

CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE

THE ESSENTIALS



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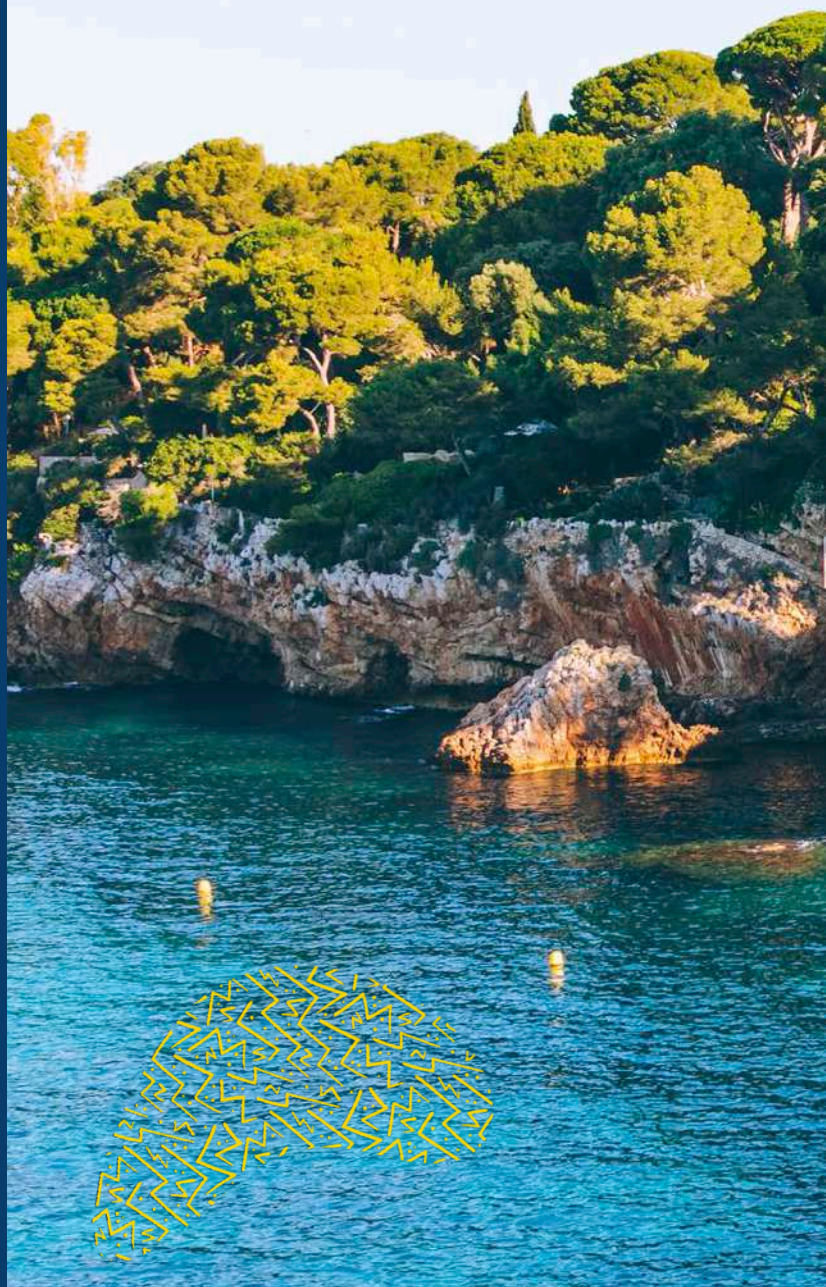
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MORE THAN EVER, LET'S BREATHE, CONTEMPLATE, AND SAVOR THE CÔTE D'AZUR!

There is the Côte d'Azur known to the entire world: the Mediterranean, its iconic cities, its major events, and its unique light that has always inspired artists. And then there are all the other facets of our region, sometimes unexpected, which make up its full richness: our valleys and mountain peaks, our villages, our natural spaces, our local products, our traditions, and our craftsmanship.

It is this multifaceted Côte d'Azur that we want people to discover and share.

Here, in just a few kilometers, you travel from the Mediterranean to the Alps. You can admire works by master artists, dine at a restaurant celebrating local ingredients and recipes, wander through a history-steeped village, reach new heights in our mountains, or soak up the excitement of our major cultural and sporting events.

This diversity is our strength. It allows us to offer a destination that can be experienced year-round across the entire region—from the coastline to the mid-country and high-altitude peaks.

This is also the core vision of the tourism model supported by Côte d'Azur France Tourisme: consolidating the exceptional appeal of our destination while preserving its identity and quality of life. We aim to better distribute visitor flows across time and space, highlight our natural

heritage, promote more responsible tourism, and support our towns, businesses, restaurateurs, farmers, and everyone contributing to French Riviera excellence.

Tourism is a major economic driver for the Alpes-Maritimes region, generating business and employment. But it is so much more: it tells the story of a region, a heritage, and a way of life that we have a responsibility to pass on and showcase.

This press kit offers a glimpse into that story. Culture, gastronomy, nature, sport, festivals, and traditions: so many invitations to step off the beaten path, take your time, and discover a Côte d'Azur that never ceases to surprise.

So, in every season, let's breathe, contemplate, savor, and share the Côte d'Azur!

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THE CÔTE D'AZUR





KEY TOURISM FIGURES ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR

TOURIST NUMBERS

12.5 million visitors welcomed in 2025
(spread throughout the year and across the entire region)
and several million day-trippers.

Representing an average tourist population of
200,000 visitors present on any given day.

50% international visitors.

50% French visitors, including 38% who had never stayed on
the Côte d'Azur before.

10% of stays are for business purposes.

The Tourism
Observatory:



Top 5 represented foreign nationalities (2025)

- Italy: 15.7%
- Great Britain & Ireland: 13.2%
- United States: 12.5%
- Germany: 8.5%
- Eastern Europe (excl. Russia): 6.6%

Hotel industry

- More than 1 out of 2 hotel rooms is rated 4 or 5 ★
(13% in 5 ★).
- The Côte d'Azur accounts for 130,000 commercial
beds.
- Average hotel occupancy rate in 2025:
67% over the year.

TOURISM ECONOMY

Nearly **€7 billion** in direct tourism consumption in 2024,
generating **€12.5 billion** in overall turnover, with 65% originating from foreign
clientele. **75,000 direct jobs** linked to tourism.

15%

Share of tourism in
the local economy
in 2019;

compared to **7.5%**
on average
in France.



A REGION ACCESSIBLE YEAR-ROUND



By plane *

- Nice Côte d'Azur is the 2nd largest airport in France after Paris.
- 132 destinations with direct flights (summer 2026).
- 47 countries served by 62 airlines.
- A record 15 long-haul routes.
- Inauguration of the Terminal 2 extension in 2026.

New routes 2026

- Cork – Aer Lingus
- Vilnius – Air Baltic
- Boston – Delta Air Lines
- Birmingham, Cagliari, Funchal, Hurghada, Newcastle – easyJet
- Hanover – Eurowings
- Billund – Norwegian
- Djerba – Nouvelair Tunisia
- Mahon, Olbia – Twin Jet
- Seville – Vueling
- Bratislava, Chisinau, Gdansk – Wizz Air



By train

For those who enjoy taking their time to travel, the train offers an eco-friendly mobility alternative to reach the Côte d'Azur region from Paris at reasonable prices. Expect a **6-hour journey**.

SNCF is developing a carriage privatization offering with onboard services for business tourism groups (starting from 10 people).

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 Var and Alpes-Maritimes, giving everyone the opportunity to disembark as close as possible to their holiday destination: Toulon, Les Arcs Draguignan, Saint-Raphaël Valescure, Cannes, Antibes, and Nice.



Getting around locally

It is possible to travel around the Côte d'Azur without a car by combining buses (urban lines and regional express lines) and trains. With **4 tram lines** and **over 130 bus and coach routes** across the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, the public transport network makes it easy to travel throughout the Alpes-Maritimes department.

► www.lignesdazur.com

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

► www.zou.maregionsud.fr

Getting around
the Côte d'Azur



► Cycle lane network

Since February 20, 2024, Lime and Pony have expanded the **self-service bike-sharing option**, available 24/7 across 12 municipalities of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis.



By boat

It is also possible to arrive on the Côte d'Azur by sea: **33 ports** offer 184,000 berths, making the region the top destination for yachting in France. Furthermore, 780,000 cruise passengers discover the Côte d'Azur every year.

How to get
to the
Côte d'Azur?



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



CULTURE

HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE

Whether you are passionate about history, inspired by Baroque art, nostalgic for the Belle Époque, or a design enthusiast, the Côte d'Azur holds many treasures—most of which can be discovered simply by strolling through narrow streets or along the coastline. Keep your eyes open and stay curious!

On the Baroque Trail

For lovers of Baroque art, the **Nisso-Ligurian Baroque Route** (Route du Baroque Nisso-Ligure) reveals the secrets of the finest Baroque heritage monuments in the County of Nice and Western Liguria:

80 monuments (churches, chapels, palaces, citadels) are waiting to be explored. The route starts in Nice, follows the coast, enters the mid-country via the Paillon and Bévéra valleys, and finally reaches the high-country through the Roya Valley.

Originating in Italy at the end of the 16th century, the Baroque movement found a home on the Côte d'Azur. This is evidenced by an exceptionally rich architectural, secular, and religious Baroque heritage that can be admired all along this trail.

This itinerary takes history and architecture enthusiasts through **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** to discover their Baroque churches, as well as Saorge and its stunning Franciscan convent.

To crown this getaway in style, a visit to **Menton** is a must, where you can explore the Saint-Michel Archange Basilica and the Chapel of the Conception.



Suggested itineraries
on the Baroque Trail:





The Belle Époque

Hotels, palaces, leisure venues—numerous buildings on the Côte d’Azur take us on a journey back to the Belle Époque.

Spanning from the late 19th century to the outbreak of World War I, this period left the Côte d’Azur with a unique heritage that continues to captivate visitors. Several coastal towns remain timeless witnesses to this glorious past.

Domes, balconies with ornate railings, wall decorations, fountains, friezes, and frescoes are all signature elements of Belle Époque architecture, distinguished by its elegant curves and creative flair. It is impossible to list every Belle Époque site on the Côte d’Azur. Simply strolling through narrow streets or palm-lined avenues is enough to fall under its spell.

Highlights include the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Nice, the impressive residential buildings of the Cimiez neighborhood, the famous Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, and, of course, iconic hotels such as the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, Le Negresco in Nice, Hôtel Belles Rives in Antibes, and Le Carlton in Cannes.



Hôtel L’Orangerie, Menton



FOCUS ON VILLA EPHRUSSI DE ROTHSCHILD: VOTED FRANCE’S FAVORITE MONUMENT IN 2024!

Overlooking the Cap Ferrat peninsula, Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is one of the most stunning Belle Époque palaces on the Côte d’Azur. Built between 1905 and 1912 for Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild and surrounded by 9 themed gardens, the villa is a true invitation to travel. A must-see highlight of the French Riviera.

www.villa-ephrussi.com

HERITAGE & ARCHITECTURE

Nice Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List: A Global Recognition

Since 2021, Nice has been inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site as the “Winter Resort Town of the Riviera.” From the Promenade des Anglais to the residential neighborhood of Cimiez and up to Mont Boron, this designation celebrates the sublime villas and hotels, the lush combination of local and exotic vegetation, as well as the urban planning and architecture that have shaped the city over two and a half centuries of tourism.

Whether on a themed guided tour or exploring independently, the best way to enjoy it is to wander through the narrow streets of Old Nice (Vieux-Nice), look up at the ornate facades of Baroque and Belle Époque palaces, chapels, and hotels, walk along the world-famous Promenade des Anglais, savor the Riviera lifestyle (art de vivre), lounge in the gardens of the Cimiez Monastery, and, for a grand finale, climb Mont Boron to take in an exceptional panoramic view over the Baie des Anges (Bay of Angels).

Video immersion:
Nice UNESCO
Heritage Site



ARCHITECTURAL GEMSTONES

The Côte d'Azur also reveals many surprises with, here and there, astonishing, timeless, and extraordinary architectural creations to discover—offering a whole new perspective on the French Riviera.

Palais Bulles: the futuristic palace

What a curiosity this “house of a thousand portholes” is! Built in the 1980s by architect Antti Lovag on the heights of Théoule-sur-Mer, the Palais Bulles (Bubble Palace) surprises with its spherical and futuristic shapes. A modern-day labyrinth, this private residence was acquired by the famous fashion designer **Pierre Cardin**. Today, the Palais Bulles serves as an event venue. By the same architect and located nearby, you can also visit Maison Bernard (upon reservation).

www.palaisbulles.com

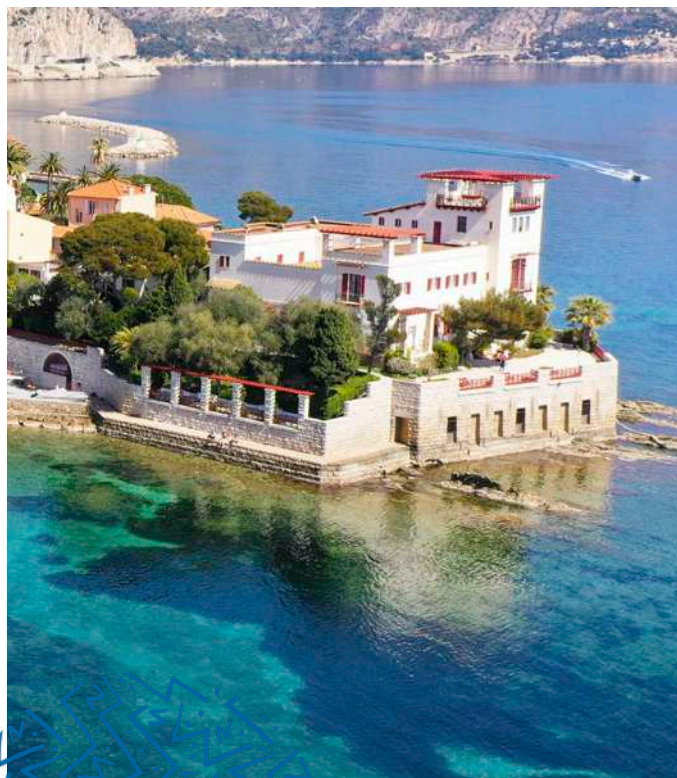
https://fonds-maisonbernard.com/fr/



Villa Kérylos: a journey to ancient Greece

Inspired by an **ancient Greek** residence, Villa Kérylos (1902–1908) is the fulfillment of a dream by Théodore Reinach, who was fascinated by Greek civilization. Built around an open-air courtyard, the villa evokes the daily life of Greeks during the Hellenistic period. Frescoes, furniture, and mosaics were recreated in the style of Antiquity, and the site—overlooking the **Baie des Fourmis**—is a true invitation to travel.

www.villakerylos.fr

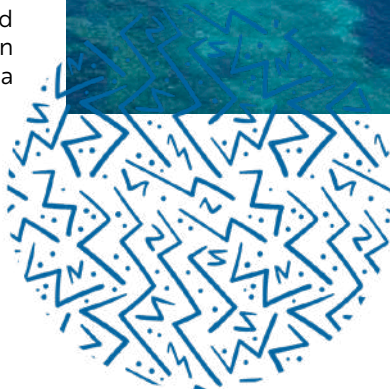


Villa E-1027 and Le Corbusier's Cabanon: jewels of modern design

Built in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin in the 1920s by Irish architect **Eileen Gray** and her partner **Jean Badovici**, this icon of **modern architecture** houses murals by **Le Corbusier**, a friend of the couple.

Staying at the villa on several occasions between 1937 and 1939, the artist built **Le Cabanon**, a pocket-sized cabin measuring just 3.66 meters by 3.66 meters, designed as a model for minimal living based on his “Modulor” scale.

https://capmoderne.com/fr/



OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL PERCHED VILLAGES

How about gaining a little elevation? The Côte d'Azur is filled with hilltop gems perched along its hillsides—overlooking the sea and valleys, and embedding in their stones the rich heritage of the French Riviera.



Èze



Saint-Paul-de-Vence



Gourdon

ÈZE: an eagle's nest overlooking the Mediterranean

Èze is undoubtedly one of the most famous villages on the Côte d'Azur. Its narrow streets, lined with vaulted houses housing numerous **artist and artisan shops**, give this village its unique charm. Atop the ruins of the ancient fortress, its **famous Exotic Garden (Jardin Exotique)** drops dramatically into the sea. The most courageous can reach the village from Èze-sur-Mer by hiking up the **Nietzsche Path (Chemin de Nietzsche)**. Expect about an hour's climb!

SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENTE: an artists' village

Matisse, Chagall, Modigliani, Picasso... they all succumbed to the charm of this medieval village. Simply wander through its flower-filled alleys, moving from terraces to art galleries, to soak up the **artistic atmosphere of the place**. **Naturally, a detour to the Maeght Foundation (Fondation Maeght)—an open-air museum and showcase for modern and contemporary art—is a must before leaving the village.**

SAINTE-AGNÈS: the balcony of the Côte d'Azur

One glance at the Menton coastline is all it takes to understand the origin of this nickname. Known as the **"Highest Coastal Village in Europe,"** Sainte-Agnès offers a breathtaking view over the Riviera. Listed among "The Most Beautiful Villages of France" (Les Plus Beaux Villages de France), it is renowned for its sweeping panoramas, cobbled alleys, centuries-old houses, glazed-tile bell tower, and medieval garden.



GOURDON: an exceptional panorama

Ranked among “The Most Beautiful Villages of France” (Les Plus Beaux Villages de France), Gourdon offers a **sweeping 80 km panoramic view of the coastline**, stretching from Nice to the Estérel Massif. With its medieval houses, Romanesque church, Riviera atmosphere, and thousand-year-old castle surrounded by gardens designed by Le Nôtre, the perched village of Gourdon truly cultivates a touch of Eden.

SAORGE: a medieval marvel

Clinging dramatically to the cliffside, Saorge is unquestionably the **most spectacular hilltop village in the Roya Valley**. Its ancient buildings and cave-like streets transport visitors back in time. From the Franciscan monastery to the “Semite’s Bath” (Bain du Sémite) in the Roya River, by way of the Baroque Saint-Sauveur Church, every step offers a complete change of scenery.

COARAZE: the village of the sun

Also listed among “The Most Beautiful Villages of France,” Coaraze overlooks the Paillon Valley from an altitude of 650 meters. Its steep, cobbled alleys, flower-filled squares, vaulted passages, and stone or Italian-style colorful plaster houses have drawn many artists and personalities—some of whom created the **sundials** scattered throughout the village.

PEILLON: a journey through time

With its winding alleys crisscrossed by vaulted passages and wide staircases, its tall stone houses clustered in a circular design, its Chapel of the White Penitents (Chapelle des Pénitents Blancs), and the Saint-Sauveur Church perched at the village summit, Peillon offers visitors **a genuine journey back in time**. Be sure to walk up to the orientation table. In summer, the village hosts the **Peillon Jazz Festival**—the highest-altitude jazz festival on the Côte d’Azur!



Saint-Martin-Vésubie

SAINT-MARTIN-VÉSUBIE: the “Little Switzerland” of Nice

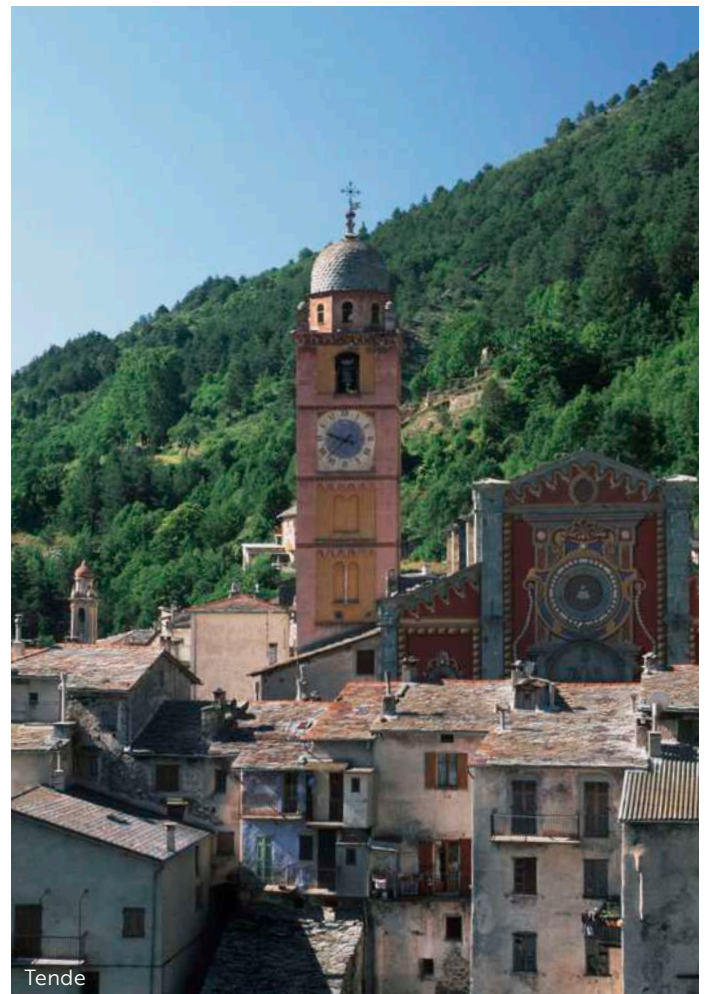
At the gateway to the Mercantour National Park, nestled between the Boréon and Madone de Fenestre valleys and surrounded by 3,600 hectares of forest, this beautiful village—perched at an altitude of 975 meters—offers a **wide array of local traditions and outdoor activities** that delight nature lovers.

TOURRETTES-SUR-LOUP: the violet capital

This medieval village **owes its fame to the violet**, which became the main crop cultivated in the area starting in the 1880s. The expansion of the perfume industry in Grasse during the 19th century presented a major opportunity for the residents of Tourrettes, and this tradition endures to this day.

