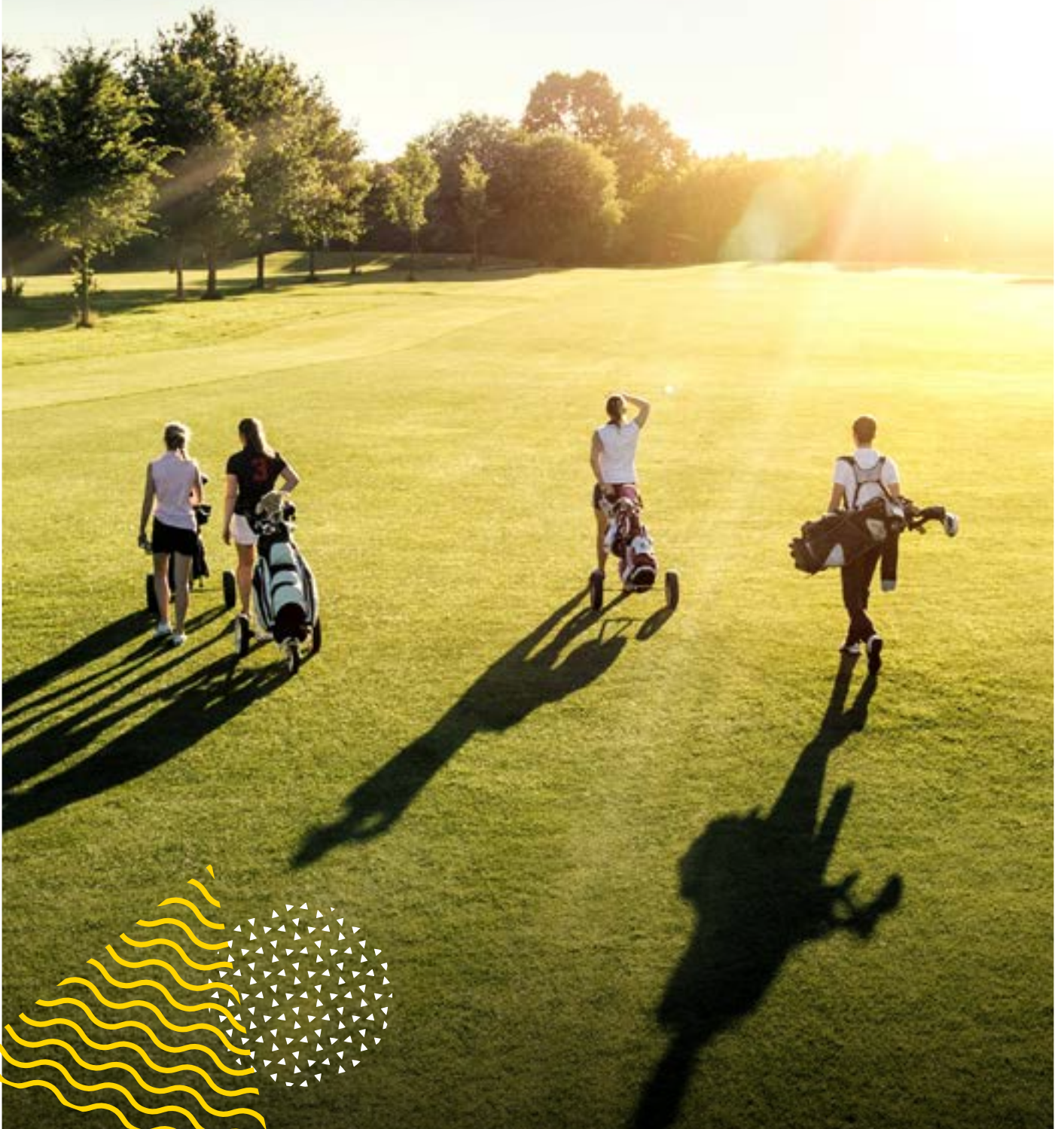


**CÔTE d'AZUR**  
FRANCE

# **GOLF**

## **ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR**



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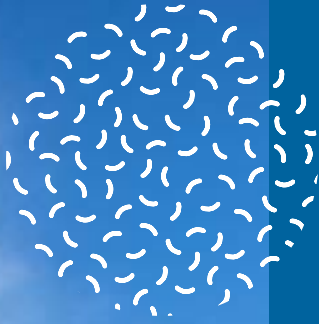
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## — EDITORIAL —



The Côte d'Azur France, a golfing destination for every season

As early as the 19th century, with the arrival of European aristocracy in search of idyllic landscapes and sunny skies, golf courses began to appear and develop along the Côte d'Azur. The very first – the Old Course Cannes-Mandelieu, inaugurated in 1891 – is one of the oldest golf courses in all of France. At the time, golf was reserved for the elite. It symbolised nobility, elegance, good taste, and a refined lifestyle, catering to a prestigious clientele who found a sporting and tourist offer on the Côte d'Azur befitting their expectations.

Since then, golf has taken on an entirely new dimension in our region thanks to a highly diverse offering. With around twenty clubs – half of them full 18-hole courses and most open all year round – our destination now offers layouts suited to golfers of all levels, from beginners to seasoned professionals.

As a major driver of attractiveness for the Côte d'Azur, golf provides us with another opportunity to continue developing and diversifying the tourism appeal of our destination. The idea is to attract golfers all year round, across the whole region, and to establish the Côte d'Azur as a benchmark among golfing destinations to be enjoyed in every season.

Good news for the Côte d'Azur: the IGTM – International Golf Travel Market – will return to Cannes in 2025 and 2026, after hosting its 20th edition here in 2017. The world's leading golf travel trade show brings together some 500 tour operators, 15,000 business meetings, and around a hundred specialised golf media outlets. This not-to-be-missed gathering of the global golfing world shines a spotlight on the entire Côte d'Azur, from the coastline to the foothills and high country.

This guide is the perfect occasion to highlight the golf clubs of the Côte d'Azur: their histories, their courses, their champions and their latest news. It is also an opportunity to showcase the extensiveness and diversity of tourism on the Côte d'Azur which makes any stay a true delight: gastronomy, culture, nature, landscapes between sea and mountains... a lifestyle to be enjoyed year-round.

In the winter or summer, for training or leisure, we welcome you to Côte d'Azur France, a land of golf steeped in heritage with a bright future on the horizon!

