



# DISCOVER THE FRENCH RIVIERA – PRIVATE DAY TOUR & FULL PROGRAM



#### How to get There

### By Plane

Nice International airport offers direct flight from Paris with Air France & Easy Jet and France main airport, and also international flight from the US

#### By Boat

The port of Monaco & Nice have regular connections with other Mediterranean ports.

#### Climate

The French Riviera is characterized by a Mediterranean climate in general. The very mild winter is making the French Riviera a very sought after location for retirement. Summers are usually dry, warm and sunny but it rarely gets too hot on the coast.

Summer temperatures hit highs of around 27°C (81°F). Winters minimum temperatures are around 5°C (42°F).

Palm trees, lemon trees, orange trees, olive trees and wineries can be found in the French Riviera because of the moderate temperatures all year long but also because a lot of cities on the coast have a specific micro-climate.

# WE travel FRANCE

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### HILL TOP VILLAGES

### Full day tour - Saint Paul de Vence, Haut de Cagnes & Gourdon

9am - Today you will enjoy a **Full day visit of the Hilltop Villages**, starting with a visit of Saint Paul de Vence village.

- Your guide and driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel

#### Saint Paul de Vence

The beauty of the surrounding area, quality of life and exceptional light has inspired numerous famous artists, painters, writers and poets, some of whom took up residence in the village. You can find signatures from some of these famous artists at the Foundation Maeght which has a large collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings and other graphic works from the XX°century. Walk around the narrow and so picturesque streets of the village, from the Porte Royale to the Porte Sud via the (pedestrianised) and you will discover magnificent stone façades from the XVI° and XVIII° centuries. Lose yourself in the maze of charming streets, the floral exuberance of the gardens, the little shady squares, ancient fountains, gateways and porches, or wonderful windows and you'll see why St Paul is a favorite subject for photographers

#### Then enjoy a visit of Haut de Cagnes

This medieval quarter is full of tiny streets, stairs, little restaurants and old houses that gradually descend down and blend with the modern lower city. It is also a City of artists with such painters as Ziem, Derain, Cezanne, Renoir, and Modigliani who all helped to make this city famous. Strolling about the old fishing port af Cros de Cagnes is a must, and while you're there you will surely be tempted by some grilled fish or to try the local specialty of Poutine. Beach lovers and sun worshippers will be gratified by all the water sports available.

#### End of the day with a visit of Gourdon

Gourdon clings to the summit of a breathtakingly steep cliff at a height of 760 m and offers an unobstructed view of the Gorges du Loup and the Mediterranean. Clustered behind an imposing castle surrounded by gardens that were designed by Le Nôtre, the old houses have been well preserved and restored in this lively village where craftspeople are a driving force.

5pm - End of the day at your hotel





### Upgrade your day - Vintage car

#### Enjoy this tour in a Vintage Car such Roll Royce

The French Riviera is one of the most beautiful places in the world to enjoy from behind the wheel of a classic sports car. Go for a drive in the country in a Porsche 356 Speedster, cruise down the Croisette in Cannes in a Ford Mustang, take on the sharp bends of the Monte Carlo Rally in a Lotus Seven or go for a dinner in Monaco in our Jaguar E-Type; Nice and its region are a paradise for car enthusiasts...

Because they also are a piece of history and have witnessed an art of living, these cars have much more to offer than your average modern "luxury" car or "supercar".

As you cruise along, you will most likely encounter friendly looks and thumbs up from people, engage in conversations with other car lovers or even be asked if a picture could be taken behind the wheel. Regardless the situation, you will not leave indifferent!

NOTE – you can drive the car or we can have our driver / driver guide driving your vintage car



### Full day tour Green Provence

9 am - Meet your guide and your private driver guide in the lobby of your hotel and departure for Green Provence

10.30 am - Arrival and exclusive wine tasting at Château de Berne

A fabulous feat of precision and discipline is required to bring out the best of the grapes, for each wine is a subtle synergy of nature's gifts and the expert hand of man.