TENDE: a touch of the Himalayas

Encircled by mountains between the sky and the Roya Valley, Tende captivates visitors with its maze-like winding alleys, its round tower, and its collegiate church featuring an atypical bell tower—a remarkable architectural blend of Gothic and Baroque styles. Another must-see is the **Departmental Museum of Wonders (Musée Départemental des Merveilles)**.



Tende

THE CÔTE D'AZUR OF PAINTERS

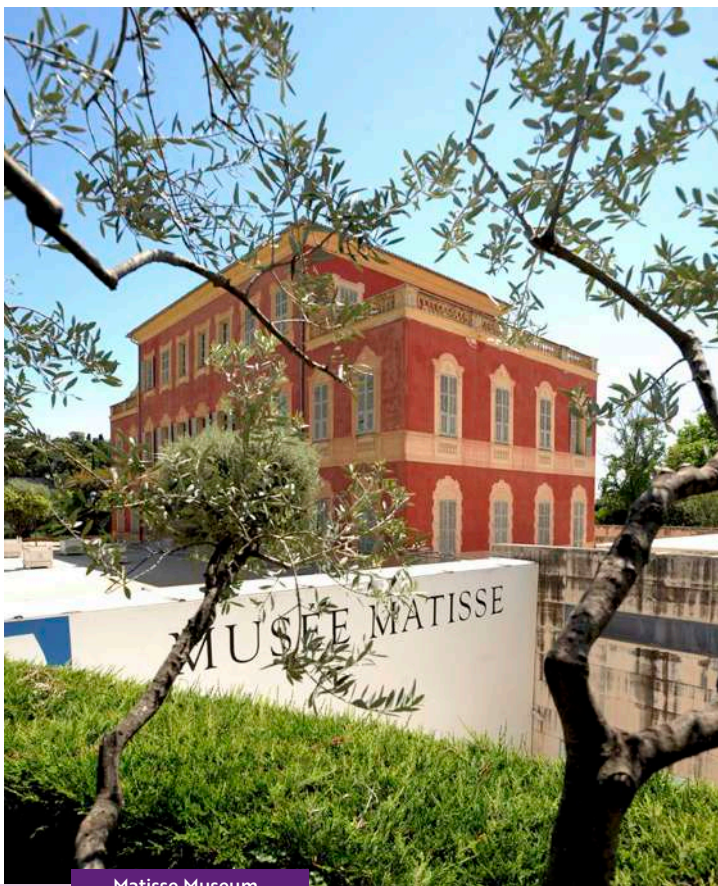
Seascapes, towns and villages, squares, narrow streets, and gardens: all these settings contribute to the visual richness of the Côte d'Azur. Antibes Juan-les-Pins, Cagnes-sur-Mer, Grasse, Le Cannet, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Menton, Mougins, Cannes, and Villeneuve-Loubet have thus inspired some of the world's greatest artists.



Bonnard Museum

Pierre Bonnard (1867–1947) in Le Cannet

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



Matisse Museum

Henri Matisse (1869–1954) in Nice

When Henri Matisse first discovered Nice at the age of 48, he experienced the encounter as a revelation. The light from the sky and the reflections of the Mediterranean resonated so deeply with the master of color that the painter would honor the Côte d'Azur with unwavering loyalty and passion. The Matisse Museum (Musée Matisse) in Nice was inaugurated in 1963 and holds the official "Musée de France" distinction.

Marc Chagall (1887–1985) in Nice

Unique in the world, the Marc Chagall National Museum (Musée national Marc Chagall) houses 17 canvas masterpieces depicting the biblical message—an impressive collection that one could spend hours admiring! Marc Chagall spent the last 35 years of his life on the Côte d'Azur, first in Vence and later in Saint-Paul-de-Vence. He worked continuously across a wide variety of mediums: paintings, ceramics, mosaics, stained glass, and sculptures.

Fernand Léger (1881–1955) in Biot

Shortly before his death, the painter Fernand Léger acquired Le Mas Saint-André, a villa located at the foot of the village of Biot. He settled in this residence to dedicate himself to creating ceramics. Upon his death, 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 the Domaine des Collettes in 1907. There, he received his artist friends and remained until his death in 1919. Featuring 14 original canvases, 40 sculptures, his original furniture, and his workshop, the Renoir Museum (Musée Renoir) stands as a wonderful testament 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 the summer of 1955 and fell deeply in love with the town, staying there regularly from then on. In 1957, while working on the decorations for Menton's Wedding Hall (Salle des Mariages, a must-see), the mayor at the time proposed transforming the town's abandoned fortlet (le fortin) into a museum for his works. Opened in 1966, it was the very first museum dedicated to Jean Cocteau.



Renoir Museum

In the footsteps of Picasso



Powerful, beautiful landscapes, intense light, vibrant colors: the Côte d'Azur has been a source of inspiration in the lives and work of many artists. Drawn to these southern lands, Picasso found here a place to live and create on a scale worthy of him.

Antibes Juan-les-Pins (1946):

Picasso set up his studio in the Château Grimaldi to paint. Now the Picasso Museum (Musée Picasso), it displays many of the artist's works dedicated to the Mediterranean.

Vallauris Golfe-Juan (1947–1955):

It was in Vallauris that Picasso discovered ceramics. He produced

over 4,000 works in the Le Fournas and Madoura workshops, and chose the Romanesque chapel of Vallauris to paint the monumental mural War and Peace (La Guerre et la Paix), now a National Museum.

Cannes (1955): Picasso purchased "La Villa Californie" with a breathtaking view of the sea. An ideal home and workspace, he set up his studio there and produced a wide array of works.

Mougins (1961–1973): Picasso passed away in Mougins in 1973 at his final residence, Notre-Dame-de-Vie, which also served as his last studio.

La Colombe d'Or: an artists' haven

Paul Roux opened his inn in Saint-Paul-de-Vence in 1931, regularly offering room and board to visiting artists. Roux hosted Matisse, Miró, Picasso, Léger, and many others, all of whom left behind a piece of art as a token of their friendship in return. This incredible collection—further enriched over time by artists such as Arman, César, Calder, Klein, Folon, Buffet, and Combas—continues to illuminate the restaurant's walls and terrace today.





THE CÔTE D'AZUR AND CONTEMPORARY ART: a land of creativity!

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

The Maeght Foundation in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Inaugurated in 1964 by Marguerite and Aimé Maeght, this major hub of contemporary art is an incredible space of ambition and creativity, elevated by numerous artists: Chagall, Léger, Joan Miró, and Giacometti. Housing 12,000 works, it boasts one of Europe's finest collections of contemporary art. As France's first independent foundation—certified as "Remarkable Contemporary Architecture"—it expanded on the occasion of its 60th anniversary in 2024. This extension allows the Foundation to diversify its artistic projects.

— www.fondation-maeght.com

The Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMAC) in Nice

César, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Niki de Saint Phalle, Yves Klein... with 1,300 works created by over 300 artists, MAMAC offers a comprehensive overview of modern and contemporary art from 1950 to the present day. Currently closed for renovations, it presents its collections through off-site programming ("hors-les-murs").

— www.mamac-nice.org

The Fernand Léger National Museum in Biot

Bringing together a unique collection of paintings, ceramics, and drawings, the museum's holdings offer a deep dive into the work of this major avant-garde artist—from his Cubist experiments to his large, colorful compositions of the 1950s.

— musees-nationaux-alpesmaritimes.fr/fleger

The Picasso Museum in Antibes

Classified as a Historic Monument, the Picasso Museum was the very first museum dedicated to the artist. Starting in 1946, the master of Cubism used part of the building as his studio, creating numerous works that he left on loan to the city of Antibes. The museum also houses works by Nicolas de Staël, Hans Hartung, and Anna-Eva Bergman.

— www.antibes-juanlespins.com/sorties-loisirs/antibes-ville-de-culture/les-musees/le-musee-picasso





The Hartung Bergman Foundation in Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Key figures of modern art, Hans Hartung and Anna-Eva Bergman acquired a villa in the 1960s where they set up their studios. Today, this location serves as a foundation preserving extensive collections of their work and forming a remarkable architectural ensemble.

— fondationhartungbergman.fr

The CAB Foundation in Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Housed in a stunning 1950s building, this site aims to further the mission of the CAB Foundation in Brussels, dedicated to minimal and conceptual art. Photography, video, street art—art expresses itself in every form, from the most traditional to the most alternative, offering a fresh and original perspective on the region.

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

Villa Arson in Nice

Villa Arson was conceived in the 1960s by André Malraux, then Minister of Cultural Affairs, as part of a cultural decentralization program. Inaugurated in 1972, it was designed as an innovative institution dedicated to artistic creation. Today, Villa Arson welcomes around 230 students and offers an exhibition program focusing on emerging creative talent.

— www.villa-arson.fr

La Napoule Art Foundation in Mandelieu-La Napoule

Purchased in 1918 by American artists and patrons Henry and Marie Clews, the Château de La Napoule now houses La Napoule Art Foundation, which hosts primarily international artists. Each year, accomplished and emerging creators from around the world are selected to participate in artist residencies at the Château—earning it the reputation of being the Riviera's own "Villa Medici"!

— www.lnaf.org/fr/accueil

The Museum of Asian Arts in Nice

Created by the Department of Alpes-Maritimes to serve as a living link to Asia, the Museum of Asian Arts (Musée des arts asiatiques) owes the harmony of its marble and glass architecture to the Japanese architect Kenzo Tange. A true temple of Asian cultures, this museum of national stature hosts top-tier temporary exhibitions, such as the renowned Hokusai exhibition in 2022–2023.

— maa.departement06.fr/

The New National Museum of Monaco (NMNM): Villa Paloma / Villa Sauber

Two sites for a diverse collection composed of 10,000 works created between the 19th and 21st centuries. The collection began expanding in the late 1960s with the donation of over 500 mechanical dolls and automaton from the 19th century. At the same time, it was enriched by works related to Monaco and the surrounding region, featuring artists such as Claude Monet, Kees Van Dongen, André Derain, Jean Cocteau, Christian Bérard, and Serge Lifar. Throughout the year, both Villa Paloma and Villa Sauber host temporary exhibitions.

— www.nmnm.mc

The Femmes Artistes Museum of Mougins (FAMM)

Completely renovated, the former Mougins Museum of Classical Art reemerges around a unique concept that restores women to the center of art history thanks to the Levett Collection, becoming the first European museum dedicated exclusively to female artists!

— famm.com/fr-fr



OVNI, THE 2026 BIENNIAL

The Objectif Vidéo Nice (or OVNi) Festival, now a biennial event, showcases both emerging and established video artists. Their work is highlighted through a curated trail across the city, encompassing museums, hotels, cultural spaces, and unusual locations. More than just a festival, it is an immersive experience to be lived.

— www.ovni-festival.fr

Also worth seeing in Nice:

➤ Le 109, the City of Nice's Contemporary Culture Hub, stands as a breeding ground for contemporary creation with its artist studios and numerous exhibitions.

— le109.nice.fr

Street Art on the Côte d'Azur

➤ Explore the Côte d'Azur in search of street art creations by trending local artists. For instance, artist César Malfi offers a captivating fusion of modernity and classical Roman themes that leaves viewers spellbound.

— Discover our selection of the finest street art creations at:



SACRED ART: CHAPELS & MONASTERIES

Monasteries, cathedrals, chapels, and abbeys: whether for their architecture, their setting, or the works of art they house, these places of worship are well worth a visit and represent just as many cultural sites to discover along your Côte d'Azur itinerary.

Lérins Abbey

Located off the coast of Cannes on Saint-Honorat Island, Lérins Abbey stands as the guardian of 16 centuries of history and faith. Today, the monastery is home to Cistercian monks. Day visitors are welcome to stroll freely and contemplate the beauty of the site.

Saorge Monastery

A former Franciscan convent, this monastery overlooks the village and the Roya Gorges at the gateway to the Mercantour National Park. It strikes a remarkable harmony between Baroque elegance and the characteristic simplicity of the Franciscan order. Visitors can also enjoy its vast garden, which offers exceptional panoramic views of the surrounding mountains.

Cimiez Monastery in Nice

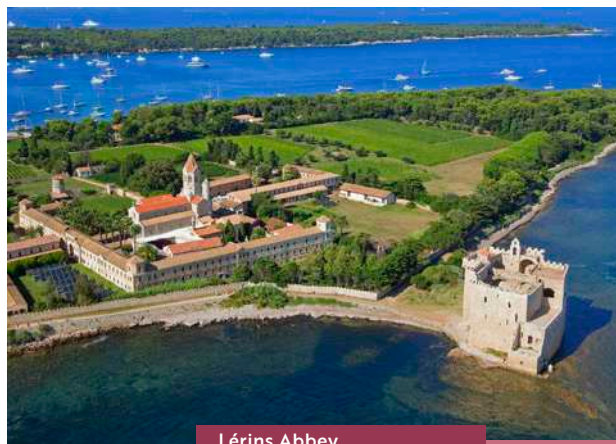
The capital of the Côte d'Azur houses a true gem of sacred art: the Cimiez Monastery. Located adjacent to the Roman ruins, it stands out for its remarkable architecture, the three altarpieces in its church, its romantic garden overlooking the city and the Mediterranean, and its cemetery—the final resting place of Matisse and Dufy.

Saint Nicholas Cathedral

Inaugurated in 1912, this cathedral is one of the largest and oldest Russian Orthodox buildings outside of Russia. Both the structure and its furnishings are classified as Historic Monuments. Inspired by the style of Moscow churches, it features an exceptionally rich interior decoration.



Saint Nicholas Cathedral

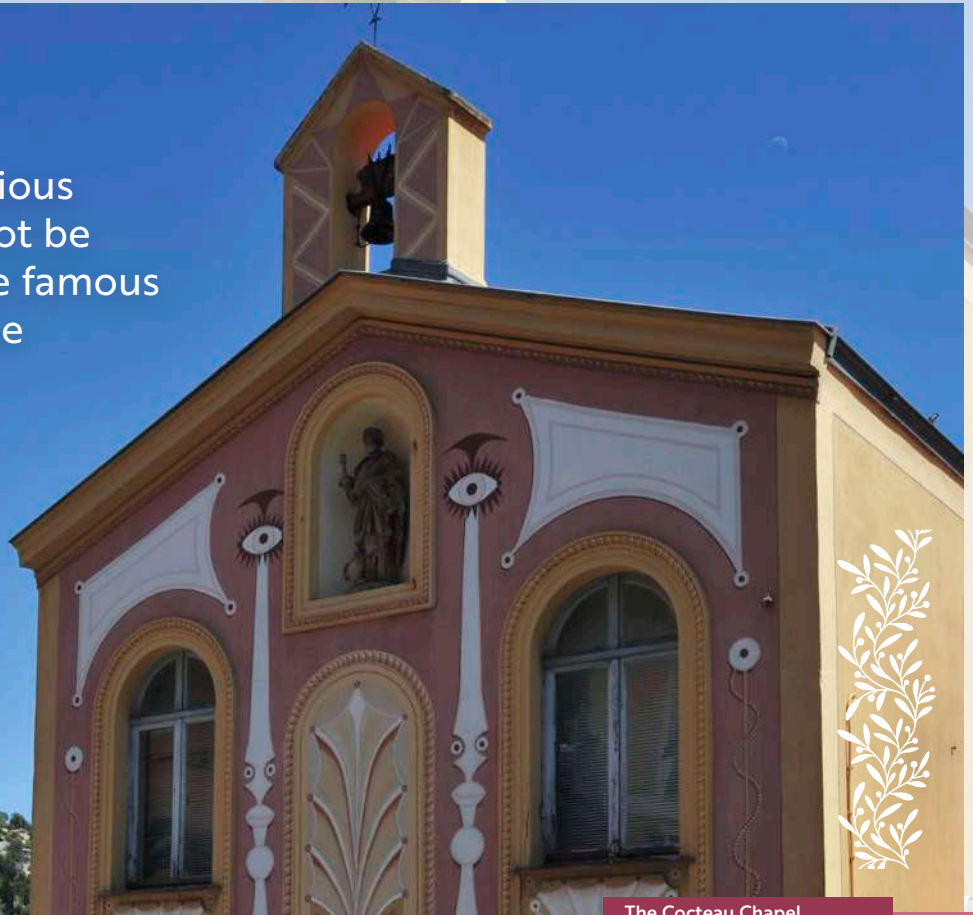


Lérins Abbey



Cimiez Monastery

This overview of religious monuments would not 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 Le Fournas studio in Vallauris, that Picasso created *War and Peace* (La Guerre et la Paix), two large-scale painted panels. The *Four Parts of the World*, a mural painted at the back of the chapel, was completed in 1958. Initiated during a movement rediscovering sacred art, the entire complex was inaugurated in 1959. Today, this chapel houses the **Picasso National Museum "War and Peace"**.

The Matisse Chapel in Vence

Created by Henri Matisse for the Dominican Sisters, the Chapel of the Rosary (Chapelle du Rosaire)—now better known as the "Matisse Chapel"—reveals its full splendor once inside. Composed of three colors (yellow, green, and blue), the stained-glass windows flood the whitewashed walls and the three large ceramic panels with light. The chapel was consecrated in 1951 and **designated a Historic Monument** in 1965.

The Cocteau Chapel in Villefranche-sur-Mer

In 1957, following numerous stays in Villefranche-sur-Mer, Jean Cocteau undertook the decoration of Saint-Pierre Chapel as a gesture of friendship toward the local fishermen who owned it. The artwork features 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

Visiting this chapel offers an opportunity to discover the admirable work of painter Jean-Michel Folon (1934–2005). Folon's close relationships with craftsmen, his vision of stained glass and sculpture, and **his fascination with light** all serve as keys to understanding his universe and artistic approach.



The Hierro Chapel

The Notre-Dame des Fontaines Chapel in La Brigue

Nicknamed the "**Sistine Chapel of the Alpes-Maritimes**," it is entirely covered in 15th-century frescoes, which remain the best-preserved on the Côte d'Azur. Across nearly 220 m² of frescoes, artists Cannavesio and Baleison offer an exceptional artistic vision.

The Hierro Chapel in Villefranche

The village of Guillaumes is home to the small hamlet of Villefranche, where a quiet chapel was transformed by the bold work of artist **Jean-Antoine Hierro** in the summer of 2022. Following in the footsteps of Matisse and Cocteau, the painter gave new life to this small chapel through artwork inspired by biblical texts.

Also worth exploring nearby: **the Route des Bréas**, a scenic trail through the Nice hinterland highlighting altarpieces created by the "Nice Primitives" school (Primitifs niçois).

The Saint-Sébastien Chapel in Le Mas

Dedicated to Saint Sebastian, this chapel was fully decorated and painted by Nice-based artist Patrick Moya in 2018. It depicts the life of the saint while connecting to the village's history since Roman times, as well as the artist's personal universe and ongoing explorations in contemporary art.

CINEMA

THE CÔTE D'AZUR ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET!

1897

The Lumière brothers film the Nice Carnival. Directors flock to the Côte d'Azur for its exceptional light, allowing them to shoot throughout the winter.

1908

Pathé builds a film studio in Nice.

1913

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

1919

Louis Nalpas acquires Villa Liserb in Nice to produce the feature film *La Sultane de l'amour* (The Sultan of Love). He buys the Victorine property and establishes studios there.

1920S

The greatest directors of silent and talking cinema shoot on the Côte d'Azur, the new European Hollywood.

1946

The first Cannes Film Festival is held.

2018

1st edition of CANNESERIES, the international series festival.

2027

80th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, which today represents the world's most important Film Market and cinema's most glamorous showcase.

Côte d'Azur Film Studios

Three major film studios rival top European facilities and attract the largest international productions: Studios de la Victorine in Nice, Studios Prêt-à-Tourner in Grasse, and the Bastide Rouge Audiovisual Center in Cannes.

Côte d'Azur
Filmography:



Côte d'Azur Filmography

- 1955 To Catch a Thief (La Main au collet) – Alfred Hitchcock
- 1956 And God Created Woman (Et Dieu... créa la femme) – Roger Vadim
- 1963 Bay of Angels (La Baie des Anges) – Jacques Demy
- 1977 Day for Night (La Nuit américaine) – François Truffaut
- 1983 Never Say Never Again (Jamais plus jamais, James Bond) – Irvin Kershner
- 2001 The Son's Room (La Chambre du fils) – Nanni Moretti
- 2010 Heartbreaker (L'Arnacœur) – Pascal Chaumeil
- 2012 Rust and Bone (De rouille et d'os) – Jacques Audiard
- 2014 Magic in the Moonlight – Woody Allen
- Grace of Monaco (Grace de Monaco) – Olivier Dahan
- 2015 The Transporter (Le Transporteur) – Luc Besson
- 2020 Emily in Paris – Darren Star
- 2020 Waiting for Bojangles (En attendant Bojangles) – Régis Roinsard
- 2022 Masquerade (Mascarade) – Nicolas Bedos
- 2023 On the Wandering Paths (Sur les chemins noirs) – Denis Imbert
- 2024 A Roll of the Dice (Un coup de dés) – Yvan Attal
- 2025 My Mother, God and Sylvie Vartan (Ma mère, Dieu et Sylvie Vartan) – Ken Scott
- 2026 Glow in the Dark (Qui brille au combat) – Joséphine Japy
- Summer of '36 (Été 36) – Fred Garson

CANNES

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Cannes Film Festival

Since **1946**, Cannes has hosted the Film Festival where, over the course of 12 days, an international jury of distinguished talent awards the year's best films. This official international competition takes place at the heart of the famous **Palais des Festivals**, capturing global attention. Alongside the Official Selection (In Competition, Un Certain Regard, Midnight Screenings...), parallel sections include the **Directors' Fortnight (Quinzaine des cinéastes)**, **International Critics' Week (Semaine de la critique)**, and, most notably, the **Film Market (Marché du Film)**.

