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THE RIVIERA AND ITS CHARMING VILLAGES ...

Full-day excursion to Nice, Eze, Villefranche, St Jean Cap Ferrat

This day-trip is a wonderful glance at the most beautiful towns of the Riviera at a glance: You will be impressed by the lights and colors in Nice, Eze offers one of the most beautiful view of the Riviera, in Villefranche you will discover frescoes by Jean Cocteau, the author of “Beauty & the Beast”, and eventually you will walk through the deluxe Saint-Jean Cap Ferrat.

Make it Unique!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue: Private visit to a private house surrounded by the art works of Picasso and Jean Cocteau who decorated the entire villa with frescoes.
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Make it Artistic!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Enjoy a visit to Matisse museum with a guide and discover the monographic collection of works.
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From Nice to Eze, Villefranche & St. Jean Cap Ferrat

9:00 am: Meet your guide-driver and enjoy a panoramic tour of Nice.

Everything is accentuated in Nice, **the sunlight is so bright that the colors are flashing**. The pines are green and are happily rubbing shoulders with the blue shades of the Mediterranean Sea and the sky, the sun is highlighting the yellow tones of the flowers, the ochre sides of the houses, in a natural setting of rocks and hills. **It's easy to see why so many are fascinated by the Côte d'Azur** ... the artists, painters, writers, sculptors, musicians, who all contributed to the fame of this city and to whom many of Nice's museums are dedicated.

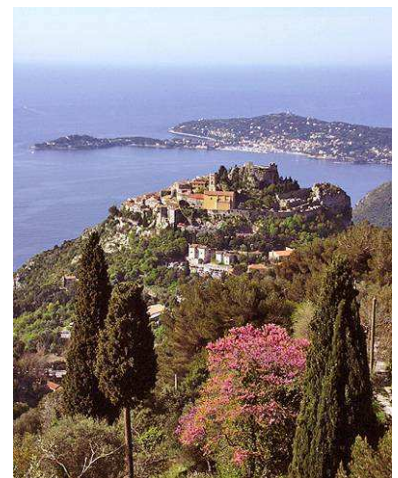
You will view **the Belle Epoque luxurious residences** including the fabulous palace built on the sea-front, the Négresco which shows off its dome on the Promenade des Anglais, the finest example of Belle Epoque architecture. **Visit the Russian Church**.

Enjoy a **walking tour of the old town and marvel at its lovely flower market**. Along the narrow alleys of the Old City the names of the streets are evocative of the ancient guilds, like goldsmith or bankers. The old buildings reflect the soul of Nice and all its history. It is still a very busy part of the town, living and breathing in an explosion of colours, fragrances and flavors, as embodied by the market. The "vieille ville" is full of narrow streets curving in irregular fashion between old buildings with red-tile roofs. **The streets are packed with boutiques and shoppers**.

The Cours Saleya has a **daily flower market and a food market in the mornings**. There are scores of stands, from large, professionally displayed wares to folding tables set up by family farmers with their produce and live fowl directly from the farm. The length of the Cours Saleya is sided by the low buildings separating the "Cours" from the seaside. Try your taste buds at an informal socca tasting with a glass of wine. Socca is Nice specialty and is made with peas flour. You cannot stay in Nice and not taste the socca!

Enjoy **lunch at leisure** in a typical restaurant. We suggest the restaurant "Le Safari", it is in **a prime location in the Cours Saleya** and you will enjoy a lovely view on the market stalls. The menu was split into Nicois specialities, pastas, pizzas, seafood and meat.

Drive to the **perched medieval village of Eze 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





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on a narrow rocky peak. You will be enchanted by this magic village which remains untouched.

