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# BEST PLACES

on the French Riviera



# Bienvenue sur la Côte d'Azur !

## Top destination

The mythical, legendary and very famous French Riviera, nestled between the Alps, the Italian border and the Mediterranean Sea, is a key destination for holidaymakers. Enjoying a mild, sunny climate all year round, this pleasant area encompasses the departments of Var and Alpes-Maritimes, with no shortage of places of interest!

Much appreciated by lovers of sightseeing and relaxation, the French Riviera is famous all over the world for renowned places like Cannes, Nice, Monaco and Saint-Tropez. Lively seaside resorts such as Juan-les-Pins, Sainte-Maxime and Hyères, beautiful sandy or pebbled beaches, the wild creeks of the Estérel, the magnificent islands of Lérins and Porquerolles, prestigious Baroque heritage, and charming villages like Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Èze and Bormes-les-Mimosas, are all among its unmissable attractions.

As for gastronomy, the typical specialities like petits farcis niçois, socca, pistou soup or pan bagnat never fail to delight the taste buds of visitors from all around the globe. Many activities on offer all year round, as well as big events such as Cannes Film Festival, Nice Carnival, the Monte Carlo Rally or Menton Lemon Festival also contribute to the area's great renown.







## 1. Nice

Old Nice, with its narrow streets, has an abundance of colourful houses and in Baroque Art buildings and churches, such as the Gésu church and the Sainte-Réparate cathedral. The old town is renowned for its lively market on the Cours Saleya square, which is the heart of Nice.

## 2. Eze

This cliffside village of Èze dominates the sea by 427 metres. The view really takes your breath away! This floral village has preserved a beautiful architectural unity and has an abundance of intimate, tucked away places. It is a great place for a stroll!

## 3. Grasse

Located between sea and mountains, Grasse is a city renowned for the quality of its air! Listed as a City of Art and History, it has preserved its heritage of perfumers and thus promote the development of the flower. The beautiful International Perfume Museum tells us that all route through the history of perfume.

## 4. Monaco

Independent principality governed for seven centuries by the Grimaldi family, Monaco is the symbol of luxury. Monte-Carlo, with its prestigious Casino built in 1878, its Opera built by Charles Garnier, its gardens and terraces, its jewellery and haute couture shops, and its sumptuous hotels of "Belle Epoque" style.

## 5. Antibes

By the sea and surrounded by ramparts, old Antibes boasts numerous treasures: its Grimaldi castle home to the Picasso museum, its narrow streets and the small squares, its Peynet museum, its Provençal market, its cathedral decorated with a Baroque facade, but also its craft shops, its restaurants and cafés.

## 6. Cannes

The city of Cannes is known all over the world for its prestigious International Film Festival, which is held every year in May in the Festival and Congress Centre.





## St Paul de Vence

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Numerous artists and celebrities have contributed to the fame of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. At the entrance to the village, the famous petanque game square, immortalised in the games of Lino Ventura and Yves Montand, is a place full of life with its café terrace. The old fortified village boasts beautiful medieval architecture: ramparts, beautiful stone houses, narrow paved streets, charming fountains...



# French Riviera Secrets !

## Rediscover the french Riviera

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Lesser-known but not-to-be missed highlights on the French Riviera - Discover best hidden gems of the French Riviera



## 1. Villefranche sur Mer

It is in the magnificent natural harbour that you can discover Villefranche-sur-Mer, a delightful colourful village, and its charming fishing port. The location offers a beautiful view of the Cape Ferrat peninsula, the heart of the French Riviera. Moreover, this magnificent peninsula is home to one of the most beautiful palaces of the French Riviera, the Ephrussi de Rothschild villa, in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, a palace of Italian style which can be visited.

## 2. Menton

Last stopping point before the Italian border, Menton is the city of the lemon par excellence. Thanks to the high cliffs surrounding it, Menton benefits from an exceptional climate allowing to cultivate lemons. In February, during the lemon festival, floats are completely decorated with lemons and oranges.

## 3. Biot

Located in the heart of the Riviera between Nice and Cannes, five minutes from the Mediterranean, Biot holds incredible treasures. The city has a rich history of historical events (including Templars' stronghold). It enjoys a unique cultural and artistic heritage.

## 4. La Turbie

Battle of Mount side of the dog's head, with a view of Mont Agel, beautiful and dominating at 1150 meters, La Turbie overlooking Monaco, with a single opening on the Mediterranean, from Italy to the foothills of the Esterel.

