



EXPLORE THE FRENCH RIVIERA

ASRS & EVRS GROUP TOURS

CANNES, jewel in the crown of the Côte d'Azur, is the cultural cradle of this picturesque region where the past has been preserved. Visit the timeless villages of the French Riviera and discover historic architecture, colorful shops and markets, museums and art galleries, gardens, vineyards, perfumes, and breathtaking panoramas.



TOUR 1

Villefranche and Cap Ferrat: Full day tour



Saturday, September 9, 9 am–6 pm

A trip by coach along the middle corniche will bring you to Villefranche, located on one of the most splendid bays of the French Riviera. A guided visit of this small town will offer you a chance to admire houses and streets, dating back to the 13th century.

To complete your knowledge we recommend to visit the Rue Obscure, the oldest street in the town. It was built on virgin soil at the beginning of the 13th century. The Rue Obscure formed the basis of the rest of the town's construction on the slopes rising from this coastal lane. It gave inhabitants of the town certain refuge against possible attacks. The ship captains who were forced by storms to anchor in the bay, could make necessary repairs in safety. The Rue Obscure also welcomed precious merchandise, such as wine, in its cellars.

After lunch in one of the restaurants on the quay we shall continue to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat to discover the Villa Rothschild, located on the edge of the Cap between Nice and Monaco, and which is certainly one of the most interesting fine art museums on the French Riviera. It was built at the turn of the century by the Baroness Ephrussi de Rothschild, and shelters a eclectic collection of carpets, tapestries, furniture, paintings and china. It is also harmoniously surrounded by 19 acres of exquisitely styled national gardens. Cost includes transportation, guide, entry fees and lunch.

€ 117 (\$141 US)* per person

* Exchange rate at the time of printing € 1 = USD \$1.20

TOUR 2

Cannes: Walking and shopping tour



Saturday, September 9, 9 am–1 pm

Once the "Winter Salon" of the world's aristocracy, Cannes is gifted with the natural beauty of the site, the mildness of its climate, and the re-known of its festive events, the most remarkable being the Film Festival.

Leaving the hotel, the guide will start with a walking tour of Cannes city centre, where he will take the group along the Croisette to the Palais des Festivals, the Marché Forville, the old town also called the Suquet, leading to the Church of our Lady of Good Hope (Castres Museum – Archaeological).

Free time to stroll around and visit the flea market (Saturday), or the Rue d'Antibes offering lots of deluxe boutiques. Cost includes guide, entry fee and refreshment.

€ 20 (\$24 US)* per person

TOUR 3

Nice: Full day tour and Château de Crémât wine-tasting



Sunday, September 10, 9 am–5:30 pm

Nice, capital of the Côte d'Azur, is worth discovering for the various and beautiful sites that it offers. The excursion will start with an orientation tour, in order to show the Roman Ruines, the Harbour, and the Old Town. A guided promenade through the small streets will let you discover the Cathedral, the Baroque Lascaris Palace, the Art Galleries and the Cours Saleya, where the colourful flower market takes place every morning.

After some time at leisure in the old town, lunch at the Restaurant "Chez Simon" located up on one of the hills of Nice, and offering not only a rustically and informal atmosphere, but also a private Boules pitch. Upon arrival, aperitif is served while guests may play a boules game under supervision of our guide(s) and assisted by the coach driver(s) if weather allows.

In the afternoon, transfer to the age-old Château de Crémât, where the vineyards are the jewel in the crown of Bellet wine and acquired its letters of nobility in 1941 when it became an AOC. A journey to the very heart of one of France's oldest vineyards.

Guests will visit the wine cellars in smaller groups, followed by a wine tasting with Crémât wines (white, rose, red) assisted by a wine expert, and served with local appetizers. After the tasting, return transfer back to hotel. Cost includes transportation, guide, pétanque, lunch and wine tasting.

€ 115 (\$138 US)* per person

TOUR 4

Pablo Picasso on the Côte d'Azur: Half day tour

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NEW TOUR

St. Marguerite Island: Half day tour



Sunday, September 10, 2 pm–6 pm

In the afternoon, and after a short walk to the local pier, board the shuttle boat for a 15-minute cruise to St. Marguerite Island. A leisurely walk through the fragrant Mediterranean vegetation with Pine-tree and Eucalyptus woods, will take the group to the 17th Century Fortress, once a royal jail used to ban political prisoners. Its most famous inmate was the "Man in the Iron Mask," who was imprisoned there and inspired the French novelist Alexander Dumas in the 19th Century.

€ 24 (\$31 US)* per person

TOUR 5

St Paul de Vence: Afternoon tour



Monday, September 11, 2 pm–6 pm

A typical walled village, discover the charm and romance of ancient houses and small squares with refreshing fountains. Enjoy the colourful handicraft shops, sculptors' ateliers, and painters' galleries which contribute to this artistically renown region.

We will end this tour with a visit of the famous Modern Art Gallery "The Maeght Foundation." Cost includes transportation, guide and entry fee.

€ 46 (\$55.25 US)* per person

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TOUR 6

Monaco and Eze: Full day tour



Monday, September 11, 9 am–6 pm

A unique chance to discover the fabled principality of Monaco and its highlights: the legendary Casino, the old town, known as "the Rock" with its Cathedral, the Cousteau Oceanographic Museum, the colourful streets lined with shops and restaurants and the Changing of the Guards at Prince Rainier's Palace (11h55). The Oceanographic Museum, built into the cliff, dominates the rocky coastline. In the museum, guests will see the many treasures of the sea in more than 90 tanks.

Lunch is organized in a local restaurant on the Rock. In the afternoon turn the clock back to the centuries past as you walk leisurely through the paved streets of the Medieval Eze Village, called "The Eagle's Nest," where many artists and handicraftsmen have settled. Visit to its interesting exotic garden. Cost includes transportation, guide, entry fees and lunch.

€ 119 (\$143 US)* per person

TOUR 7

Grasse: Half day tour



Tuesday, September 12, 9 am–2:30 pm

Grasse being the capital of the French perfume industry in our area, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the secrets of perfume making at the Galimard Perfumery, created in 1747 by Jean de Galimard. A first stop at the traditional factory will let you discover the magnificent collection of museum pieces as well as the antique production equipment. Then it will lead you through the laboratory and the conditioning rooms where the origins of perfumes can be traced.

A short transfer will take you to the Studio des Fragrances where you will be able to create your own personal fragrance, under the supervision of a real "nose," and take home a bottle of your own creation.

Stop in Mougins where lunch will be served. Located 260m above sea level, the old village enjoys a grandiose panorama over Cannes and the Isles of Lerins, Mandelieu, Grasse and the Prealps. Return to Cannes after lunch. Cost includes transportation, guide, perfume making, and lunch.

€ 123 (\$147.75 US)* per person