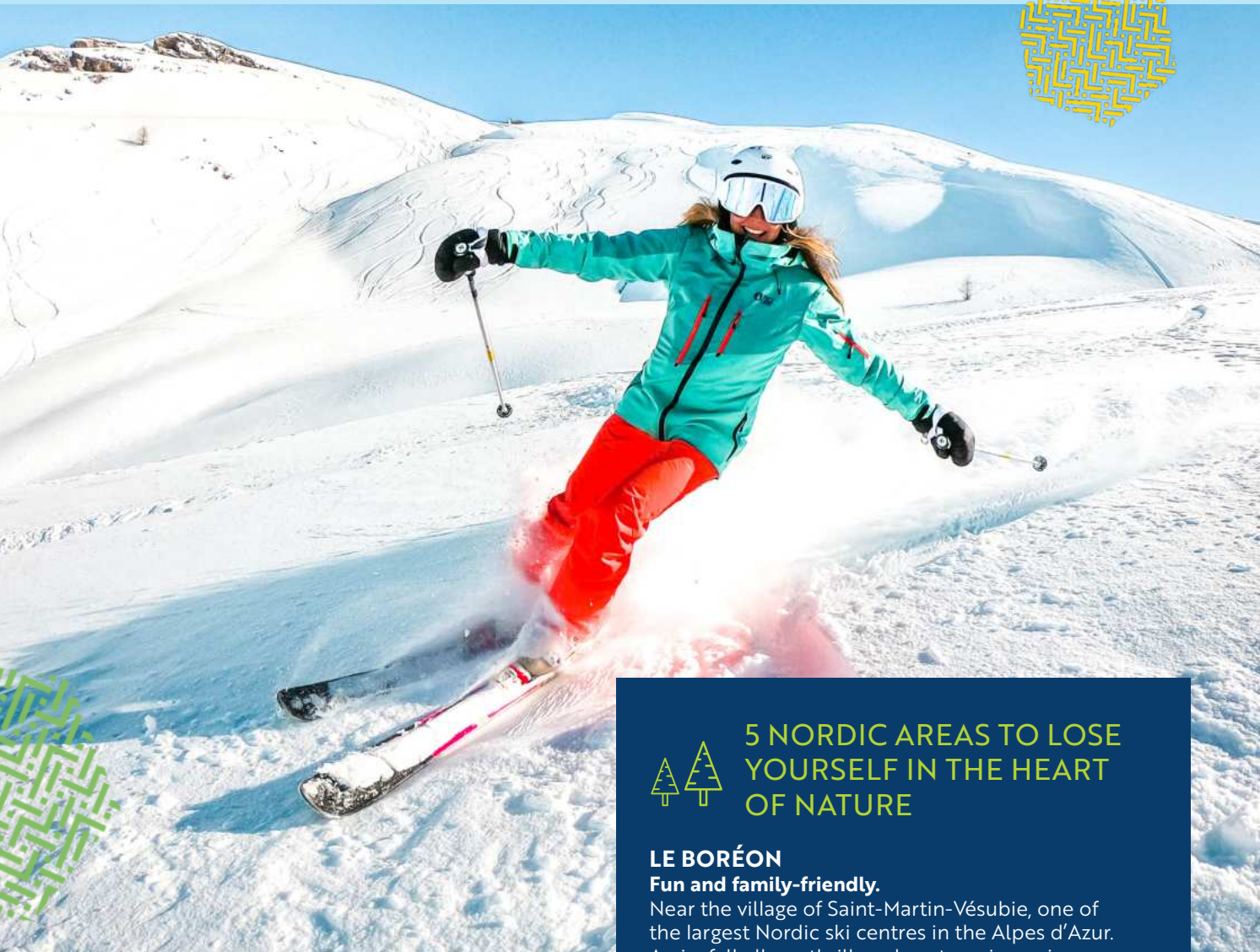
Unforgettable panoramas.

From up high, the gaze takes in the Mercantour chain through 360° as far as Corsica on a clear day.

TURINI CAMP D'ARGENT

Take it easy with the family.

The small-format family station par excellence, suitable for young children. As a bonus, exceptional views of the coast.



5 NORDIC AREAS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE HEART OF NATURE

LE BORÉON

Fun and family-friendly.

Near the village of Saint-Martin-Vésubie, one of the largest Nordic ski centres in the Alpes d'Azur. An icefall allows thrill-seekers to enjoy unique adventures.

CASTERINO

Zen and disconnection.

At the gates of the Vallée des Merveilles, a few kilometres from Tende, a haven of peace, in the heart of a preserved site.

ESTENC-ENTRAUNES

Authentic and refreshing.

In a grandiose alpine setting and absolute calm, superb cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

PEÏRA-CAVA

Peaceful.

Overlooking the valleys of Paillon, Vésubie and Bévéra, it's a delight for lovers of peace and quiet.

SAINT-DALMAS-LE-SELVAGE

The Nordic getaway.

In the heart of the Tinée Valley, back to basics where tranquillity, serenity and a change of scenery mingle

VAL PELENS

Great for children.

A resort in the village of Saint-Martin-d'Entraunes, it's particularly suitable for children and budding skiers.

GRÉOLIÈRES STATION

For all tastes.

In the high country of Grasse, it's the closest resort to the coast (22 km as the crow flies). Panorama over the entire Côte d'Azur.

L'AUDIBERGUE – LA MOULIÈRE

Well-being and nature.

Two family resorts linked together by a ridge track. For a stay focused on fine food, well-being and nature.

Press Kit The Resorts of the Alpes-Maritimes



SPORTS DIARY



Regular major sporting events, on a national and international scale, set the pace for a full Côte d'Azur calendar all year round! Here are some highlights of the year.