The Cellars Masters in the art of wine making and ageing techniques, oenologist Nicolas Turounet and Eric Fabre – Cellar Manager for the last 20 years – ensure that every bottle boasts a flawless quality. They oversee the whole wine making process, from the arrival of the grapes at the winery to bottling. The facilities have struck a perfect balance between modernity and the purest winemaking traditions. The winery – where the wines are vinified and matured – is fitted with double-bottomed stainless-steel tanks, an ageing cellar set out in arcades and lit by a stained-glass

According to the season and the estate activities: wine tour, visit of the owner's private cellar, vertical tasting, blind tasting with snacks, discover the different tasks of the wine grower/oenologist and meet them at

12.30 pm end and transfer to Chez Bruno

12.45 pm arrival

#### 1 pm - Enjoy a lunch Chez Bruno restaurant- to be paid on site

Clement Bruno is a super chef who aims to please visitors to Lorgues and the South of France with his truffle menu which changes three times a week. He created Chez Bruno from an estate given to him by his grand-parents. His ambition is to make the restaurant unique by mixing great cooking, love, passion, and sheer determination. He believes that luxury has no social boundaries; it is merely about pleasing others in a beautiful location. In this goal, he has triumphed; with guests to Chez Bruno including the president of France Nicolas Sarkozi, Lionardo di Caprio, Pavarotti, and Robert De Niro, who sit along -side home owners from Lorgues as well as visitors from all over the world. The restaurant is simply decorated in white table clothes and bone china.

3,30 pm After lunch departure for your hotel 5pm end of the tour at your hotel



### Upgrade your day – Helicopter flight

#### Recommend from Monte Carlo

#### SCHEDULE BY FLIGHT

- 9.45 am Meet your guide and your private driver in the lobby of your hotel and private transfer to the Helipad
- 10 am Flight Helicopter to the Chateau de Berne-
- 10.20 am Arrival and exclusive wine tasting at Château de Berne
- 12.30 pm end and transfer to Chez Bruno
- 12.45 pm arrival
- 1 pm Enjoy a lunch Chez Bruno restaurant- to be paid on site
- 3.30 pm After lunch flight back to Monaco
- 3.55 pm Arrival in Monaco and transfer to your hotel