The Cannes Film Festival remains one of the most publicized events in the world and the premier film festival in terms of international influence.

The 80th edition of the Cannes Film Festival will take place from May 11 to 22, 2027. Other key cultural highlights include the Rencontres Cinématographiques de Cannes in November and the World Artificial Intelligence Cannes Festival (WAICF) in February.

Canneseries

The Cannes International Series Festival celebrates television series from around the globe, bringing together industry creators and fans in the iconic setting of Cannes and the magic of its Palais des Festivals.

CANNESERIES features an official competition across long-form, short-form, and documentary formats judged by international juries, alongside parallel selections that celebrate series fans in all their diversity.

Season 10 will take place from February 11 to 16, 2027.



The "Chemin des Étoiles", much like Los Angeles's famous Walk of Fame, honors film legends who have left their handprints and signatures at the foot of the Palais des Festivals.

A Commission at the Service of the 7th Art



COMMISSION
DU FILM
CÔTE D'AZUR - FRANCE

Created in 1999, the **Alpes-Maritimes Côte d'Azur Film Commission** is a major driver of attractiveness for the film, audiovisual, and advertising industries. To date, the association counts over 440 technicians, 185 actors and actresses, 50 partner production companies, as well as a departmental support fund, associations, schools, training centers, and screenwriting residencies.

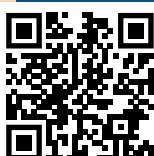
Its missions:

Promote the assets of the Alpes-Maritimes department: its locations, human talent, and technical resources.

Energize the sector by organizing professional events (job fairs, panel discussions at festivals, trade shows and markets, networking opportunities, group location scouting, etc.).

Assist film and audiovisual industry professionals throughout all stages of project development.

Evaluate the economic impact of film shoots within the region.



Cinéroman Festival

The powerful connection between cinema and literature lies at the heart of this festival, whose 8th edition took place from September 28 to October 3, 2026, with Daniel Auteuil serving as Jury President.

FESTIVAL DE NICE
CINÉROMAN
8^{ÈME} ÉDITION

A RICH CULTURAL CALENDAR, ALL YEAR ROUND

Festivals, concerts, exhibitions, traditional celebrations, and fireworks displays make up the very DNA of the Côte d'Azur. Taking place mostly outdoors, major cultural events take over the region's most iconic locations, offering visitors truly unique moments.

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

June

Nuits Carrées Festival Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Hip-hop, jazz, electro, and rock feature at this contemporary music festival that livens up the city over a weekend.

— www.nuitscarrées.com

La Crème Villefranche-sur-Mer

A contemporary music festival set in the exceptional backdrop of the citadel.

— <https://lacremefestival.com>

July

Jazz à Juan Antibes Juan-les-Pins

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

— www.jazzajuan.com

Nice Jazz Fest Nice

Originally a pure jazz festival, the event has expanded to feature contemporary artists with a pop, rap, and electro lineup.

— www.nicejazzfest.fr

Les Nuits du Sud Vence

Vence joins the legend of great Riviera festivals as the Place du Grand Jardin transforms into a magical stage, showcasing tomorrow's talents alongside global stars.

— www.nuitsdusud.com

Saint-Paul-de-Vence Festival

At the foot of its famous ramparts, enjoy classical and jazz music concerts, including 2 exceptional evenings in the gardens of the Fondation Maeght.

— www.festivalsaintpauldevence.com

August

Jazz à Domergue Cannes

A jazz festival set in the lush gardens of Villa Domergue.

Les Plages Électroniques Cannes

The biggest names in electro music gather at the Palais des Festivals and on the beach, turning the city into a massive beach party.

— www.plages-electroniques.com

Saint Jazz Cap Ferrat Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Set in a unique backdrop between sea and pine trees, three evenings dedicated to jazz.

— www.saint-jean-cap-ferrat.fr

July – August

Les Soirées Estivales du Département

500 free concerts and shows throughout the summer across the entire Alpes-Maritimes department.

— <https://soirees-estivales.departement06.fr/>

Bal des Fous Cannes

Sunday afternoons turn wild with costume-filled, eccentric parties at the Palais des Festivals.

— <https://www.lebaldesfous.com/>

Classical Music Festival Menton

— <https://www.festival-musique-menton.fr>

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Festivals

The world's top pyrotechnicians gather in Cannes, Antibes, Mandelieu, Monaco, and many other cities to offer spectacular shows all summer long.

Monte-Carlo Summer Festival Monaco

International stars perform in prestigious venues such as the Opéra Garnier Monte-Carlo and the Salle des Étoiles.

— www.montecarlosbm.com/fr/spectacles/monte-carlo-summer-festival

Nocturnes at Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Featuring singing, music, dance, and readings, the iconic Villa Ephrussi reveals its charm at night during enchanting evening events.

— www.villa-ephrussi.com/fr

Summer Nights at the Racecourse Cagnes-sur-Mer

21 race nights are scheduled throughout the summer: pick the date that suits you to experience the unique thrill of horse racing in Cagnes-sur-Mer!

— <https://hippodrome-cotedazur.fr/site/>

September

Crossover Festival Nice

Rap, hip-hop, pop, electro... every genre of music is showcased.

— www.festival-crossover.com

Not to mention the numerous exhibitions to discover every year in the museums and foundations of the Côte d'Azur!

Find the full program at:

cotedazurfrance.fr/a-faire/art-et-culture/tous-les-musees-de-la-cote-dazur

As well as the calendar of traditional festivals:

cotedazurfrance.fr/a-faire/fetes-traditionnelles-alpes-maritimes

Podcast
Jazz on the
Côte d'Azur



A COLORFUL WINTER!

Carnivals, parades (corsi), flower battles, and float processions: at the start of the year, the Côte d'Azur dons its brightest colors for the Winter Festivals. Mark your calendars! Don't miss these major highlights on the Riviera calendar!

The Nice Carnival

From February 11 to March 1, two weeks of festivities bring the city of Nice to life. Day and night carnival parades (corsi carnavalesques) alongside battles of flowers are on the agenda for this iconic event. Numerous decorated, animated floats parade to the rhythm of street art troupes and musical groups from around the world—all set in a colorful, festive, family-friendly atmosphere.

The battle of flowers (bataille de fleurs) is a unique worldwide event that has made the Nice Carnival famous.

Costumed performers process on flower-adorned floats, distributing over 100,000 flowers to the crowd! In 2026, the Nice Carnival celebrated its 153rd anniversary under the theme "Long Live the Queen!". In 2027, it will celebrate love.

www.nicecarnaval.com/

Another February highlight:
the naval flower battle
in Villefranche-sur-Mer.

Mimosa Festival

Mandelieu-La Napoule

An integral part of winter celebrations on the Côte d'Azur since 1931, the Mimosa Festival (Fête du Mimosa) is an unmissable annual event. The lineup features 5 days of intense festivities: grand parades, light processions, floral floats, children's carnival, entertainment, roving street acts, and exhibitions. In 2027, join the festivities from February 10 to 14 under the theme "Mimosa in Play!".



The Lemon Festival Menton

With the vibrant and spirited parade of the Lemon Festival (Fête du Citron), come celebrate the end of winter on the Côte d'Azur.

Every year for 15 days in February, thousands of spectators gather to watch incredible floats made entirely of lemons and oranges parade by. A truly unique event in the world!

www.fete-du-citron.com

Violet Festival

Tourrettes-sur-Loup

Every year in March, the Violet Festival (Fête des Violettes) concludes the violet harvesting season and welcomes spring. The village streets come alive with musical serenades and local folk dances. A floral parade and flower battle round off the spectacle.



SPRING MUST-SEES

Napoleon's Landing in Golfe-Juan

Every year, Vallauris Golfe-Juan commemorates Napoleon's landing in the cove of Golfe-Juan with a 2-day festival featuring an imperial village, parades, lectures, and historical reenactments.

Biot and the Knights Templar

Costumed parades, falconry shows, knightly battles, concerts, lectures, archival exhibitions, and interactive workshops: each year, the town of Biot hosts Biot et les Templiers, recreating a medieval atmosphere to educate visitors on the history of the Knights Templar.

<https://www.biotetlestempliers.fr/>

BREATHE

OUTDOOR GETAWAYS

Lovers of the great outdoors and wide-open spaces, the Côte d'Azur has everything to delight sports enthusiasts and tranquility seekers alike. You cannot help but marvel at the diversity of its preserved landscapes, teeming with incredible flora and fauna.



Mercantour National Park

The final link of the southern Alps plunging into the Mediterranean, the Mercantour National Park is one of France's richest natural areas in terms of biodiversity. Take a deep breath of fresh air in the "Alps of the Mediterranean," just an hour away from Nice.

From Sospel to Barcelonnette, you can choose from six valleys across two departments: the Vesubie, the Tinée, the Roya-Bévéra, the upper Var/Cians, and the Haut-Verdon and Ubaye valleys (in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence). Between lakes, mountain passes, peaks, gorges, and rock engravings, Mercantour's panoramas are spellbinding!

Plan for several days to explore it! With its 550 km of marked trails from spring to autumn, Mercantour is a hiker's paradise. For sports enthusiasts and mountaineers, Mercantour also offers unforgettable climbing routes.

www.mercantour-parcnational.fr

Nature immersion in the Mercantour with Isabelle Fabre, Côte d'Azur France Ambassador



Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park

Located in the Grasse Prealps, between the valleys of the Siagne, the Loup, the Cagne, the Estéron, and the Var, the park is nicknamed the "Water Tower of the Côte d'Azur" for its underground water reserves.

Nestled between the coast and the mountains, this preserved rural mountain area overlooks the coastline. You can stroll through rocky terrain and arid moorlands (the Calern, Caussols, and Saint-Barnabé plateaus), wander through valleys and their charming villages (Saint-Auban, Aiglun, Sigale, Les Mujouls), cool off in steep gorges (the Loup and Siagne gorges), and explore forested areas (Bois de Sauma Longa, Bois du Cheiron) or cultivated and grazed plains (the Caille plain).

Also, if you enjoy mountain hiking, the summit of Cheiron awaits you, perched at 1,778 m. The reward? Endless panoramic views over the entire department and, on clear days, even across to Corsica!

www.parc-prealpesdazur.fr

Alpes Azur Mercantour International Dark Sky Reserve

By earning the International Dark Sky Reserve (RICE) label in 2019, the Alpes Azur Mercantour territory joined an exclusive group of astronomical observatories, national parks, and regional reserves dedicated to protecting their night skies. This distinction recognizes communities committed to reducing light pollution and guaranteeing exceptional night sky quality.

In June 2026, the Departmental Center for the Environment and Observation in Valberg hosted the RICE national conference.

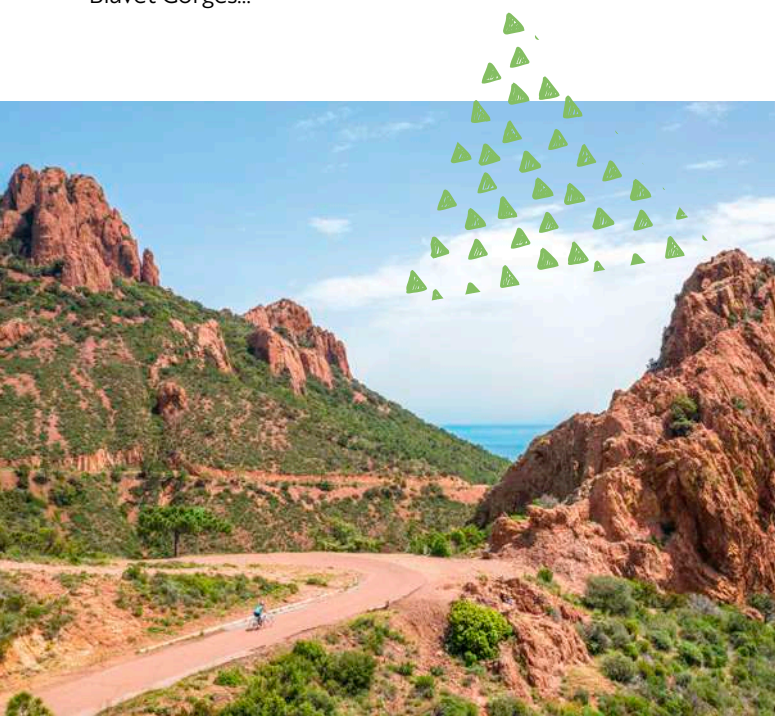




The Estérel Massif

Majestically nestled between the Mediterranean, the Var, and the Alpes-Maritimes departments—spanning the municipalities of Saint-Raphaël, Fréjus, the Pays de Fayence, Théoule-sur-Mer, and Mandelieu-La Napoule—the Estérel Massif is a true jewel of the Côte d’Azur! Striking and highly characteristic, its red volcanic rock gives the landscape its unique identity.

Out of its 32,000 hectares of natural terrain, half is classified as a “Natura 2000” protected area. Hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers can explore to their heart’s content along the various marked trails. Highlights include the Pic de l’Ours, Rocher Saint-Barthélemy, Cap Dramont, Cap Roux viewpoint, Mont Vinaigre, the Perthus and Malinfret ravines, and the Blavet Gorges...



Departmental Natural Parks

Looking for a walk amidst nature, a cool escape, a pleasant moment with your family, or a place to burn off some energy? Over twenty departmental natural parks await you on the Côte d’Azur.

www.cotedazurfrance.fr/decouvrir/ecotourisme/



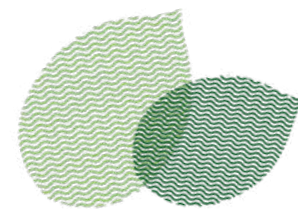
Here are a few of them, in no particular order:

The Estérel-Théoule Maritime Park, Vinaigrier Park, Cros de Casté Park in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, Grande Corniche Park above Èze, Estéron Park, Rives du Loup Park in Villeneuve-Loubet, Valmasque Park, San Peyre Park in Mandelieu-La Napoule, and Pointe de l’Aiguille Park in Théoule-sur-Mer. Plenty of options to get out and enjoy the fresh air!

Be sure to download the “Les Explorateurs des Parcs” mobile app to discover these natural parks in a whole new way, featuring educational and fun content!



STROLL THROUGH 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—stretching from the coastline to the high and mid-hinterland, perched at the water's edge or high upon breathtaking peaks. The Riviera climate provides these green sanctuaries with ideal temperatures for acclimatizing and nurturing rare and exotic plants, making #CotedAzurFrance a wonderful testing ground for the world's most renowned botanists.

Whether enhancing private estates, châteaux, museums, religious sites, or historic villas, the gardens of the Côte d'Azur single-handedly showcase all the culture, elegance, and expertise of our destination. With over 80 gardens accessible to the public, including 14 classified as "Remarkable Gardens" (Jardins Remarquables), the Alpes-Maritimes department possesses a unique natural heritage.

In 2025, **the Serre de la Madone garden** was selected for the Loto du patrimoine (Heritage Lottery) and benefited from Heritage Foundation funding for its restoration.

The Exotic Garden of Monaco reopened its doors in 2026 after six years of renovation. Featuring new footbridges, modernized areas, and a spectacular panorama of the Mediterranean, this iconic venue invites visitors to rediscover its botanical collections and the famous Grotte de l'Observatoire.

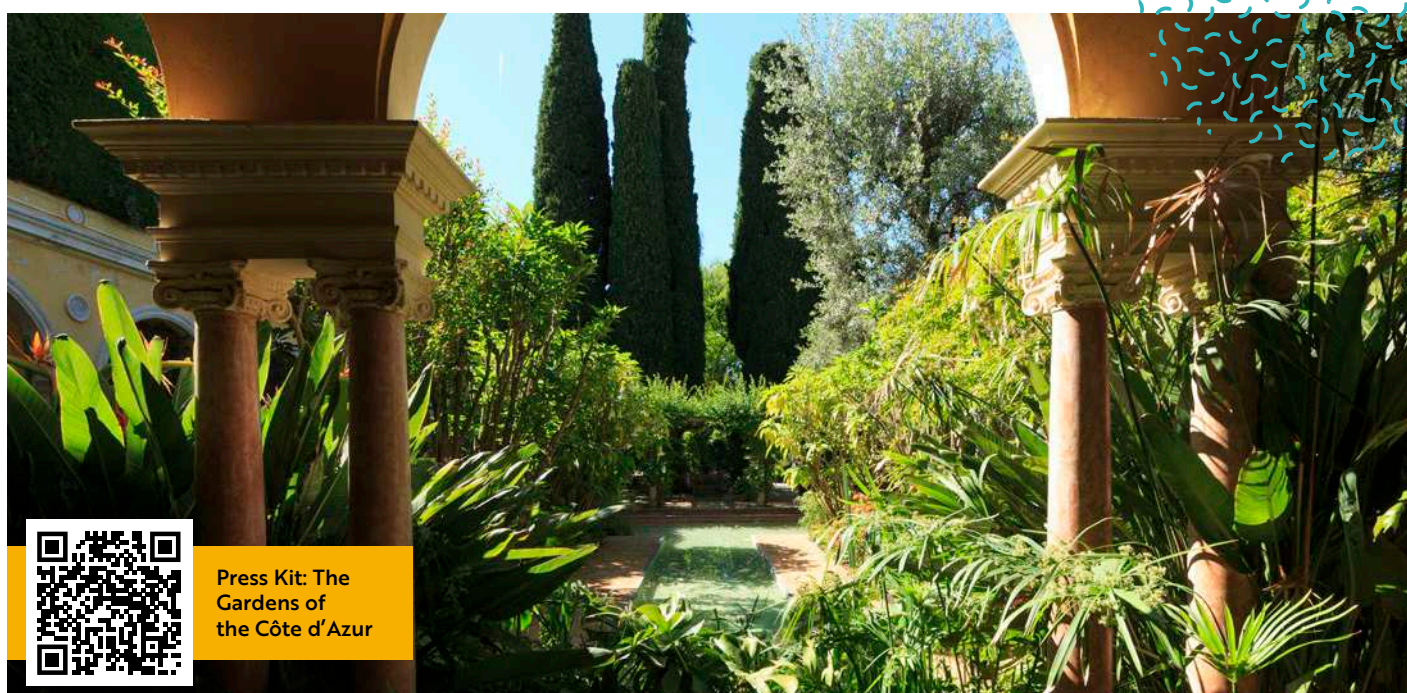
The Nietzsche Garden in Èze opened in 2026: a new haven of peace designed to offer an alternative to the famous exotic garden. This wooded park blends shaded paths, benches, and soothing views in a preserved natural setting—an ideal spot to stroll, recharge, and enjoy the beauty of the village from a fresh perspective.



Jean Mus, Mediterranean landscape architect

Born in Grasse, Jean Mus studied at the École nationale supérieure du Paysage in Versailles before opening his first garden architecture office in 1967. Over a 40-year career with more than 1,500 landscape designs to his name, this passionate creator has achieved international renown, championing the art of the Mediterranean garden worldwide. Guided by a constant desire to pass on his craft, he sponsors and supports numerous events—most notably the Festival des Jardins de la Côte d'Azur.

Portrait of Jean Mus,
landscape architect
and Côte d'Azur France
Ambassador



Press Kit: The
Gardens of
the Côte d'Azur



CÔTE D'AZUR FLORAL EVENTS CALENDAR

February

Mandelieu-La Napoule: **Mimosa Festival (Fête du Mimosa)**
 Nice: **Carnival and battles of flowers (Carnaval et batailles de fleurs)**
 Menton: **Lemon Festival and Orchid Festival (Fête du Citron et Festival des Orchidées)**
 Villefranche-sur-Mer: **naval flower battle (combat naval fleuri)**

March

Tourrettes-sur-Loup: **Violet Festival (Fête des Violettes)**

April

Le Bar-sur-Loup: **Orange Tree Festival (Fête de l'Oranger)**
 Vallauris: **Orange Blossom Festival (Fête de la fleur d'Oranger)**
 Falicon: **Carnation Festival (Fête de l'Œillet)**
 Cannes: **Flore Passion**



May

Grasse: **Expo Rose**
 Opio: **Rose Festival (Fête de la Rose)**
 Plascassier – Grasse: **Centifolia Rose Festival (Fête de la Centifolia)**
 La Colle-sur-Loup: **"Around the Rose" (Autour de la Rose)**
 Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat: **"Rose and Plant Festival" (Fête des Roses et des plantes) at Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild**

June

Across France: **"Rendez-vous aux Jardins" (Garden Meetings)**
 Menton: **Month of Gardens (Le Mois des Jardins)**

August

Grasse: **Jasmine Festival (Fête du Jasmin)**

THE CÔTE D'AZUR BY TRAIN: all aboard!

In an era of eco-friendly travel and environmental preservation, discover the Côte d'Azur by embarking on an incredible train journey. Simply sit back, relax, and watch the scenery unfold.

The Train des Merveilles

A treasure of the hinterland located at the gateway to the Mercantour, the Train des Merveilles connects Nice to Tende on an incredible 2-hour journey. Travel 120 km of pure bliss, where rich sights and wonders reveal themselves as the train climbs. From the Mediterranean coast to the Alps, this train takes you along the historic Salt Road trade route.

Departing from Nice, travel through the Paillon, Bévéra, and Roya valleys to discover the jewels of Piedmontese Baroque art. Away from the crowds, this scenic route promises a breathtaking ride through the mountains and medieval villages of Sospel, Saorge, Breil-sur-Roya, and Tende—its final stop, home to the Musée Départemental des Merveilles, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2026.



Travel Tip: In a single day, you can board the train in the morning, hop off wherever you like, and catch the next train for your next stop. To explore more than two villages, spending a night up in the mountains and returning the next day is ideal to fully enjoy the experience.

Guided Tour: During the summer, a certified tour guide joins the 9:32 AM train, sharing rich insights on the construction of the railway, the history of the Salt Road, and fascinating local anecdotes about life in the valleys. A truly enriching getaway!

