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*5 Days Tour of Riviera
For FIT*

From the Chèvre d'Or & The Pastis



The Chèvre d'Or – Eze 5*



Chateau de la Chevre d'Or is one of the most unique places in the Cote d'Azur. The building was named by its former owner Balkovik, the famous musician, who rebuilt the chateau in 1924 to be his residence. Chateau de la Chevre d'Or was later transformed into a hotel, but with very few rooms. It was in the late eighties when its present owner bought it and made into the luxurious hotel it is today. Adding more rooms has not been easy, since this property is part of the ancient Eze Village. To build rooms they have to buy houses of the village and convert them.

When you see the layout of the village in the pictures, not all of what you see is the hotel.

At the time Chateau de la Chevre d'Or was visited they were building what will surely be one of the most spectacular suites: 550 square feet of room space plus a private swimming pool and Jacuzzi, all looking straight out to the sea! At chateau de la Chevre d'Or it really does not matter which room they give you, they are all different but each one is nicer than the other.



The Pastis – St Tropez 4*



Pastis Hotel St Tropez is a charming contemporary hotel set within a provençal building, designed for guests who are looking for a quality environment with a relaxed atmosphere and strictly « no dress code ».

At Pastis they aim to make you feel as if you are guests in a private house, where the owners have a passion for Provence and 20th-century art, paintings, and photography.

The rooms are furnished with an eclectic mix of period and « modern classic » pieces, plus unique « objet d'art ». Decorated with a light and airy touch, and equipped with everything you need to feel at home. Superb beds and bathrooms, luxury linen, and towels.

There is also a beautiful private garden with century-old palm trees, a heated pool, bar, and terrace.



Day one – Monaco & Eze

In the morning departure for a privileged visit of **Monaco Ballet House**

After a short visit of Monaco , departure for Eze for a lunch at **the Chèvre d'Or**

In the afternoon visit of **Eze**

Return to your hotel by the end of the day.

In the evening diner at the **Vistamar restaurant**

Monaco Ballet House

Private visit of the internationally acclaimed company The Monte Carlo Ballet founded by S.A.R the Princess Caroline of Hanover in 1985 in memory of the Princess Grace.

- **Entrance of the Atelier and the ballet studio at the back**

Presentation of the «Atelier «the company workshop.

- **Visit of the costume department where the designers are creating by hands each costume.**

For «Romeo and Juliet» choreographed by Jean Christophe Maillot in 1996, 350 costumes were created.

We shall show some original sketches from Henri Matisse who created the costumes and the set of «The song of the nightingale», the first George Balanchine choreography created in 1925 for the Ballets russes.

- **Morning training in the studio**

Like in every ballet company in the world, the dancers are having the morning training from 10.30am to 12am. The «class» is very important to prepare the dancers for the following rehearsals from 12.15am to 6pm.



Lunch Restaurant La Chèvre d'Or – 2 star Michelin

An exceptional hotel demands an exceptional restaurant! An institution amongst the eating establishments of the French Riviera, Le Château de la Chèvre d'Or combines the highest quality ingredients to produce sophisticated, fresh tasting cuisine served in a high class setting. Excellent service.



Eze & Botanic Garden



Eze is a medieval village perched like an eagle's 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 a 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 wind 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.



Diner at Vistamar Restaurant – 1 star Michelin

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.



Day 2 – Riviera & Provence

In the morning, departure for Menton , meeting with your **Flower & Garden Specialist** who did create some of the most beautiful private garden in **Menton** and on the french Riviera

Then departure for a private lunch at the **Villa Santo Sospir** .

In the afternoon, visit of **the Villa Ephrussi**.

Return to your hotel by the end of the day and diner at your hotel.

Menton & Flower Garden

Set up in the hills overlooking the town, these gardens are one of the more beautiful and interesting places you can visit in the town. Filled with species of plant that thrive in the micro-climate of the area, the gardens are a stunning sensory experience that will take your breath away. Combined with the beautiful views of the coastline that is spread out to the side of the gardens, this is definitely a place you will not want to miss.



Villa Santo Sospir

Decorated by multi talented French artist Jean Cocteau
Cocteau chose Santo-Sospir as background for some scenes in his
film Le Testament d'Orphee.

Built in 1931 on the Western side of the Billionaire peninsula of Cap
Ferrat, the Villa Santo Sospir was bought by Francine Weisweiler in
1950. She invited her friend, the multitalented French artist, Jean
Cocteau who decorated the walls of the villa which is classified
historical monument since 2007.



Villa Ephrussi

Discover the most beautiful French Riviera Palazzo and its nine wonderful gardens. Through the art dealers and experts she befriended, Baroness Ephrussi de Rothschild sought out artworks all over the world, transforming the Villa at Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat into a collector's paradise. Between sea and sky, overlooking the bay of Villefranche, the nine heavenly gardens are adorned with patios, fountains, ponds, flowered and shaded paths. The Villa is also a place for wedding and receptions organization.



Day 3 – St Paul de Vence & Grasse

In the morning departure for **St Paul de Vence for a visit and** meeting with a local artist.

Lunch at **the Colombe D'Or** .

In the afternoon visit of **Grasse and Private perfume workshop at Fragonard**.

Return to your hotel

In the evening diner at the **Moulin de Mougins** .

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^o 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^o and XVIII^o 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.