JANUARY

E-trophy Andros - Isola 2000

www.tropheeandros.com

Classic Prom Race - Nice

www.promclassic.com

Monte-Carlo car Rally - Monaco

www.acm.mc

Historical Monte-Carlo Rally - Monaco

www.acm.mc

Cannes Urban Trail - Cannes

www.cannesurbantrail.fr

FEBRUARY

Tour of the Alpes-Maritimes and Var

www.tour06-83.com

MARCH

Half-marathon - Cannes

www.semi-cannes.com

Paris-Nice Cyclist - Nice

www.paris-nice.fr

APRIL

Rolex Monte Carlo Masters - Monaco

www.rolexmontecarломasters.mc

Trail des Balcons d'Azur XTerra

Mandelieu-La Napoule

www.traildazur.com

Triathlon International - Cannes

www.cannes-international-triathlon.com

Mercan'tour Madone-Peille - Peille

granfondomercantour.com/mercantour-madone-peille

MAY

One & 1 / Run to Camp

Tourrettes-sur-Loup

www.one-and-1.com

Trans Riviera

Tende / Breil-sur-Roya / Menton

www.ucc-sportevent.com/transriviera

No Finish Line - Nice

www.nofinishlinenice.fr

Monaco F1 Grand Prix - Monaco

www.acm.mc

Biking Man France Côte d'Azur - Le Cannet

www.bikingman.com/fr/france-2023-fr

JUNE

Mercan'tour Classic Rando - Valberg

granfondomercantour.com/mercantour-classic-rando

Jean Behra Historic Rally - Nice

www.automobileclubdenice.com

Race across France

Mandelieu - La Napoule

www.raceacrossfrance.cc

Ironman France - Nice

www.ironman.com/im-france

Ironman France Nice 70.3 Nice

www.ironman.com/im703-nice

Mondial Foot Volley - Juan-les-Pins

European Trials Cup - Isola 2000

Bullpadel Show 06 - Juan-les-Pins

JULY

Gravel Trophy - Valberg

www.gravel trophy.com

Ultra Trail Côte d'Azur Mercantour - Nice

www.utcam06.com

Jumping International de Monaco - Monte Carlo

www.jumping-monaco.com

French Open Water Freediving Championship

- Villefranche-sur-Mer

Beach Sport Festival - Saint-Laurent-du-Var

AUGUST

Mercan'tour Ultra Bonette - Valberg

granfondomercantour.com/mercantour-bonette

Haute Route Alpes - Nice

www.hauteroute.org

SEPTEMBER

Aquathlon - Villeneuve-Loubet

The Transvésubienne - Valdebllore

www.ucc-sportevent.com/transvesubienne

Ironman 140.6 World Championship

Nice

OCTOBER

Roc d'Azur - Fréjus www.rocazur.com/fr

Ötillö swimrun - Cannes

otilloswimrun.com/race/otillo-swimrun-cannes

Swimrun Côte d'Azur - Beaulieu-sur-Mer

www.swimruncotedazur.com

Ultra Trail Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB -

Nice

www.nice.utmb.world

NOVEMBER

Alpes-Maritimes Marathon Nice Cannes

www.marathon06.com

DECEMBER

Winter horse racing meeting

Cagnes-sur-Mer

www.hippodrome-cotedazur.fr



Focus on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

The Côte d'Azur, a land of sport that sees its share of sporting events come and go each year, is a fantastic playground and training ground, between sea and mountains, for Olympic and Paralympic athletes from all over the world. The highest-level athletes come to train here, enjoying cutting-edge equipment and infrastructure.

The 2024 Olympic Games were partially held in Nice, with the Allianz Riviera being one of the 7 stadiums selected to host the men's and women's football tournaments. The Southern Alps will also provide the host region for the 2030 Winter Olympics, with Nice chosen to host the ice sports as well as the closing ceremony on the Promenade des Anglais, along with the main media centre for the event.



The Côte d'Azur supports the 2024 Olympic Games



In 2030, the French Alps will host the Winter Olympic Games.





SAVOUR

With around thirty restaurants with stars in the Michelin Guide, the Côte d'Azur has established itself as a high-end food destination. Gourmet events, world-famous chefs, local products and traditional recipes, in #CotedAzurFrance, cooking is a discipline elevated to the rank of art.



«NISSARDE CUISINE», a traditional label

This label guarantees that restaurants use **regional products** and respect **traditional recipes**. Among the specialities of the Côte d'Azur, here are some unmissable ones :

Socca : large thin pancake made from chickpea flour, socca is baked in the oven. Serve hot with pepper.

Pissaladière : Niçoise culinary speciality based on onions, olives and anchovies presented on bread dough. Enjoy as a starter or aperitif.

Petits farcis : small vegetables stuffed with a mixture of meat, a true emblem of the region's cuisine.

Salade niçoise : one of the most famous dishes in Nice cuisine, typical salade niçoise consists of lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, red onions, spring onions, fava beans, cucumbers, boiled eggs, tuna, olive oil and olives.

Courgette flower fritters : picked from courgette plants, the courgette flowers are fried after being rolled in a donut batter.

Swiss chard : Nice cuisine often contains Swiss chard. Truccia (chard omelette) is a must, as is the sweet chard pie, sometimes flavoured with orange blossom and pine nuts.



Restaurants with the "Cuisine nissarde" label



www.cotedazurfrance.fr/sejourner/restaurants/les-restaurants-cuisine-nissarde-cote-dazur



WINES OF THE RIVIERA

Bellet wine is a controlled designation of origin (AOC) wine harvested solely within the municipality of Nice. It's the only urban vineyard with an AOC, totally located in a large conurbation. On nearly sixty hectares, Bellet is an exceptional vineyard. Several wine estates offer tours and tastings, including Château de Crémat and Domaine de la Source.

Vines are also grown in the hilltop village of **Saint-Jeannet** at the aptly named Domaine des Hautes Collines. On the initial heights of the Côte d'Azur, the vines soak up the sun and produce amazing wines.



Off the coast of Cannes, on Saint Honorat Island, the monks of **Lérins Abbey** cultivate a small 8.5 hectare vineyard the ancestral way. Through these wines, the brothers set out to highlight their values: love for a job well done, fraternity and the search for excellence.

— www.cannes-ilesdelerins.com/fr/saint-honorat

PDO, AOC AND IGP : some unique products from the Côte d'Azur

The **PDO «Huile d'olive de Nice»** (2004) and **«Olive de Nice»** (2001) share the same appellation area, covering 99 towns of the Alpes-Maritimes department. The main characteristic of this olive grove is its terraced layout.

Menton lemon has a milder taste, more intense aromas and moderate acidity which have earned it the European «Protected Geographical Indication» (IGP) label since 2015. Not forgetting the AOC **«Vin de Bellet»**.