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

The Train des Pignes

The 151 km line between Nice and Digne-les-Bains (still known as the Train des Pignes) is operated today by Chemins de Fer de Provence, traveling from the land of olive trees to chestnut groves, from Nice to Upper Provence...

During the season from May to November, a vintage steam train runs between Puget-Théniers and Annot, made possible by the dedication and passion of a team of 45 volunteers working year-round to restore and preserve historic railway heritage. It's a chance to travel at the pace of the last century and step back in time in the medieval villages of Entrevaux and Annot (land of sandstone), or even venture as far as Fugeret. The two locomotives of the Train des Pignes date back to 1909 and 1923, both classified as historic monuments.

www.traindespignes.fr





The Corniche d'Or by Train

Traveling is also about taking your time. From Marseille to Nice, the regional TER train line serves every station along this stretch of coast: Toulon, Mandelieu, Cannes, Antibes...

This unique railway line hugs the coastline, overlooking the Mediterranean. Take a seat on the sea-facing side and enjoy breathtaking postcard views simply by looking out the window.



Without a doubt, the most spectacular section is the stretch passing through the Estérel Massif, with its fiery red rocks plunging dramatically into the Mediterranean. The contrast with the deep blues of the sky and sea is striking, making you glad you chose the train to take in such incredible viewpoints. The coast is equally spectacular between Nice and Menton, where the train runs right along the Basse Corniche.

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

ROAD TRIPS ALONG THE RIVIERA



The Napoleon Road: a historic horseback route

Spanning 42 municipalities, 2 regions, and 4 departments, the Napoleon Road (Route Napoléon) is an often underrated jewel of Côte d'Azur heritage.

From Golfe-Juan to Grenoble, it follows the path taken in March 1815 by the Emperor upon returning from the Isle of Elba to reclaim power in Paris. Covering 314 km, this historic route crosses unique natural sites, offering endless opportunities to explore off-the-beaten-path activities and diverse heritage in an exceptional setting.

What better way to discover this iconic road than in the saddle, following in the Emperor's footsteps? Since 2018, the "La Route Napoléon" association has invited visitors to hike, stay, and ride along the first major equestrian trail certified by the French Equestrian Federation (Fédération Française d'Équitation).

The itineraries and accommodations are open to independent riders, with plenty of fun activities available for children.

www.route-napoleon-a-cheval.com

The Route of the Forts

Since 2021, the Alpes-Maritimes Department has undertaken a major initiative to highlight and enhance an exceptional military heritage spanning 5 centuries of history, ensuring these sites are preserved, passed down, and shared with visitors.

Today, **34 iconic fortresses** make up the Route of the Forts (Route des Forts) across the Alpes-Maritimes and Piedmont regions.

The Route des Grandes Alpes on foot or by bike

Stretching from Thonon-les-Bains to Nice, the Route des Grandes Alpes—the highest road in Europe—winds for **720 km** through the most majestic Alpine passes.

Seasoned cyclists require 6 to 8 days to complete this route, which is divided into several stages.

In the Alpes-Maritimes department, one of the stages crosses the Vésubie Valley, gateway to the Mercantour National Park. Nicknamed the "Swiss Riviera" (Suisse niçoise), this area is a true paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, offering everything from fishing to mountaineering.

On the final stretch, adventurers can explore the Vallée des Merveilles (Valley of Marvels), famous for its remarkable concentration of prehistoric rock engravings. Prefer water sports? The fast-flowing waters of the Roya River offer a fantastic playground for white-water thrill-seekers!

www.routedesgrandesalpes.com

The Mimosa Route (La Route du Mimosa)



Stretching over 130 km from Bormes-les-Mimosas (Var) to Grasse (Alpes-Maritimes), this scenic tourist trail is best explored from January to March during the blooming season. It offers a variety of historical, athletic, and gastronomic activities themed around the mimosa flower—a journey blending azure blue with sunny yellow.

► www.routedumimosa.com



Drive along the 3 Corniches: scenic routes

Legendary in every way, these three roads connecting Nice to Menton offer breathtaking panoramas over the Mediterranean Sea and a striking glimpse into the rich diversity of the Côte d'Azur. Prefer staying right along the shore, or heading up with your head in the clouds? Everyone has their favorite route!



The Basse Corniche (Lower Corniche)

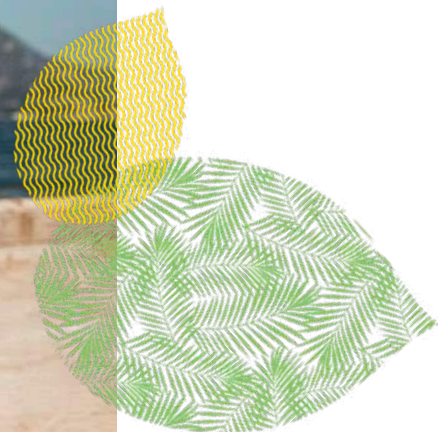
This route is packed with postcard-perfect stops: Villefranche-sur-Mer, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Èze-sur-Mer (hike up to the hilltop village via the winding Nietzsche path), Cap-d'Ail and its stunning Mala beach, then Monaco, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, and finally Menton. Don't hesitate to leave the car behind and walk along the coastal trail to experience this one-of-a-kind coastline on foot.

The Moyenne Corniche (Middle Corniche)

The "Holiday Route"—the former Nationale 7 connecting Paris to Menton—rises a few hundred meters above sea level, winding along steep cliffs and offering soaring overhead views of the coastal towns below. The Moyenne Corniche is also a key access route to nearby natural sites, serving as the trailhead for numerous hiking paths.

The Grande Corniche (Upper Corniche)

Perched over 400 meters above sea level, this is the oldest route, built by order of Napoleon I. The Corniche follows the ancient Roman road Via Augusta, with several original sections still intact. Hugging the cliffside, it is the most famous, iconic, athletic, and wild of the three corniches. Endless blue on one side, and the Mercantour mountains on the other—simply breathtaking!



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HEADLANDS AND ISLANDS

The Côte d'Azur—look no further, it's all in the name. From the coastline to the open sea and deep into underwater depths, the Riviera is meant to be explored by water!



Cap Roux

A Stroll from Cape to Cape

Cap Roux

Located in the Var, Cap Roux is a balcony overlooking the sea and a popular hiking spot. At its summit (454 meters), an orientation table allows you to admire the volcanic geology of the Estérel as well as the seascape. A sensational 360° panorama of the Côte d'Azur awaits you at Cap Roux!

Cap d'Antibes

This peninsula sits near the Argent Faux cove and Villa Eilenroc. A coastal path known as "Tire-Poil" allows you to walk 3 km around the cape starting from Garoupe Beach. The panoramic views of the Lérins Islands and the Mercantour peaks are exceptional.

Cap Ferrat

Often referred to as the "Billionaires' Peninsula," you can circle Cap Ferrat via the coastal footway from the Bay of Villefranche to the village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. Limestone coves, bucolic trails, stunning views, and a lighthouse at its southern tip make Cap Ferrat a photographer's dream.

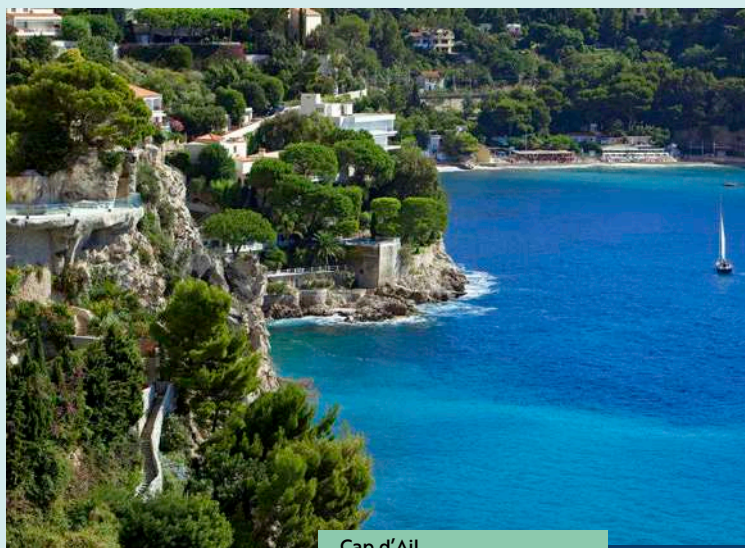
Cap d'Ail

Much like Cap Ferrat, a coastal trail loops around the cape from the superb Mala Beach to Marquet Beach. Along the way, you can discover local flora, exotic gardens, and 19th-century villas that have preserved their historic charm.

Cap Martin

In the late 19th century, this area became home to wealthy English residents, and luxurious villas flourished. Following the old customs officers' path, a 5 km walk offers scenic viewpoints overlooking Menton and Monaco.

Must-see: Le Corbusier's Cabanon (Le Cabanon du Corbusier).



Cap d'Ail

The Lérins Islands

The Lérins Islands are located just 20 minutes from Cannes by boat, yet they offer a complete change of scenery. Wild and pristine, Sainte-Marguerite—the first island you reach—will amaze you with its tranquility and diversity. It promises soothing walks and swims in secluded coves where you can truly feel away from it all.

Just a few waves away from Sainte-Marguerite, the boat docks at Saint-Honorat Island, dominated by the Lérins Abbey (Abbaye de Lérins). Along its jagged coastlines, you can wander through lush vegetation in absolute silence. What serenity! Here, a community of monks resides within an imposing central monastery, an architectural masterpiece. Following six years of major restoration work, the 11th-century fortified monastery tower of the Lérins Abbey was officially inaugurated in June 2026. Visitors can attend religious services, go on a retreat, and taste or purchase local wines and liqueurs handcrafted by the monks.



The Lérins Islands are currently the subject of an application for inclusion on the **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE** list, aimed at highlighting their natural, cultural, and spiritual heritage while permanently protecting this environmental jewel.



The Wonderful Marine World of the Pelagos Sanctuary

Imagine a marine area spanning 87,500 km² in the Mediterranean where marine mammals reign supreme...

Located between France (Hyères), Monaco, and the Italian coast (reaching as far as Rome), the Pelagos Sanctuary was born from an agreement signed between Italy, the Principality of Monaco, and France to protect the marine mammals that frequent these waters.

Fin whales, striped dolphins, long-finned pilot whales, sperm whales, sea turtles, ocean sunfish...

This aquatic kingdom is home to over 8,500 species, showcasing a remarkably rich biodiversity!

CANNES LÉRINS & MOI (Cannes Lérins & Me App)

Explore the island at your own pace while respecting its natural environment. Featuring 160 points of interest, the app offers an in-depth exploration of the island's cultural and natural heritage, including two guided audio walks created by experts and enhanced with vivid detail.

BEACH-HOPPING ALONG THE CÔTE D'AZUR



The Côte d'Azur certainly lives up to its name: our crystal-clear blue waters reflect in the admiring eyes of visitors from around the globe. Picking the single best beach would be an impossible task with so many little corners of paradise. Whether you prefer smooth pebble shores or fine golden sand, this guide will help you navigate our stunning coastline from east to west.

Sablettes Beach (Plage des Sablettes) in Menton

Just a stone's throw from the Italian border, a touch of dolce vita sweeps over this beach, whose calm waters make it ideal for families.

La Mala Beach (Plage de la Mala) in Cap-d'Ail

Surrounded by cliffs plunging into turquoise waters, La Mala is often described as the most beautiful beach on the Côte d'Azur. Simply breathtaking.

Petite Afrique Beach (Plage de la Petite Afrique)

in Beaulieu-sur-Mer

Sheltered by large umbrella pines, this expansive 400-meter beach is perfect for families.

Passable Beach (Plage Passable)

in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Lapped by gentle waves of crystal-clear water, the small cove of Passable offers a magnificent view of the Bay of Villefranche-sur-Mer and its citadel.

La Réserve Beach (Plage de la Réserve)

in Nice

Beyond the famous pebble beaches along the Promenade des Anglais, this iconic spot in Nice is a favorite hangout for locals and regulars.

PRIVATE AND URBAN BEACHES The Riviera Advantage

Several cities along the Côte d'Azur feature **beaches right in the heart of downtown**, making it effortless to take a dip at any time of day without traveling far—from Cannes and Nice to Antibes and Mandelieu-La Napoule!

The coast's **countless private beaches** also elevate the seaside experience, offering high-quality dining, vibrant evenings, live concerts, and more.

The most
beautiful
beaches of the
Côte d'Azur



Mandelieu-La Napoule



La Gravette Beach (Plage de la Gravette) in Antibes

Nestled between Old Antibes and Port Vauban, this wide fine-sand beach is sheltered by the magnificent stone ramparts surrounding it. Also worth mentioning in Antibes is **La Garoupe Beach**, located at the trailhead of the coastal path and renowned for its crystal-clear water.

Midi Beach (Plage du Midi) in Cannes

One of the largest sandy beaches on the Côte d'Azur! Less crowded than Croisette Beach, Plage du Midi starts just past the Port of Cannes and stretches all the way to Mandelieu-La Napoule.

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat



Château Beach (Plage du Château) in Mandelieu-La Napoule

In the shadow of the magnificent Château de la Napoule overlooking the sea, this sandy beach connects directly to the coastal footway heading toward Théoule-sur-Mer.

Anglais Beach (Plage des Anglais) in Agay

A beach tucked in the heart of the Estérel Massif, in the municipality of Saint-Raphaël. Rather than a long stretch of sand, you'll find striking red pebble coves here.

Pointe de l'Aiguille Beach (Plage de la Pointe de l'Aiguille)

in Théoule-sur-Mer

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



GET MOVING

BOATING AND WATER SPORTS

From the coastline to the mountain peaks, the Côte d'Azur offers a unique sea-to-mountain playground unmatched in France. Opportunities to get active in the great outdoors are endless, with something to suit every preference and skill level.

The Call of the Sea

Paddleboarding

Extremely popular, Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) is the ultimate relaxing, eco-friendly water activity. With calm seas, secret coves, and nearby islands, the Côte d'Azur is tailored for it. Top recommended spots include: the Lérins Islands off Cannes; the Siagne River starting from Robinson Beach in Mandelieu-La Napoule; Cap d'Antibes and Billionaires' Bay (Baie des Milliardaires); or Menton for a paddle set against the backdrop of the old town and its colorful facades.

Canoeing & Kayaking

From the red rocks of the Estérel to the calm waters of Menton, the entire Riviera is ideal for sea canoeing and kayaking, whether solo or on guided tours. This sport is also enjoyed in freshwater settings, such as the Loup Gorges (Gorges du Loup).

From Sailing to E-Foiling

Every major city on the Côte d'Azur features sailing clubs and nautical centers offering lessons and courses: from Optimists for young kids, to Lasers, catamarans, and windsurfing. Speed

enthusiasts can try electric surfing with boards reaching up to 35 km/h. Even more thrilling, electric foiling lets you glide above the water at up to 30 km/h with zero noise or pollution!

Freediving & Scuba Diving

The Mediterranean remains a paradise for scuba divers and freedivers of all skill levels. Beginners diving within the 20-meter zone can swim alongside schools of sea bream and dreamfish while hovering over Posidonia seagrass meadows at Cap Ferrat, Cap d'Antibes, or the Lérins Islands.

Experienced divers will love the drop-offs from Nice to Menton, plunging 40 to 60 meters deep close to shore. Departing from Golfe-Juan, you can also explore a maze of narrow canyons off Cap d'Antibes.

Snorkeling

Among the must-see snorkeling spots, the underwater discovery trail at Pointe de l'Aiguille in Théoule-sur-Mer is a highlight. Accessible to everyone, it offers a chance to observe, identify, and learn about the marine life inhabiting shallow Mediterranean waters.

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

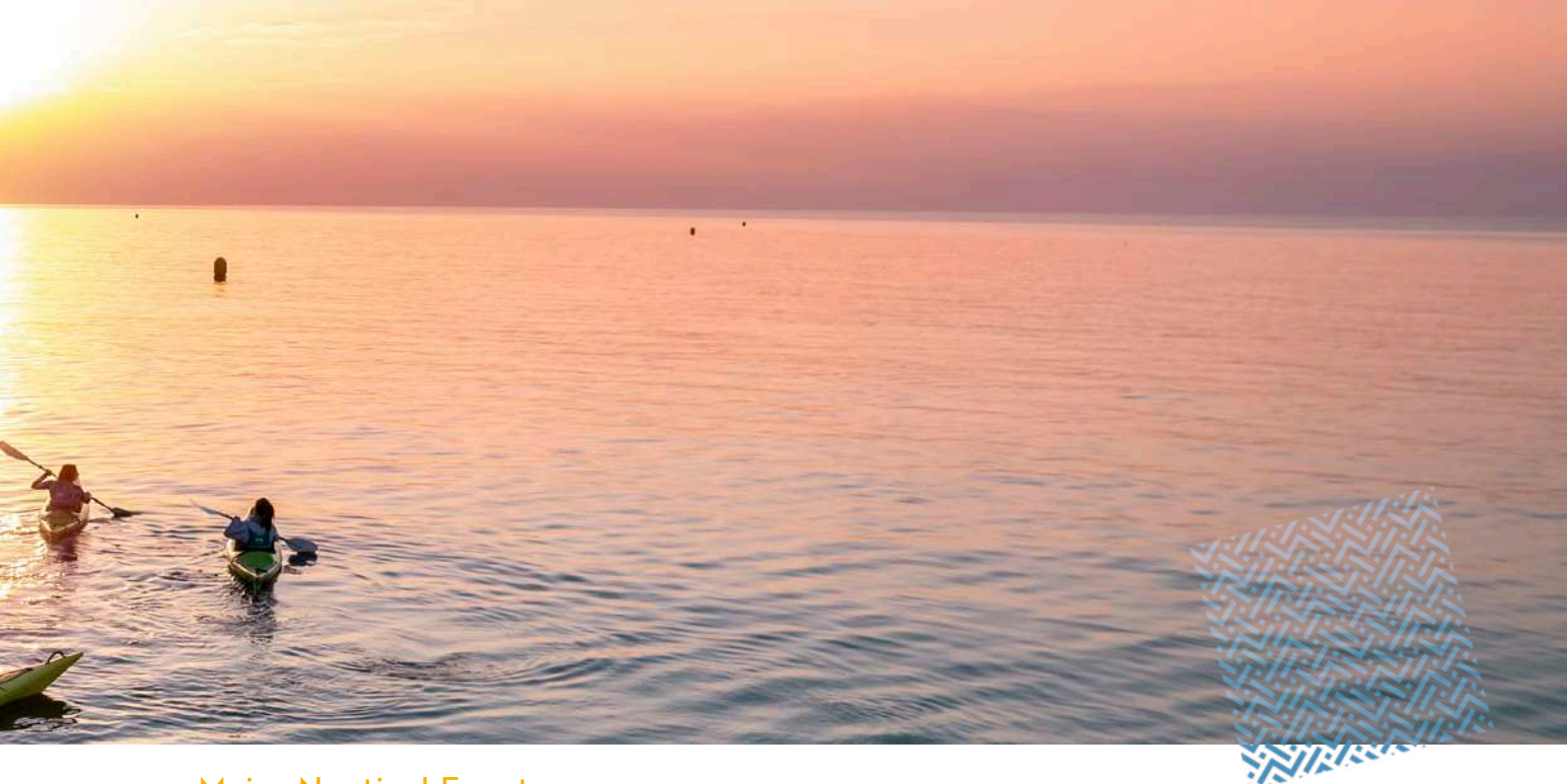


Underwater Ecomuseum

A rare spectacle and the first underwater ecomuseum in France and the Mediterranean, accessible via snorkeling!

Equipped with a mask and snorkel, swim just a hundred meters from the southern shore of Sainte-Marguerite Island to discover, at a depth of less than five meters, six monumental statues created by artist Jason deCaires Taylor.





Major Nautical Events



Whether you are a recreational sailor, a water sports enthusiast, or simply a boat lover, shipyards go above and beyond every year to spark the imagination of sea lovers. From traditional sailboats to luxury yachts, there is no shortage of events along the Côte d'Azur to take you on a journey into the world of boating.

Nice Boating Tomorrow – March

A new sustainable boating show in Nice. In 2026, the inaugural edition dedicated to tomorrow's boating takes place at the Port of Nice over 4 days, featuring land and afloat exhibitors offering sea trials and live demos.

Le Napoule Boat Show – April

The go-to show for gearing up with a new vessel and enjoying the open water without delay! A must-attend event for over 30 years, drawing 15,000 visitors over 4 days.

Les Voiles d'Antibes – June

Les Voiles d'Antibes marks the opening of the Mediterranean circuit for Vintage Yachts, where adventure and luxury meet in a friendly, competitive spirit.

Cannes Yachting Festival – September

Europe's leading in-water boat show. A world-exclusive opportunity to discover the finest in monohulls, multihulls, rigid, semi-rigid, and luxury yachts.

Les Régates Royales de Cannes – September

Set against the gentle Cannes autumn, Les Régates Royales gather the world's finest classic yachts. The event's authenticity stems from these incredible "lords of the sea," featuring century-old vessels in competition.

Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez – September–October

For 10 days, the Gulf of Saint-Tropez hosts a mix of prestigious traditional sailboats and state-of-the-art racing prototypes.

Monaco Yacht Show – September

Widely regarded as the world's most prestigious superyacht show, the Monaco Yacht Show hosts leading international shipyards and top luxury yachting firms afloat.



