



Decouvertes

Exclusive cultural tours
Luxury independent Travel



Riviera's Scents ... From Nice to Grasse

Half-day excursion to Nice & Half-day excursion to Grasse

This day-trip will enchant all your senses: In Nice, you will explore the lively typical market with its colourful and tasty daily products and in Grasse you will discover the old town and learn about the perfumes world capital.

Make it workshop!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: you attend a perfume workshop and create your own perfume in Grasse perfume factory
Please see the last page for more information

Make it Gourmet!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: Follow a food expert to Nice market and participate to a hands-on cooking class at her private apartment.
Please see the last page for more information



Decouvertes
Exclusive cultural tours
Luxury independent Travel

From Nice to Grasse

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.

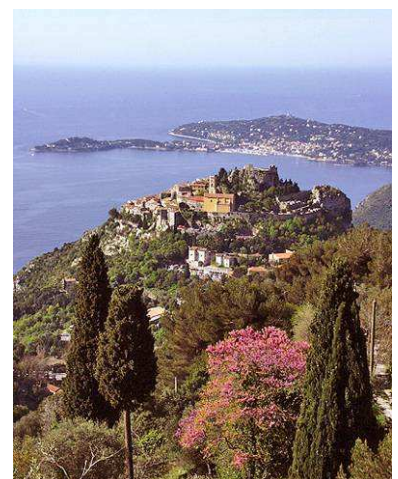
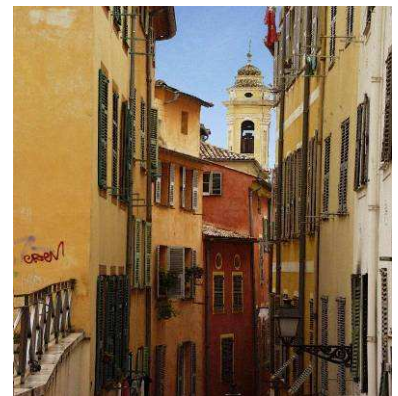
You will view **the Belle Epoque luxurious residences** including the fabulous palace built on the sea-front, the Négresco which shows off its dome on the Promenade des Anglais, the finest example of Belle Epoque architecture. **Visit the Russian Church** (*not available on Sunday mornings*)

Enjoy a **walking tour of the old town and marvel at its lovely flower market**. (not available on Mondays) 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.

During the afternoon you continue to Grasse. The two most important parts of your visit to Grasse are **the old city and the museums**.





Decouvertes

Exclusive cultural tours
Luxury independent Travel

You can discover the old city on your own just by walking about the shaded streets enjoying the architectural treasures as you come across them.

You will be delighted by the charm of the old squares, the outdoor markets, the fountains and the winding streets. Besides all of the traditional museums in Grasse we can not forget that **Grasse is the foremost city in the world for perfumes**. It produces over two-thirds of France's natural aromas (for perfume and for food flavourings). This industry turns over more than 600 million euros a year.

Grasse's particular microclimate encouraged the flower farming industry. It is warm and far enough inland to be sheltered from the sea air. **Jasmine**, a key ingredient of many perfumes, was brought to the South of France by the Moors in the 16th century. **Twenty-seven tonnes of jasmine are now harvested in Grasse every year.**

Here you will find **perfume museums and even perfume factories to visit, such as Molinard.**

For a long time, **Molinard worked with Baccarat and René Lalique** who widely contributed to the House's reputation which wished to have sober and elegant scent bottle for its first "soliflores" perfumes (jasmine, rose, violet).

You can **visit the soap room** which is very representative of the handmade aspect of Molinard, **the distillery** (Molinard is indeed the only perfumer to have preserved the original state of its factory, and to make the visit as authentic as during that period).

On the other side of the window, you will **see the packaging team who carry out the manual function of labelling**, preparing the pumps and lids all of which is done by hand.

It is surprising to think that such a famous house exporting its products worldwide, **still makes its products in a craft and manual way**. Molinard knew how to conquer the international markets by preserving the manufacturing tradition.

You can also admire **this ancient oil mill which in 1900** was transformed in order to crush hard raw materials such as rosewood, sandalwood or certain flower roots.

Finally let yourself be impressed by **the showroom which tells you about the history of Provence**. It is a pleasure for both the eye, thanks to a splendid furniture collection (XVI, XVII and XVIII centuries) and for the nose thanks to the soft mixture of delicate fragrances.





Decouvertes

Exclusive cultural tours
Luxury independent Travel

*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



Decouvertes

Exclusive cultural tours
Luxury independent Travel

Make it Optional

Make it workshop!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Perfume workshop in the laboratory of **the Molinard factory in Grasse.**

Grasse is the most famous perfume production site in France. This elegant small town overlooking the Mediterranean offers not only private visits to the best perfume factories, but many hidden treasures not normally opened to the public.

Your instructor will welcome you in an especially equipped “classroom lab” and will teach you the basis of perfume making.

You will be able to learn about the various fragrances which match your skin and personality and you will create your own perfume and take it home!

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



Make it Gourmet!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue

Food writer, Cordon Bleu-trained cook and longtime French resident Rosa invites you to join her for a market tour and a cooking class in her beautifully renovated 17th-century apartment, steps from the vibrant food market and the Quai des Etats-Unis. The fresh, lively scent of a Menton lemon. The melting texture of long-cooked onions. The bracing chill of that first sip of rosé. Les Petits Farcis isn't just about flavors — it's about all the pleasures of a day spent shopping at the Cours Saleya market and preparing an authentic Niçois meal in France's most Italian city.

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