President of Côte d'Azur France Tourisme



## — KEY INDICATORS — GOLF IN FRANCE

### 442,536 LICENSED PLAYERS

Retention rate: **91,6%**  
(renewed licences and reactivated licences)

### 73,5% MEN, 26,5% WOMEN

(30% among new licensees)

### AVERAGE AGE OVERALL: 54 YEARS

**9.5% YOUNG PLAYERS**  
(under 19)

### 62% OF FFGOLF LICENSEES

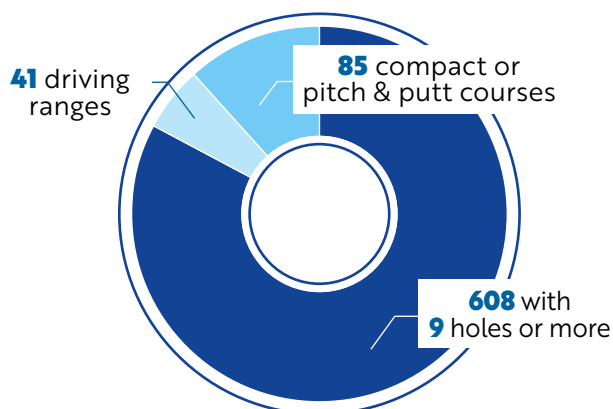
are members of a golf club or hold a subscription

### 38% ARE INDEPENDENT PLAYERS

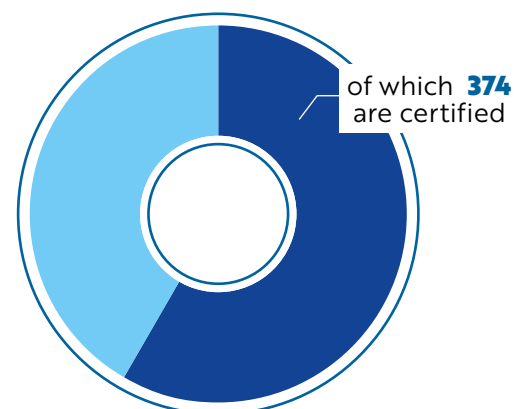
The global golf tourism market is estimated at

**50 MILLION TRAVELLERS**  
generating a turnover of **€20 BILLION.**

### FRANCE IS HOME TO 734 GOLF COURSES



### 529 GOLF SCHOOLS



Source : French Golf Federation (2024 data).



## — AN ACCESSIBLE DESTINATION —



### BY AIR

- Nice Côte d'Azur is the second-largest airport in France after Paris
- 122 direct destinations (summer 2025)
- 45 countries served by 61 airlines
- A record of 14 long-haul routes

### NEW ROUTES IN 2025

- **Washington** – United Airlines
- **Florence** – Air Corsica
- **Lamezia Terme** – Easyjet
- **Venice** – Twin Jet
- **Santorini** -Easyjet
- **Düsseldorf** – Easyjet
- **Wroclaw** – Wizz Air
- **Bucharest** – Animawings
- **Chişinău** – Skyup Airlines
- **Brive-La-Gaillarde** – Chalair

Nice Côte d'Azur airport data.



### BY TRAIN

For those who enjoy taking their time, the train offers a sustainable alternative for reaching the Côte d'Azur from Paris at reasonable prices. Allow **six hours for the journey**.

The **night train** also provides the unique experience of leaving Paris in the evening (from Gare d'Austerlitz) and waking up the following morning on the French Riviera.

The **Marseille-Nice line** serves several stations in the Var and Alpes-Maritimes, giving travellers the chance to get off close to their holiday destination.



### GETTING AROUND

It is possible to travel around the Côte d'Azur on the bus (local and regional express routes) and train network. **4 tram lines** and **more than 165 bus and coach** routes across the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropole make it easy to get around the Alpes-Maritimes without a car.

[www.lignesdazur.com](http://www.lignesdazur.com)

To make travel even simpler, the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region has introduced the "ZOU!" portal and mobile app.

[www.zou.maregionsud.fr](http://www.zou.maregionsud.fr)

## — GREEN GOLF —

### Côte d'Azur courses committed to sustainable play

The Côte d'Azur offers an **exceptional natural setting** for golfing between sea and mountains. Over the last years, in a move towards more sustainable models, golf clubs across the region have been introducing initiatives to **reduce their impact on natural resources and to protect the landscapes** that make this destination so unique.

More responsible water management, a gradual shift towards soil- and biodiversity-friendly maintenance practices, better awareness among players and staff... These are just some of the actions that demonstrate a **collective determination** to adapt the game of golf to today's environmental challenges, while upholding high standards of hospitality and course quality.

**The Golf & Biodiversity Programme and Label** launched in 2018 with the support of the French National Museum of Natural History, the Golf for Biodiversity Programme has a clear ambition: to achieve excellence in understanding, conserving, and enhancing the natural heritage of golf courses.

More information on [www.golfpourlabiodiversite.org](http://www.golfpourlabiodiversite.org)

#### Côte d'Azur Golf Clubs with Biodiversity Labels (awarded or in progress)

##### **GOLD Label :**

- Golf de Cannes Mougins (application in progress)

##### **SILVER Label :**

- Golf de Cannes Mougins
- Golf Opio Valbonne
- Golf de la Grande Bastide
- Golf de Saint Donat

##### **BRONZE Label :**

- Monte-Carlo Golf Club
- Golf de la Vanade (application in progress)
- Le Provençal Golf (application in progress)



## — GREEN GOLF —

### Initiatives developed by some Côte d'Azur golf clubs



Old Course Cannes-Mandelieu

In 2024, **Golf de Cannes-Mougins** converted all its fairways to grass species requiring less water. It has introduced a number of initiatives since being awarded the Silver Biodiversity Label: raising ecological awareness among young golfers at the academy, installing nesting boxes, removing nighttime lighting, and delaying mowing, among more.

Like other regional courses, **Golf de la Grande Bastide** has undertaken a plant conversion programme. The approach involves replacing water-intensive grasses with more resilient and economical species. The aim is to reduce water consumption by up to 35%, particularly through smart irrigation systems, while maintaining high playing quality. It also helps limit long-term water withdrawals from the natural environment.

In 2023, the **Old Course Golf Club in Cannes-Mandelieu** marked a major milestone in its commitment to sustainability by implementing an innovative irrigation system that reuses treated wastewater. Thanks to a 200-meter pipeline connected to the nearby treatment plant, the golf course is now able to irrigate its grounds without drawing on the region's drinking water supply.

**Golf de Saint Donat** has become a reference point in terms of equipment and eco-management, with initiatives such as plant conversion, replacing lawns with less water-demanding turf varieties. It has also created and installed natural habitats for reptiles, amphibians, and bats (helping to control insects and reduce pesticide use). It is equipped with composters, and the compost is used to enrich the soil naturally.

At the **Monte-Carlo Golf Club**, greenkeepers receive training from naturalists to avoid mowing certain plants. Only organic products are used for maintenance, and the course also makes regular use of eco-grazing with goats and sheep to maintain its valleys.

Since 1 July 2025, certain clubs – including those in the **Resonance Golf Collection group** – have implemented a **total smoking ban across all outdoor areas**, in line with new national regulations.

This measure ensures a smoke-free environment for everyone's well-being. It reflects **golf's commitment** to providing a healthy, respectful, relaxing setting.



