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## Riviera and Art...

### *Morning in Nice & afternoon in Saint-Paul and Vence*

This day-trip is perfect for those who wish to discover the Riviera through the artists that went to live there because of the quality of the light of the region: You will be impressed by the lights and colors in Nice and you will enhance your knowledge of the Modern art artists in Saint-Paul and Vence.

### **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.  
*Please see the last page for more information*

### **Make it Typical!**

**DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue:** Follow a petanque (game of boules) lesson with a local expert on the main square of Saint-Paul de Vence  
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## *From Nice to Vence and Saint Paul de Vence*

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.

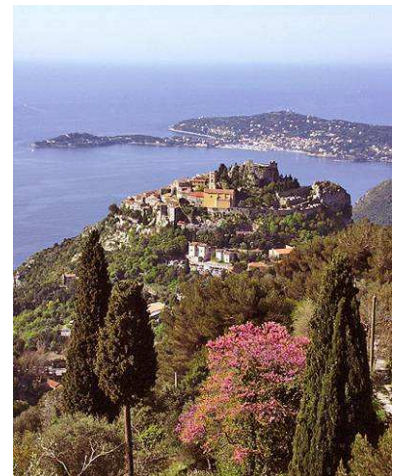
You will view **the Belle Epoque luxurious residences** including the fabulous palace built on the sea-front, the Négresco which shows off its dome on the Promenade des Anglais, the finest example of Belle Epoque architecture. **Visit the Russian Church** (*not available on Sunday mornings*)

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 discover the regal town of **St Paul de Vence** which was so greatly loved by Marc Chagall.





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This village is **the cradle of Provence**, it radiates its cultural artistic patrimony. Talents, sensitivity and emotions as well as delicate and intense sensations all merge to please the eye.

Saint Paul de Vence has all the charm of a picturesque village from the Middle Ages which has always succeeded in seducing the lovers of enlightenment and art.

You may wish to **visit Maeght Foundation**, the best of all modern art museums in the area. Great sculptures, especially those by Miro can be admired in a building that is very pleasant.

Continue towards Vence and visit this charming village.

Whether one comes here for the historical significance, **the splendor of the panorama**, or the mild weather, the magic of Vence is omnipresent.

The mission of Vence has always been to **attract generations of artists, painters and poets**. Dufy, Matisse, Chagall, Dubuffet, Carzou, Arman, Anthony Mars, D.H. Lawrence, have all been part of the scene in Vence. The countryside here is lovely and has remained natural, away from crowds and construction. One can admire white and green oaks, Aleppo pines, rosemary bushes, acanthus plants, and bellflowers.

You won't be able to resist visiting the medieval quarter behind the ramparts where there are treasures to be seen.

5:00pm: Return to Nice 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*

### **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.

*Please contact us for more information and price. Visit available everyday except on Tuesdays. Upon request and availability.*



### **Make it Typical!**

***DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue:*** Follow a pétanque (game of boules) lesson with a local expert on the main square of Saint-Paul de Vence. Pétanque is extremely simple, just like horseshoes. There's a target, and you have to get as close to it as possible. What makes it so appealing, is that you can be way ahead for a while, yet lose a second later, or vice versa. Because nothing is decided until the last player plays the very last boule. If he or she moves the aim ball or kicks an opponent ball out of the way, the layout of the boules - and thus your score - may change dramatically.

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