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

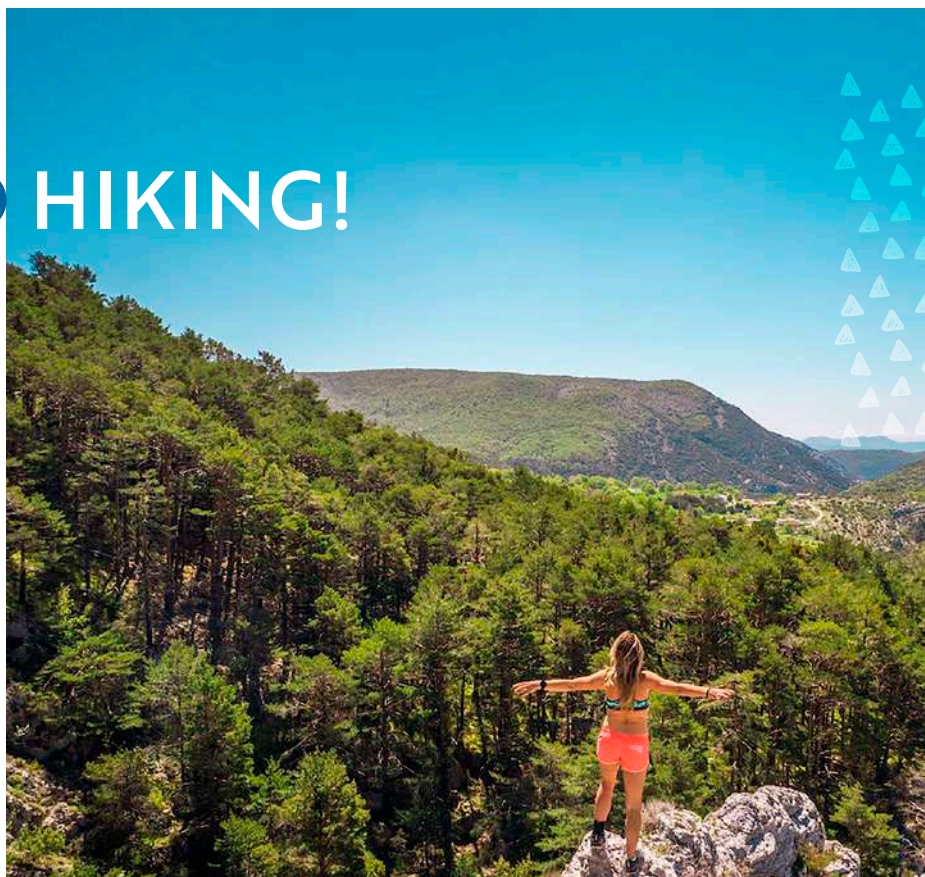


Les Régates Royales – Cannes

HIKING AND TRAIL WALKS

LET'S GO HIKING!

Across villages and hamlets, high up on mountain peaks, along the Mediterranean coast, through valleys, gorges, and even across islands, the Alpes-Maritimes offer an endless choice of hiking trails. To find your absolute favorite route, why not try a few!



1,000 km of Long-Distance Hiking Trails (GR)

Are you an avid hiker or a lover of long-distance trails? You will find your paradise among the 7 "GR" (Grande Randonnée) routes traversing the Alpes-Maritimes. The variety of elevations makes it possible to embark on a "GR" adventure year-round.

Take your pick—1,000 kilometers of paths, tracks, and trails marked with the famous white-and-red stripes await you. Their maintenance is carried out by the Alpes-Maritimes Department, which manages the PDIPR (Departmental Plan for Walking and Hiking Routes).

Among them are iconic, dreamworthy routes: the **"Mercantour Great Crossing"** (GR®GTM), stretching from high mountain peaks down to the sea; the **"Balconies of the Mediterranean"** (GR®51); the **"Mercantour Panoramic Trail"** (GR®52A); the **"Trail of the 8 Valleys"** (GR®510); and the **"Great Crossing of the Alps"** from Lake Geneva to the Mediterranean (GR5)...

<https://randoxygene.departement06.fr>

The Alpes-Maritimes
Randoxygène Guides



Discover the entire Côte d'Azur hiking offer at a glance thanks to the Randoxygène guides published by the Alpes-Maritimes Department (latest releases: Roaming Hikes and Gorges and Canyons).

<https://randoxygene.departement06.fr>



7 hikes off the beaten path in the Mercantour

The southernmost link of the Southern Alps plunging into the Mediterranean, the Mercantour National Park is one of France's richest natural areas in terms of biodiversity. Beyond the famous hiking routes exploring the Vallée des Merveilles (Valley of Marvels), Lake Autier, Mount Pépoiri, the Prals Lakes, Cime du Gélas, or Cime du Diable, here are 7 hikes to discover off the beaten track.

Mount Mounier from Valberg

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

Cime de Chamoussillon

This 5-hour loop trail takes you up to the summit of Chamoussillon and on to the top of Mount Aspre, home to the ruins of a former observatory.

From Moulinet to the Baisse de Peira-Cava

A cool 5-hour walk starting from this historic hamlet in the Sospel municipality, originally founded in the 12th century by farmers.

Along the Salt Roads to the Cerise Pass (Col de Cerise) from Le Boréon

A 5-hour trek exploring the historical trade route connecting France and Italy.

Mount Pépoiri from Valdeblore

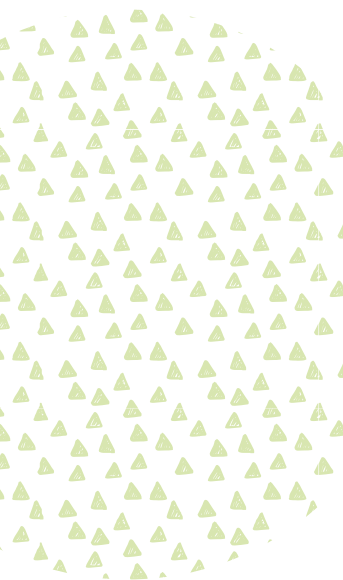
A scenic hike through the alpine pastures of Valdeblore, featuring a peak ascent that rewards you with exceptional views across the Mercantour border ridge.

Baisse de Druos Hike from Isola 2000

Extraordinary landscapes, particularly overlooking the stunning Terre Rouge Lakes.

The Bois d'Anelle Loop from Saint-Étienne-de-Tinée

A solid 4-hour walk discovering the bucolic Anelle Plateau.





Roc de l'Ormée

LET'S GO HIKING!

Whether for an athletic trek or a family outing, here is a glimpse of the rich variety of sea-to-mountain hikes awaiting you on the Côte d'Azur.

The Valley of Marvels (La Vallée des Merveilles)

Set in the heart of the Mercantour National Park near Tende, in the Roya Valley, the Valley of Marvels (Vallée des Merveilles) is more than just a remarkable hiking area—it is a listed Historic Monument housing nearly 40,000 prehistoric rock engravings scattered at an altitude of 2,000 meters around Mount Bego.

The Baou of Saint-Jeannet (Le Baou de Saint-Jeannet)

Among the chain of steep cliff tops (baous), the Baou de Saint-Jeannet stands out for its exceptionally massive limestone face and the breathtaking panorama over the Mediterranean Sea and Alpine peaks visible from its summit.

The Cians Gorges (Les Gorges du Cians)

Nicknamed the "Nice Colorado" due to the deep wine-red color of its rock formations, these gorges offer a wonderful way to explore the famous canyon and travel back in time through its unique geology. In the same area, the "Balconies of the Daluis Gorges" (Les balcons des Gorges du Daluis) route is another must-see.

The Estéron Gorges (Les Gorges de l'Estéron)

Located near the crystal-clear waters of the Clue de la Cerise, the Estéron Gorges loop trail passes through the picturesque villages of Les Ferres and Bouyon. The dramatic narrowness of these limestone gorges, soared over by numerous birds of prey, is truly striking.

Roc de l'Ormée

At the crossroads of French and Italian paths, between Mediterranean beaches and Alpine peaks, Roc de l'Ormée stands like a natural border. Towering at 1,132 meters above Menton's beaches, it offers a unique panoramic view of the entire coastline and the surrounding Alps.

The Paradise Path (Le Chemin du Paradis) in the Loup Valley

To discover the most beautiful landscapes of Grasse's hinterland, follow the aptly named "Paradise Path." Rising toward the summits from the town of Bar-sur-Loup, it winds through forests and perched villages overlooking the valley.

Sainte-Marguerite Island (L'île Sainte-Marguerite)

Allow about 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete this 7 km island loop along the shoreline. In total, over 21 km of trails allow you to lengthen or shorten this summer walk under the shade of Aleppo pines and holm oaks.



Cians Gorges



Baou de Saint-Jeannet



Hike around towns and along the coastline

You don't need to be a top-level athlete to tackle the hundreds of trails crisscrossing the Côte d'Azur. Most towns and villages serve as ideal starting points for hikes lasting a few hours, catering to all fitness levels.

In Nice, for instance, get off the beaten track with **"Lou Camin Nissart,"** a local **GR de Pays®** loop that circles the city via the hills and leads to the most breathtaking view-points. In Mandelieu-La Napoule, choose the Grand-Duc Loop, where mimosa blossoms reign supreme across the Tanneron Massif from January to March. The possibilities are endless.

Finally, no discovery of the Côte d'Azur on foot would be complete without walking the famous **coastal path (sentier du littoral)**. From Pointe de l'Aiguille to Menton, passing through Cap d'Antibes, Cap de Nice, Cap Ferrat, and Cap d'Ail, this legendary seaside walk showcases the full splendor of the French Riviera.

Find our top selection of must-do hikes:

- On the website: www.cotedazurfrance.fr
- In the **Randoxygène** guide: **"Pays côtier"** (Coastal Area)

Nature and
Thrill-Seeking
Activities on the
Côte d'Azur, France



Micro-Adventures in Côte d'Azur France

Closely tied to sustainable tourism, micro-adventures are small-scale, short-duration escapes that require minimal budget and preparation. Their main goal is to reconnect with nature through active or unique outdoor experiences. Across the coastline, as well as throughout the mid- and high-country, the Alpes-Maritimes Department offers dozens of micro-adventure ideas.

Discover these experiences at:
www.cotedazurfrance.fr/decouvrir/ecotourisme



A whole new side
of the Côte d'Azur
is yours to discover!



CYCLING & MOUNTAIN BIKING SADDLE UP! GET MOVING



With its 1,800 km of cycle routes, the Côte d'Azur offers trails for all levels, from family-friendly seaside rides to scaling the highest mountain passes for yellow jersey enthusiasts!



DÉPARTEMENT
DES ALPES-MARITIMES

Take it easy with the "Touring" or "Family" Loops

These discovery routes immerse you in magnificent regions featuring gastronomy, geology, and history.

Eight itineraries guide you through the Alpes-Maritimes hinterland, four of which take you into the heart of the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park.

Up the intensity with the "Sporting Loops"

Reserved for experienced riders, these routes cross the wild terrain of the Var Valley in the high country, stretching from the Mediterranean to the legendary Col de Turini in the east, and around the Col de Vence in the west. You can also explore the pristine landscapes of the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park and the Siagne Valley, starting from Mandelieu-La Napoule.

EPIC CYCLING JOURNEYS

The Grand Tour of the Préalpes d'Azur

This 6-day itinerary crosses the Préalpes d'Azur Regional Natural Park. Stage by stage, through sun-drenched landscapes, you will discover striking sites every day: dizzying canyons with turquoise waters (clues), colorful Riviera villages perched on rocky spurs, high limestone plateaus, and Mediterranean balconies offering breathtaking viewpoints.

The Alpi Marittime-Mercantour Grand Tour

Also known as "La Route des Grands Cols," this Mercantour cycling route invites you to conquer the region's famous mountain passes. Designed for seasoned cycle tourists and sports cyclists, this 5-stage loop crosses colorful villages and delivers views sweeping from the sea across the entire Alpine arc, blending the atmospheres of the Alps, Italian Piedmont, and the Mediterranean.

"La Méditerranée à Vélo" (EuroVelo 8)

7,600 km across 10 countries! Running from Andalusia to Cyprus, EuroVelo 8 follows the entire Mediterranean coastline, traversing the Alpes-Maritimes department and the Côte d'Azur all the way to Italy. It offers the perfect chance to ride through stunning scenery from the Pays de Fayence and its perched villages before reaching the coast along the banks of the Siagne, following the shoreline, and climbing from Nice toward the Col de Tende.

More information: www.lamediterraneeavelo.com

TOP 5 Legendary Passes of the Côte d'Azur

Col de Vence: Ideal for testing your fitness year-round.

Col de la Bonette: The highest paved road in Europe.

Col de la Madone: The ultimate training spot for top cycling champions.

Col de Turini: A three-sided pass made legendary by the Monte-Carlo Rally.

Col d'Èze: A Paris-Nice icon just a few pedal strokes away from Nice.

The 06 Connected Mountain Passes Challenge

Looking for a challenge? Take on the Cols Connectés (Connected Passes) challenge created by the Alpes-Maritimes Department. A permanent timing system lets you benchmark your performance against the top active professional cyclists.

www.cols-connectes06.fr



Dedicated Services for Cyclists

Accueil Vélo is a French national certification that guarantees high-quality, tailored services and welcomes cycle tourists along bike routes. Click here to find providers holding the Accueil Vélo label across the Alpes-Maritimes:

www.cotedazurfrance.fr/a-faire/activites-sportives/velo

Tour de France Femmes 2026

In 2026, Nice hosted the grand finale of the Tour de France Femmes on August 9, following a grueling 99 km mountain stage.

www.letourfemmes.fr/fr/etape-9

A Mountain Biking Paradise

With its dramatic topography, diverse terrain, network of trails, and mild climate, the Côte d'Azur is a mountain biker's haven. From downhill racing to family leisure rides, mountain biking here offers every thrilling experience, caters to all riding styles, and brings generations together! World-class local champions from the Riviera have made their mark in major global competitions, including Nicolas Vouilloz, Fabien Barel, and Loïc Bruni.

Discover these champions' favorite MTB spots at:

<https://cotedazurfrance.fr>

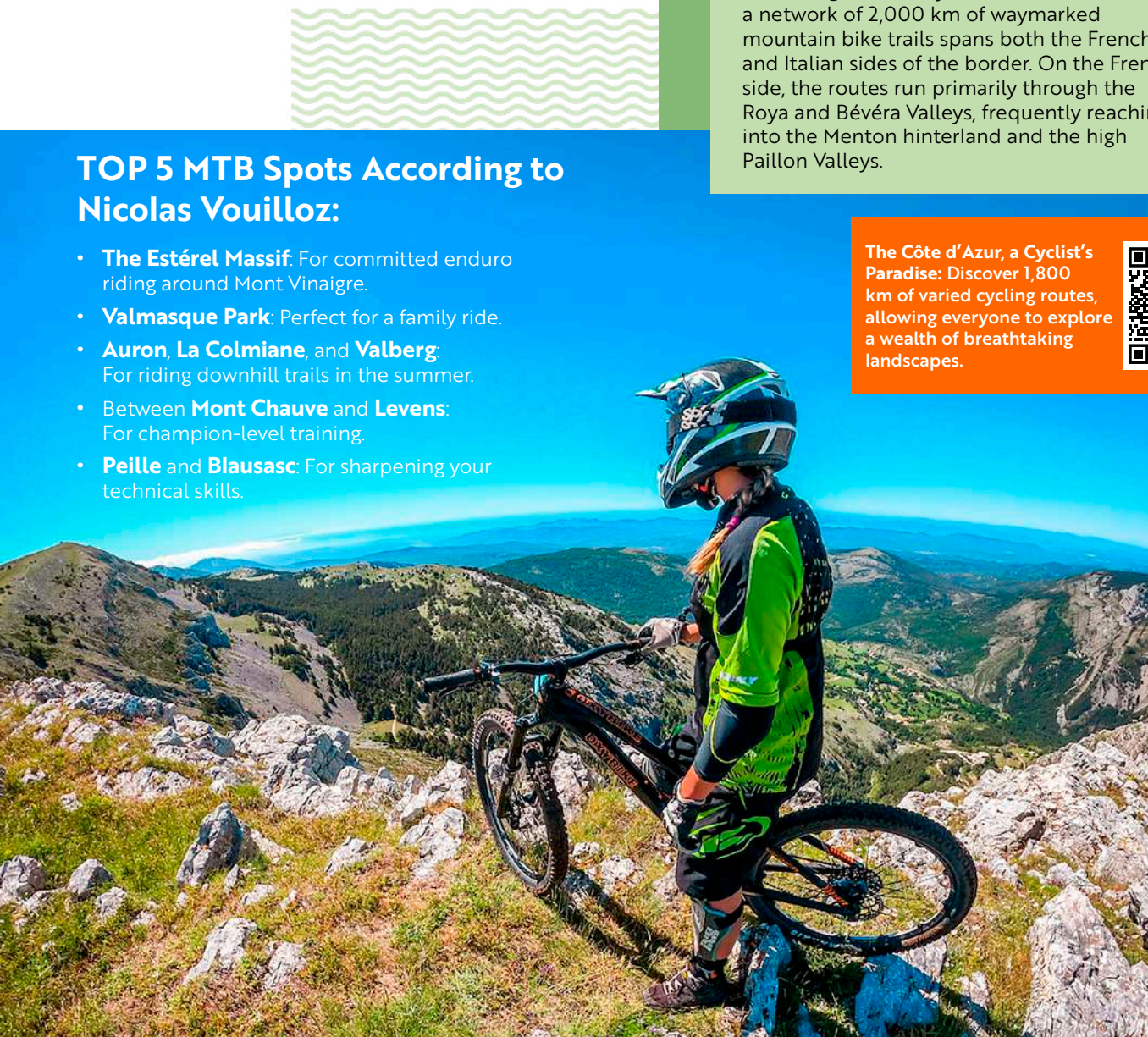
Sea Alps by Bike

Set in a landscape of mid-to-high mountains extending all the way to the Mediterranean, a network of 2,000 km of waymarked mountain bike trails spans both the French and Italian sides of the border. On the French side, the routes run primarily through the Roya and Bévéra Valleys, frequently reaching into the Menton hinterland and the high Paillon Valleys.

TOP 5 MTB Spots According to Nicolas Vouilloz:

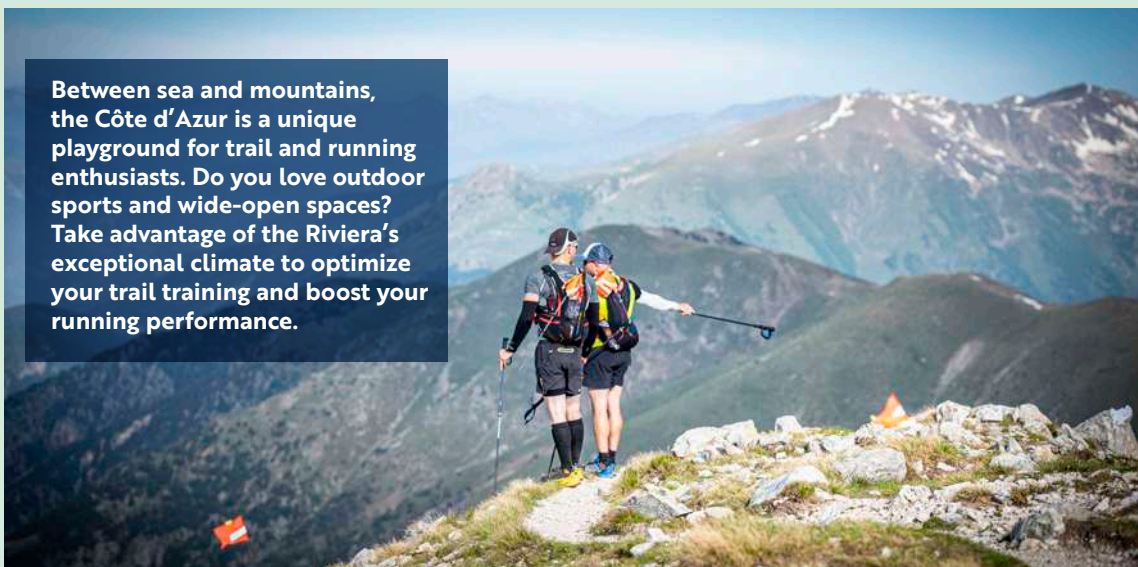
- **The Estérel Massif:** For committed enduro riding around Mont Vinaigre.
- **Valmasque Park:** Perfect for a family ride.
- **Auron, La Colmiane, and Valberg:** For riding downhill trails in the summer.
- Between **Mont Chauve** and **Levens:** For champion-level training.
- **Peille** and **Blausasc:** For sharpening your technical skills.

The Côte d'Azur, a Cyclist's Paradise: Discover 1,800 km of varied cycling routes, allowing everyone to explore a wealth of breathtaking landscapes.



TRAIL AND RUNNING

Between sea and mountains, the Côte d'Azur is a unique playground for trail and running enthusiasts. Do you love outdoor sports and wide-open spaces? Take advantage of the Riviera's exceptional climate to optimize your trail training and boost your running performance.



Watch the Sunset at the Pic de Courmettes

A 6 km route with 400 m of elevation gain. Spread out before you is the entire Côte d'Azur, stretching from Cap Ferrat to the Estérel. Turning around, you will take in the dizzying Loup Gorges, the famous Cheiron ridge, and on a clear day, the entire Mercantour mountain range!

Take in a Bird's-Eye View of Monaco

This 7 km trail with 400 m of elevation gain starts in the village of La Turbie and finishes at the iconic Tête de Chien. Enjoy the view from this unbelievable balcony suspended over the sea: directly below lies the Rock of Monaco, with Cap Martin in Roquebrune resting on the horizon.

Enjoy a Breath of Fresh Sea Air at Cap Ferrat

This scenic 10 km trail loop with 300 m of elevation gain overlooks turquoise coves. Climb your way up to the lighthouse, an officially listed historic monument.

Scale the Dizzying Baou de Saint-Jeannet

Sitting at an altitude of 802 meters, the Baou de Saint-Jeannet is a renowned spot for trail running and rock climbing. This 10 km route with 600 m of elevation gain delivers incredible views over Saint-Jeannet and the entire coastline, stretching from Cap Ferrat all the way to Cap d'Antibes!

Escape to the Heart of the Estérel

Set off on this lovely, fast and flowy Côte d'Azur trail running route set amidst striking red rocks. You will undoubtedly be captivated by the view: Cannes Bay and its famous Lérins Islands on one side, and the Bay of Fréjus with the Maures Massif stretching out in the distance on the other.