Golf de Cannes-Mougins

## — MANDELIEU-LA NAPOULE —

# GOLF OLD COURSE CANNES-MANDELIEU

## *The Legend*

One of the four oldest golf clubs in France, this emblematic venue was created in 1891, envisioned by the renowned architect Harry Shapland Colt. Nestled in the shade of 4,000 umbrella pines and just a stone's throw from the Mediterranean, it embodies elegance, tradition, and a passion for golf.

The course extends over 74 hectares in the heart of a century-old pine forest. Originally, the layout featured 9 holes, nicknamed the "Grand-Duc" in tribute to Grand Duke Michael of Russia, a golf enthusiast exiled on the Côte d'Azur. Today, the site offers a complete golfing experience with two courses and a performance centre.

The main 18-hole course is flat yet demanding, lined with majestic pines. Its unique feature is the crossing of the coastal river La Siagne by ferry between holes 3 and 13, a rare and memorable experience. Sea breezes and the Mediterranean scents of pines, mimosas, and eucalyptus bring each round an unforgettable atmosphere.

The historic Grand-Duc course has returned to its original 9-hole layout after a period when it was temporarily reduced to 6 holes. Accessible, varied, and well-paced, it allows players of all levels to train, improve, or simply enjoy a shorter round in natural surroundings.

The performance centre, fully dedicated to training and progression, includes a driving range, a grass performance zone, and a compact 9-hole Pitch & Putt course, known as the "Petit Prince." Specially designed for the short game, it caters equally to beginners and experienced players.

A place of sport but also of legend, the Old Course hosts major tournaments each year. Once frequented by royalty and film stars, it has retained its timeless charm. The Norman-style clubhouse, set beneath the shade of a centuries-old umbrella pine, extends this privileged experience, blending historical heritage with Riviera elegance.

From a golfer's lunch to a refined business meal, or simply a privileged moment of relaxation, the Old Course restaurant and clubhouse welcome everyone in an inviting and timeless setting.

[www.golfoldcourse.com](http://www.golfoldcourse.com)



 18  71  5,578m  1891

Architect : Harry Shapland Colt



## — MANDELIEU-LA NAPOULE —

# RIVIERA GOLF DE BARBOSSI

### *The Artistic Course*

**The only golf course on the Côte d’Azur where sport meets contemporary art, the Riviera Golf de Barbossi offers a unique experience at the foot of the Estérel mountains. Between preserved nature, monumental sculptures, and a strategic layout, every round becomes a journey.**

Designed by Robert Trent Jones Senior and inaugurated in 1991, the Riviera Golf de Barbossi stretches across 65 hectares within the largest private estate on the Côte d’Azur, the Domaine de Barbossi. This exceptional destination combines golf, a vineyard, and an equestrian centre, providing a comprehensive universe devoted to a refined art of living.

Laid out among three lakes, the Riou de l’Argentière river, and lush Mediterranean vegetation – including maritime pines, centuries-old cork oaks, olive trees, and mimosas – the course alternates between wide perspectives and more technical passages. Its tee shots demand careful strategy to avoid cleverly placed bunkers, while its undulating, well-defended greens require great precision on approach shots.

Accessible to golfers of all levels, the course combines technical challenge with sheer enjoyment.

A rare feature: 22 contemporary sculptures punctuate the fairways, created by renowned artists such as Georges Boisgontier and Max Cartier. This open-air gallery transforms each round into a cultural experience, where every hole becomes an encounter between sport and artistic creation.

The Riviera Golf Academy – which received the 2021 Développement Label – offers learning and improvement programmes tailored to all ages and abilities, further enhancing the appeal of this exceptional site.

[www.collectionbarbossi.fr](http://www.collectionbarbossi.fr)

 18  71  5,506m  1991

Architect: Robert Trent Jones Senior

## — MOUGINS —

# ROYAL MOUGINS GOLF RESORT

*The Exacting One*

In the heart of a rolling, unspoilt estate, Royal Mougins offers an impressively challenging layout and unique panoramic views. Just a stone's throw from Cannes, it stands out as one of the most prestigious golfing destinations on the Côte d'Azur.

Designed by Robert von Hagge, creator of more than 250 courses worldwide, Royal Mougins stretches across 75 rolling hectares near Cannes. Created in 1993, this 18-hole layout attracts players seeking both a technical challenge and an exceptional golfing experience. As a semi-private course, it mainly welcomes members, their guests, and resort clients who appreciate its high-end services. Its preserved environment and personalised service make it a must-play address for demanding golfers.

This course, with its striking contours, stands out for the precision required from the first tee and for the variety of shots to be played. Its fairways wind through wooded hills and valleys, punctuated by 60 bunkers and 7 water hazards that shape the game and demand strategic play. Two signature holes leave a lasting impression.

Hole 2, "Le saut de l'Ange" (The Angel's Leap) is a spectacular par 3 plunging 30 metres towards a green encircled by water. Hole 9 is a long par 4 where perfectly placed shots are essential to reach the elevated, sloping green. Every hole offers fresh perspectives, delivering a game that is both technically demanding and visually striking.

Recognised with awards such as World Golf Awards as "France's Best Golf Hotel", Royal Mougins appeals as much for the quality of its design as for its preserved natural setting. The club spirit, marked by a warm, international atmosphere, makes every round feel like an exclusive and memorable experience.

[www.royalmougins.fr](http://www.royalmougins.fr)



 18  71  6,004m  1993

Architect : Robert von Hagge



— MOUGINS —  
GOLF DE CANNES-MOUGINS  
*The Committed One*

**Nestled in the heart of the Valmasque forest, the Golf de Cannes-Mougins embodies elegance and heritage. With its wooded fairways, fast greens, and prestigious history, it appeals to golf enthusiasts in search of excellence and a protected natural setting.**

Laid out amidst the Valmasque forest, the course is slightly sloped, crossed by the Bouillide river, and dotted with water features. Originally designed by Harry Colt in 1923, it was remodelled by Peter Alliss and Dave Thomas in 1977 and refined again by Mackenzie & Ebert in 2015. It retains the spirit of the great British layouts while meeting modern standards. The course delivers a complete challenge in a preserved natural environment, where meticulous upkeep reflects the club's high standards and the passion of its members.

It is relatively technical, as the fine fairways lined by pines and Mediterranean plants, combine with fast greens to demand accuracy and strategy while offering a real challenge for golfers of all levels. Every shot counts, requiring precision to avoid pitfalls and respect the superb design. The Clubhouse, a listed historic building, is a former 18<sup>th</sup>-century olive oil mill

where the aqueduct and old presses have been beautifully preserved.

Regularly ranked among France's finest courses, the club hosted the Cannes Open for 14 years, a major European Tour event featuring champions such as Greg Norman, Severiano Ballesteros, and Ian Woosnam. Committed to sustainability, Cannes-Mougins was the first club in the South of France to earn an RSE certification in 2016. In 2021, it was awarded the Silver "Golf for Biodiversity" label by the French Golf Federation, demonstrating its commitment to combining tradition, technical excellence and respect for its exceptional natural environment.