Exceptional products to discover under the Côte d'Azur France brand.



PDO olive oil infused with Menton citrus, Menton lemon gift box, and AOC Bellet wine



A STARRY DESTINATION

In 2023, the Côte d'Azur has 33 Michelin-starred restaurants : 26 in the Alpes-Maritimes and 7 in the Principality of Monaco. In line with Auguste Escoffier, the biggest names in French gastronomy have made the Côte d'Azur their home base. Virginie Basselot, Mauro Colagreco, Alain Llorca, Marcel Ravin, Bruno Oger, Alain Ducasse ... there are many who bring out the best of Côte d'Azur gastronomy for our greatest pleasure.

1 STAR



Château Eza, Eze
 Pure & V, Nice
 Le Chantecler, Nice
 L'Aromate, Nice
 Les Agitateurs, Nice
 JAN, Nice
 Les Pêcheurs, Antibes
 Les Terrailleurs, Biot
 La Flibuste, Villeneuve-Loubet
 Le Figuier de Saint-Esprit, Antibes
 Louroc - Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Antibes
 La Passagère - Belles Rives, Juan-les-Pins
 Alain Llorca, La Colle-sur-Loup
 La Table de Patrick Raingeard, Eze
 Le Cap, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat
 Le Restaurant des Rois - La Réserve de Beaulieu,
 Beaulieu-sur-Mer
 Le Saint-Martin, Vence
 L'Or Bleu, Théoule-sur-Mer
 Ceto, Roquebrune Cap Martin
 Yoshi, Monaco
 Le Grill, Monaco
 La Table d'Antonio Salvatore, Monaco
 Pavillon, Monaco
 Bessem, Mandelieu-la-Napoule
 ONICE, Nice
 Racines- Bruno Cirino, Nice
 La Terrasse, Saint-Tropez
 Récif- Hôtel les Roches Rouges, Saint-Raphaël
 Le Faventia, Tourettes sur Loup
 L'aromate, Nice
 Colette At Sezz, Saint-Tropez
 L'Arbre au Soleil, Le Lavandou
 La Terrasse, Saint-Tropez

2 STARS



La Chèvre d'Or, Èze
 Hostellerie Jérôme, La Turbie
 La Palme d'Or, Cannes
 La Villa Archange, Le Cannet
 Le Blue Bay, Monaco
 Flaveur, Nice

3 STARS



Mirazur, Menton
 Le Louis XV - Alain Ducasse, Monaco

Portrait of Mauro Colagreco, starred chef, Ambassador for Côte d'Azur France



"MAÎTRES RESTAURATEURS"

Created in 2007 on the initiative of the Ministry of SMEs, Trade and Crafts, the title Master Restaurateur is the only title issued by the State for French catering. This label is based on specifications that combine the professionalism and qualifications of the Chef, traceability and seasonality of the products.

The title now has nearly 3,300 restaurateurs, including more than a hundred on the Côte d'Azur France, and rewards establishments of excellence, from the inn to the gourmet table. All guarantee authentic cuisine.



Our "Maître Restaurateur" establishments



TOP 5 BEST MARKETS

The market halls of Menton :
every morning.

Cours Saleya in Nice :
every morning except Monday.

The Provençal market in Antibes :
every morning except Monday.

The Forville market in Cannes :
every morning except Monday.

Cours Creps morning market in Grasse :
Wednesday mornings.

THE ESCOFFIER MUSEUM OF CULINARY ARTS, Villeneuve-Loubet, the only museum of culinary art in France

The ambassador of modern French cuisine, **Auguste Escoffier**, is considered one of the greatest chefs in gastronomy. A pioneer in the culinary arts, he ran the kitchens of the most renowned luxury hotels of the time and trained many chefs. After promoting French gastronomy around the world, he died in Monaco in 1966 and his place of birth, located in Villeneuve-Loubet, became the Escoffier Museum of Culinary Art. Covering 300 m², each room contains treasures for lovers of gastronomy.



www.musee-escoffier.com

The «Routes des Saveurs»

Set up by the Alpes-Maritimes Department to embrace the different facets of our land full of flavours, enjoy the unmissable stops along the “Flavour Route”, meeting women and men who will happily pass on their know-how.

Discover the “Routes des Saveurs” in Côte d’Azur, France:



CÔTE D’AZUR FRANCE- A GOURMET COLLECTION!

Iconic and proud of their location on the south coast, Côte d’Azur France-licensed companies shine the spotlight on the Côte d’Azur destination in France and abroad through their talents and know-how. This collection proudly displays all the colours and authenticity of the Côte d’Azur region.

Famous for its fine food, the Côte d’Azur occupies a place of choice in French gastronomy, and among the 16 brands licensed Côte d’Azur France, the delicatessen showcases local producers, including 5 new collaborations in 2024

Within this collection, we find for the first time the Nice vineyard **DOMAINE DE LA SOURCE**, **MAISON GANNAC** specialising in the production of organic citrus fruits, **Maison AQUI D’AÏA** producing candles with scents from Pays de Grasse, a **limited edition of SOCCA CHIPS**, and finally, **BARBIER SA** launches an exclusive tableware collection, as well as the famous **confectioner FLO-RIAN**, with its irresistible sweets based on flowers and citrus fruits, such as chocolate or crystallised flowers, **BISCUITERIE D’AZUR** and its crunchy lemon discs, or maybe the hand-made chocolates with their Côte d’Azur flavours from **CHOCO MON AMOUR**.

All the excellence of the Côte d’Azur has its savoury side, too, with **L’HUILLE-RIE SAINT-MICHEL** and its Menton lemon olive oil created with three Michelin-starred Chef Mauro Colagreco, Nice olive oil (PDO) by **NICOLAS ALZIARI**, and the prestigious menu of **PAVILLON TRAITEUR**.

Not forgetting **BRASSERIE DU COMTÉ**, which produces an organic Côte d’Azur beer, subtly flavoured with lemon and bergamot, as well as a Côte d’Azur France lemonade; the coffee roaster **MALONGO** which has created a tangy coffee, with bright notes of citrus and flowers, to remind us of the aromas of the famous bitter orange trees of the Côte d’Azur, **Maison FRA-GONARD** from Pays de Grasse which celebrates the perfumes of the Côte d’Azur, and **LE CENTRE DU VERRE CONTEMPORAIN** with master glassmaker Antoine Pierini and his Biot-based know-how.

