

THE FRENCH RIVIERA



2020

Day 1&2: USA - Cannes

We begin our French Riviera discovery today with our flight to Cannes, France. Sit back, relax and enjoy all the in-flight amenities. Arrive in Cannes today, where we will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel; home for the next 6 nights. There will be time to relax before joining our Discovery Program Guide tonight for a welcome cocktail. (In-flight meals)

Day 3: Cannes - Antibes - Sophia - Antipolis

Our morning begins with a city tour of Cannes. "Discovered" by Lord Brougham in 1834, Cannes soon became a community for

the international elite and is synonymous with the International Film Festival. We will see the Palais des Festivals with its lovely harbor and La Croisette, perhaps one of the most elegant seaside promenades in the world. The old town - Le Suquet-, is still a delicious maze of medieval streets and Renaissance houses. We continue onward to Antibes, nestled in the beautiful Cote d'Azur. Antibes was founded as a 5th century BC Greek colony settled by Phocaeans and also known as the longtime home of Picasso. Antibes was also home to Napoléon Bonaparte and his family until his imprisonment after the fall of Robespierre. Later, we venture to the world internet headquarters Sophia Antipolis. This world renowned technology park known as an "international city of wisdom, science and technology" is the hub of the telecom industry and hosts W3C, along with cutting edge electronics and biotechnology companies. (B)

Day 4: Grasse Excursion / St. Paul de Vence

This morning we make our way to Grasse to learn about the perfume industry. Grasse is the center of the French perfume industry and is known as the world's perfume capital. The world's finest "noses" reside here. A "nose" is the correct name for a person highly trained in the art of perfumery in Grasse. These "noses" can identify and classify hundreds of fragrances, subtly blended together in a harmonious combination, while fine perfumes can contain more than 100 ingredients. Grasse produces over two-thirds of France's natural aromas for perfume and for food

8-DAY JOURNEY FROM \$3,375

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Round trip scheduled airfare from Des Moines
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels while overseas
- 6 nights in the Cannes, France... Only unpack once!
- Includes breakfast daily
- Tours of Cannes, Antibes, Grasse, Monte Carlo, Villefrance and Eze
- Discovery Program guide

INCLUDES:

- Fuel surcharges
- Non-dues revenue \$300
- 1-10 Comps
- Staff travels free
- Book & Save discount
- Taxes & Fees - \$150

flavorings. This afternoon, take an optional tour to St. Paul-de-Vence. The picture-book medieval village of St. Paul-de-Vence stands hidden behind its ramparts and is "Provence in a nutshell". St. Paul-de-Vence was rediscovered only in the 1920's by a group of painters. The painter Chagall lived here and is entombed here. Take advantage of shopping or just relax in the soothing Mediterranean breezes(B)

Day 5: Day at Leisure

Today is at leisure for you to explore Cannes on your own. Galas, regattas, the Film Festival and an outrageously attractive and affluent set characterize Cannes. Vast yachts obscure the view and the town lives up to its motto, "Life is a festival." People-watching is the activity that brings most visitors to Cannes, and hotel-lined La Croisette provides a fine promenade. First popularized by Coco Chanel, Cannes beaches are a huge draw. Get expensive seaside food and drinks service on hotel sand or opt for the free public beaches, Plages du Midi and de la Boca. (B)



Monte Carlo





Grasse, France

Day 6: Excursion to Monte Carlo - Villefrance - Eze

Today take an excursion to Monaco today. Monaco is an independent principality about half the size of New York City's Central Park; with a population of 27,000. Monte Carlo is the site of the well-known casino and a glittering center of international social life. All of Monaco is contained within an area of less than 1 square mile. Our city tour will include the 19th-century Romanesque Cathedral, famous for the sight of Princess Grace's tomb. Next, we travel to Villefrance. There's quite a medieval feeling in Villefrance. This city's long and rich history as a major sea port is visible everywhere you look with quiet little squares and the Place de l'Eglise that has a bench circling a beautiful big tree. We continue to the medieval village of Eze, perched 1,000 feet above the Mediterranean Sea for fantastic views (B)

Day 7: St. Tropez - Wine Region

Today, you might want to take an optional tour to St. Tropez this morning with a leisurely 60-mile drive along the beautiful coastline. Visit an often forgotten World War II landing site in the area. On arrival in St. Tropez, we'll have an orientation tour of this scenic town. Enjoy views of the beaches before returning to Nice (B)

Day 8: Cannes - USA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S (B, In-Flight Meals)

*On some dates tours and cities visited operate in a different order. NOTE: Due to local conditions times listed above can change.

PRICING & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy.

Des Moines \$3,375

Additional cities on request

Single please add: \$600

2020 DEPARTURE DATES:

March 11	September 17
	November 6

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DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

- Board your transatlantic flight

DAY 2

- Arrive in Cannes and transfer to your hotel
- Remainder of day at your leisure

DAY 3

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Cannes, Antibes, and Sophia
- Antipolis
- Full day of touring

DAY 4

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Grasse excursion
- Optional excursion to St. Paul de Vence

DAY 5

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Day at leisure

DAY 6

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Excursion to Monte Carlo, Villefrance and Eze

DAY 7

- Breakfast at your hotel
- St. Tropez optional excursion
- Day at leisure

DAY 8

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Transfer to airport for flight home

**OPTIONAL POST-CRUISE
STAY IN PARIS
3 NIGHTS - \$799 PER PERSON**



- 3 nights accommodation in a first class hotel in Paris, with breakfast included each morning
- All transfers included
- Guided City tour of Paris
- Enjoy all the sights, including Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe.