



Itinerary

Spotlight on the French Riviera featuring Nice's Carnival

Feb 15, 2020 - Feb 23, 2020

Day 1: Overnight Flight



It's time to live the good life and embark on a getaway to the fabulous French Riviera, or Côte d'Azur. With its elegant coastal resorts, superb eateries, chic boutiques and captivating museums, it's the ultimate sunny retreat for the elite. Unpack your bags just once and stay at a single hotel for your entire adventure which begins with an overnight flight to France.

Day 2: Nice (French Riviera), France - Tour Begins



Your tour commences in the stunning city of Nice, a coastal pearl of the Mediterranean known for its legendary opulence and balmy beaches. With an average of 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring delightful French cuisine artfully presented.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Nice - Grasse - Nice



Get to know Nice while on a tour of the city. Explore the antique market and hunt for local treasures. Visit the Cathedral of Sainte Reparate, an architectural gem located in the center of the Old Town, or Vieille Ville. This Baroque cathedral is one of France's national monuments known for its extravagant interior and expansive artwork collection. Then it's your choice! Visit the Marc Chagall Museum and walk its halls to find the largest public collection of the artist's outstanding paintings, his stained-glass windows adorning the concert hall and a fascinating mosaic, which Chagall created specifically for the building -OR- visit the Matisse Museum, devoted to the modern art of French artist Henri Matisse, best known for his revolutionary use of brilliant color and exaggerated form to express emotion. Continue to Grasse and learn the secrets of perfume making during a hands-on workshop and tour of the Fragonard Perfumerie where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Spend time soaking up the atmosphere of this charming town before returning to Nice for an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will take a stroll along the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais or visit Place Massena, the town's center of activity.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Nice - St. Tropez - Nice



Continue to explore France's Côte d'Azur on a full day trip to St. Tropez, the most famous destination on the French Riviera. Travel along the spectacular Corniche coastal road and marvel at the views of idyllic beaches, seaside cliffs and hilltop towns before arriving in St. Tropez. Then, it's your choice! Enjoy leisure time at the iconic open-air market on the Place des Lices. Your senses will be tantalized by an array of foods including breads, pastries, cheeses, olives, spices, fruits and vegetables. Shop a myriad of stalls filled with quality home accessories, paintings, handmade crafts and typical French Riviera-style fashion -OR- experience St. Tropez by sea on a boat cruise* as you take in the old village, sunny beaches and spectacular "millionaire's bay" where celebrity homes dot the coastline. Before returning to Nice, visit a local vineyard for a tour and tasting of wines synonymous with the region including the Côte d'Azur's famous rosé wines.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Nice - Monaco - Monte Carlo - Nice



Travel the spectacular coastline and pass the charming town of Villefranche-sur-Mer on your way to the Principality of Monaco. A tour of Monaco will introduce you to the Place des Armes, Avenue des Beaux Arts, and the Cathedral of Monaco, the permanent resting place of Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace. View the changing of the guards at the Prince's Palace before continuing to the famous Casino of Monte Carlo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Nice to peruse the local shops or take in the scenery at a sidewalk café. This evening, savor a wine-paired tasting menu highlighting the epicurean delights of the South of France.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 6: Nice



The day is yours to create your own adventure. Relax by the sea, take in a museum or venture into the old city and window shop at the fashionable boutiques. Alternatively, perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Aix-en-Provence: visit the Musee du Calisson, a confectionery factory, to discover the unique taste of this local specialty; explore Paul Cézanne's atelier (workshop) and enter the French artist's most private space, frozen in time since his death in 1906; join a local expert on a guided tour of charming Aix-en-Provence's bustling streets, romantic squares and marvelous fountains on market day.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 7: Nice - Cannes - Antibes - St. Paul de Vence - Nice



Journey to Cannes and rub elbows with Europe's elite. A local expert joins you on a walking tour of Cannes where you will learn about the fascinating history of the city and the nearby Lérins Islands. Walk in the footsteps of celebrities when you see the Film Festival Palace and the iconic red carpet featured during the Cannes Film Festival. Visit charming Antibes to enjoy the typical Provençal market and explore this ancient port town, a favorite of Picasso and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Marvel at historic St. Paul de Vence, situated atop a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. This walled medieval village is full of traditional buildings, hidden alleyways, incredible restaurants and several specialty shops. As you explore, soak in its distinctive light, said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall and many other artists.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa
Nice

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 55°
Low 43°
Rain 2"

Day 8: Nice - Eze - Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat - Nice



This morning discover Nice's famed flower market and be enchanted by brightly colored blooms and other enticing delicacies. Venture into the hilltop village of Eze, situated in the Alpes-Maritimes. From there, you'll head to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, referred to as the crown jewel of the French Riviera, where you'll visit the impressive Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Uncover the lush gardens replete with jaw-dropping views of the Mediterranean Sea. Your visit to the villa is complete with lunch served in the charming tea room overlooking the Bay of Villefrance. Enjoy free time to relax and take in the laid-back atmosphere along the Riviera. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. Following dinner, celebrate the end of your trip in the most unforgettable way by attending one of the world's oldest and most famous carnivals. Dating back to the middle ages, the Nice Carnival is a party not to be missed. The carnival's theme changes every year and is celebrated with two spectacular parades. Mingle with locals and travelers alike as you take in the many sights and sounds at this high energy and entertaining event.

Hotel

Splendid Hotel & Spa

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 55°

Day 9: Nice - Tour Ends



Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your journey through the Cote d'Azur.