A great way to offer your taste buds a real taste journey to the heart of the French Côte d’Azur...



THE BIGGEST GOURMET EVENTS OF THE YEAR



Chefs at the top – January

A high-altitude culinary event. For a week, Auron celebrates the greatest chefs on the Côte d'Azur and the flavours of the mountains.

Fish fair - February/March

Several restaurateurs in Théoule-sur-Mer offer menus exclusively based around fish to convey their passion for the sea. Each year, fish soup and sardinade, open to all, launch the gourmet event.

Celebrating Cannes cuisine – April

On the Forville market, local producers, chefs, pastry chefs, fishmongers, bakers etc. come together to defend the culinary identity of Cannes.

Les Etoiles de Mougins – September

A weekend of festivities on the theme of gastronomy which takes place every 2 years. Cooking classes, exhibitions, conferences, cooking shows...

International meetings of the Disciples of Escoffier October

Chefs, kitchen and restaurant professionals, quality producers, the Disciples of Escoffier number more than 30,000. Their mission : to promote French gastronomy throughout the world.

The Eze Gourmet Food Festival in Eze - October

3 days of culinary and artistic performances, workshops, competitions, demonstrations and tastings...

Flavours & Terroirs Fair in Mandelieu – November

Themed restaurants, cooking shows, culinary workshops and conferences on food and health.

Monte-Carlo Gastronomy Fair in Monaco November

More than 100 producers of French, Italian and European gourmet products over 2,500 m² of exhibition space.

Sugar and chocolate fair in Antibes – December

Demonstrations, tastings, conferences, exhibitions of artistic items in sugar or chocolate.

Find all our gastronomic events at :
www.cotedazurfrance.fr

PASS IT ON

Ceramists, potters, glassmakers, perfumiers ... the people of the Côte d'Azur are very creative! Faithful to the traditions of the Côte d'Azur, artists and craftsmen exhibit their know-how and talent in many towns and villages of the Alpes-Maritimes. Visit their workshops, discover their specialities and enjoy the charm of these artists and craftsmen with their golden hands who like to pass on their know-how.

Grasse, World Capital of Perfume

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Flowers are what have made Grasse so famous. The town was once decorated, both visually and olfactorily, with gardens and fields of jasmine flowers, roses and tuberoses, the three key flowers used in the art of perfumery.

Even today, growers cultivate them and gardens preserve this heritage, bringing together all the scents of the Côte d'Azur. That's where the major perfume houses take the raw materials that make up their fragrances, recognising Grasse's know-how and the quality of its flowers.

«The know-how related to perfume in Pays de Grasse» has featured since 2018 on UNESCO's representative list of intangible cultural heritage of humanity. This distinction concerns the cultivation of perfume plants, knowledge of both natural raw materials and their processing, and the art of composing perfumes that have been developed by artisans in Pays de Grasse.

Video immersion in the land of perfumes in Grasse





The perfumeries open their doors to the public and offer free guided tours so that tourists can discover the history and know-how of perfume in Pays de Grasse.

Picking flowers, distillation, extraction through enfleurage, creating essences and even workshops to create your own eau de toilette ... it's a real immersion in the art of perfumery that's on offer here.

Fragonard, Galimard and Molinard are among the most renowned perfumiers, but feel free to visit less well known establishments which also offer workshops where you can create and discover perfumery.

FRAGONARD

Founded in 1926 by Eugène Fuchs, Maison Fragonard has always shared a great bond with the scents of the Côte d'Azur.

From **sea spray from the shores of the Mediterranean to the flowery hills of the upper and middle hinterland**, everything is a source of inspiration for creating these scents in the great French tradition. Today, the company has developed a collection in the colours of the **«Côte d'Azur France» brand**.

GALIMARD

This **family business** was created in 1747 by Jean de Galimard, founder of the corporation of glove-makers and perfumiers, who supplied the Court of **King Louis XV** with olive oils, ointments and perfumes.

A perfumier and creator of perfumes in the purest French tradition, Galimard has remained an entirely family business and has made **craftsmanship** a source of contemporary creativity.

Podcast The Perfumes of the Côte d'Azur



MOLINARD

Created in 1849, Maison Molinard is recognised by the **"Living Heritage Company"** distinction, in tribute to its rare, ancestral know-how.

In 1921, Molinard created **Habanita**, the first oriental fragrance for women to glorify vetiver, an essence until then reserved for men. A real revolution that would make the company famous.

Niche perfumers

Maison Godet in Saint-Paul-de-Vence: Sonia Godet creates tailor-made olfactory experiences, including one for N Le Spa, opened in February 2024, at the Negresco hotel.
www.parfumsgodet.com

PASS IT ON



The art of glass in Biot

Since the second half of the 20th century, blown glass has been the symbol of this Riviera village. In 1997, the label «Ville et Métiers d'Art» was awarded to Biot for its glass work, which symbolises both its know-how and its tradition. The city stands out today as the capital of contemporary glass in France.

Since the second half of the 20th century, blown glass has become the symbol of the village. This delicate technique creates both everyday objects and works of art made by the greatest master glassmakers. Several glassworks, whose creations each have their own personality, have set up shop in Biot so we can discover the subtlety of glass art.

A visit not to be missed :

Verrerie de Biot® welcomes visitors for a journey through the world of glass creation.

Verrerie de Biot has obtained the Living heritage Company (EPV) label in recognition of rare know-how and is also labelled Quality Tourism.



There are many other workshops in town that let you observe Biot's master glassmakers at work and admire the creation of a piece in its entirety. Each glass factory has its own identity and unique creations, so visitors will certainly find what they're looking for.

Visit recommended to **CENTRE DU VERRE CONTEMPORAIN**, located in a 15th-century building. Antoine Pierini, master glassmaker, designs breathtaking glass items here. Let's admit it - we love Côte d'Azur France pebbles.

Other crafts

For centuries, Biot has had a special place in the world of art and craftsmanship. Various trades have in turn given the village a reputation it bears with pride today.

In the Middle Ages, pottery took off, with the art of making jars. Until the 18th century, the Biot jar was exported all over the world. Now a decorative item, it's still celebrated by the **Biot History and Ceramics Museum** and events organised in the town.



Vallauris, a passion for ceramics

Legend has it that the origins of ceramics in Vallauris date back to the dawn of time.

While we preserve traces of it dating from Antiquity, it was at the beginning of the 16th century, when the city was repopulated by Italian families, that important ceramic activity was born, becoming the main activity of the town in the 17th century.

In 1948, **Picasso's arrival in the town of potters** and his astonishing production greatly contributed to the revival of this activity. The popularity of the painter attracted a crowd of curious onlookers, fans and locals, growing strongly and benefiting from a worldwide audience, attracting other artists who came to learn about this type of art.

So it was in the 1950s that **Vallauris ceramics experienced** its golden age. A period during which we would witness the advent of great names of ceramic artists such as Roger Capron, Jean Derval, Gilbert Portanier, Roger Collet and Jean Marais, who came to settle in Vallauris, and who, like Picasso, worked the earth all their life.

Today labeled «Ville et Métiers d'Art», Vallauris is a setting where ceramists, potters, artists and craftsmen express themselves to perpetuate their passion and know-how. The town has workshops run by large families of potters from generation to generation, joined by a new wave of young ceramists with innovative, ambitious projects.

The majority of workshops offer courses and lessons to learn or improve the art of pottery and ceramics, a great opportunity to express all your creativity !





HAVE FUN

A FAMILY DESTINATION

Underground or in the air, underwater or with animals, for the very young or teenagers, the Côte d'Azur offers a thrilling playground for all ages. In addition to the wide open spaces, beaches and parks which all offer opportunities for walks, here is a selection of activities to do with the family.

Safari to the Monts d'Azur Reserve

Here, you can immerse yourself in nature, where amazing ancestral species of European fauna, bison, Prjevalski horses, elk and fallow deer live in freedom! The reserve offers carriage safaris to get closer to the animals. To prolong the family fun, you can also sleep here.

— www.reserve-biologique.com

Underwater at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

Interactive immersion in the Great Barrier Reef, touch pool, virtual reality animation ... there's no shortage of activities for families at the famous Oceanographic Museum, whose mission since its creation in 1906 has been to «raise awareness and protect the ocean».

Shark lagoon, tropical seas and turtle care centre are all little worlds to explore for a dive under the seas.

— www.musee.oceano.org

Underwater with Posidonia, Sea and Coastline Area at Cap d'Antibes

For an immersive way to discover the habitats and species of the Mediterranean and a real or virtual dive of your choice, in the waters of this former military battery transformed into a completely renovated Napoleonic museum, which has become an interactive museum.

— www.antibesjuanlespins.com/sorties-loisirs/un-patrimoine-vivant/posidonia-espace-mer-et-littoral

100% adventure at Vesúbia Mountain Park

In the Vésubie Valley, the Vesúbia Mountain Park is the spot to climb, jump, work on your balance, let off steam, play around, fill up on fun indoor mountain activities to keep busy on the rare rainy days ... and all the others!

— www.puremontagne.fr

An exotic trip to Parc Phoenix

Labelled «Family plus», Parc Phoenix is home to 7 hectares of greenery in the heart of Nice, where 2,500 species of plants and more than 2,000 animals (represented by 70 species) coexist.

Playgrounds are available to children all year round while events and activities take place throughout the school holidays.

— www.parc-phoenix.org

Parc Alpha, the kingdom of wolves in the heart of the Mercantour

This park, which tells the story of man and wolf, was created to introduce a fascinating animal in the most wonderful of environments. A family education centre dedicated to wolves in the region, it's the only animal park in the heart of a national park. Located between 1,500m and 1,800m above sea level, Parc Alpha invites walkers in all seasons to immerse themselves in the life of the packs.

— www.puremontagne.fr





Underground in caves

The Souterroscope at Grotte de Baume Obscure in Saint-Vallier-de-Thiery offers an astonishing spectacle to visitors, all along an underground route. On the programme : cave visit with a captivating treasure hunt or paper chase in the forest, and solving puzzles to discover the treasure chest!

www.baumeobscur.com

The Domaine de la Grotte de Saint-Cézaire also has plenty of surprises in store, with a discovery trail of Mediterranean flora, an orienteering course for little explorers and a tree climbing park for adventurers.

www.grotte-saintcezaire.com



In the air up in the trees

Bois des Lutins, Canyon Forest, Pitchoun Forest in Villeneuve-Loubet, **Riviera Nature** in Grasse, **Colmiane Forest** in La Colmiane, **PACA Adventure in Saint-Cézaire ... there are plenty of opportunities to climb trees !** Footbridges, zip lines, rope bridges and lianas await your whole clan in the adventure parks and tree climbing courses of the Côte d'Azur.

For the bravest, **Peira Cava Aventure** in Lucéram offers a thrilling course with the highest zip lines in the region, suspended nearly 200 m above the ground.

www.peiracava-aventures.fr

Not forgetting, of course, **Parc Marineland, Adventure Golf** in Antibes, water parks such as **Aquasplash** to cool off and have fun, trips in a **little train, escape games** and other land-based games... Also keep an eye on the cultural programming for young people.

Check out the whole family tourist offer of the Côte d'Azur here : www.cotedazurfrance.fr/reservez-vos-activites/activites-famille



STAY

From charming bed and breakfasts perched in a picturesque village in the Haut-Pays, to the great legendary hotels on the coast, via residences, lodges, campsites and unusual accommodation, the Côte d'Azur offers a range of accommodation to suit all tastes. Here is a selection of the most wonderful hotels in the Alpes-Maritimes.