Lunch at the Colombe d'Or

A deliciously shady outdoor terrace and a comfortable dining room decorated with faultless taste. The food is traditional, the restaurant seats approximately seventy people in the main dining hall, thirty in a private room and one hundred on the garden terrace.



Grasse



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. Princess Pauline Bonaparte, the Emperor's sister, spent the winter of 1807-08 in Grasse, recuperating her mental and physical strength. 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. Many of the streets aren't as clean as they should be, but still worth a wander.



Somewhere down in the old village a narrow street comes out onto the Place du Petit Puy (and through the archway into Place Godeau) with the 10-11th-century **Notre Dame du Puy cathedral** (rebuilt in the 17th c.) and its huge 18th century clock tower. Inside the cathedral are three paintings by Rubens, commissioned from the then-unknown artist in 1601 by the Archduke Albert for the Santa Croce di Gerusalemme in Rome, and offered to Grasse in the 19th century. There's also the 1754 painting *Christ Washing the Feet of the Apostles* by Jean-Honoré Fragonard.



Fragonard Perfume workshop

A Fragonard perfume factory private visit where guests will be able to create their 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 Parfumerie 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.



Diner at Moulin de Mougins – 1 star Michelin

The chef at this venerable 16C oil mill demonstrates considerable technical prowess (evident in the cooking, aromas, presentation). This is deployed subtly to blend flavours of the South with hints of exoticism. Cookery courses and shop (delicatessen-pastry shop). The guestrooms in this hotel will delight contemporary art enthusiasts.



Day 4 – Iles Lérins & St Tropez

In the morning departure Cannes and embark on **your private yacht for a day cruise to St Tropez**

During the cruise, stop by the Iles Lérins

Lunch on board

Arrival in St Tropez by the end of the day and transfer to your hotel

Dinner and overnight at your hotel

ILES LERINS & VINEYARD



It may not be a coincidence that the monks of the Abbaye de Lérins (Lérins Abbey) on an island off Cannes are cistercian. The cistercian monks have played a leading role in France throughout History in the extension of vineyards and in the understanding of winemaking and also of the alchemy between varieties and terroirs. The small island of Saint Honorat is sitting a couple of miles away from Cannes right near another - slightly larger - island named Ile Sainte Marguerite. It is a haven of peace light-years away from the superficial pleasures of the French Riviera city, and so small that you can walk around it in a very short time.

Here on the island, the first monks of the christian era set up a community, following an early Christian ermit named Honorat (born circa 380 A.D.) who settled here to pray. The monastery was created somewhere near 400 A.D. (between 400 and 410 to be precise), and the 5th and 6th century is considered to have been the golden age for this magnet of meditation island, not only for the number of its monks but also the outstanding individuals who joined then (Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland is said to have studied there in the 5th century). Anyway, the Abbey of Lérins has been very influential for centuries among the religious people and the elite throughout Provence, but what brings us this story today is that the Abbey of Lérins is happening to grow vines and make a few outstanding wines....

St Tropez



St Tropez started life as a sleepy fishing village and then the superb quality of light here was discovered by neo-impressionist Paul Signac who built a house here and invited his friends to stay. Matisse and Dufy being just a couple of those who accepted his invitation. Then in the 50s and 60s St Tropez was discovered by Hollywood and has been a fashionable holiday location ever since.

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.



Day 5 –Lorgues Wine area

In the morning , depart for for Lorgues Wine area , a first stop will be made at the **Sainte Roseline Estate**

Then you will continue with a lunch at **Chez Bruno Restaurant**

In the afternoon visit of the **château Roubine**

Return to your hotel by the end of the day and time to rest

In the evening departure for a **light diner at the Milano Brasserie in Fréjus**

Overnight at your hotel

Château Sainte Roseline

Chateau Sainte Roseline is a property dating back to the tenth century. It was founded by a hermit named Robaud who decided to settle there, attracted by its calm beauty and the presence of an abundant spring. In the 14th century, under the influence of the Bishop of Fréjus (the future Pope Jean XXII in Avignon), the property became one of the most important vineyards in Provence. This traditional leadership role was perpetuated by the previous owner, Henri de Rasque de Laval, when he became the first president of the Var vineyards union.

In 1994, Mr Bernard TEILLAUD took the destiny of this great property into his hands, with the aim of making it one of the jewels of southern wine-making and a renowned artistic centre. Seven centuries of vine cultivation have demonstrated that the Chateau Sainte Roseline soil is one of the most exceptional in Provence. Furthermore, in 1955 it was awarded with the commendation of " CRU CLASSE ". The clay-limestone soils and the presence of an underground spring allow the controlled nutrition of the vine necessary to produce great wines.



Restaurant Chez Bruno

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 Sarkozy, 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.



Château Roubine

Located right in the middle of Provence, between Lorgues and Draguignan, **Château Roubine** is one of the oldest wine estates of France. Famous ever since the 14th century, the Templars yielded the property to the Saint James of Jerusalem Order in 1307. Its strategic position on the Roman road “Julienne” and its particular beauty attracted many visitors throughout the years. In 1953, the Ministry of Agriculture awarded the property with the “Cru Classé” title, a prestigious vintage wines award.



Restaurant Le Milano Fréjus

The restaurant The Milano in Fréjus offers a french traditional cuisine inspire from the Mefiterranean sea. Open in 2006 , the restaurant is decorated as a Parisian “Brasserie”