Ideally located between Nice and Menton, its territory, which covers 742 hectares, is bordered with several common: Cap d'Ail, Beausoleil, Peille, Eze, Monaco and The Trinity.

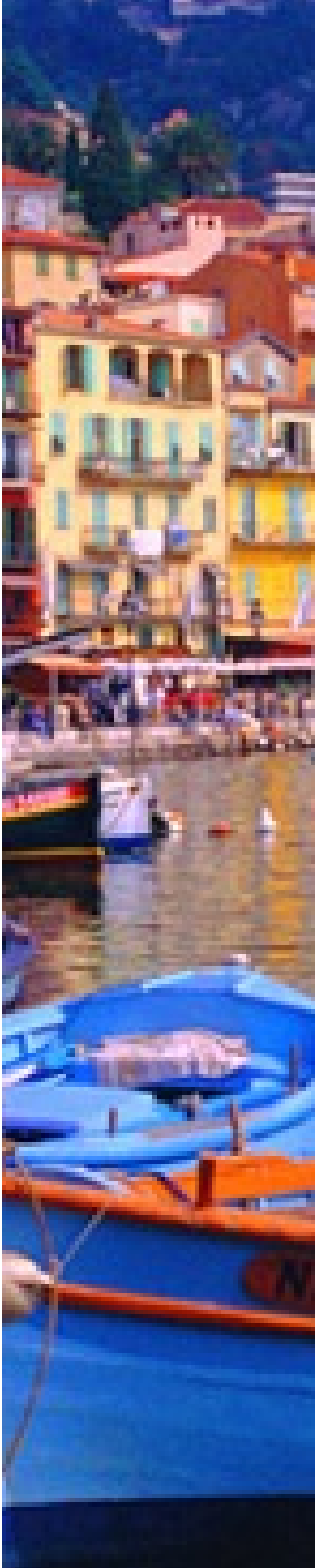
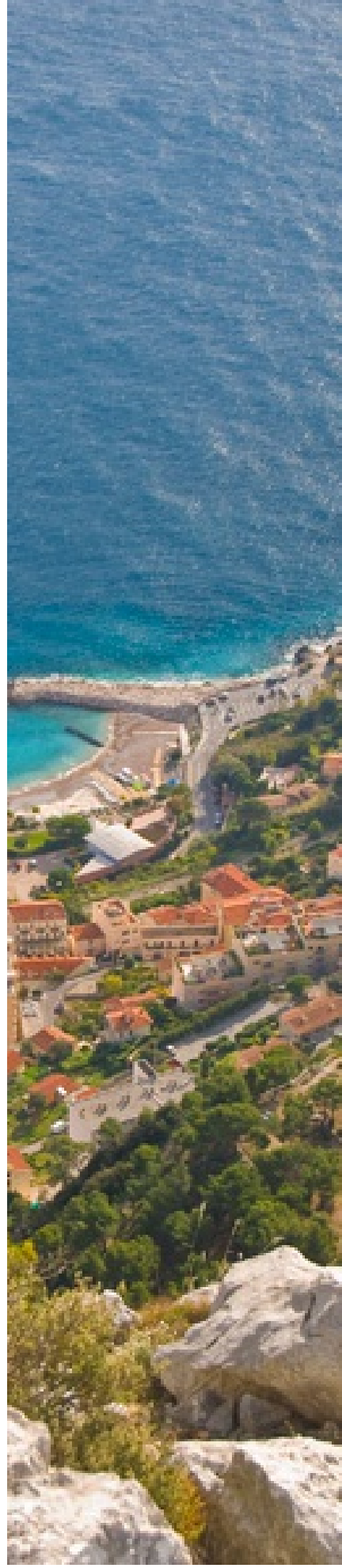
## 5. Tourette Sur Loup

This beautiful hilltop medieval village is renowned for its cultivation of violets, small very nice-smelling flowers. These are used in candies, but also in perfume, used in the largest factories of perfume in Grasse. In March, the flowering period, the village comes alive during the violet festival.

## 6. Gourdon

Ranked among the Most Beautiful Villages of France, Gourdon is built on a rocky spur 760 m above sea level and dominates the valley of the Wolf. His incomparable panorama spread out over 80 km from the Côte d'Azur, in Nice Théoule.





## Lérins islands

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Off Cannes, both Sainte-Marguerite island and the Saint-Honorat island, constitute a beautiful spot to walk in the peace of pine and eucalyptus forest, and to bathe in turquoise waters! Happy swimming!









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