The Côte d'Azur:
A Playground for
Trail and Running
Enthusiasts



Côte d'Azur Trail Stations

A Station de Trail® (Trail Station) is a destination fully dedicated to trail running, offering year-round marked routes, as well as services and tools tailored for exploring the area on foot. Suitable for all fitness levels, athletes can find everything they need in one location to plan their training, camps, or stays.

In the heart of the Alpes-Maritimes high country, the **Haute-Vésubie** and **Valdeblore** areas stand out for their dramatic geography, boasting a wealth of peaks and rock faces ranging between 1,500 and 3,000 meters in altitude.

Set within protected natural spaces—partially sheltered by the Mercantour National Park and the Parco Naturale delle Alpi Marittime—these steep slopes draw trail running and nature-loving enthusiasts as soon as spring arrives.

Not to mention **Tourrette-Levens**. On the trail front, 10 routes and 4 training workshops are accessible year-round, treating runners to stunning views over the Mediterranean and the Southern Alps.

Every year, the Alpes-Maritimes Department hosts the **Challenge Trail 06**, where trail runners go head-to-head across multiple dates and courses.

The marquee event of the year remains the **Ultra Trail® Côte d'Azur Mercantour**.

www.utcam06.com



Profile of Sébastien Camus,
ultra-runner and Côte d'Azur
France Ambassador



PACKED WITH THRILLS & ADRENALINE

Whether it's board sports in the mountains or on the sea, high-adventure or high-altitude activities, the landscapes of the Côte d'Azur offer visitors a wide selection of thrilling outdoor experiences! Treetop adventure courses, via ferrata, ziplining, canyoning, rafting, caving... guaranteed adrenaline hits!

Into the Water!

Jumps, abseils, and natural slides: **canyoning** delivers maximum thrills in an exceptional setting of emerald pools, waterfalls, and untamed wilderness.

The valleys of the Mercantour massif, the Estéron Valley, the Loup Gorges, and the Roya Valley boast an impressive wealth of gorges (clues) and canyons, making the Côte d'Azur a top hotspot for water adventures. Special mention goes to the Maglia Canyon, undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in Europe.

Alpine Coasters & Tobogganing

The **all-season alpine coaster** in Gréolières (Gréoluge) and the **summer toboggans** in Valberg or La Colmiane let you hurtle down the mountain and get your adrenaline fix against breathtaking backdrops.

Underground

If you are looking to cool off and are captivated by underground worlds, head to the Parc de la Moulière in Caille for a **Via Souterrata**—a mix between via ferrata and caving! At a depth of 45 meters, you will explore stalactites and stalagmites using monkey bridges, footbridges, and rappels...

Video Immersion
"The Côte d'Azur,
Outdoor Destination"



High Altitude

To reach new heights, opt for a **via ferrata**! Among the most famous in the Alpes-Maritimes, the Lantosque via ferrata largely overlooks the Vésubie River. Beginners can try their hand on the "Balma Negra" in Roubion, towering over the Tinée Valley. Seasoned adventurers can tackle the 1,600 meters of cable on the "Baus de la Frema" in La Colmiane.

Speaking of cables and La Colmiane, don't miss **France's longest zipline, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2026!**

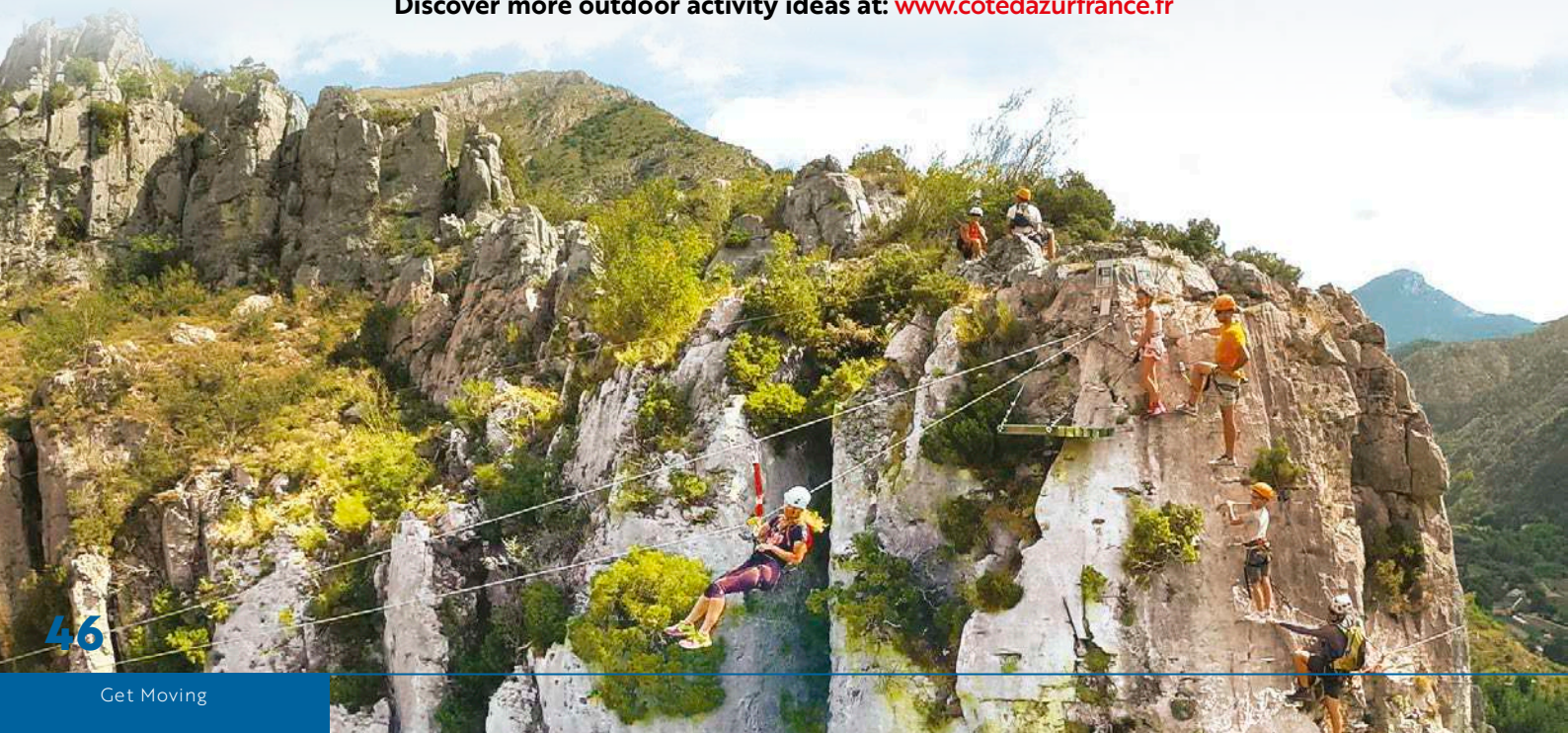
Other highlights include La Brigue's via ferrata—overlooking the medieval town and reserved for experienced climbers—and the Hironnelles via corda in Auron.



Into the Air

Because the Côte d'Azur is equally sublime from above, you can also explore the region by **paraglider**. Incredible sensations and magical views sweeping from sea to mountains are guaranteed, with takeoffs from Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, La Colmiane, and Gourdon.

Discover more outdoor activity ideas at: www.cotedazurfrance.fr



ELEGANT SPORTS



The tourist boom on the Côte d'Azur in the 19th century led to the development of elegant sports tailored for international visitors and winter guests. Today, golf and horse racing have become widely accessible across the Riviera.



Work on Your Swing

Thanks to exceptional year-round sunshine, golf can be played in every season on the Côte d'Azur. Set along the coast, in the mountains, or further inland, around twenty 9- and 18-hole golf courses span from the Mediterranean to the Alps, offering magnificent settings to practice your swing.

Notable courses include:

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

Golf Press Kit



Attend a Horse Race

Located in Cagnes-sur-Mer, **the Hippodrome de la Côte d'Azur** spans 60 hectares and can accommodate up to 12,000 spectators. Prestigious events take place here in both summer and winter, featuring over 80 race meets per year organized by the Société des Courses de la Côte d'Azur since 1952.

During July and August, the Summer Meetings feature night races that bring a magical atmosphere to the track. From December to March, the venue hosts its Winter Meetings.

www.hippodrome-cotedazur.fr



THE RESORTS OF THE ALPES-MARITIMES

FULL SPEED AHEAD TO THE MOUNTAIN RESORTS!

With 600 km of slopes just 1 hour and 30 minutes from the coast, the ski resorts and domains of the Alpes-Maritimes offer a truly unique experience.

Boasting record levels of sunshine and activities for every interest—alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowshoe hiking, ziplining, and more—the Riviera mountain range stands out for its exceptional landscapes, vibrant après-ski scene, and off-slope entertainment.

From six different resorts in the Alpes-Maritimes, skiers can spot the sea on a clear day, taking in the beauty of the Côte d'Azur even from high up on the slopes!

The resorts are also expanding their offerings beyond the winter season with outdoor sports accessible to everyone (mountain biking, golf, paddle boarding, and more). On the Côte d'Azur, mountain life is enjoyed year-round.

Video Immersion:
Winter on the
Côte d'Azur



3 Major Domains for Snowsports Enthusiasts

AURON

Family-friendly and lively.

The largest domain in the Alpes-Maritimes, certified as a "Famille Plus" resort. The area is directly connected to Saint-Étienne-de-Tinée by cable car.

ISOLA 2000

Freestyle kingdom of champions.

A breeding ground for athletic talent, this is the highest resort in the department as well as its most festive. A top destination for freestyle enthusiasts.



VALBERG

A committed resort celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2026.

Awarded the "Flocon Vert" label for its commitment to sustainability and "Famille Plus" for its family-focused amenities. Connected to the Beuil-les-Launes domain.

Certified as an International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR), it opened **LE DÔME in 2026 (a departmental center for environment and astronomy)** dedicated to discovering and observing the night sky.



7 Village Resorts for a Warm, Family Atmosphere

BEUIL-LES-LAUNES

A committed resort.

The birthplace of skiing and winter sports in the Alpes-Maritimes. Connected to Valberg, it overlooks the Haut Cians and its striking red rocks.

LA COLMIANE-VALDEBLORE

Packed with thrills.

Home to France's longest zipline: 2,663 meters long with top speeds reaching 130 km/h!

ROUBION - LES BUISSSES

Unforgettable panoramas.

From the top, take in 360° views across the Mercantour range, stretching all the way to Corsica on clear days.

TURINI CAMP D'ARGENT

Gentle and family-focused.

The quintessential small-scale family resort, perfectly suited for young children. As a bonus, it delivers exceptional panoramas overlooking the coastline.





VAL PELENS

Gentle on children.

Located in the village of Saint-Martin-d'Entraunes, this resort is ideal for young children and beginner skiers.

GRÉOLIÈRES RESORT

Something for everyone.

Situated in the Grasse hinterland, it is the closest ski resort to the coast (22 km as the crow flies), offering panoramas across the entire Côte d'Azur.

New feature: Gréo'luge, an all-season, rail-mounted alpine coaster open year-round.

L'AUDIBERGUE – LA MOULIÈRE

Wellness and nature.

Two family-friendly resorts linked by a ridge trail, perfect for a getaway focused on gastronomy, wellness, and nature.



5 NORDIC AREAS FOR TOTAL NATURE IMMERSION

LE BORÉON

Fun and family-friendly.

Located near the village of Saint-Martin-Vésubie, this is one of the largest Nordic skiing centers in the Southern Alps. Thrill-seekers can also take on a unique adventure on its ice-climbing wall.

CASTERINO

Zen and peaceful disconnect.

At the gateway to the Vallée des Merveilles, a few kilometers from Tende, lies a peaceful haven nestled within a pristine natural setting.

ESTENC-ENTRAUNES

Authentic and refreshing.

Set in a majestic Alpine backdrop with absolute quiet, offering superb cross-country skiing and snowshoeing routes.

PEÏRA-CAVA

Peaceful.

Overlooking the Paillon, Vésubie, and Bévéra valleys, this spot is a haven for those seeking quiet tranquility.

SAINT-DALMAS-LE-SELVAGE

Nordic getaway.

In the heart of the Tinée Valley, offering an authentic return to nature where stillness, serenity, and scenic escape meet.

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Resorts



SPORTS CALENDAR



Major, recurring high-level national and international sports events rhythmically pack the action-filled Riviera calendar all year long! Here are some of the year's highlights.

JANUARY

Prom' Classic Race – Nice
www.promclassic.com

Monte-Carlo Rally – Monaco
www.acm.mc

Historic Monte-Carlo Rally – Monaco
www.acm.mc

Cannes Urban Trail – Cannes
www.cannesurbantrail.fr

FEBRUARY

Tour des Alpes-Maritimes et du Var
www.tour06-83.com

Cannes Half Marathon – Cannes
www.semi-cannes.com

MARCH

Paris-Nice Cycling Race – Nice
www.paris-nice.fr

APRIL

Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters – Monaco
www.rolexmontecarlomasters.mc

XTerra Trail des Balcons d'Azur
Mandelieu-La Napoule
www.traildazur.com

Mercan'tour Madone-Peille – Peille
granfondomercantour.com/mercantour-madone-peille

No Finish Line – Nice
www.nofinishlinenice.fr

Nice Half Marathon – Nice
www.nicesemimarathon.com/2026

Cannes International Triathlon – Cannes
www.cannes-international-triathlon.com

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

JUNE

BikingMan France Côte d'Azur – Valberg
bikingman.com/fr/alpesmaritimes-2026-fr

Mercan'tour Classic / Mercan'tour Classic Rando / Ultra Bonette – Valberg
granfondomercantour.com/mercantour-classic-rando-110km

Monaco FI Grand Prix – Monaco
www.acm.mc

Historic Jean Behra Rally – Nice
www.ffa.org/calendrier-et-classements/resultats-des-epreuves/rallye-nice-jean-behra-32565

Race Across France – Mandelieu-La Napoule
www.mandelieu.fr/agenda/41869/15921-race-across-france-2026.htm

French Open Water Freediving Championship
– Villefranche-sur-Mer

Ironman France – Nice
www.ironman.com/im-france

Ironman France 70.3 – Nice
www.ironman.com/im703-nice

FootVolley World Cup – Juan-les-Pins

Trial European Cup – Isola 2000

Bullpadel Show 06 – Juan-les-Pins

JULY

Gravel Trophy – Valberg
www.graveltrophy.com

Ultra Trail Côte d'Azur Mercantour – Nice
www.utcam06.com

Jumping International de Monaco – Monte-Carlo
www.jumping-monaco.com

Herculis EBS International Athletics Meeting
– Monaco
<https://monaco.diamondleague.com/>

Beach Sport Festival – Saint-Laurent-du-Var

AUGUST

Haute Route Alpes – Nice
hauteroute.fr/fr/fr-page-daccueil

Tour de France Femmes (Grand Finale) – Nice
www.letourfemmes.fr

La Vuelta Grand Départ – Monaco
lavuelta-monaco.gouv.mc

SEPTEMBER

Aquathlon – Villeneuve-Loubet
fr.milesrepublic.com/event/aquathlon-de-villeneuve-loubet-9662

OCTOBER

La Transvésubienne – Valdeblore
www.ucc-sportevent.com/transvesubienne

Roc d'Azur – Fréjus
www.roc-azur.com/fr

Ötillö Swimrun – Cannes
otilloswimrun.com/races/cannes-france/

Swimrun Côte d'Azur – Beaulieu-sur-Mer
www.swimruncotedazur.com

NOVEMBER

Alpes-Maritimes Marathon – Nice-Cannes
www.marathon06.com

DECEMBER

Winter Horse Racing Meeting – Cagnes-sur-Mer
www.hippodrome-cotedazur.fr

For all other events, please visit:
<https://cotedazurfrance.fr/app/uploads/cotedazur-france/2026/01/Agenda-sportif-CAF-2026.pdf>





RIVIERA SPECIALTIES



With around thirty Michelin-starred restaurants, the Côte d'Azur stands as a premier destination for haute cuisine. Featuring culinary events, world-renowned chefs, rich local produce, and time-honored traditions, cooking in #CotedAzurFrance is elevated to a fine art.



"CUISINE NISSARDE", a Label of Tradition

This label guarantees that restaurateurs use **regional ingredients** and honor **traditional recipes**. Here are a few must-try Riviera specialties:

Socca: A large, thin pancake made from chickpea flour, baked in a traditional oven. Best enjoyed piping hot with a generous pinch of black pepper.

Pissaladière: An iconic Niçoise specialty featuring slow-cooked onions, olives, and anchovies set atop a light bread dough base. Perfect as a starter or alongside an apéritif.

Petits Farcis: Small regional vegetables stuffed with a savory minced meat filling—a true cornerstone of local home cooking.

Salade Niçoise: One of the most famous dishes in Niçoise cuisine. The authentic version is made with lettuce, tomatoes, bell peppers, red onions, spring onions, broad beans, cucumbers, hard-boiled eggs, tuna, olive oil, and local olives.

Zucchini Blossom Fritters (Beignets de fleurs de courgettes): Freshly picked zucchini flowers dipped in a delicate batter and fried until crisp.

Swiss Chard Specialties: La truccia (a classic Swiss chard omelet) is a regional staple, as is the sweet Swiss chard tart (tourte de blette), subtly flavored with pine nuts and orange blossom water.



Restaurants certified with the "Cuisine Nissarde" label



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



WINES OF THE CÔTE D'AZUR

Bellet wine is a Controlled Designation of Origin (AOC) wine harvested exclusively within the territory of the municipality of Nice. It is the only urban vineyard with an AOC status located entirely within a major metropolitan area. Covering nearly sixty hectares, Bellet is an exceptional vineyard. Several wineries offer tours and tastings, including Château de Crémât and Domaine de la Source.

Vines are also cultivated in the perched village of **Saint-Jeannet**, at the aptly named Domaine des Hautes Collines. On the lower slopes of the Côte d'Azur, the vines soak up the sun and produce remarkable wines.



Off the coast of Cannes, on Saint-Honorat Island, the monks of **Lérins Abbey** cultivate a small 8.5-hectare vineyard using ancestral methods. Through these wines, the brothers wish to highlight their values: love of work well done, fraternity, and the pursuit of excellence.

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

PDO, AOC, AND PGI:

a few unique products from the Côte d'Azur

The **PDO (AOP) "Nice Olive Oil"** (2004) and **"Nice Olive"** (2001) share the same designation area, which spans 99 municipalities in the Alpes-Maritimes department. The main characteristic of this olive grove is its planting on terraced hillsides (restanques).

The **Menton lemon** has a sweeter taste, more intense aromas, and a mild acidity, which have earned it the European Protected Geographical Indication (PGI/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 flavored with Menton citrus fruits, Menton Lemon Gift Set

MICHELIN-STARRED CHEFS AND MASTER RESTAURATEURS



A STAR-STUDDED DESTINATION

In 2026, the Côte d'Azur counts 37 Michelin-starred restaurants (including 5 new ones): 28 in the Alpes-Maritimes and 9 in the Principality of Monaco. Following in the footsteps of Auguste Escoffier, the greatest names in French gastronomy have made the Côte d'Azur their home port. Virginie Basset, Mauro Colagreco, Alain Llorca, Marcel Ravin, Bruno Oger, Alain Ducasse... many of them elevate French Riviera gastronomy for our ultimate delight.

1 STAR



La Table du Cap Estel
Chef Kévin Garcia – Èze

Robuchon Monaco
Chef Jonathan Larrieu – Monaco

Épicentre
Chef Selim M'Nasri – Nice

La Table de Pierre
Chef Rodolphe Loury – Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Auberge de La Roche
Chef Louis-Philippe Riel – Valdeblore

Les Pêcheurs, Antibes

Louroc - Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Antibes

Le Restaurant des Rois - La Réserve de Beaulieu,
Beaulieu-sur-Mer

Les Terrailleurs, Biot

La Palme d'Or, Cannes

Château Eza, Èze

La Passagère - Belles Rives, Juan-les-Pins

Alain Llorca, La Colle-sur-Loup

Bessem, Mandelieu-la Napoule

Elsa Marcel Ravin, Monaco

Le Grill, Monaco

La Table d'Antonio Salvatore, Monaco

Pavillon Monte-Carlo, Monaco

Le Chantecler, Nice

L'Aromate, Nice

Les Agitateurs, Nice

ONICE, Nice

Racines – Bruno Cirino, Nice

JAN, Nice

Auberge Quintessence, Roubion

Le Cap, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

L'Or Bleu, Théoule-sur-Mer

Mareluna, Théoule-sur-Mer

La Flibuste, Villeneuve-Loubet

2 STARS



La Chèvre d'Or,
Èze

La Villa Archange,
Le Cannet

Blue Bay,
Monaco

L'abysses Monte-Carlo,
Monaco

Flaveur,
Nice

Les Ambassadeurs
by Christophe Cussac,
Monaco

3 STARS



Mirazur,
Menton

Le Louis XV - Alain Ducasse,
Monaco



Portrait of
Mauro Colagreco,
Michelin-Starred
Chef, Côte d'Azur
France Ambassador



THE MASTER RESTAURATEURS

Created in 2007 at the initiative of the Ministry of SMEs, Trade, and Craft Trades, the title of Master Restaurateur (Maître-Restaurateur) is the only title awarded by the French State for the restaurant industry. This label is based on specifications combining the Chef's professionalism and qualifications, product traceability, and seasonality.

Today, the title includes nearly 3,300 restaurateurs, including over a hundred in Côte d'Azur France, and rewards establishments of excellence, from traditional inns to fine dining restaurants. All guarantee authentic cuisine.



Our top "Maîtres-Restaurateurs" picks



TOP 5 MOST BEAUTIFUL MARKETS

Menton Covered Market (Halles):
every morning.

Cours Saleya in Nice:
every morning, except Monday.