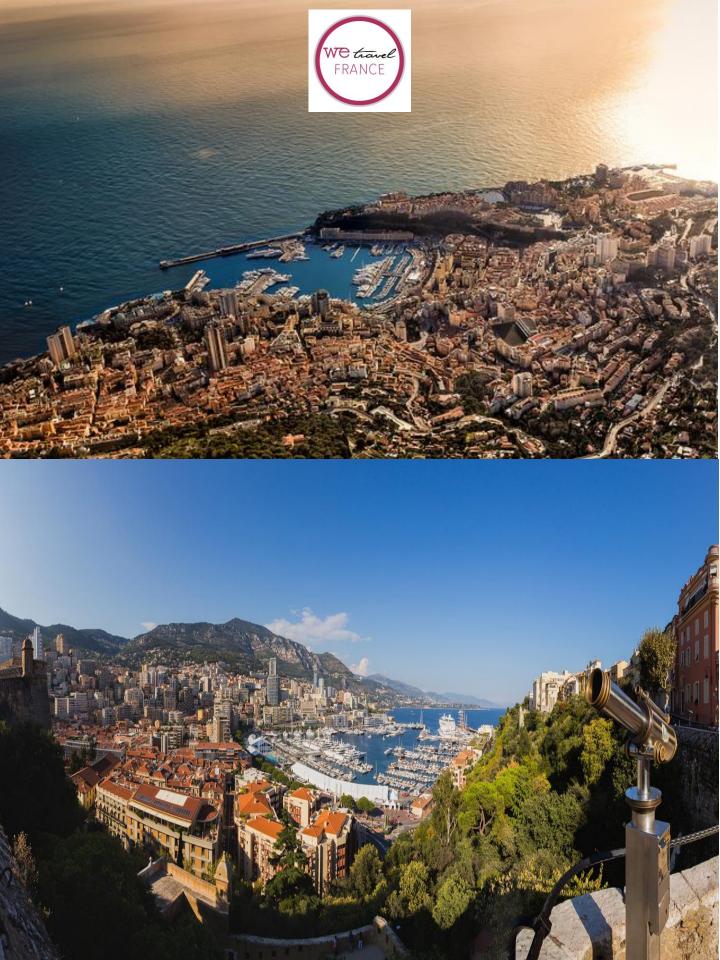




### **MONACO**

### Half Day tour Monaco

From the Italian Riviera, Monaco is one of those magic glamorous places that has a worldwide reputation. Monaco is a sovereign state, independent and prosperous. It has its own government and the head of state since 1949 is His Highness Prince Albert. There is sun here almost all the time, and fabulous parks and gardens have been laid out throughout the city. There are sumptuous boutiques with the latest fashions, palacial luxury hotels, and very chic restaurants. The cultural and sports centers are fitted out to perfection





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### Upgrade your day - Backstage visit of the Prince Palace

## At 4 pm, enjoy a 2 hr visit of Monaco. Our private driver guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel

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## Then, at 6 pm, you will enjoy a private one hour visit of the Backstage of the the Prince's Palace: The state Apartments.

Guardian of an ancient tradition, this Palace located in a unique setting, was built on the site of a fortress erected by the Genoese in 1215.

Today the splendours of this palace can indeed be admired, such as its Italian-style gallery and its 15th century frescoes; its Louis XVth lounge all in yellow and gold, its Blue room, a harmonious blend of glorious blue and gold; its Mazarin room covered with multicoloured wood-panelling; the Throne Room, decorated with an impressive Renaissance fireplace; the Palatine Chapel built in the 17th century; St-Mary's Tower, built from the white stones of nearby La Turbie; the Main Courtyard and its 17th century Carrara marble double staircase...

#### Finally you will end the day with a dinner at the Vistamar,

Decor signed Pierre Yves Rochon, playing host to an original gastronomic concept orchestrated by chef Joel Garault:

" A fish, a vegetable, a judicious cooking". Testifying to its high level of excellence, the Vistamar boasts a Michelin star. From the gorgeous terrace (open in summer), you can admire breathtaking views on the harbour and the famous Rock.

End of the day at your hotel.

NOTE - Backstage visit is only available at 6pm in the evening after opening hours





### THE FRENCH RIVIERA ROAD

### Full day Grasse, Cannes & Antibes

9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide in the lobby of your hotel and departure **for Grasse** 

**Grasse**, the perfume capital of the world, is a gateway town to *Beyond*. Grasse has been a popular tourist town for several centuries, with the smell of flowers and clear air. The altitude of the town, from 300-400 m, and the hills behind give Grasse a fresher climate than the beach during the heat of the summer.

The old town ("vieille ville") is large, old, and extremely interesting. Tiny streets wind forever between the 17th and 18th century buildings, up and down ancient steps, passing through arched tunnels and sometimes opening out onto large squares.

Lunch at leisure – your English speaking guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and request on site

#### In the Afternoon, departure for a visit of Cannes & Antibes

150 years ago **Cannes** was nothing more than an unimportant fishing village . Since then it has become an elegant city known round the world and attracts an international clientele.

#### The Vieux Port

All along the Quai St Pierre in the old port one can find fishing boats and pleasure boats side by side. The fishermen work on their nets next to their colorful barks. On the pier Albert Edouard the most beautiful yachts in the world come to moor. Looking out to sea one can perceive the islands of Ste Marguerite and Ste Honorat which are accessible by boat in 20 minutes.