The beach in the "baie d'Eze" has easy access and is shaded by pine-trees which almost grow down to the water's edge. Perched in an "eagle's nest" at the top of an imposing and superb cliff, the village and its light ochre church can be seen from afar. To find the entrance, take the small, rocky path which has a splendid view of the gardens surrounding the Château de la Chèvre d'Or. Once inside, **you will discover a small Provençal village filled with charm and colorful window boxes, offering a panoramic view of the sea and coastline.**

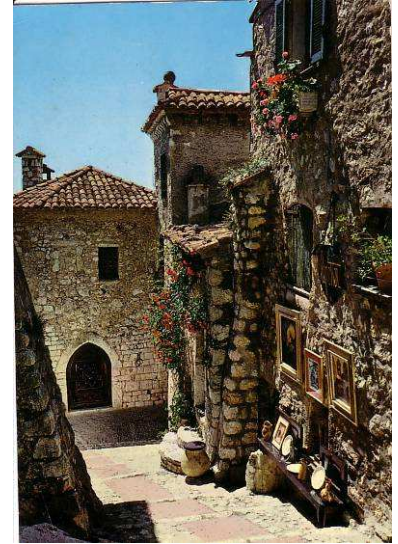
Small narrow roads, archways and superbly restored stone houses, shady squares, refreshing ancient fountains... you will soon be seduced by the marvels of Eze. **The village is so beautiful** that it's hard to believe that you have not stumbled onto a movie set!

The **numerous small arts and crafts boutiques** are hard to resist... some of them are like tiny caves dug out of the rocky hill-side. The streets of this medieval village have witnessed its historic past. The two look-out towers at the entrance, the door-way and the gun-boat are all classified as historic monuments.

Continue on to Villefranche and **visit the Chapel Saint Pierre**. This old "Norman" style chapel devoted to St-Pierre, the Fishermen's patron saint, was completely restored and decorated by Jean Cocteau, he wanted to decorate this chapel and make it into a place of worship, dedicated to the fishermen of Villefranche, Beaulieu and St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. As a poet, **Jean Cocteau wanted these walls to recall certain episodes of the Saint's life**, but tell them in a simple way so that everyone could understand...a site not to be missed.

Time permitting, continue your trip and drive towards **St. Jean Cap Ferrat**, an exceptional site on the Mediterranean coast. Its tranquillity and warm climate make it a well know holiday destination. At the tip of Cap Ferrat, you will find one of the most beautiful palaces in the world, the "Grand Hôtel du Cap" which is set amidst a stunning garden. Saint Jean Cap Ferrat is also known for **the luxurious properties nestled amongst lush vegetation.**

5:00pm: Return to Nice's port or hotel at the end of the afternoon.





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*NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or all year long.
We suggest you to check with our Production Managers*

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

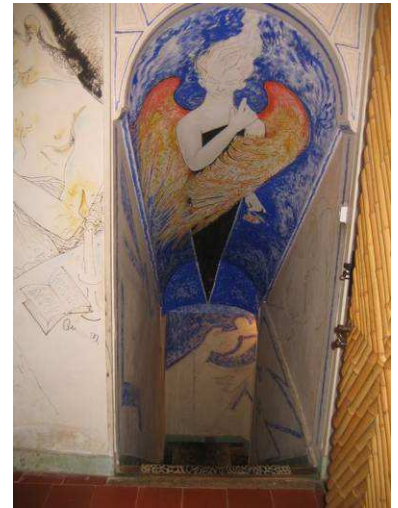
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DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional special venue

Make it poetic: Intimacy and poetry are the words that better describe Santo Sospir, a wonderful property owned by a French family of art lovers. Santo Sospir is a place to dream, surrounded by **the art works of Picasso and Jean Cocteau** who decorated the entire villa with frescoes.

Make it exclusive: Be welcomed and guided through the villa and garden, by a very good friend. **Only Découvertes' clients have the privilege of reaching this unique place.**

Please contact us for more information and price. Upon request and availability.



Make it Artistic!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Enjoy a **visit to Matisse museum**. Situated on the hill of Cimiez, it displays an important monographic collection of works. Almost all the painter's sculptures, **a set of drawings unique in the world**, the complete volume of books illustrated by Matisse, and photographs and objects which belonged to the artist and often appeared in his work create a harmonious collection enabling us to follow the creative undertaking and different research of the master.

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