

# The Ultimate Provence & French Riviera Tour



Discover the irresistible beauty of Southern France on an eight-day small-group journey from the sparkling Mediterranean coast to the timeless landscapes of Provence.

Begin in elegant Nice and explore the highlights of the Côte d'Azur, from the medieval village of Èze and the glamour of Monaco and Monte Carlo to Cannes, Grasse and the artistic village of Saint-Paul de Vence. Continue into Provence, where vineyards, olive groves and colourful markets set the scene for memorable stays and authentic local experiences.

Taste celebrated wines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, enjoy the lively Provençal atmosphere of Aix-en-Provence, cruise past the spectacular Calanques of Cassis, and wander through the beautiful villages of Saint-Rémy and Les Baux-de-Provence.

With comfortable four-star accommodation, seamless transportation, expert local guides and a balance of guided discovery and time at leisure, this carefully crafted tour offers a relaxed and immersive way to experience the culture, gastronomy and art de vivre of the South of France.

## Day 1 • Arrival in Nice - Transfer to Hotel

Bienvenue to Nice!

Upon arrival at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport or Nice train station, you'll be met by your private driver and transferred to your chosen hotel in the heart of this elegant Mediterranean city.

The remainder of the day is yours to begin discovering why Nice has captivated artists, writers and travellers for generations.

Take a leisurely stroll along the famous Promenade des Anglais, wander through the colourful lanes of Vieux Nice (Old Town), browse local boutiques, or simply relax with a glass of Provençal rosé overlooking the sparkling Mediterranean Sea.

Your accommodation has been carefully selected for its comfort and excellent location, allowing you to explore the city at your own pace. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a relaxed welcome dinner and enjoy your first taste of Southern France.



## Day 2 • Èze, Monaco & Monte Carlo

A day of spectacular coastal scenery, medieval villages and Riviera glamour.

After breakfast, meet your local English-speaking guide and set off on one of the most scenic drives in France along the legendary Côte d'Azur.

Your first stop is the enchanting hilltop village of Èze, one of the Riviera's most beautiful medieval villages. Perched high above the Mediterranean, its narrow cobbled streets, stone houses, artisan boutiques and breathtaking panoramic views make it an unforgettable experience.

While in Èze, you'll also discover the fascinating world of French fragrance during a guided visit to the renowned Fragonard Perfume Factory, where you'll learn how traditional perfumes are crafted using techniques perfected over generations.

From here, continue into the Principality of Monaco, the world's second-smallest country and home to the Grimaldi family for more than 700 years.

Explore the charming streets of Monaco's Old Town, admire the Prince's Palace, visit Monaco Cathedral where Princess Grace Kelly rests, and soak up the unique atmosphere of this remarkable principality.

The afternoon is dedicated to glamorous Monte Carlo, famous for its elegant casino, luxury boutiques, magnificent hotels and world-famous Formula One Grand Prix circuit. You'll even follow sections of the legendary race track as you drive through the city. After an unforgettable day discovering the jewels of the French Riviera, return to Nice.



### Day 3 • Cannes, Grasse, Gourdon & Saint Paul de Vence Tour

Discover the authentic heart of the Côte d'Azur.

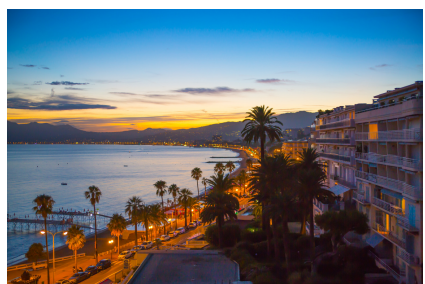
Today's journey combines glamour, perfume, spectacular scenery and some of France's most beautiful villages.

Begin in the famous seaside resort of Cannes, internationally known for its prestigious Film Festival. Stroll along the elegant Boulevard de la Croisette, admire the luxury yachts, boutique shopping and magnificent Belle Époque hotels that have made Cannes synonymous with Riviera sophistication.

Next, travel inland to Grasse, recognised as the perfume capital of France. During a guided visit to the historic Fragonard Perfume Factory, discover the secrets behind French perfume making before enjoying free time to explore this charming Provençal town.

Continue through the spectacular countryside to the hilltop village of Gourdon, dramatically perched above the Loup Valley. Wander its picturesque streets, admire breathtaking views across the mountains and Mediterranean coastline, and browse artisan shops showcasing local crafts and delicacies.

Your final stop is the magnificent medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful villages in France. Surrounded by ancient ramparts, this artistic haven has inspired renowned painters including Chagall, Matisse and Picasso. Explore its charming cobblestone streets lined with galleries, cafés and boutique shops before returning to Nice.



### Day 4 • Nice to Aix en Provence Transfer

Leave the French Riviera behind and travel into the heart of Provence. Sit back and enjoy the changing landscapes as the coastline gives way to vineyards, olive groves and picturesque countryside before arriving in elegant Aix-en-Provence, your base for the next stage of your Provençal journey. This evening, enjoy a Gourmet Dinner!



### Day 5 • Châteauneuf-du-Pape Wine Tour

Spend the day in one of France's most celebrated wine regions.

Your private guide will take you towards Châteauneuf-du-Pape for visits and tastings at selected wineries. Learn about the region's historic vineyards, its connection with the Avignon papacy and the distinctive character of its red and white wines.

Lunch is at leisure, with the option for France Travel Solutions to assist with a restaurant recommendation or reservation, subject to the day's routing.



## Day 6 • Aix en Provence Free Day

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Aix-en-Provence. Today is Market Day! The historic streets and squares come alive with colourful stalls selling fresh local produce, artisan cheeses, olives, lavender, flowers, fabrics and handcrafted goods. Wander through the bustling markets, relax at a café beneath the plane trees of the Cours Mirabeau, discover boutique shops and art galleries, or simply soak up the relaxed Provençal atmosphere at your own pace. This is the perfect opportunity to experience everyday life in Provence and enjoy the town exactly as the locals do.



## Day 7 • Full day shared Cassis village, boat ride, Provence wines

Today is a day of sea air, limestone cliffs and Provençal coastal charm.

Visit Cassis, a picturesque fishing village known for its harbour, markets, boutiques and access to the Calanques. A boat ride offers views of the famous inlets and turquoise waters, followed by time for lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, continue via the dramatic coastal scenery around Cap Canaille before enjoying a wine tasting in the Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire area.



## Day 8 • Saint Remy & Les Baux Villages

Today, journey through the landscapes of the Alpilles to discover two of Provence's most captivating villages. Begin in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, a charming town celebrated for its elegant boulevards, lively squares, Provençal boutiques and artistic heritage, closely associated with Vincent van Gogh. Continue to the spectacular hilltop village of Les Baux-de-Provence, where ancient stone houses and medieval lanes overlook olive groves and the rugged countryside below. Enjoy time to explore and admire the sweeping views before returning to Aix-en-Provence in the late afternoon.



## Inclusions

- 7 nights accommodation in central Nice & Aix 4 Star Hotel
- 2 Dinners
- Daily breakfast
- Private arrival transfer
- Private departure transfer
- Five full-day guided excursions
- Professional English-speaking guides
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation
- All touring as described

## Exclusions

- Flights
- Meals not mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- City taxes (where applicable)
- Optional activities

