

## Nice



Nice is a charming port city nestled in southeastern France on the Mediterranean Sea. It is the leading resort of the French Riviera, or Côte d'Azur, with numerous cultural and recreational attractions. Cars are not permitted in the old town, where visitors can stroll past quaint cafés, outdoor markets and Latin-flavored squares. Tourists from around the world enjoy Nice's pebbly beaches and narrow, cobblestone streets.

A walk up to Castle Hill is rewarded with a vista of the city, the Bay of Angels, pebbled beaches and the azure water that gives the Cote d'Azur its name. Nestled into the hills rising up from the shore are narrow streets, red-tile roofs, churches, outdoor markets, al fresco restaurants, parks and dozens of museums. Like most of the Riviera, the nightlife in Nice is hopping with trendy clubs and restaurants. For the culturally minded, Nice is home to one university and a number of fine museums, including Musée Matisse and Musée Chagall.

Nice offers a rich history, wonderfully mild sunny climate and with its geographic location between the sea and the mountains, it is a symbol of the Mediterranean art of living.

The Côte d'Azur has always been one of the most popular travel destinations in the world. First came the Roman invaders, then the Barbarians, and then the Brits. Today visitors are still coming in droves. With 3,900 festivals and events a year, the party just never seems to end in this land of celebrations. The most renowned of these festivals is, of course, the Cannes Film Festival unspooling 10 days every May. Other well-known festivals include Nice's Carnival and the Battle of Flowers. In the 20th century the Côte d'Azur became the mythical center of modern art. Its natural beauty, dazzling light and sublime way of life inspired the great artists such as Renoir, Bonnard, Matisse, Picasso, Chagall, and later the likes of César, Klein, and Arman. Picture snowcapped peaks providing backdrop to this storied coast, lined not only with palm trees and sandy beaches but some of the world's premiere hotels and beautiful architecture; soon you too will come to understand the inspiration of these artists. With 25 museums and 500 exhibitions, you'll have plenty of opportunity to contemplate their works firsthand.

Within the same day, you can see chamois and marmots in the heights of the Mercantour Mountains, and swim with dolphins and undersea fauna in the Mediterranean Sea. The Côte d'Azur and its Alpes d'Azur offer a complete range of riches, contrast and adventure.

At some 3,000 meters above sea level, the Mercantour National Park, the valleys and villages of the Alpes d'Azur, the mountains and streams provide a wealth of places to stay and practice many leisure and sporting activities: canyoneering, whitewater sports, fishing or caving. Other activities include rock-climbing, via ferratas and 'adventure forests'. Freeflying, golf... with over 2,400 miles of trails for hiking, riding or biking.



## **Places to visit, more to do**

### **Colline du Château**

This park is loved by locals and tourists alike. Located on the hill between the old town and the harbor, it is surrounded by a typically Mediterranean backdrop of pine trees, carobs, figs and aloes. The park's impressive waterfall, breathtaking views over the city, medieval ruins and Maritime Museum are all part of its appeal.

Admission is free.

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### **Promenade des Anglais**

Nice's well-known attraction, the Promenade des Anglais, is a bustling walkway that stretches for several kilometers along the Mediterranean. It's characteristic blue chairs, scattered along the way, provide the perfect vantage point from which to take in the expanse of azure blue stretching as far as the eye can see. It took its current form in 1822, when Lewis Way, an Englishman who lived in Nice during the winter months, financed the two-meter wide path.

### **Antibes-Juan-les-Pins**

Jazz up your visit with a stop in Antibes-Juan-les-Pins for the annual Jazz Festival every July. Situated between Nice and Cannes. "Jazz in Juan" is a very special festival with its large number of talented musicians and the wide variety of music that it offers.

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### **Golf Pass Provence**

The Côte d'Azur is the ideal destination for all golfers wanting to take a swing against the backdrop of the Mediterranean Sea. There are 19 golf courses including 11 with 18 holes, within barely a half-hour's drive of Nice. In the heart of the Mercantour Massif, the mountains, too, offer the pleasures of high-altitude golf, for a breath of fresh air.


These 19 golf courses designed by the world's greatest - Robert Trent Jones, Harradine father and son, Van Hagge, Pete Dye, Fream, Gayon...- are open year round.

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