New 4 & 5* establishments on the Côte d'Azur

- Hôtel Spa Belle Plage (Cannes)
- Maison Albar-Le Victoria (Nice)
- Double-Tree by Hilton (Nice-Centre)
- Hôtel du Couvent (Nice)
- Le Château de Théoule (Théoule-sur-Mer)
- Le Mas Candille (Mougins)
- Canopy by Hilton (Cannes)
- L'Anantara Plaza (Nice)

City hotels on the Côte d'Azur

- Le Mama Shelter (Nice)
- Nice Pam Hôtel (Nice)
- MOB Hôtel (Cannes)
- Le Palais Ségurane Boutique Hôtel (Nice)
- Hôtel Amour (Nice)
- Hôtel Windsor (Nice)
- Boutique Hôtel Gounod (Nice)

The 3 palaces of the Côte d'Azur

- Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat (Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat)
- Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc (Antibes Juan-les-Pins)
- Château Saint-Martin & Spa (Vence)

Legendary hotels

- La Réserve de Beaulieu (Beaulieu-sur-Mer)
- Le Negresco (Nice)
- Hôtel Belles Rives and Hôtel Juana (Antibes Juan-les-Pins)
- Hôtel Martinez (Cannes)
- InterContinental Carlton (Cannes)
- Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic (Cannes)
- Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo (Monaco)
- Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo (Monaco)
- Hotel Métropole Monte-Carlo (Monaco)



Hôtel du Cap Eden Roc



Mama Shelter Nice





Charming hotels up on the heights

- La Chèvre d'Or, Le Cap Estel et Château Eza Hôtel (Èze)
- La Bastide Saint-Antoine (Grasse)
- Le Saint-Paul (Saint-Paul-de-Vence)
- Le Domaine du Mas de Pierre (Saint-Paul-de-Vence)
- Pure Montagne Resort (Saint-Martin-Vésubie)

Hotels with a sea view

- Hôtel Royal Riviera (Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat)
- Le Maybourne Riviera (Roquebrune-Cap Martin)
- Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel (Antibes)
- Hyatt Regency Palais de la Méditerranée (Nice)
- Le 1932 Hôtel & Spa Cap d'Antibes Mgallery (Antibes)
- Hôtel Mondrian (Cannes)
- Le Château de Théoule (Théoule-sur-Mer)
- Le Palm Beach (Cannes)
- Canopy by Hilton (Cannes)

More than travelling, visitors now want to treat themselves to real experiences during their stay. And the night is an integral part of the trip. A brief overview of unusual accommodation for extraordinary nights.

IN YOUR BUBBLE

If you dream of spending a night under the stars without worrying about the vagaries of the weather, then bubbles are what you need! Try the experience at **«Dreams Bubble» in Gourdon**, near the Gorges du Loup.

www.dreamsbubble.com

«La Bulle aux Étoiles» and the «Lodge Boréal» in the Cians campsite, in Beuil, also welcome you to a cocoon in the heart of nature, within the Mercantour National Park.

www.camping-le-cians.fr

Same concept at **“Bulles de Nature”, in Gilette**, for an immersion in the heart of nature, with a view of the Estéron Valley.

www.bullesdenature06.e-monsite.com

IN A TEPEE, TRAPPER TENT OR YURT

45 minutes from Grasse, for a total change of scenery in a forest with a Canadian feel, hire a tepee or trapper tent in **Parc de la Moulière**, close to lots of outdoor activities.

www.tipinco.hubside.fr

For a more rural than Canadian stopover, head to Sospel, at the gates to the Mercantour, where La Chapelle Saint-Gervais bed and breakfast has set up **«La Yourte des Champs»** in its garden.

www.lachapellesaintgervais.com

PERCHED UP HIGH

At **Cabane des Pins Sylvestres in Saint-Martin-Vésubie**, you can stay high up at the gateway to Parc du Mercantour. In the evening, you'll love watching the stars from its terrace.

www.cabanesdespinssylvestres.com

The same mountain atmosphere for the **Mairis and Agnelière cabins at Boréon**.

www.puremontagne.fr

Still in the Mercantour, head for the **«Lov'nids»** perched on high, or the unusual **«Hobbit Cabin» at the Écrins de Belvédère**.

www.lesecrinsdebelvedere.fr

Or the **Orion perched cabins in Saint-Paul-de-Vence** which enjoy a breathtaking view of the town and its ramparts.

www.saint-pauldevence.com

AMONG THE ANIMALS

To best observe the animals at dawn or dusk, the **Monts d'Azur Reserve** offers its ecolodges for an adventure stay in the heart of nature.

Made of canvas and wood, these ecolodges offer a breathtaking view of the great plain and lakes of the Reserve, where the wildlife can be found.

www.reserve-biologique.com

The Côte d'Azur also offers agritourism experiences with its network of farmers awarded the **«Bienvenue à la Ferme»** label.



The most beautiful rooftops and terraces

Among the traditions of the Côte d'Azur, the aperitif is an essential moment of sharing. To make the most of the sites and landscapes, what better than to gain a little height and enjoy a beautiful sunset over the Mediterranean. Here is a selection of the most beautiful rooftops on the Côte d'Azur, often located on the top floors of hotels. There are obviously many others...

Antibes Juan les Pins

Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Hôtel Belles Rives, The View restaurant Club.

Cannes

Canopy by Hilton, Hotel 3-14, Cloud 9 by Bâoli, Le Roof at Five Seas.

Nice

Hôtel Monsigny, Anantara Plaza, Hôtel Aston La Scala, Le Méridien, AC Hotel by Marriott, Bocca Nissa, Radisson Blu Hôtel, Splendid Hôtel, Maison Albar- Le Victoria, Mama Shelter, Hôtel Amour, Sheraton Nice Airport, Hôtel Boscolo Exedra.

Elsewhere on the Côte d'Azur

The Nikki Beach at the Fairmont Monte Carlo, the Maybourne Riviera in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, Château Eza and the Chèvre d'Or in Eze, Le Versailles in Villefranche-sur-Mer, the Best Western Menton Méditerranée in Menton, Château Saint-Martin in Vence, and many others.