[www.golfcannesmougins.com](http://www.golfcannesmougins.com)

 18  72  6,211m  1923

Architect : Mackenzie & Ebert

## — GRASSE —

# GOLF COUNTRY CLUB DE SAINT DONAT

## *The Essential*

**At the gateway to Grasse and Cannes, this exceptional course unfolds amidst a fragrant Mediterranean landscape of magnolias, jasmine and umbrella pines. It combines technical precision with Riviera charm in a resolutely modern spirit.**

Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr, in collaboration with Michel Benedetti, the 18-hole course is crossed by the Mourachonne river, a tributary of the Siagne. Its layout favours accuracy over power, in the spirit of a typically American-style "target golf" course. Throughout the round, players are faced with a variety of challenges: well-defended greens, tight tee shots, and water hazards that demand a thoughtful strategy.

The river plays a decisive role, cutting across several fairways and complicating approaches to the greens. Hole 3 perfectly illustrates this challenge: considered the toughest on the course, it requires an approach to an island green. Further along, the narrow, downhill Hole 15 is guarded by a branch of the Mourachonne before the green. A large shared water feature at holes 10 and 18 ramps up the technical demands of the back nine, while the opening holes, marked by gentle mounds and majestic trees, call for finesse and accuracy.

Nestled in this land of perfume between sea and mountains, this course enchants with its preserved natural setting, where umbrella pines, century-old oaks and Mediterranean flora create a unique backdrop. The estate also offers a 9-hole compact course dedicated to practice and training, along with a renowned golf academy, the birthplace of champions such as Romain Langasque.

A true showcase of the Benedetti Group's expertise, Saint Donat has become a reference point thanks to its modern facilities, optimised irrigation systems and eco-responsible approach, including the use of organic fertilisers

[www.golfsaintdonat.com](http://www.golfsaintdonat.com)



 18  71  6,031m  1993

Architect : Robert Trent Jones Jr. - Michel Benedetti



— CABRIS —  
GOLF DU CLAUX AMIC  
*The Tactical One*

**Between sea and mountains, the Golf du Claux Amic offers a rolling course set within a former 19<sup>th</sup>-century hunting estate. With its wild scenery, breathtaking views and technical layout, it stands as a truly unique destination on the Côte d'Azur.**

At 500 metres above sea level, the course is enclosed by old stone walls and remains a natural haven for deer. Designed in 1992 by Jean-Pascal Fourès, it follows the contours of rugged terrain dotted with cork oaks and pines, where the architect carved fairways directly into the rock. Acquired by the Contini family in 1998, the course underwent major renovation before reopening in 2013.

The layout is hilly and demanding, favouring precision over power. Narrow fairways, dense woodland, steep slopes, and strategically placed bunkers call for careful shot management. Water is rarely in play, giving way to a design that rewards accuracy and thoughtful play. Here, every shot matters, or the ball may vanish into the vegetation.

The course also captivates with its spectacular views. Hole 3 descends towards the Bay of Cannes and the Lérins Islands, while Hole 6 opens onto the striking red hills of the Estérel massif. Moreover, the peaceful surroundings, between sea and mountains, lend Claux Amic its singular charm. Here, every round feels like a timeless interlude, a blend of sport and contemplation, in a setting where nature and technical challenge meet in harmony.

[www.claux-amic.fr](http://www.claux-amic.fr)

 18  72  5,874m  1992  
Architect : Jean-Pascal Fourès

# — CHÂTEAUNEUF DE GRASSE —

## GOLF DE LA GRANDE BASTIDE

*The Contemporary*

**In the heart of the Nice hinterland, Golf de la Grande Bastide attracts players with its contemporary design by Cabell Robinson. With its wide fairways, strategic bunkering, and eco-responsible vision, the course offers a technical yet accessible challenge for all levels of play.**

Located in Châteauneuf-de-Grasse, the 18-hole course unfolds across gently rolling countryside, with superb views over Grasse, Opio and Châteauneuf. Designed by Cabell Robinson, the former associate of Robert Trent Jones Sr, its modern structure combines broad fairways with greens carefully defended by bunkers and water hazards.

This "open space" design makes the course accessible to beginners while still posing a true technical challenge to experienced golfers. Every tee shot requires strategic thinking, while accuracy into the greens is essential to score well on consistently high-quality putting surfaces.

The Golf de la Grande Bastide has recently invested in a state-of-the-art practice area: 15 spacious bays overlooking a 200-metre driving zone for perfecting long game technique. A 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> short game zone, including bunker play, chipping and putting, designed to hone up to 80% of shots.

Committed to sustainability, the club has launched an ambitious flora conversion programme, reducing water consumption by 35% thanks to the introduction of less demanding grasses. Three fragrant plant species, including roses, have been added to the course, reflecting the heritage of the Pays de Grasse.

The clubhouse restaurant, Victoire, overlooks the course and completes an offering designed to combine technical excellence, comfort and respect for the natural setting. Close to Golf d'Opio Valbonne, the site enjoys a privileged position for a golf break at the heart of the Côte d'Azur.

[www.golfgrandebastide.com](http://www.golfgrandebastide.com)



 18  71  5,772m  1993

Architect : Cabell Robinson



## — VILLAGES & VALLEYS OF THE AZUR —

# OPIO VALBONNE RESORT

*The Gallo-Roman One*

Set between sea and mountains in 220 hectares of unspoilt nature, the Opio Valbonne Golf Resort stands out for its strategic layout, remarkable natural heritage, and premium facilities. Here, technical play meets Riviera elegance.

Nestled within wooded grounds dotted with century-old pines and green oaks, the course unfolds across gently rolling terrain. Its most distinctive feature is the presence of a Gallo-Roman aqueduct which is discreetly integrated into the landscape, a rare heritage gem on the Côte d'Azur.

The layout is marked by a clear contrast between the outward nine and the return: The front nine favours precision, demanding controlled approaches, and iron play. The back nine is more open, calling for long, accurate woods and offering varied shot-making opportunities that test every aspect of the swing. The signature Hole 18, a spectacular par 3 overlooking the Brasserie La Bégude, brings the round to a visually stunning and technically challenging close.

Continuous improvement ensures year-round quality, with the complete refurbishment of greens and irrigation systems. **The resort also features Château de la Bégude, a 4-star hotel with spa and pool**, making it the ideal place to combine sport and relaxation in style.

Managed by Resonance Golf Collection, a leading operator of premium golf destinations, Opio Valbonne combines tradition and modernity. With its protected natural setting, balanced design and high-end facilities, it is an essential reference for golfers seeking both challenge and comfort.