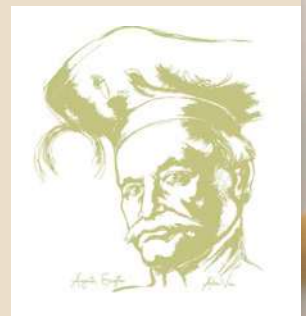
Provençal Market in Antibes:
every morning, except Monday.

Forville Market in Cannes:
every morning, except Monday.

**The Morning Markets of Cours
Honoré Cresp in Grasse:**
Wednesday morning.

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

Inventor of the brigade system (travail en brigade) and creator of the Peach Melba, **Auguste Escoffier**—"king of chefs and chef of kings"—is considered one of the greatest chefs in gastronomy. A pioneer of the culinary arts, he managed the kitchens of the most prestigious luxury hotels of his era and trained numerous chefs. After championing French gastronomy around the world, he passed away in Monaco in 1935, and his birthplace in Villeneuve-Loubet became the Escoffier Museum of Culinary Art in 1966. The year 2026 marks the 60th anniversary of the museum. Spanning 300 m², every room holds treasures for gastronomy lovers.



www.musee-escoffier.com

GOURMET AGENDA

The Flavor Routes

Established by the Alpes-Maritimes Department to showcase every facet of our land of flavors, take advantage of the essential stops and encounters with the men and women who pass on their expertise.

Discover the Flavor Routes
in Côte d'Azur France:



CÔTE D'AZUR FRANCE, a gourmet collection!

Emblematic and proudly Azorean, the brand licensees of Côte d'Azur France showcase the Riviera destination both nationwide and abroad through their talents and expertise. This collection proudly displays all the colors and authenticity of the Azorean region.

Gourmet at heart, the Côte d'Azur holds a prime spot in French gastronomy, and among the 20 licensed Côte d'Azur France brands, fine food products take center stage by honoring local producers.

Featured in this collection are **MAISON GANNAC**, specializing in organic citrus production; a **limited edition of SOCCA CHIPS**; and **the famous confectioner FLORIAN**, known for its irresistible flower- and citrus-based sweets like chocolates and candied flower petals. You will also find **BISCUITERIE D'AZUR** with its crunchy lemon shortbread, as well as handcrafted chocolates inspired by Riviera flavors from **CHOCO MON AMOUR**.

Azorean excellence shines on the savory side as well, featuring **HUILERIE SAINT-MICHEL** and its Menton lemon olive oil created in collaboration with three-star Michelin Chef Mauro Colagreco, the PDO Nice olive oil from **NICOLAS ALZIARI**, and the prestigious menus of **PAVILLON TRAITEUR**.

Last but not least, **BRASSERIE DU COMTÉ** crafts an organic Riviera beer subtly flavored with lemon and bergamot, alongside a dedicated Côte d'Azur France lemonade. Meanwhile, coffee roaster **MALONGO** has developed a tangy blend with bright citrus and floral notes, echoing the aromas of the Côte d'Azur's famous bitter orange trees (bigaradiers).

Everything you need to treat your taste buds to a genuine culinary journey straight to the heart of Côte d'Azur France...





THE YEAR'S MOST DELICIOUS EVENTS

Les Chefs au Sommet d'Auron – January

A high-altitude culinary event. For one week, Auron celebrates the Côte d'Azur's top chefs and mountain flavors.

Kermesse aux Poissons (Fish Fair) in Théoule-sur-Mer – February/March

Local restaurateurs in Théoule-sur-Mer offer exclusive fish-based menus to share their passion for the sea. Every year, a fish soup and sardine grill open to all kick off this gourmet celebration.

Cuisine Cannoise en Fête – April

At the Forville Market, local producers, chefs, pastry chefs, fishmongers, bakers, and more gather to celebrate Cannes' culinary identity.

Grasse Gastronomic Festival by Vins & Gastronomie – June

A gourmet culinary trail celebrating French culinary excellence, craftsmanship, and the art of living (art de vivre).

Gourmand'Èze Gastronomic Festival in Èze – October

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

Saveurs & Terroirs Fair in Mandelieu – November

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

Monte-Carlo Gastronomy Fair in Monaco – November

Over 100 French, Italian, and European producers across 2,500 m² of exhibition space.

Sugar and Chocolate Fair in Antibes – December

Demonstrations, tastings, conferences, and exhibitions of artistic sugar and chocolate pieces.

Palais Gourmand Fair at the Côte d'Azur Racecourse

Tastings, stalls featuring local and regional produce, and wines from all across France.

Find all gastronomic events at:
www.cotedazurfrance.fr

PASSING ON THE CRAFT

GRASSE, LAND OF PERFUME

Ceramists, potters, glassmakers, perfumers—the locals of the Côte d'Azur are brimming with creativity! Faithful to the region's traditions, these artists and craftspeople display their know-how and talent across the many towns and villages of the Alpes-Maritimes. Step inside their workshops, discover their specialties, and let yourself be charmed by these master artisans who love sharing their craft.

Grasse, World Capital of Perfume

Flowers earned Grasse its legendary reputation. The town was once adorned, both visually and olfactively, with gardens and fields of jasmine, rose, and tuberose—the three crown jewels of perfumery.

Today, growers continue to cultivate them, and local gardens preserve this heritage, capturing the full range of Riviera scents. Major perfume houses still source their raw materials here, recognizing the expertise of Grasse and the exceptional quality of its blooms.

***"Knowledge associated with perfume in the Pays de Grasse"** was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2018. This recognition honors the cultivation of perfume plants, the mastery and processing of natural raw materials, and the art of perfume composition developed by local artisans.*

*Through exclusive tours, workshops, and lectures, **"Les Chemins Parfumés" (The Scented Trails)** offers a unique chance to meet the people behind this living heritage: growers, raw material experts, and renowned perfumers who carry forward this rare expertise from generation to generation.*

Video Immersion in
the Land of Perfume
in Grasse





Perfumeries open their doors to the public, offering free guided tours where visitors can discover the rich history and perfume-making expertise of the Pays de Grasse.

From flower harvesting, distillation, and enfleurage to essence creation and hands-on workshops where you can design your own eau de toilette, visitors are invited to enjoy a truly immersive experience into the art of perfumery.

Fragonard, Galimard, and Molinard are among the region's most renowned perfume houses, but be sure to also step inside lesser-known, confidential addresses that offer creation workshops and discovery sessions.

FRAGONARD

Founded in 1926 by Eugène Fuchs, Maison Fragonard celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026—the perfect opportunity to open its flower fields to the public! The House has always shared a deep connection with the scents of the Côte d'Azur.

From the **sea spray of the Mediterranean shores to the blossom-filled hills of the hinterland**, everything serves as inspiration for crafting scents in the finest French tradition. Today, the House has developed a dedicated collection under the **"Côte d'Azur France"** brand label.

GALIMARD

This **family business** was founded in 1747 by Jean de Galimard, founder of the Glovemakers-Perfumers guild, which supplied the court of **King Louis XV** with olive oils, ointments, and perfumes.

As a perfumer and fragrance creator in the purest French tradition, Galimard has remained a fully family-owned house, transforming **traditional craft** into a source of contemporary creativity.

MOLINARD

Founded in 1849, Maison Molinard is certified as a **"Living Heritage Company"** in recognition of its rare, ancestral know-how.

In 1921, Molinard created **Habanita**, the first oriental fragrance for women featuring vetiver—a scent note previously reserved for men. This revolutionary creation brought international fame to the House.



NÉROLIUM

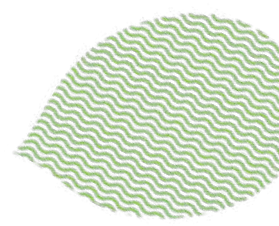
In 2026, the **Nérolium cooperative** in Vallauris joined UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

It is now officially linked to the UNESCO recognition of "Knowledge associated with perfume in the Pays de Grasse" for its cultivation of the orange blossom.

Niche Perfumers

Maison Godet in Saint-Paul-de-Vence: Sonia Godet crafts bespoke olfactory experiences, including a signature creation for N Le Spa at Hotel Negresco, which opened in February 2024.

www.parfumsgodet.com



PASSING ON THE CRAFT



The Art of Glassmaking in Biot

Since the second half of the 20th century, blown glass has been the symbol of this Riviera village. In 1997, Biot was awarded the "Ville et Métiers d'Art" (City of Arts and Crafts) label for its glassmaking, which embodies both its expertise and heritage. Today, the town stands out as the capital of contemporary glassmaking in France.

This delicate technique elevates both everyday objects and artworks created by master glassmakers. Several glassworks, each with its own distinct creative personality, have set up shop in Biot to share the subtle nuances of the glassmaker's craft.

A must-see attraction:

La Verrerie de Biot®, celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2026, welcomes visitors to explore the world of glass creation. An augmented reality tour is also available.

www.verrieriebiot.com

La Verrerie de Biot has been awarded the Living Heritage Company label (EPV - **Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant**) in recognition of its rare craftsmanship, as well as the **Qualité Tourisme** label.



Many other workshops throughout the town allow you to watch Biot's master glassmakers at work and admire the creation of a piece from start to finish. With each glassworks boasting its own identity and unique creations, every visitor is sure to find something special.

A recommended stop is the **CENTRE DU VERRE CONTEMPORAIN** (Contemporary Glass Center), housed in a 15th-century building. Here, master glassmaker Antoine Pierini designs breathtaking glass pieces.

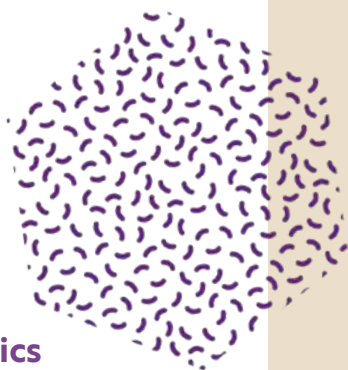
www.centreduverrecontemporain.com

Other Fine Arts & Crafts

For centuries, Biot has held a special place in the world of fine art and craftsmanship. Over time, various crafts have earned the village a reputation that remains a point of pride today.

During the Middle Ages, pottery took off with the art of jar making. Up until the 18th century, the famous Biot jar was exported worldwide. Now a decorative hallmark, it continues to be celebrated by the **Musée d'Histoire et de Céramique Bitoises** and through local community events.





Vallauris, Passion for Ceramics

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

While traces of this craft date back to Antiquity, it was at the beginning of the 16th century—when families from Italy repopulated the town—that a major ceramics industry emerged, growing to become Vallauris' main economic activity by the 17th century.

In 1948, **Pablo Picasso's arrival in the pottery town** and his extraordinary artistic output contributed significantly to the revival of this craft. The painter's fame attracted a crowd of curious visitors and art enthusiasts. In full effervescence, Vallauris enjoyed a global reputation, drawing other artists eager to learn the art of ceramics.

Thus, **the 1950s marked the golden age of Vallauris ceramics**—a period that saw the rise of major ceramic artists such as Roger Capron, Jean Derval, Gilbert Portanier, Roger Collet, and Jean Marais, who settled in Vallauris and, like Picasso, dedicated their lives to working with clay.

Today, **designated as a "Ville et Métiers d'Art" (City of Arts and Crafts)**, Vallauris is a haven where ceramicists, potters, artists, and craftspeople express themselves, preserving their passion and expertise. The town features workshops run by prominent pottery families spanning generations, who are now joined by a new wave of young ceramicists with innovative and ambitious projects.

Most workshops offer courses and internships for beginners and advanced artists looking to learn or refine their pottery and ceramics skills—the perfect opportunity to unleash your creativity!

Every year in August, the town hosts the "Fête de la Poterie" (Pottery Festival).

In 2026, Vallauris will also play host to the Biennale des Céramistes d'art (Art Ceramicists Biennale).





HAVING FUN

A FAMILY DESTINATION

Underground or up in the air, underwater or close to wildlife, for young children or teens—the Côte d’Azur offers a thrilling playground for all ages. Alongside open spaces, beaches, and parks that offer endless options for walks, here is a selection of top family activities.

Safari at the Réserve des Monts d’Azur

Immerse yourself in nature where ancient, fascinating species of European wildlife—bison, Przewalski’s horses, elk, and fallow deer—roam free! The reserve offers horse-drawn carriage safaris to get up close to the animals. To extend the family adventure, overnight stays are also available.

— www.reserve-biologique.com

Under the Sea at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

Interactive immersion in the Great Barrier Reef, a touch pool, and virtual reality experiences—family activities are plentiful at this famous museum, whose mission since 1906 has been to “*know, love, and protect the ocean.*” The shark lagoon, tropical seas, and turtle care center offer whole worlds to explore on an underwater journey.

— musee.oceano.org

Under the Sea at Posidonia, Espace Mer et Littoral on Cap d’Antibes

Discover Mediterranean habitats and species through an immersive journey featuring real or virtual dives in this former military battery turned fully renovated Napoleonic museum, now an interactive space.

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

On the Water at Aquasplash in Antibes

The Riviera’s water park featuring slides and pools to cool off while having fun.

— www.aquasplash.fr

100% Adventure at Vésubia Mountain Park

Located in the Vésubie Valley, Vésubia Mountain Park—celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2026— is the go-to spot to climb, jump, practice your balance, blow off steam, play, and enjoy fun indoor mountain activities on rare rainy days... and every other day!

— www.saintmartinvesubie.fr/le-vesubia-mountain-park

An Exotic Journey at Parc Phoenix

Certified with the “Famille Plus” label, Parc Phoenix features 7 hectares of greenery right in the heart of Nice, where 2,500 plant species and over 2,000 animals (across 70 species) live side by side.

— www.parc-phoenix.org

Parc Alpha, Kingdom of Wolves in the Heart of the Mercantour

Telling the story of man and wolf, this park was created to share a fascinating animal in a magnificent natural environment. As a family educational center dedicated to regional wolves, it is the only wildlife park located in the core zone of a French national park. Perched between 1,500 m and 1,800 m in altitude, Parc Alpha invites visitors year-round to experience life among the packs.

— www.puremontagne.fr/fr/a-voir/parc-alpha





Underground in the Caves

The Souterroscope at the Baume Obscure Cave in Saint-Vallier-de-Thiery offers visitors an amazing underground show along a fully equipped path. On the agenda: a cave tour enhanced by a captivating treasure hunt, a forest trail game, and riddles to solve to unlock the treasure chest!

— www.baumeobscur.com

The Domaine de la Grotte de Saint-Cézaire also holds plenty of surprises, featuring a Mediterranean flora discovery trail, an orienteering course for young explorers, and a treetop adventure park.

— www.grotte-saintcezaire.com



Up in the Treetops

Le 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 is no shortage of opportunities to climb trees! Footbridges, zip lines, rope bridges, and vines await your whole tribe across the adventure and treetop parks of the Côte d'Azur.

For the bravest, **Peira Cava Adventure** in Lucéram offers a thrill course featuring the region's highest zip lines, suspended nearly 200 meters above the ground.

— www.peiracava-aventures.fr



Cannes International Games Festival

For one week, the City of Cannes and its Palais des Festivals—transformed into a massive 60,000 m² gaming floor—become the epicenter of the international board game and gaming scene. Casual players, passionate competitors, and industry professionals (publishers, distributors, designers, illustrators) gather on the Croisette for all kinds of games: traditional classics, modern board games, video games and virtual reality, simulation games (RPGs, LARP, historical and fantasy wargames), trading cards, building sets, creative crafts, and toys...

In 2027, the festival will celebrate its 40th edition.



New Indoor Entertainment Options

- **Enigm'Art and Juma Escape Games** in Mougins
- **Fort Boyard Aventures Action Game and Speedpark** at Shopping Promenade Riviera in Cagnes-sur-Mer
- **La Tête dans les Nuages** at Nice Cap3000

Discover all family tourism offerings
on the Côte d'Azur here:
www.cotedazurfrance.fr/a-faire/en-famille

WHERE TO STAY

ACCOMMODATION FOR EVERY TASTE

From charming bed and breakfasts perched in picturesque hilltop villages to legendary coastal palaces, alongside residences, guesthouses, campsites, and unique accommodations, the Côte d'Azur offers a range of options to suit every style. Here is a selection of the finest hotels in the Alpes-Maritimes.

New 4 & 5 ★ Hotels on the Côte d'Azur

- Hôtel Lepoussin (Cannes)
- Hôtel du Château de la Tour (Cannes)
- Le Cetaï (Cannes)
- Hôtel Posidonia (Nice)
- Marina Bay, Curio Collection by Hilton (Villeneuve-Loubet)



Hôtel du Cap Eden Roc

Urban Hotels on the Côte d'Azur

- Le Soleia by Inwood Hotels (Nice)
- Hôtel Ambassador (Nice)
- Hôtel Spa Belle Plage (Cannes)
- Maison Albar – Le Victoria (Nice)
- Hôtel du Couvent (Nice)
- DoubleTree by Hilton (Nice-Centre)
- 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)
- Five Seas Hotel Cannes
- Crowne Plaza Nice Grand Arenas (near Nice Côte d'Azur Airport)
- 3A Hôtels La Collection - Nice: Hôtel Aston / Hôtel & Beach Beau Rivage / Hôtel West End
- La Villa Hôtels Collection (Antibes, Cannes, Nice)

The 4 Palaces of the Côte d'Azur

- **NEW:** Hôtel Martinez (Cannes)
- Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat (Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat)
- Hôtel 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)
- InterContinental Carlton Cannes (Cannes)
- Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic (Cannes)
- Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo (Monaco)
- Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo (Monaco)



Mama Shelter Nice



Charming & Luxury Hilltop Hotels

- La Chèvre d'Or, Le Cap Estel, and 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)
- Le Mas Candille (Mougins)
- Pure Montagne Resort (Saint-Martin-Vésubie)

Sea-View Hotels

- Hôtel Palais de la Méditerranée (Nice)
- Villa Miraé by Inwood Hotels (Antibes)
- Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel (Antibes)
- Le 1932 Hôtel & Spa Cap d'Antibes MGallery (Antibes)
- Hôtel Mondrian (Cannes)
- Canopy by Hilton (Cannes)
- JW Marriott (Cannes)
- Hôtel Anantara Plaza (Nice)
- Hôtel La Pérouse (Nice)
- Le Méridien (Nice)
- Le Maybourne Riviera (Roquebrune-Cap-Martin)
- Hôtel Royal Riviera (Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat)
- Le Château de Théoule (Théoule-sur-Mer)

More than just traveling, visitors now want true experiences during their stay—and the night itself is an integral part of the journey. Here is a quick overview of unusual accommodations for extraordinary nights.

IN YOUR OWN BUBBLE

If you dream of spending a night under the stars without worrying about the weather, transparent bubbles are made for you! Try the experience at **"Dreams Bubble" in Gourdon**, near the Loup Gorges.

www.hebergement-bulles.com/item/dreams-bubble

"La Bulle aux Étoiles" and **"Lodge Boréal"** at **Camping du Cians** in Beuil also welcome you into a cozy cocoon nestled in nature, right in the heart of the Mercantour National Park.

www.camping-le-cians.fr

Enjoy the same concept at **"Bulles de Nature"** in **Gilette** for total immersion surrounded by nature, featuring stunning views over the Estéron Valley.

bullesdenature06.e-monsite.com

IN A TIPI, TRAPPER TENT, OR YURT

Just 45 minutes from Grasse, escape to a Canadian-style forest at Parc de la Moulière, where you can rent tipis or trapper tents close to numerous outdoor activities.

www.facebook.com/people/Tipi-NC0

For a countryside retreat, head to Sospel at the gates of the Mercantour, where **"La Chapelle Saint-Gervais"** bed & breakfast has set up **"La Yourte des Champs"** right in its garden.

www.lachapellesaintgervais.com

HIGH UP IN THE TREES

At **"La Cabane des Pins Sylvestres"** in **Saint-Martin-Vésubie**, you will stay high above the ground at the entrance of the Mercantour Park. In the evening, unwind while stargazing from your private terrace.

www.cabanesdespinsylvestres.com

Enjoy a similar mountain vibe at the **Maïris and Agnelière treehouses** in **Le Boréon**.

www.puremontagne.fr

Also in the Mercantour, stay in perched **"Lov'nids"** or the unique **"Hobbit Cabin"** at **Les Écrins de Belvédère**.

www.lesecrinsdebelvedere.fr

Alternatively, discover the **Orion treehouses** in **Saint-Paul-de-Vence**, offering breathtaking views of the village and its historic ramparts.

oriontreehouses.com

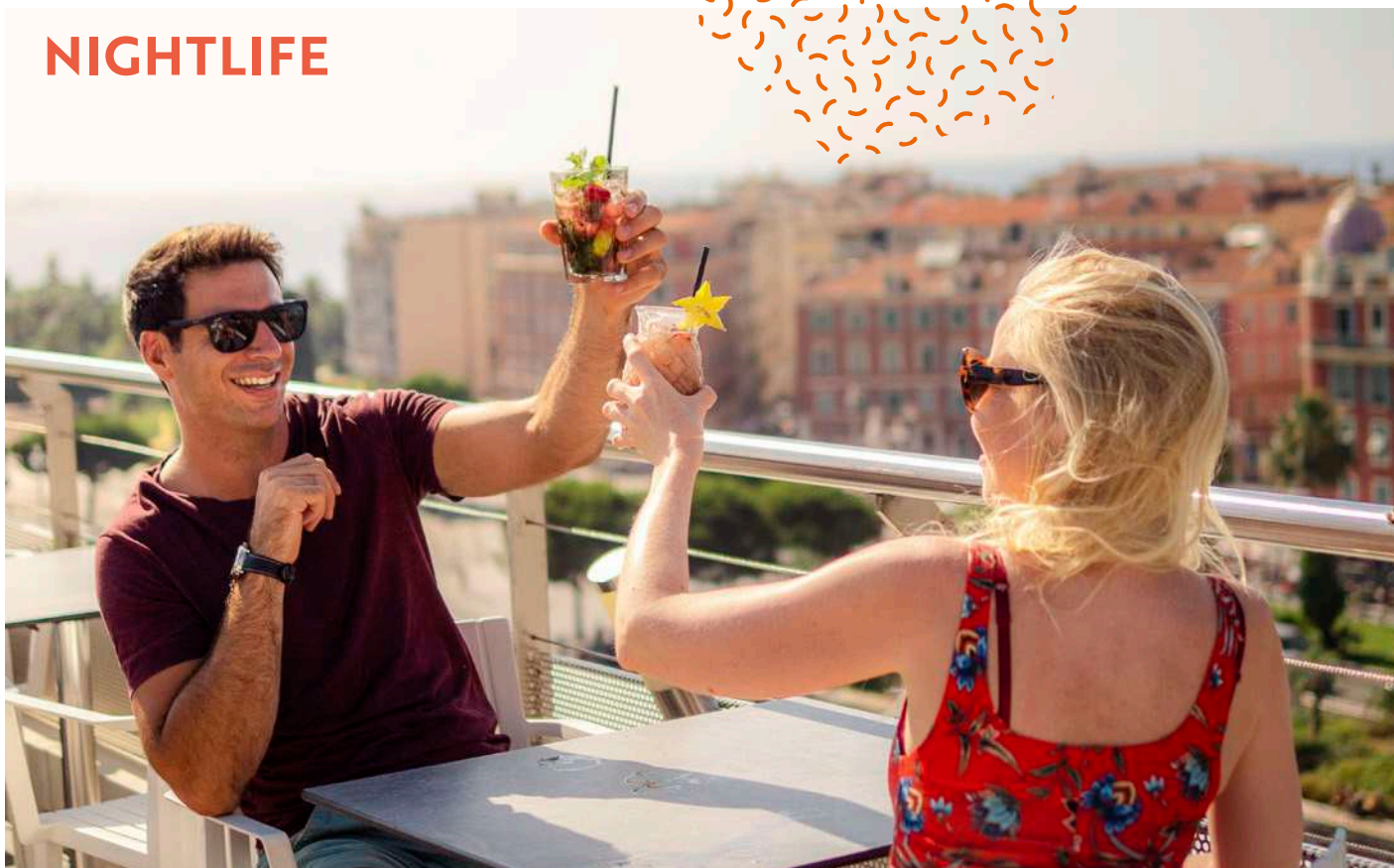
AMONG THE ANIMALS

To best observe wildlife at dawn or dusk, the **Réserve des Monts d'Azur** offers canvas-and-wood eco-lodges for an adventurous stay in raw nature. These lodges boast sweeping views of the reserve's vast plains and lakes where wild animals gather.

www.reserve-biologique.com

The Côte d'Azur also offers agritourism experiences through its network of certified **"Bienvenue à la Ferme"** farms.

