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The French Riviera

Highlights

- The Azure coast that inspired Matisse, Renoir, Chagall, Picasso and others
- Quintessential French glamour - Nice, Cannes, Menton
- Medieval villages - Saint-Paul de Vence, Gourdon, Èze
- Boat ride to Saint-Honorat Island
- Fragrance workshop in perfume capital Grasse
- Mouthwatering Mediterranean French Cuisine

Dates: 18 Apr - 24 Apr 2027
10 Oct - 16 Oct 2027

Trip: 6 nights

Walk Level: 3- Moderate

Terrain: Firm ground, contoured rocky paths,. More descents than ascents. 7-10 miles walking per day.

Price: $ 7,995 Per Person, Double Occupancy
US$1000 Deposit, Balance 90 Days
Single Supplement $2000

Arrival: Nice Airport or Nice city cen **Departure:** Nice Airport or Train Statio

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About Your Walk

Welcome to the quintessential French Riviera experience. We bask in the luxury and stardust of the Cote d'Azur, but also delve deeper to find the real hidden gems of this sun-kissed region, in a journey that seamlessly blends the region's artistic charm, stunning coastal vistas, and that timeless elegance *and joie de vivre.* Our adventure begins in the enchanting artist's community village of Saint-Paul de Vence. Then we're whisked away to glamorous Cannes, where the echoes of the film festival resonate along La Croisette. A shuttle boat ride to Saint-Honorat Island offers serene abbey views, followed by a coastal sail to Cagnes-sur-Mer. We tackle the aptly named "Paradise Path" to Gourdon, a village perched on cliffs offering breathtaking panoramas. Discover Grasse, the world's perfume capital, and indulge in a fragrance workshop, creating our own unique scent, before dining amid Picasso's masterpieces at La Colombe d'Or. Cap d'Antibes awaits, with its famous Garoupe lighthouse and historic charm. Then to the vibrant streets of old Nice, the queen of the Riviera. And by contrast, the medieval beauty of Eze, perched oh, so high above the coast and the turquoise sea! We conclude our Riviera journey with a scenic tour of the wealthy playground that is Cap Ferrat. And, about as far as we can go and still be in France, we stroll round Menton, a colorful, picturesque little town with a zesty Italian feel.

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Walk Location



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Walk Itinerary

Sunday

Transfer from Nice airport or Nice city center to our hotel in the artists' village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. Welcome dinner at a restaurant in the village center.

Overnight : Domaine du Mas de Pierre
Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Monday

We leave in the morning for Cannes. We'll walk round the city, see the film festival hall and dream of Brigitte Bardot on the Croisette, flanked by prestigious old-style hotels. We catch a shuttle boat to reach the Lérins island of Saint-Honorat famous for its abbey, its vineyard and stunning views of Cannes and the Riviera. After lunch in a local tavern on the seashore, we walk around the island and sail back to Cagnes-sur-Mer on a private boat with vistas of the coast and the Alps. Dinner at the hotel.

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Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Tuesday

We leave early for the countryside near Bar-sur-Loup to start our first walk ascending the "Paradise Path" and reach the historical village of Gourdon perched on the edge of the cliffs. We are rewarded for our efforts with fabulous views of the Riviera from Cannes to Italy. On a clear day, one can see Corsica in the distance. After lunch on a terrasse of the village we drive to Grasse, the world capital of perfume, walk in the old streets to the old cathedral square, then visit the Fragonard factory. We participate in a perfume workshop where you can create your own fragrance. After popping in the Provence Art & History Museum next door, we drive back to Saint Paul-de-Vence by the backroads. Once in Saint-Paul-de-Vence, you could opt to visit the famous Foundation Maeght Art Museum with sculpture park. This evening we dine at Restaurant La Colombe d'Or, famous for its collection of paintings by Picasso, Matisse, Braque, to name a few.

Overnight : Domaine du Mas de Pierre
Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Wednesday

We drive to the famous Cap d'Antibes for the morning walk. We climb the Garoupe lighthouse - the most powerful of the Mediterranean coast - and visit the chapel of Notre-Dame de Bon Port with its exceptional collection of marine ex voto. Once we reach Antibes we stroll along the beach and have lunch. The afternoon is spent exploring the old city of Antibes, its marketplace, city walls, harbor, with a possible glance at the Picasso Museum. And why not have a drink at Hotel Belles Rives in Juan-les-Pins, a preserved venue where F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote "Tender is the Night", set on the Riviera in the Jazz Age. We reach our next hotel after a scenic 40-minute train ride. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight : Hotel Royal Riviera
Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

Thursday

The seaport city of Nice awaits us today! We walk along the “Baie des Anges” beach to the old harbor. Then stroll through the traditional market followed by lunch in the old town, “la vielle ville” at a typical restaurant. The afternoon takes us to the coast just east to Nice, to the medieval village of Èze situated on top of cliffs overlooking Monaco and Italy. Visit the tropical garden above the village. Descend on the Nietzsche path down to the sea and walk to the hotel. Dinner tonight at the harbor of Villefranche at Chez Germaine, a temple of local “bouillabaisse”.