[www.opiovalbonnegolfresort.com](http://www.opiovalbonnegolfresort.com)

 18  72  5,698m  1966

Architect : Donald Harradine

# — BIOT —

## GOLF CLUB DE BIOT

*The Maritime One*

Located between Nice and Cannes, beneath the perched village of Biot, the Golf Club de Biot lies in a landscape where wooded hills meet a river valley. One of the oldest courses on the Côte d'Azur, it combines tradition and technical play within a preserved natural setting.

The course is overlooked by the village of Biot, stretching along the Brague Valley just two kilometres from the Mediterranean coast. Inspired by Northern European layouts, it was designed in 1930 by Peter Gannon and Percy Boomer. It remains true to a simple approach with a relatively flat, easy-to-walk design where precision is valued over power.

The Brague River and its tributaries shape the game, skirting or crossing several fairways. Slightly elevated greens, originally designed to withstand flooding, add challenge to approach shots. Accessible to players of all levels, the course nevertheless demands accuracy and strategy to navigate its natural hazards. At times, fairways open onto wide views of the hills, while more wooded passages recall the nearby

Valmasque forest. This variety of playing situations, between water hazards and open stretches, gives the layout a lively and engaging rhythm.

Over the years, the site has been modernised with the renovation of several greens, including the addition of a putting green and a 15-bay practice range with covered, heated stations, complemented by a specialised academy. This technical upgrade enhances a preserved natural setting whose location, between sea and back country, remains a major asset for golfers seeking variety and thoughtful play.

[www.golfdebiot.fr](http://www.golfdebiot.fr)



 18  67  4,51km  1930  
Architect : Peter Gannon et Percy Boomer



## — LA TURBIE —

# MONTE-CARLO GOLF CLUB

## *The Panoramic One*

**Suspended between sea and mountains, the Monte-Carlo Golf Club is truly one of a kind. At 900 metres above sea level, it combines technical challenge, century-old heritage, and breathtaking views over the Mediterranean and the Principality of Monaco.**

Perched high above La Turbie, the course was originally designed in 1911 by Willie Park Jr, a pioneer of golf architecture. Commissioned by the English community holidaying in Monte-Carlo and supported by the Société des Bains de Mer, it blends the demands of mountain golf with the majesty of a maritime panorama. As the 27th golf course built in France and the second oldest on the Côte d'Azur after the Old Course Cannes-Mandelieu, it retains a rare authenticity. It was later remodelled in 1983 by the Club Committee.

The rugged terrain calls for constant accuracy. Narrow fairways alternate between climbs and descents, interspersed with dog-legs and blind shots that require careful course management. Compact greens, often well-guarded, demand pinpoint approaches to secure a score. At this altitude, the sometimes unpredictable effects of the wind add another layer of challenge, turning every round into a true test of skill and adaptability.

Several holes have become legendary, such as Hole 12, plunging towards the sea and the Principality; and Hole 3, shaped by Henry Cotton, winding through the garrigue

landscape. Over the decades, the club has modernised its facilities while preserving the historic charm that sets it apart.

A centenary institution, it has hosted champions such as Henry Cotton and Max Faulkner, along with the Monte-Carlo Professional Open, once part of the European Tour. A number of public personalities, from Roger Federer to Michael Douglas, have also walked its fairways. Today, the Monte-Carlo Golf Club still embodies the perfect alliance of sporting tradition, timeless elegance and an exceptional natural setting.

The Monte-Carlo Golf Club is actively engaged in environmental responsibility, and has earned the French Golf Federation's Bronze biodiversity label.

[www.golfdemontecarlo.com](http://www.golfdemontecarlo.com)

 18  71  6,004m  1911

Architect : Willie Park Jr.

## — VALBONNE —

# VICTORIA GOLF CLUB

## *The Technical 9-Hole*

In the peaceful setting of the Val Martin Park, Victoria Golf Club offers a technical 9-hole course where preserved nature, rolling terrain, and water features call for precise and strategic play.

Located in the heart of Valbonne Sophia Antipolis, on the site of a former historic spa, Victoria Golf Club has since 1986 showcased a layout by French architect Michel Gayon. Rated 3 stars by Golf Stars, the course blends technical challenge with immersion in a natural environment.

Designed as a learning ground for players of all levels, the course emphasises strategy through its undulating fairways, well-placed bunkers, and water hazards that spice up the game. Mastering downhill lies, keeping the ball straight, and handling natural obstacles are all essential to succeed on this par 34 course measuring 2,342 metres.

From the opening hole, the tone is set: a demanding par 4, defended by an elevated green and a bunker lying below it. Hole 7 offers one of the most beautiful panoramas: this downhill tee shot offers sweeping views of the forest and ponds and is punctuated by a strategic water hazard.

Once managed by Jean-Claude Andruet, double French rally champion, the club has grown into a local reference point where sporting passion meets conviviality. Today, it continues to charm with its tranquil atmosphere, modern practice facilities, and a welcoming golf school, making it the ideal place to improve in real playing conditions.

[www.victoria-golfclub.com](http://www.victoria-golfclub.com)



9 30 1,391m 2005

Architect : Cabell Robinson

## — PAYS DE GRASSE —

# GOLF DE LA TOUR D'OPIO

## *The Village Course*

In the heart of Provence, the Golf de la Tour d'Opio combines technical play with a distinctly Mediterranean spirit. Nestled within the Club Med Opio en Provence estate, this 9-hole layout is perfect for honing the short game.

Perched above Cannes at the heart of **Club Med Opio en Provence**, the course was designed in 2005 by Cabell Robinson and is set in a typically Provençal landscape. Hilly, rocky, and bordered by olive trees, pines and vines, it offers an authentic setting where each shot combines the charm of Provence with technical challenge.

Robinson, a disciple of Robert Trent Jones Sr, had already created the Grande Bastide course when he created this playful layout, designed as much for accuracy as for learning. Its fast greens, varied sequences, and shorter rhythm appeal both to seasoned players looking to sharpen their game and to beginners eager to progress.

Among its highlights, the signature Hole 5, a 145-metre par 3, plays over a 50-metre drop onto a double-plateau green, fiercely defended by trees and a front bunker. The golf also features five large practice zones and a driving range (150 m / 260 m) with 50 bays, including 8 covered.

Fully integrated into the Club Med resort, it benefits from the convivial atmosphere of the village. Here, sports facilities, a pool in the olive grove, bars, a spa, a sauna, and a hammam complete this unique golf experience for a perfect blend of performance and relaxation.

[www.clubmed.fr/r/opio-en-provence](http://www.clubmed.fr/r/opio-en-provence)

9 34 2,342m 1986

Architect : Michel Gayon



— BIOT —

## LE PROVENÇAL GOLF

*The Accessible One*

In the heart of Sophia Antipolis, Le Provençal Golf combines accessibility, technical interest, and a preserved natural setting, offering a 9-hole course ideal for practice or a relaxed round.