NIGHTLIFE



The Best Rooftops & Terraces

Among Riviera traditions, the aperitif is an essential moment for coming together. To make the most of the sights and landscapes, what better way than to elevate your perspective and take in a stunning sunset over the Mediterranean? Here is a selection of the Côte d'Azur's finest rooftops—often located on the top floors of hotels. Naturally, there are many more to discover...

Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Hôtel Belles Rives, 1932 Hôtel & Spa.

Cannes

Canopy by Hilton, Cloud 9 by Bâoli, Le Roof at Five Seas, La Malmaison.

Nice

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

Elsewhere on the Côte d'Azur

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

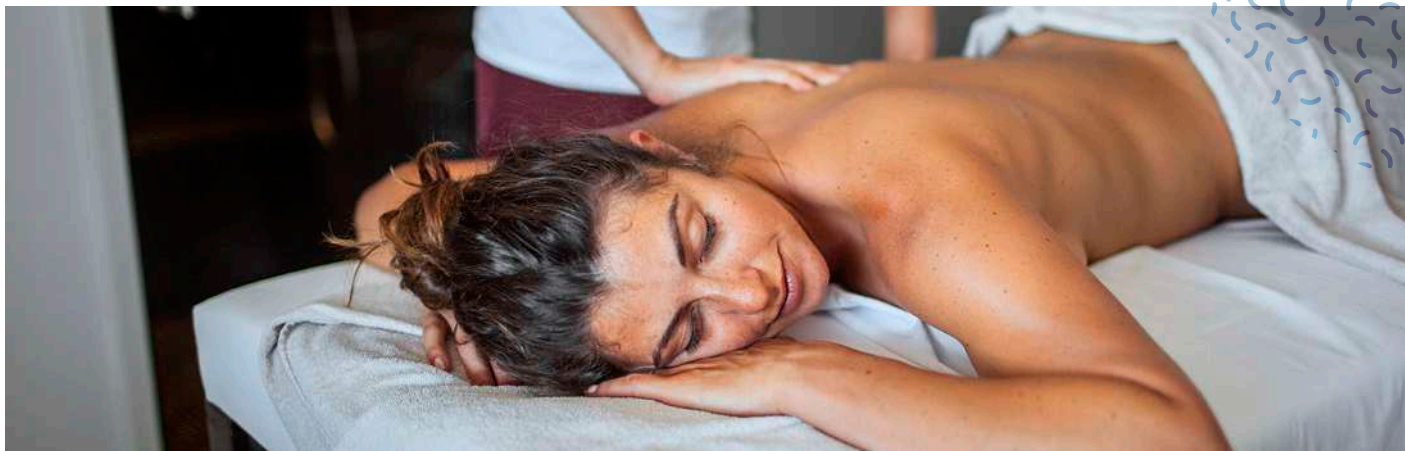
Palm Beach Cannes

The ultimate hot spot for nightlife on the Riviera, reopened in May 2024! Following five years of restoration to preserve this building's unmatched heritage, the new Palm Beach blends historic conservation with a modern identity.

La Petite Maison (restaurant), Medusa (cabaret restaurant), Nammos (restaurant & beach club), and Zuma (restaurant), followed by Il Grande Palm Beach (Italian restaurant), the Casino Royal Palm, and Flash (club) have successively opened their doors... A rich line-up for night owls, international jet-setters, and everyone in between!

WELLNESS AND SPA

Whether for a day, a weekend, or longer, discover the most famous spas, thalassotherapy centers, and thermal baths on the Côte d'Azur. From massages and body treatments to sauna sessions and full wellness retreats, surrender to total relaxation.



HOTEL SPAS: ANOTHER WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE CÔTE D'AZUR

To name just a few...

SPAS WITH SWIMMING POOLS

Le Mas Candille – The Glow House, Spa by Clarins – Mougins

A 25-meter indoor-outdoor heated pool, reserved for adults, completes the wellness offering.

Domaine du Mas de Pierre – Spa du Domaine du Mas de Pierre – Saint-Paul-de-Vence

A heated musical pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, and outdoor treatments form a vast sanctuary of relaxation.

Boscolo Nice Hôtel & Spa – Spa du Boscolo Nice – Nice

A 500 m² spa featuring a heated indoor pool, hydrotherapy, steam room, sauna, and panoramic rooftop.

Le Negresco – N Le Spa – Nice

Opened in 2024, N Le Spa offers a pool, luxury treatments, and a private wellness suite right on the Promenade des Anglais.

Westminster Hôtel & Spa – Spa 27 – Nice

A 400 m² space equipped with a counter-current pool, whirlpool, steam room, sauna, and salt wall.

Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, A Four Seasons Hotel – Le Spa – Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

An indoor pool, garden treatments, and the heated seawater pool at Club Dauphin extend the wellness experience.

Les Terrasses d'Èze – Spa Les Terrasses d'Èze – Èze

A wellness circuit complemented by an outdoor infinity pool facing the Mediterranean.

Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort – Spa Clarins & myBlend – Monaco

A heated indoor-outdoor pool, sand-bottom lagoon, and Clarins & myBlend treatments.

Hôtel Métropole Monte-Carlo – Spa Métropole by Guerlain – Monaco

Inaugurated in 2025, the Guerlain spa comes alongside the spectacular Odyssey pool designed by Karl Lagerfeld.

SPAS OPEN TO THE SEA OR NATURE

Château de Théoule – Éc(h)o Spa – Théoule-sur-Mer

An intimate seaside spa featuring treatments, an indoor jacuzzi, and outdoor Nordic baths.

Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc – Dior Spa Eden-Roc – Antibes Juan-les-Pins

Bespoke Dior treatments inspired by the sea, gardens, and Mediterranean art de vivre.

Marina Baie des Anges Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton – Marina Baie des Anges Spa – Villeneuve-Loubet

Opened in 2026, a spa dedicated to wellness between the sea and lagoon, complete with indoor and outdoor pools.

La Réserve de Beaulieu – Spa La Prairie – Beaulieu-sur-Mer

La Prairie expertise set in a privileged seaside location on the Mediterranean.

Cap Estel – Le Spa du Cap Estel – Èze-Bord-de-Mer

A confidential spa featuring an indoor pool and relaxation spaces opening onto the sea.

The Maybourne Riviera – Surrenne Riviera – Roquebrune-Cap-Martin

A concept dedicated to wellness and longevity, suspended high above the Mediterranean.



URBAN SPAS AND SIGNATURE TREATMENTS

Hôtel Martinez – L’Oasis du Martinez, Spa by Carita – Cannes

A destination dedicated to beauty and wellness, powered by the expertise of Maison Carita.

Five Seas Hotel – Spa by Sothys – Cannes

A treatment and wellness experience developed in partnership with Sothys.

Carlton Cannes, a Regent Hotel – Le C Club Spa – Cannes

An elegant spa on the Croisette, offering bespoke treatments in an atmosphere crafted for wellness and relaxation.

Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes – Spa du Majestic – Cannes

A 450 m² space combining personalized treatments, massages, and Biologique Recherche expertise, complete with a sauna and steam room.

Palm Beach Cannes – Palm Gym & Wellness – Cannes

Wellness and fitness in a contemporary setting overlooking the Mediterranean.

Le 1932 Hôtel & Spa Cap d’Antibes – Spa CODAGE Paris – Antibes Juan-les-Pins

CODAGE Paris treatments served in an ambiance inspired by Riviera elegance.

Hôtel Belles Rives – Beauty Corner Valmont – Antibes

Juan-les-Pins
Signature Valmont facial and body treatments in one of Juan-les-Pins’ iconic hotels.

Anantara Plaza Nice Hotel – Anantara Spa – Nice

An urban spa in the heart of Nice featuring treatments, steam room, sauna, and relaxation spaces.

Maison Albar – Le Victoria – Spa Oria – Nice

A 650 m² spa with an indoor pool, steam room, sauna, and treatments, steps away from the Promenade des Anglais.

Hôtel du Couvent – Les Thermes Romains – Nice

A bath circuit inspired by Roman thermal traditions, combining water, movement, and treatments in a historic setting.

Splendid Hôtel & Spa – Spa Splendid – Nice

A wellness center with a steam room, jacuzzi, treatments, and relaxation areas, complemented by a rooftop pool and whirlpool.

CONFIDENTIAL & UNIQUE SPAS

La Bombonière & Spa – Roquebrune-Cap-Martin

An unusual spa carved directly into the rock face, equipped with a jacuzzi, sauna, and steam room.

Royal Spa – Mougins

A confidential hideaway for a relaxing break in the Cannes hinterland.

Pure Montagne Resort & Spa – Saint-Martin-Vésubie

A mountain wellness experience set in the heart of the scenic Vésubie Valley.

THERMAL BATHS & THALASSOTHERAPY

Thalazur Antibes – Hôtel Baie des Anges – Antibes

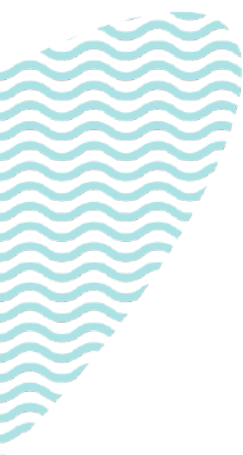
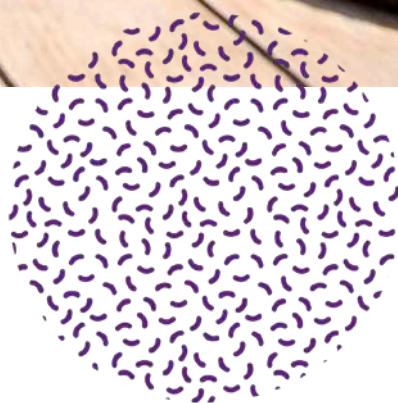
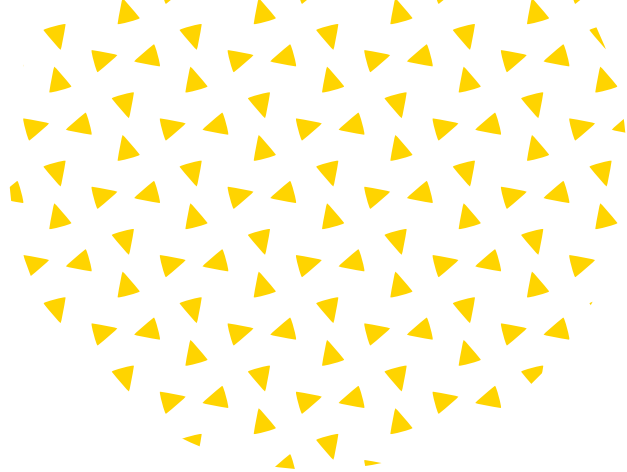
Heated seawater pools and hydrotherapy facilities dedicated to thalassotherapy treatments.

Spa thermal de Berthemont-les-Bains – Roquebillière

Thermal waters, pools, and treatments nestled in the heart of the Mercantour mountains.

Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo – Monaco

An expansive wellness center built around a heated indoor seawater pool with extensive relaxation facilities.



SHOPPING

A dynamic region, millions of annual visitors, and a sharp eye for fashion and trends make the Côte d'Azur a world-class shopping destination.



Luxury Shopping

Cannes, Nice, and Monaco share a prestigious hallmark: each boasts a Carré d'Or (Golden Square) hosting the world's finest luxury boutiques.

Cannes: High-end shopping spans two long parallel avenues: the iconic Boulevard de la Croisette and Rue d'Antibes. Monaco: The world's top fashion houses, fine watchmakers, and high-jewelry brands are clustered around Place du Casino. Nice: Fashionistas head to Rue Alphonse Karr, Rue Paradis, and Avenue de Verdun. Nearby on Avenue de Suède, a dozen prestigious flagships have opened under the Park Avenue label at the foot of the Maison Albar – Le Victoria hotel.

Shopping Centers

Cap3000

With 300 fashion, leisure, and dining spots, Cap3000 stands as the premier shopping destination on the Riviera. It features sweeping sea views, direct beach access, and convenient highway connectivity. Named "Best Shopping Center" at the prestigious MIPIM 2022 awards, it also hosts a vibrant year-round schedule of cultural events.

Le Corso: A dedicated premium-luxury wing hosting world-renowned houses.

Shopping Promenade Riviera

Inaugurated in 2018 in Cagnes-sur-Mer, this outdoor destination was designed with a charming village feel, complete with small plazas, walkways, sunny terraces, and relaxing outdoor spaces.

NICETOILE

Ideally situated in the heart of downtown Nice, featuring a newly introduced food court.

Métropole Shopping Monte-Carlo

An elegant, chandelier-lit gallery that stands as a landmark of Monegasque refinement.



Local Designers & Craftsmen

Searching for independent designer boutiques and artisan workshops? Take the scenic route and wander through the picturesque cobblestone streets of Old Antibes, Old Nice, and Saint-Paul-de-Vence, or stroll through Juan-les-Pins, Cannes, and the medieval alleys of Èze.

For a true Made in Côte d'Azur gift, look no further than the region's iconic heritage crafts: perfumery, ceramics, and art glassmaking. See pages 58 to 61.



Choco mon Amour chocolates

From Regional Brand to Iconic Collection



In 2018, Côte d'Azur France Tourisme launched the #CotedAzurFrance brand to celebrate and promote the destination through a curated collection of authentic local creations. Spanning fine gourmet foods, fragrances, and Riviera-inspired home goods, the official lineup now features 18 licensed partner companies, including 7 new brand collaborations introduced since 2024.



Alongside the gourmet specialties featured on page 56, discover tableware (**Barbier SA** and its exclusive collection), fine perfumery (**Fragonard**, celebrating the signature scents of the Riviera), and home fragrances (**Aqui d'Aïa** and **Maître Savonitto** with candle ranges inspired by Grasse perfumes).

Now, you can bring home the true essence of our destination through our official collection of over 272 unique products!



Explore the complete collection
www.cotedazurfrance-boutique.com
 #CotedAzurFrance





THE CÔTE D'AZUR: A PREMIER BUSINESS TOURISM DESTINATION

The Côte d'Azur is a premier host for world-renowned international events, from major cultural and sporting highlights like the Cannes Film Festival and the Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix to leading global trade shows such as MIPIM and the TFWA World Exhibition & Conference.



World-Renowned Expertise and an Exceptional Hotel Portfolio

Thanks to the wide diversity of hosted events, Côte d'Azur industry professionals are well-versed in accommodating every request—even the most unexpected.

Commercial accommodation capacity reaches 150,000 beds, with one out of every two hotel rooms rated 4 or 5 ★.



A Connected and Accessible Region

Directly linked to major European capitals, Nice Côte d'Azur Airport also offers direct intercontinental routes to North America, the Middle East, and Asia (over 11% of all visits to the Riviera are business-driven, representing 100,000 flight arrivals).

Its business aviation hub (including Cannes-Mandelieu Airport) ranks second in France, just behind Paris-Le Bourget.

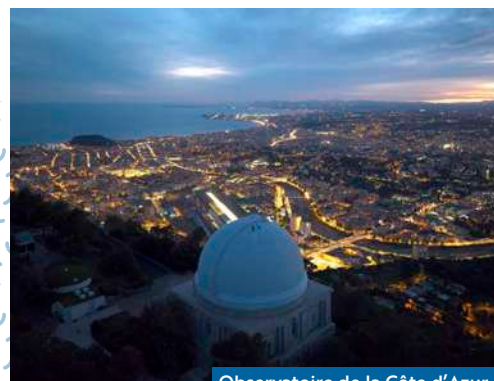


First-Class Facilities and Prestigious, Universe-Defining Private Venues

7 Convention Centers:

- Palais des Festivals et des Congrès (Cannes)
www.palaisdesfestivals.com
- Antipolis Palais des Congrès (Antibes)
www.antipolis-events.com
- OcéaNice (Nice)
www.oceanice-congres.com
- Centre Expo Congrès (Mandelieu-La Napoule)
www.mandelieucongres.com
- Le Palais de l'Europe (Menton)
www.menton.fr/palais-de-l-europe.html
- Palais des Congrès (Grasse)
www.palaisdescongres-grasse.fr
- Grimaldi Forum (Monaco)
www.grimaldiform.com

Beyond convention halls, the region provides an endless selection of private spaces: conference rooms inside iconic luxury hotels (such as the newly renovated Palais de la Méditerranée, hosting Nice's largest venue space with a 750-guest cocktail capacity), waterfront venues, tranquil countryside retreats, museums, golf clubs, and historic private villas with romantic gardens.



Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur



Hippodrome de la Côte d'Azur

A Selection of Signature Riviera Experiences



Stargazing:

Dôme de Valberg (NEW): The Maison de l'Environnement et de l'Observation features several astronomical facilities, including an observatory.

— www.valberg.com/les-activites/dome

Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur: Explore cutting-edge astrophysics inside an architectural masterpiece.

— www.oca.eu/fr



Wine tasting:

Château de Crémat: A historical wine estate located in the heart of the Bellet AOC vineyard.

— <https://chateaucremat.com>

Lérins Abbey Monk-Made Wines: On the 8-hectare vineyard of Saint-Honorat Island, monks produce over 30,000 bottles of wine each year.

— <https://tonnelle-abbayedelerins.fr>



Nautical escapes & sea charters:

Black Tenders: Private boat charters operating between Monaco and Saint-Tropez for corporate cocktails, evening receptions, or product launches.

— <https://blacktenders.fr/experiences-sur-demande/>

Escapade d'Azur Catamaran

Discover breathtaking Riviera seascapes aboard L'Escapade, a spacious catamaran designed for group excursions.

— <https://escapadedazur.com/>

SeaZen Solar Boats

Silent, eco-friendly solar-powered sea trips crafted for eco-conscious corporate retreats.

— <https://www.seazen.fr/fr>

Liven Up Yacht Experience

Luxury yacht charters tailored for private business incentives.

— <https://livenupexperience.com/fr>



Dream Riviera drives

Experience the French Riviera behind the wheel: rent luxury supercars with Liven Up, vintage automobiles with Classic Drivers, or join a retro vintage Citroën 2CV rally organized by We Acteam.



Culinary workshops

Mediterranean Cooking Classes: Culinary challenges with Dimension Sud, featuring Niçoise meal preparation, flower-infused pastries, and local tastings.

— <https://dimensionsud.com>

Antibes Pastry Workshops: Gourmet baking masterclasses led by expert pastry chefs, ideal for corporate team building events.

— <https://www.nicolasdolbeau.com>



Fun & local team activities

Pétanque Competitions: A traditional Provençal game designed to boost team cohesion, communication, and friendly competition.

— www.bouledenergie.com/product-page/petanque



Environmental CSR activities

We Acteam: Purpose-driven, engaging team building experiences created to deliver a positive impact on society and the environment.

— www.we-acteam.com



A future-oriented region

While tourism remains a cornerstone of the local economy, innovation has long served as a key driving force across the Riviera.

Sophia Antipolis: Europe's pioneer science park will mark its 60th anniversary in 2029, bolstered by its official "3IA" accreditation as a center of excellence in artificial intelligence.

Nice Éco-Vallée: Located in western Nice, this National Interest Operation serves as a living blueprint for tomorrow's sustainable smart city.

Cannes Marine Geothermal Plant: Commencing operation in 2027, this marine thermal energy network will power over 50 downtown buildings—including the La Malmaison art center and the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès—using renewable marine energy.





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