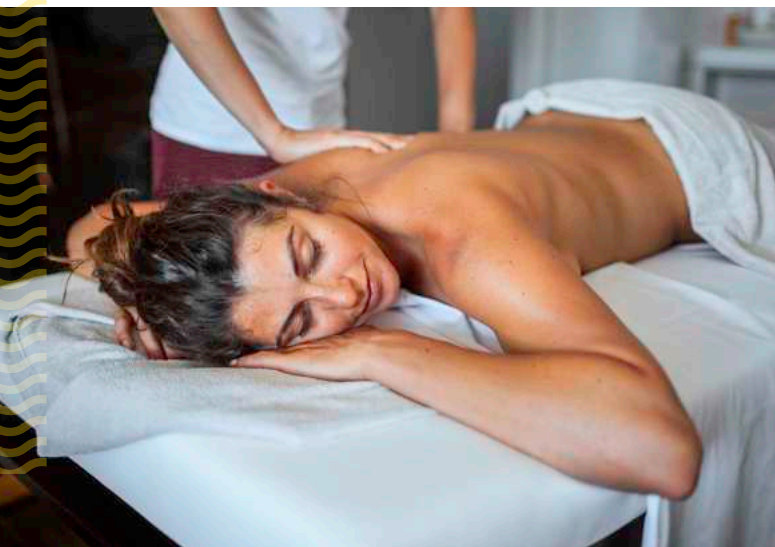
Le Palm Beach - Cannes

The new hot spot for heading out on the Côte d'Azur! After 5 years of work to restore this building with its incomparable heritage, the new vision of the Palm Beach combines both the preservation of its history and the creation of a modern identity.

La Petite Maison (restaurant), Medusa (cabaret restaurant), Namos (restaurant & beach) and Zuma (restaurant) opened for the latest edition of the Cannes Film Festival. In 2025, it will be the turn of the Palm Beach Casino, then an Italian cuisine restaurant followed by an Argentinian cuisine restaurant to open their doors... A plethora of offers for night owls, international jet-setters and more!

Well-being and Spas

For a day, a weekend, or more if you like, discover the most renowned spas, thalassotherapy centres and thermal baths on the Côte d'Azur. Massage, body treatment, sauna session or wellness stays, let yourself go and relax.



Hotel spas news

Domaine du Mas de Pierre, in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

This 5* hotel houses a space of 2,000 m² exclusively dedicated to well-being, including a private outdoor hammam and jacuzzi with a breathtaking view of the estate's gardens.

www.lemasdepierre.com/espace-bien-etre-le-spa

Anantara Plaza, in Nice

This 5* hotel houses a space of 2,000 m² exclusively dedicated to well-being, including a private outdoor hammam and jacuzzi with a breathtaking view of the estate's gardens.

www.anantara.com/fr/plaza-nice/spa

Le Maybourne Riviera, in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin

The Maybourne Riviera Spa has treatment cabins overlooking the sea, where the panorama is breathtaking

www.maybournriviera.com/fr/the-maybourne-riviera-spa

Dior Spa Eden-Roc, in Antibes

The magnificent Hôtel Cap-Eden-Roc has opened a Dior Spa during Spring 2023 : an exclusive collaboration between the maison de haute couture and the famous palace of the Cap d'Antibes.

www.oetkercollection.com

Le Negresco, in Nice

The famous Nice hotel will open its spa at the end of 2023. A long-awaited opening !

www.hotel-negresco-nice.com/fr/n-le-spa

We should also mention the **Westminster Hôtel & spa** and **Le Boscolo Exedra** (Nice), **La Bombonière & Spa du Château** (Roquebrune-Cap-Martin), **Les terrasses d'Èze** (Èze), **Le Grand Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat**, (Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat), **La Bastide de l'Oliveraie** and the **Five Seas Hôtel** (Cannes).

Thermal baths and thalassotherapy

Thermes Marins de Montecarlo, in Monaco

6,600m² dedicated to well-being, fitness and preventative health. An exceptional place for a luxury break in the heart of Monaco.

www.moncarlosbm.com/fr/spa-loisirs-monaco/thermes-marins-monte-carlo

Thalazur, in Antibes

Packages for the day, relaxing weekend, 3-day stopover or one-week treatment, each care protocol is carefully designed to meet everyone's needs and preferences.

www.thalazur.fr/antibes/thalasso

Thalassoleil, in Villeneuve-Loubet

Located between Nice and Cannes, this establishment promotes the quality of classic marine treatments delivered in the form of weekly cures or spa days.

www.thalassoleil.fr

Spa thermal de Berthemont-les-Bains

In the Vésubie Valley, this thermal spa houses an aqua-relaxation area including a thermal pool, hammam, sauna, panoramic terrace with jacuzzi and solarium...

www.valvital.fr



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SHOPPING

A dynamic region, millions of visitors each year, a strong sense of fashion and trends : all the conditions are brought together to make the Côte d'Azur a leading shopping destination.

Luxury shopping

Cannes, Nice and Monaco have one thing in common : they all have a Car-ré d'Or (Golden Square) where the chic boutiques are concentrated.

In Cannes, it's located on two long streets : the Croisette and the Rue d'Antibes. In Monaco, the most famous fashion, watchmaking and jewellery brands are gathered around Place du Casino. In Nice, Rue Alphonse Karr and Rue Paradis and Avenue de Verdun are favoured by fashionistas.

Shopping centres

Cap3000

With its 300 fashion, leisure and restaurant brands, Cap3000 has established itself as THE shopping destination on the Côte d'Azur and offers a spectacular view of the coast while offering direct access to the sea and the motorway. The shopping centre won the «Best Shopping Centre» trophy at the famous MIPIM 2022. An event and cultural programme also features on the agenda of Cap3000 throughout the year.

New: A premium-luxury wing with prestigious brand names.