Created in 2003 by Michel Niedbala, an architect renowned for environmentally respectful designs, Le Provençal Golf sits in a lush site lined with trees of various species, some several centuries old. With its gently rolling layout and wide fairways, it offers rare panoramic views of the Alps and the Nice hinterland.

Designed to appeal to both time-pressed golfers and enthusiasts, this 9-hole course can be completed in just two hours, without compromising on technical interest. Sidehill shots, slope management, and approach play require accuracy while remaining accessible to players of all levels.

Three evenings per week, enjoy the Practice & Night experience in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Le Petit Swing welcomes guests for a gourmet pause: cocktails, sharing boards, laughter, and good times. It's the perfect opportunity to hit a few balls in a relaxed setting, challenge yourself, or simply enjoy the moment. Thanks to Top Tracer technology, you can take part in fun challenges, analyse your performance or perfect your swing.

Want to extend the experience? After a successful evening, why not return with colleagues for team building or a golf initiation, led by a professional coach.

[www.leprovençalgolf.com](http://www.leprovençalgolf.com)

9 31 2,800m 2003

Architect : Michel Niedbala



9 31 1,650m 1988

## — VILLENEUVE-LOUBET —

### GOLF DE LA VANADE

*The Friendly One*

Between Nice and Antibes, Golf de la Vanade charms with its friendly atmosphere, technical 9-hole layout, and extensive practice facilities, all perfect for improving while having fun.

Opened in 1988 in Villeneuve-Loubet, the course is nestled within a well-preserved green setting. Its 9-hole par 31 layout is 1,650 metres long, alternating four Par 3s over 110 m, two Par 3s over 160 m, and three Par 4s over 280 m. Relatively short but technical, it encourages precision, strategy and iron play, making it ideal for sharpening your short game.

The site also features the largest practice range in the Alpes-Maritimes, with 53 bays including 20 covered, playful targets, angled mats, and several comprehensive short game areas including bunkers and three putting greens. These modern facilities, combined with a reputable and well-managed academy, make La Vanade a true centre for learning and improvement.

Friendliness is at the heart of the experience. Golf here is played in a warm atmosphere, fostering encounters between enthusiasts of all levels. The renovated clubhouse and panoramic restaurant, open daily, extend this relaxed ambience, with a large terrace offering soothing views over the course.

Easily accessible, between sea and hills, La Vanade embodies golf without preconceptions: a place where technical challenge is combined with the joy of play, in a spirit focused on sharing and conviviality.

[www.golf-vanade.com](http://www.golf-vanade.com)

## — VALBERG —

# VALBERG GOLF CLUB

*The High-Perched One*

At 1,700 metres above sea level, Valberg Golf Club combines technical challenge, nature and breathtaking panoramas. This unique 9-hole course allows you to play facing the peaks, with complete respect for the environment.

Specialising in high-altitude courses, Olivier Dongradi designed the layout in 2007 to follow the natural contours perfectly. Perched at 1,700 m, this par 34, 2,308-metre course offers an authentic and demanding experience within a preserved mountain setting. Here, there are no fences or artificial barriers: play opens onto the horizon, and it is not uncommon to spot deer, roe deer or even marmots during your round.

The course features over 200 metres of positive elevation change, testing both endurance and precision. Every shot requires adaptation, with your feet rarely level with the ball. The course's signature Hole 4 plays from a promontory to a narrow green below, often swept by wind, offering spectacular views from Mont Saint Honorat to the Mercantour massif and Mont Mounier.

Committed to minimal ecological impact and awarded the Flocon Vert label in 2018, the resort limits irrigation to tees and greens using a local spring, while the remainder of the course is naturally replenished by summer storms. Maintenance is carried out exclusively with organic products, and even the golf carts are 100% electric.

To complete the experience, the club offers a 20-bay practice range, three training areas, and a restaurant-bar, welcoming players and visitors from May to October, combining the joy of the game with alpine relaxation.

[www.valberggolfclub.com](http://www.valberggolfclub.com)

9 34 2,308m 2007

Architect : Olivier Dongradi



9 27 920m 2017

## — AURON —

# AURON MOUNTAIN GOLF

*The Mountain Course*

At the gateway to the Mercantour, Auron Mountain Golf offers a compact 9-hole course in the heart of the mountains. Between technical challenge, rustic charm, and alpine panoramas, the course tests precision at every shot.

At 1,650 metres above sea level, on the Auron ski domain, this compact 9-hole course delights with its mountain character. Renovated in 2017, it has preserved its original spirit while taking full advantage of its exceptional setting among firs and larches, facing border peaks reaching 3,000 metres.

The short but demanding layout follows the natural terrain and requires true technical mastery, with pronounced side slopes that test accuracy. Hole 4 exemplifies this challenging character, with a tee in the forest that demands a perfectly straight shot before a delicate uphill approach. The spectacular Hole 5 is more accessible, featuring an elevated tee, a ravine to cross, and nearly 30 metres of elevation change, all with stunning views over the resort and surrounding mountains.

To complete the experience, Auron Mountain Golf provides a 15-bay practice range, an approach area, and a putting green to refine the short game. Free introductions and coached lessons allow beginners to learn under ideal conditions.

Open from June to All Saints' Day, this mountain golf course combines sport, conviviality, and a sense of escape.

[ete.auron.com/activites/auron-mountain-golf/](http://ete.auron.com/activites/auron-mountain-golf/)



— NICE —  
GOLF COUNTRY  
CLUB DE NICE  
*The Compact Urban Course*

Just steps from the airport and major routes, the Golf Country Club de Nice offers a compact urban format, ideal for a quick yet technical round.

Created in 1986 by Robert Berthet, the 9-hole course was designed as a playing space integrated into its urban environment. Set on gently rolling terrain, the layout is structured around bunkers and a water hazard framed by weeping willows.

With hole lengths from 40 to 165 metres, players encounter a variety of technical situations, including sidehill shots, bunker exits, and challenging approaches to the greens. The course is approved for handicap competitions up to 26.5. The site includes a 27-bay covered practice range – 11 of which are floodlit – allowing practice up to 200 metres, along with a short game area including a putting green and approach zone.

Accessible without reservation, this golf course like none other in Nice suits both beginners and experienced players wishing to hone their skills on a short but demanding layout.

[www.golf-club-nice.com](http://www.golf-club-nice.com)



Architect : Robert Berthet



— MENTON —  
GOLF CLUB  
DE MENTON  
*A Driving Range  
with a View*

Nestled between the sea and the mountains, the Golf Club of Menton offers a complete year-round training facility with breathtaking views of the Mediterranean and the surrounding hills.

At the heart of the site is a 17-bay driving range, including 12 covered natural-grass stations. It is complemented by two putting greens and a 6-hole Pitch & Putt course certified by the French Golf Federation.

This format, ideal for honing accuracy and the short game, provides a beautifully maintained setting for focused training. The course is perfectly suited for both beginners discovering the sport and experienced players looking to refine their technique. Golfers can efficiently work on the fundamentals thanks to the site's compact layout and modern infrastructure.

