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# Welcome to Nice



Located on the banks of the Mediterranean, in one of the most visited regions in the world, Nice is the capital of the French Riviera. It is also the fifth largest city in France.

A major characteristic of the city is its outstanding architectural diversity. Nice boasts edifices of Roman origin, the Terra Amata prehistoric site, features from the classic epoch, baroque art churches, palaces in shades of ochre and red, and examples of Belle Epoque, art deco and uncompromisingly modern architecture. Visitors are presented with a unique cultural and historical landscape blending harmoniously into a modern city.

Delve deep into the old town with its colourful, fragrant markets, its tangle of narrow alleys, its vibrant buildings steeped in the colours and the style of the Sards.



Discover its palaces: Palais Lascaris dating from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Palais de Justice, Palais de la Préfecture formerly the Palais des Rois Sardes - the Palace of the Sardinian Kings... They epitomise the diversity and the abundance of buildings packed into the old town.

An outstanding ensemble of religious architecture bears witness to the very specific baroque art of Nice from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries: the Cathedral of Sainte-Réparate, the churches of 'Gesù' and Sainte-Rita, the chapelle du Saint-Sépulcre (blue penitents' chapel) and the jewel that is the chapelle de la Miséricorde.

Throughout the ages, Nice has always been an inspiration for artists. The greatest painters loved the city for its light and its romantic atmosphere. Chagall found



ded his museum here, dedicated to the Biblical Message. Matisse painted at the windows of the Hotel Régina. Artists from the School of Nice have mapped out an extremely rich contemporary artistic current. The city today has some twenty municipal museums and galleries, a large number of private contemporary art galleries and artists' studios.

Nice also owes its reputation to its culinary specialities. Based on olive oil and local vegetables, they have even given rise to a 'Cuisine Nissarde' label! Local dishes are as sophisticated as they are delicious, capturing the savours of the South in a wealth of ingredients.

Like all major European cities, Nice is a magnet for fashion. The greatest names in French haute couture and the most luxurious fashion labels have adopted the city: Nice is in fashion, Nice sets the trend...

Nice, the epitome of Mediterranean living...

## **VISITING NICE,**

### **with « Nice l'Open Tour »**

Tour of Nice from open top deck bus to enjoy unique views on the city! With your 1 or 2 day pass, you can get on and off the bus as much as you like at any of the 12 stops.

Approximate duration of the tour: 1hr15 min - Commentaries in 8 languages

Price: €22 for adults for 1 day - Tickets can be purchased on board the bus

### **with the « FRENCH Riviera PASS® »**

Your 24 hr, 48 hr or 72 hr PASS includes: unlimited access to a guided tour on « Nice l'Open Tour» (panoramic double-decker bus), admission to the French Riviera's main sights, guided tours on specific themes, an original, selective list of addresses (shops, restaurants, leisure activities...) offering advantages.

Prices: 24hr: €26, 48hr: €38 or 72hr: €56 - On sale at the Nice Convention and Visitors Bureau

### **With Nice Tourist Train**

Guided tour of the flower market, old town, the castle hill...

Approximate duration of the tour: 45 min, with stop possible on the castle hill - Commentaries in 8 languages

Price: €8 for adults - Tickets sold on board

Departure every 30min from Promenade des Anglais, opposite the Albert 1<sup>er</sup> gardens, on the seafront

## **DISCOVERING THE MAIN NICE MUSEUMS**

**Matisse museum** - 164 avenue des Arènes de Cimiez  
A completely renovated 17<sup>th</sup> century Genoese villa in

the heart of the olive grove of Cimiez gardens, houses the personal collection of the painter, who lived in Nice from 1917 until his death in 1954.

Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Closed on Tuesday & some bank holidays - Price: 10 euros

**Marc Chagall national museum** - Avenue du Docteur Ménard, at the corner of Boulevard de Cimiez

The Chagall museum, set in a Mediterranean garden, holds the world's largest public collection of works by Marc Chagall. A remarkable collection of several hundreds of works bears witness to Chagall's spirituality and his place in the art movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

May to October: open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. & November to April: open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed on Tuesday & some bank holidays - Price for the permanent collection: €8 for adults

**Museum of Modern & Contemporary Art** - Promenade des Arts - Place Yves Klein

The MAMAC collections, with nearly 400 works, illustrate the key role of Nice in the development of groundbreaking movements from the 1960s and 1970s to the present: César, Arman, Niki de Saint-Phalle, Andy Warhol,...

Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Closed on Monday & some bank holidays - Price: 10 euros

**Palais Lascaris** - 15 rue Droite - Vieux-Nice

The Residence of the Lascaris-Vintimille family from 1657 to the French Revolution, this listed historic building was restored to become a museum. Decorated in the Genoese Baroque style, this palatial home has preserved its monumental staircase, murals and luxuriously decorated rooms.

Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Closed on Tuesday & some bank holidays - Price: 10 euros

**Masséna museum** - 65 rue de France or 35 Promenade des Anglais

The Villa Masséna, built at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and registered as a historic monument, has benefited from an architectural and museographic renovation. Dedicated to the history of Nice in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the scientific content of the collections is presented with a chronological, historical and themed approach.

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