Polygone Riviera

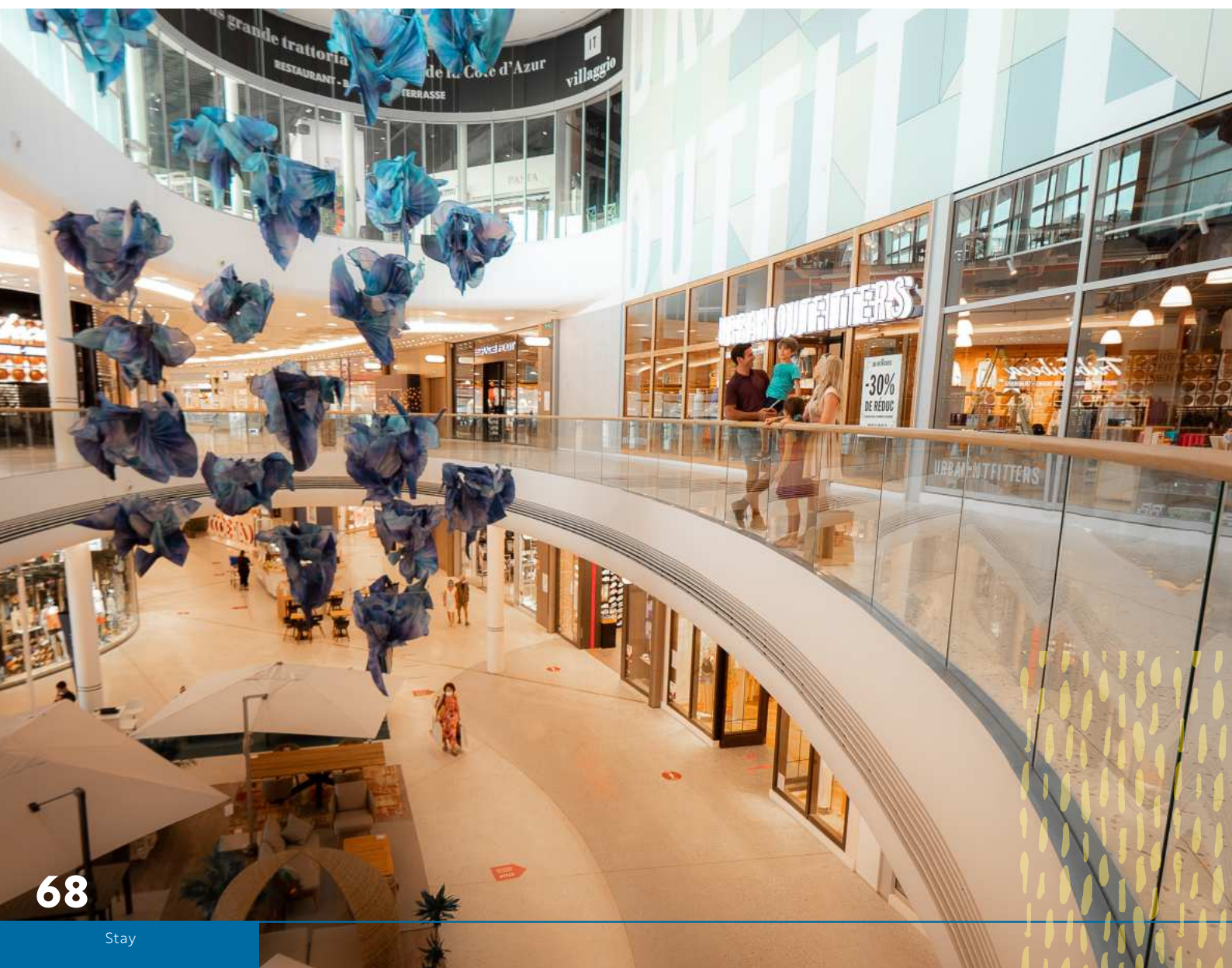
Inaugurated in 2018 in Cagnes-sur-Mer, Polygone Riviera develops a village spirit with its squares, streets and sunny terraces dotted with numerous relaxation areas.

Nice Etoile

A shopping centre ideally located in the heart of Nice.

Métropole Shopping Monte-Carlo

This shopping mall is a Mecca of Monegasque elegance.



Make way for creators and craftsmen from the Côte d'Azur

Are you looking for designer boutiques and artisan workshops? Take the side roads, stroll through the picturesque alleys of Vieil-Antibes, Vieux-Nice and Saint-Paul-de-Vence, stroll through Juan-les-Pins, lose yourself in the alleyways of Cannes or Eze.

For a gift made in the Côte d'Azur, we should also mention the great skills of the Côte d'Azur, namely: perfumery, ceramics and glassware.

■ See pages 54 to 57.



Chocolates from Choco mon Amour

A brand that's become a collection



Launched in 2018, Côte d'Azur France Tourisme launched the #CotedAzurFrance brand to promote the destination through a selection of iconic, authentic Côte d'Azur products. From delicatessen to perfumery to lifestyle, the collection now includes 16 companies, including 5 new collaborations since 2024.



5 of the most delicious local brands now embody this Côte d'Azur lifestyle which people everywhere aspire to: **Maison Gannac** specialising in the production of organic citrus fruits, the Bellet vineyard in Nice, **Domaine de la Source** and its 100% organic artisanal wine, **Aqui d'Aïa** and its range of candles with their scents from Pays de Grasse, **Socca Chips** in a limited edition, **Barbier SA** and its exclusive collection of tableware now rub shoulders with brands loyal to the collection such as **La Brasserie du Comté**, which has just launched its organic lemonade, **Confiserie Florian**, **Malongo**, **Fragonard** with a new verbena-scented hand cream, **Huilerie Saint-Michel**, **Alziari** and **Choco mon Amour**.

In addition to these 5 new Côte d'Azur lifestyle brands, there is a major new feature in the #CotedAzurFrance collection for 2025.

Indeed, a ready-to-wear capsule collection "By Côte d'Azur" has been created in collaboration with Italian designer **Alessandro Enriquez**, for a colourful Latin incarnation of the Côte d'Azur spirit! From now on, you'll find the true essence of our destination in our collection of more than 160 products!



Check out the entire collection
#CotedAzurFrance





PLENTY OF GREAT DEALS

To make the most of activities during your holidays with a limited budget, the Côte d'Azur France Tourism Board is launching two schemes for tourists : the Market Place and the Pass Côte d'Azur France.

The Côte d'Azur France Pass Celebrates 20 Years! Save on Your Leisure Activities with the Côte d'Azur France Pass!

With the **PASS CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE**, choose to visit the Côte d'Azur with complete freedom. From Menton to Saint-Raphaël via Monaco, from the Riviera coast to the peaks of Mercantour, enjoy more than a hundred free activities which are among the most renowned on the Côte d'Azur.

Discover the region's must-see tourist sites and activities : museums, tours, excursions, attractions, sports, fun, creative and cultural activities in many towns and villages in the Alpes-Maritimes and Var.

The pass lets you reduce your holiday budget by accumulating up to 30% savings ! Treat yourself to the entire Côte d'Azur with a single tourist pass !

www.pass-cotedazurfrance.fr



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