This is a comprehensive facility designed for golf enthusiasts seeking to combine quality training with an exceptional environment.

[www.golfdementon.com](http://www.golfdementon.com)



These Maralpins are the pride of our region on a national and international scale. Champions, coaches, and ambassadors, they have all graced the greens of the Côte d'Azur and retain a special attachment to the Côte d'Azur.

## ROMAIN LANGASQUE

*France's Golf Prodigy*

**Born in Grasse in 1995, Romain Langasque discovered golf in childhood on the greens of Saint-Donat in Grasse.**

Trained within the national federation structures, he quickly distinguished himself in major amateur events. In 2015, he won the British Amateur Championship, a historic achievement for a French golfer.

The following year, he became the first French amateur to make the cut at the legendary Masters at Augusta. He then launched his professional career with success, delivering strong results on the Challenge Tour and earning his place on the European Tour.

In 2016, he partnered with Victor Dubuisson in the World Cup of Golf, finishing second – the best result ever achieved by France. In 2020, he recorded his first European Tour victory at the ISPS Handa Wales Open following a thrilling final round.

Today, Romain Langasque stands as one of the pillars of French golf, driven by early talent and unwavering determination.



## VICTOR DUBUISSON

*Star of Cannes*

**Born in Cannes in 1990, Victor Dubuisson made a mark on French golf from the very start.**

World No. 1 amateur in 2009, he turned professional in 2010 and quickly made his presence felt on the European Tour, winning the prestigious Turkish Airlines Open in 2013. He thus became the highest-ranked French player in history, reaching 17<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings.

Trained on the sun-drenched greens of Biot, Châteauneuf-Grasse, and Opio, Dubuisson made headlines at the 2014 World Match Play Championship, narrowly losing in the final to Jason Day. This performance earned him a spot on the Ryder Cup team, and he helped win the tournament that same year, becoming only the second Frenchman to achieve this distinction.

His career also includes two European Tour victories, including a second Turkish Airlines Open in 2015, along with multiple Top 10 finishes. In 2017, Dubuisson returned to the World Golf Ranking Top 100, climbing to 99<sup>th</sup> place. He retired from professional golf in 2023 and today serves as an ambassador for Old Course Cannes-Mandelieu.



# JULIE AIMÉ

## *Côte d'Azur Golfer and Brand Ambassador*

**Julie Aimé, professional golfer and ambassador for the CÔTE d'AZUR FRANCE brand, discovered golf in her native region at age seven.**

After a successful university career in Texas, where she excelled at balancing academics and high-level sport, she returned to France before embarking on the Ladies European Tour. Through hard work and determination, she earned playing rights on the Symetra Tour and competed in her first tournament on the prestigious LPGA Tour – the world's top women's golf tour – in 2020.

Julie is proud of her roots, and she always speaks fondly of the Côte d'Azur. Born in Nice, she grew up under the Mediterranean sun, between sea and hills: an idyllic setting that shaped her game and fuelled her ambition. Each time she returns home from international tournaments, her attachment to this gem of a region further deepens.

As an ambassador for CÔTE d'AZUR FRANCE, she is committed to promoting women's golf and showcasing the destination on the international stage. For Julie, the Côte d'Azur is not only a privileged training ground with its many courses, but also a unique region with a great combination of culture, lifestyle, and sporting passion.

Driven by a desire to push her limits, Julie continues to pursue her dream of establishing herself among the top French female golfers, inspired by the beauty and energy of her homeland.



# BENOÎT DUCOULOMBIER

## *Coach of the Côte d'Azur's Rising Stars*

**A former professional and France's number 2 in 1989, Benoît Ducoulombier is now one of the country's most respected golf coaches.**

Based at Golf de Saint Donat in Grasse for over 20 years, he trains high-level players who succeed on the world's top circuits.

He has guided Victor Dubuisson to his greatest successes, and has also coached Antoine Rozner, Gregory Havret, Adrien Saddier, David Ravetto, and Romain Langasque.

In his view, the Côte d'Azur offers a unique setting. Between accessible courses, a state-of-the-art training centre like Saint Donat, and the dynamic structure of the Antibes federation hubs, the region is a perfect breeding ground for future champions.

He emphasises the importance of modern facilities – grass practice ranges, short-game areas, and advanced technologies – to support players at every stage of their development. An ideal environment that continues to nurture his passion and that of his students.

# — AFTER-GOLF ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR — AN EXTENSION OF THE LIFESTYLE

**Golf is just the beginning of all that the Côte d'Azur has to offer.** Between the sea and the mountains, the Alpes-Maritimes offer a playground that stretches beyond the greens, from the coastline to the peaks of the Mercantour, encompassing the foothills and perched villages. Here, after-golf is an extension of the game, with the Mediterranean and the Southern Alps as a backdrop and the unique Côte d'Azur lifestyle as a bonus. From exceptional gastronomy and cultural discoveries to strolls through charming villages to seaside getaways, every golfing adventure ends in style.

## GASTRONOMY AND CULINARY ARTS

A land of flavours, the Côte d'Azur celebrates a generous and creative Mediterranean cuisine, highlighted by the "Cuisine Nissarde" label, AOP-certified products such as Nice olive oil and olives, the IGP-certified famous Menton lemon, and AOC-certified Bellet wine. Some of the most beautiful traditional markets include the Halles Market in Menton, Cours Saleya in Nice, the Provençal Market in Antibes, the Forville Market in Cannes, and the morning market at Cours Creps in Grasse. The local ingredients are elevated by renowned chefs, master restaurateurs, and dedicated farmers who are all committed to their region. In 2025, the Alpes-Maritimes and Monaco counted 34 Michelin-starred restaurants.

**Explore the Michelin-starred restaurants:**



## BOATING AND MAJOR NAUTICAL EVENTS

A quintessential coastal destination, the Côte d'Azur is a hub for boating and water sports. From paddleboarding to e-foiling to sailing, there is room for every offshore passion here. Each year, major events set the pace for the season: The Cannes Royal Regattas, Les Voiles d'Antibes, Cannes Yachting Festival, Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, Monaco Yacht Show, and SailGP in Saint-Tropez. These occasions offer the perfect opportunity to admire classic yachts and cutting-edge luxury vessels, in an atmosphere that blends elegance, athletic achievement, and Mediterranean spirit.