#### The Croisette

This is one of the most famous promenades in the world. For three kilometers following the curve of the bay one can see flowering gardens, lawns planted with palm trees, umbrella pines and other trees all the way to Port Canto, Palm Beach and a sea water health spa. Strollers can find their way back to the center by taking the renowned rue d'Antibes

#### Stop for a visit of Antibes

The port with its luxurious yachts, the ramparts, the old town and its narrow streets, the very famous Cap d'Antibes which is one of the most exclusive area of the "Côte d'Azur".

5pm - End of the tour at your hotel





### THE FRENCH RIVIERA ROAD

### Upgrade your day – Private Perfume workshop

# Fragonard perfume factory private visit where you will be able to create your own fragrance.

Our historic perfume factory in the heart of the Old Town is one of the oldest in Grasse, for our present premises housed perfume making from their construction in 1782. In 1926 they took the name of Perfumeries Fragonard as a tribute to the famous painter Jean-Honoré Fragonard. Here on a daily basis we produce our perfumes, cosmetics and soaps in a setting imbued with respect for tradition.

We will be delighted to welcome you and give you a free guided tour, during which you can discover the various procedures involved in creating and producing our products. At the end of this tour you can admire 3000 years of perfume history in our private museum.

An unforgettable learning experience in the world of perfume-making awaits you at the Fragonard perfume factories. You can discover how a perfumer or "nose" masters the art of fragrance creation while learning about the history of the perfume industry. By the end of the program you will be able to compose your own "eau de toilette" inspired by roses or the year's flower.





### COASTAL ROAD

### Full day tour Nice & Eze

9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide in the lobby of your hotel in Nice and departure for a full day tour of the French Riviera

Nice, the fifth largest city in France, acts as a magnet attracting people from all over the world, for a multitude of reasons. Elegant and simple, Nice's charm comes from its exceptional climate as well as its beauty. Even in the winter the café terraces are filled with people happily drinking and contemplating the ultra-famous Promenade des Anglais. Always in flower this wonderful walk follows along the bay, looking out onto the Baie des Anges and the beaches on one side, and on the other such luxury hotels as the Negresco.

#### Enjoy a visit of Eze passing by the Corniche Road

Eze is a medieval village perched like an eagles nest on a narrow rocky peak overlooking the Mediterranean sea. The ancient fortified village is still crowned with the ruins of its 12th-century fortified castle (torn down in 1706), sitting on a narrow rocky peak. The castle grounds host the well-known Jardin Exotique, and from the top (429 m) you'll have an good view of the coast The village forms a circular pattern around the base of the castle. The old buildings and narrow streets are very well restored, with high stone walls and narrow roadways of red-brick centered stone. The narrow roads wend their way upward to the well sign-posted *Jardin Exotique Panorama*. When you finally arrive at the top, you'll find the way to the *Jardin*, and the panoramic view.

#### Enjoy a lunch at La Chevre d'Or - to be paid on site

The 'La Chèvre d'Or' gourmet restaurant (2 Michelin ® stars) is a living treasure that reveals the magic of flavor, its fine nuances, and blossoming fragrances. The executive chef, Ronan Kervarrec, works away in his modern kitchens housed in medieval buildings, to offer you the delights of carefully selected local ingredients striking a fine balance between textures and flavors. Discover a sophisticated blend of freshness and elegance, the ideal setting for a memorable

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#### End of your day with a visit of the Villa Ephrussi

The "Ephrussi de Rothschild" villa & its 9 gardens in Saint Jean Cap Ferrat. Considered one of the finest properties on the Riviera, beyond its seven themed gardens, the Baroness filled the mansion with antique furniture, Old Master paintings, sculptures, objets d'art, and assembled an extensive collection of rare porcelain.

5pm - End of the tour at your hotel







### COASTAL ROAD

### Upgrade your day - Cooking class

9am – Your English speaking chef Tamara will meet you at near the cours Saleya in Nice and you will depart together to **Nice Market to choose the ingredients**.