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Friday

We commence the day by visiting Cap Ferrat, among the wealthiest places in the world. We make our way around the cape and finish the morning with a visit to the Rothschild villa and gardens. Lunch (or picnic, weather permitting) on the seashore, then train to reach the nearby town of Menton, the city of lemons, with an Italian feel. We stop at the cemetery, a surprising place of 19th century art overviewing the coast. Discover the old streets en route to the sea-promenade for shopping or having an ice cream on the seashore. Our farewell dinner takes place close to Nice harbor, toes in the sea and eyes on the sunset.

Overnight : Hotel Royal Riviera
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Saturday

After breakfast, transfer to Nice airport or Nice train station for onward connections.

Hotels

Domaine du Mas de Pierre



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Located in gardens bordered by olive trees, on the hills of Saint-Paul de Vence, Le Domaine du Mas de Pierre, a five-star Hotel Relais & Châteaux, is a residence of character with fountains, gardens, wells, green paths, porches and characteristic gates, and offers you the welcome of a luxurious Provencal residence. The establishment is composed of nine Provencal bastides (characteristic country houses) consisting of luxurious rooms and suites with their own terrace or balcony. The gastronomic restaurant, La Table de Pierre, is masterfully directed by Chef Maxime Leconte, a true globetrotter, who perfectly combines the flavors of the world with Provencal dishes. The spa offers a wellness area with a fully equipped fitness room, a heated indoor pool (hydromassage jets, counter-current swimming, aquabike...), two saunas, a hammam, a snow-cave, a lounge and an outdoor jacuzzi. Treatments/massages are performed in twelve dedicated treatment rooms, where there is also a solarium, an additional resting room and a nail salon. The Lagoon is a genuine oasis, hidden under the palm trees, with its adjoining beach, waterfalls, and slides, presenting a fantastic island atmosphere. In addition to the Lagoon, Domaine du Mas de Pierre offers 2 swimming pools of dreamlike dimensions. The enchanting garden, designed by Bruno Ricci, is populated by century-old olive trees, orchard trees, Provençal plants and flowers offering a sensory stroll through the Mediterranean fragrances. There is also an orchid greenhouse and an aviary where colorful parakeets twitter. A few steps away, a rose garden makes the colors of love burst forth, and a bamboo forest leads you to wonderland.

https://www.lemasdepierre.com/en/

Hotel Royal Riviera

Located on the peninsula of Cap-Ferrat and offering panoramic views of Provençal gardens and the sparkling Mediterranean, the five-star Royal-Riviera Hotel provides the intimacy of a private villa with the luxury and glamor of a palace. It has a heated pool, sauna, hammam and fitness room. Each air-conditioned room has a private bathroom stocked with free toiletries. The gourmet restaurant 'La Table du Royal' offers a terrace and panoramic view of the sea. Mastery of traditional French gastronomy, Chef Geoffroy Szamburski offers a modern cuisine that respects the authenticity of seasonal flavors, with a focus on local products. Desserts are elaborated by Pastry Chef Lucas Simoncini. Jean Mus created both the art and the composition of the gardens. The elegant Deck, situated in the heart of the aromatic garden, is a haven of peace, an ideal place for afternoon tea, a cocktail; or quite simply somewhere you can relax and immerse yourself in the aromas of the surrounding Mediterranean plants.

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What's Included

What Is Included in the Price of My Vacation

- Full-time services of a Walk Leader / Manager
- A backup vehicle for resting walkers and moving luggage
- Comprehensive Travel Information Package
- Diverse itineraries with an emphasis on history, geography, culture, peoples, flora and fauna
- Demonstrations, wine tasting, admissions to museums and historic sites
- All ground transfers (ferries, cable cars, trains, etc.)
- First-class accommodations with cultural and historical interest
- All meals - with choices - (Special dietary requirements? No problem!)
- Wine with dinner
- On-trail snacks and refreshments

All gratuities at hotels and restaurants

What's Not Included

- Additional Hotel Services that you have charged to your room
- Gratuities for Walk Leader / Walk Manager

We reserve the right to make changes to any trip for circumstances outside our control. This may be for weather, access to or availability of locations or activities. We always wish to assure the safety of our guests and staff, while delivering a quality experience for all.