**Nautical Highlights: Major Côte d'Azur Events:**



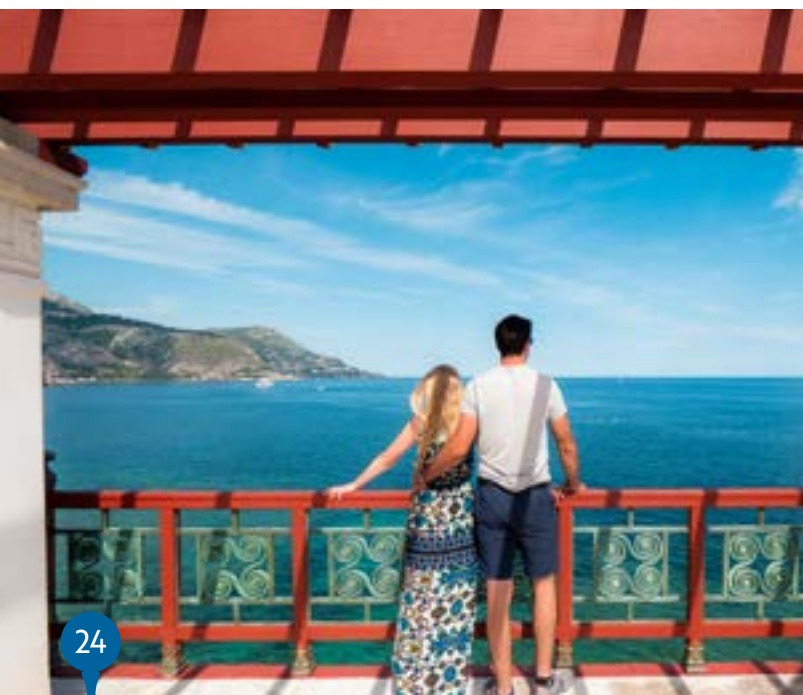
## OUTDOOR SPORTS IN AN UNSPOILT NATURAL SETTING

From the Mediterranean coast to the Alpine peaks, the Côte d'Azur offers an exceptional playground for outdoor activities. Hiking, cycling, trail running, skiing, water sports, and many other outdoor activities allow visitors to fully enjoy the region's diverse landscapes and sunny climate. The natural parks, wooded mountains, and coastal paths invite fresh-air excursions, perfect for extending a stay with an active and revitalising experience.

## CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The Côte d'Azur boasts an exceptionally rich heritage. From the architectural gems of the Belle Époque to the perched villages of the hinterland, each site tells its own story and reveals a unique identity. Museums, foundations, historic sites, and major cultural events offer opportunities to explore the artistic influences that have shaped the region, from Matisse to Picasso, from Baroque art to contemporary creation.

Every year, on the last weekend of January, museums across the Côte d'Azur take centre stage during the "My Weekend at the Museums" event.





### **EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS IN CÔTE D'AZUR HOTELS**

The Côte d'Azur is also captivating for its art of hospitality. More than half of the region's hotels are rated 4 or 5 stars, ensuring top-quality comfort and service. Whether savouring exquisite cuisine, relaxing in rooms with sea views, or enjoying treatments in exceptional spas, the hotel experience becomes a natural extension of a day on the golf course. Luxury, relaxation, and wellbeing come together to create an unforgettable stay.

**Hotels on the Côte d'Azur:  
The Finest Accommodations**



### **NIGHTLIFE AND EVENTS**

By day and night, the Côte d'Azur pulses with prestigious events and a wide variety of entertainment options. Both diverse and extensive, the choices include music festivals, exhibitions, shows, cultural festivals, and the convivial atmosphere of night markets. Major international gatherings, such as the Cannes Film Festival or the Fêtes de l'Hiver, further enhance the region's cultural and festive appeal.

**The Côte d'Azur: 365 days of events:**



### **WELL-BEING AND RELAXATION**

With its untouched landscapes and ideal climate, the Côte d'Azur is naturally a relaxing place to be. Spas, thalassotherapy centres, and luxury hotels offer spaces dedicated to wellbeing and fitness. Perfect for a restorative escape in an exceptional environment.

**The greatest spas across the Côte d'Azur:**



Learn more:  
[cotedazurfrance.fr](https://cotedazurfrance.fr)



## — PRACTICAL INFORMATION —

### **PLAY GOLF IN FRANCE**

Founded in 2020, the Play Golf In France economic interest group aims to promote and position France as a leading global golf destination. The organisation brings together all stakeholders – both private and public – in French golf tourism: golf courses, golf resorts, tourist offices, and departmental and regional tourism committees. Its ambition is to strengthen the impact of international promotional efforts and to attract foreign visitors.

For more information: [playgolfinfrance.com](https://playgolfinfrance.com)



Valberg Golf Club



Riviera Golf de Barbossi

### **FRENCH GOLF FEDERATION (FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE GOLF – FFGOLF)**

Under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports, the ffgolf is responsible for organising and promoting golf throughout France.

It was founded in 1912 as the Union des Golfs de France.

Like all delegated federations, its responsibilities include:

- promoting education through physical and sporting activities
- developing and organising the practice of these activities
- ensuring the training and development of volunteer staff
- issuing licences and federation titles.

For more information: [www.ffgolf.org](https://www.ffgolf.org)

### **ALPES-MARITIMES GOLF COMMITTEE (COMITÉ DÉPARTEMENTAL DU GOLF 06)**

The departmental golf committee is responsible for ensuring the proper development of golf in the Alpes-Maritimes, guided by the motto: "Golf everywhere, for everyone!" The committee has been chaired by Marie-Agnès Sautier since 2024.

For more information: [www.cdgold06.com](https://www.cdgold06.com)



# — TRAVEL AGENCIES — SPECIALISING IN GOLF TRIPS



## PARCOURS & VOYAGES

Since 2005, Parcours & Voyages has specialised in departures from France to the world's most prestigious golf destinations, combining cultural and tourist attractions with exceptional golf courses.

For more information: [www.parcours-voyages.fr](http://www.parcours-voyages.fr)

## PRIVATE GOLF KEY

This premium golf tour operator offers clients tailor-made stays, where golfing is integrated into the art de vivre à la française. Private Golf Key is also a major player in organising public and private golf tournaments in France and across Europe, for both amateur and professional golfers.

For more information: [www.privategolfkey.com](http://www.privategolfkey.com)



La Provençal Golf

## RYDER CUP 2025 23–28 september 2025

The 45th edition of the Ryder Cup, the iconic golf tournament that captivates fans worldwide, will be held this year at Bethpage Black Golf Course in New York State.

The 46th edition of this highly publicised sporting event will take place in County Limerick, Ireland, in September 2027.

## INTERNATIONAL GOLF TRAVEL MARKET (IGTM) CANNES 20–23 octobre 2025

From 20 to 23 October 2025, the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) – the world's largest exhibition for golf travel professionals – returns to Cannes, which hosted its 20<sup>th</sup> edition in 2017. The 2026 edition will also take place in Cannes

IGTM is the benchmark event that brings together tourist destinations, leading golf travel agents, and tour operators in the luxury and MICE sectors, all contributing to the growth of the global golf market.

**Most golf clubs also organise their own competitions.  
To keep up with the full golf calendar, visit their official websites.**



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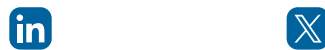
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