The Cours Saleya is one of the liveliest areas of Old-Nice where the flower, fruit and vegetable markets take place. Here essences from greenhouses on the hillside surrounding Nice give off subtle scents, among which the mimosa is the most predominant perfume in the winter.

### The cooking class is 5-10mn from Nice Market.

The chef will teach you her excellent recipes in funny and informative classes. Everything is designed to enhance the flavor and quality of fresh produce. Inspired by the great Chefs, improved over time by a thousand tricks, her recipes can easily be remade at home.

The Chef introduces you to the art of buying the best products in the market. Then you are invited to make with her a complete meal with entree, main course and dessert.

Enjoy a private cooking class following by a lunch

1pm - End of the class





### COASTAL ROAD

### Upgrade your day - SEGWAY TOUR

Set out to discover Nice on a Segway Personal Transporter, the latest, modern, environmentally friendly electric vehicle.

Very easy to use, the Segway provides for a fun, unforgettable tour, a unique experience. The initiation takes place on the Promenade des Anglais.







### **SAINT TROPEZ**

### Full day tour in St Tropez

9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide in the lobby of your hotel and departure for a full day tour of St Tropez

Amazingly though when you arrive in St Tropez you can still see that sleepy fishing village that it once was. The narrow streets wind back from the coast up to the citadel and the houses are all in the simple style of fisherman's houses. They are painted in pale pastels ranging from pale cream to deep terracotta. Watch the sun set on those at the sea front and the effect is breathtaking.

Wandering into the town from the harbour the streets narrow and offer a little shade from the sun. Enjoy the many chic boutiques that Saint Tropez has to offer.

Lunch at leisure – your English speaking guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch depending on your taste and request on site

5pm - end of the tour at your hotel

NOTE - PLEASE Note that driving time is 2 hours per way from Nice / Monte Carlo





### SAINT TROPEZ

### Upgrade your day - Private Yacht

# Enjoy this tour in a private boat (roundtrip transfer from your hotel to the harbor included)

There are a lot of options in the area to discover. Your captain will discuss with you what you would enjoy most. There are quite scenic islands in the area, Hyeres Islands. Porquerlles Island,

Port Cros Island, Levant Island are just a treat to cruise around and discover. The captain will also give you different suggestions for lunch.





### CULTURAL TOUR

### Full day museums tour

9am – Meet your English speaking driver guide at your hotel and departure for **Picasso Museum (1h)** 

In 1946, Picasso came to live in the Château Grimaldi and was so delighted with the place and the views out to sea that he later gave a large number of his works to the town. With other donations, notably from Jacqueline Picasso in 1991, the collection grew and now includes paintings of mythological beasts and Mediterranean sea images as well as a wonderful collection of ceramics that are worth the visit alone. We may also see the richly colored paintings of Nicholas de Stael, who lived, and died, in Antibes.

#### 10.45am -Then drive to Haut de Cagnes (25mn drive) 11.10pm Enjoy a visit of the Renoir Museum (1hour visit)

The Renoir Museum is situated in the heart of a magnificent estate of century old olive trees, from where you can discover a superb panorama that extends to Cap d'Antibes. The view of the Haut-de-Cagnes is exceptional.

# Lunch at leisure, your guide will suggest you the best place to have lunch Continue with a visit of the Maegh Foundation

The Marguerite and Aimé Maeght Foundation is a unique example of a private European Foundation. Inaugurated on July 28th 1964 by André Malraux, then Minister of Cultural Affairs, this architectural ensemble was entirely conceived and financed by Marguerite and Aimé Maeght to present modern and contemporary art in all its forms. Painters and sculptors collaborated closely in the realisation of this Foundation with Catalan architect Lluís Sert by creating frequently monumental works integrated into the building and gardens: the Giacometti courtyard, one of the world's most famous 'in-situ' works, the Miró labyrinth filled with sculptures and ceramics, the mural mosaics by Chagall and Tal-Coat, the pool and stained glass window by Braque, the Bury fountain...

#### Continue with a walking tour in St Paul & visit of Art Galleries

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