





FRANCE Love at First Sight

Fields of lavender, bending in a warm summer breeze in lush countryside. Picnics in the foreground of the Eiffel Tower, and kisses stolen in romantic streets. Long lines of lovely grapevines, neatly corralled for harvest into some of the finest wines in the world. Opulent châteaux and medieval castles, ancient stone rising over bountiful lakes and green fields. Whitesand beaches with azure waters bobbing with some of the sleekest, fastest, and most luxurious yachts to be found on the planet.

So much diversity, yet all of these iconic images have one thing in common—France.

As visually exciting as every inch is, the cuisine and culinary tradition is legendary worldwide, still serving as a foundation for some of the finest dining known today. Mild weather, the sun up above, and a bistro or brasserie on the sidewalk is all the embellishment needed in settings that surpass imagination.













FRANCE 7-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Paris

Begin your journey in Paris, where a hop-on, hop-off bus tour will enlighten you as to the City of Light's most spectacular attractions. Spend as much time at each stop as you like, but save your evening for the Moulin Rouge. Enjoy its cabaret dinner show, then board a one-hour cruise along the River Seine for a dessert of delectable views.

Day 2 – Paris

Gain perspective on the city's most memorable sights on a guided walking tour that visits more than 30 locales, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and the Latin Quarter. Stroll through bohemian Montmartre and admire the views from the Sacré-Coeur Basilica, then explore art through the ages on a tour of the renowned Louvre Museum. Continue your cultural study with dinner at a jazz club.

Day 3 – Versailles & Lyon

Venture outside the city limits to discover the splendor of the Palace of Versailles without waiting in line. Return to Paris to pack your bags, then it's off to Lyon on a two-hour high-speed train ride. Head out to the historic Vieux Lyon district as your first destination after checking into your hotel. Stroll its *traboules* once used to secretly transport silk and have dinner at a traditional *bouchon*.

Day 4 – Lyon

Start your day with a funicular ride up to Fourvière Hill, where you'll be rewarded with stunning views of the city and the Ancient Theatre, built by the Romans. After, head to the Croix-Rousse district for lunch, then make your way to the Musée des Beaux-Arts, one of France's finest art museums. In the evening, catch a performance at the prestigious Opera de Lyon, only a short walk away.

Day 5 - Lyon & Marseille

After breakfast of a café au lait and croissant, it's on to Presqu'ile, a vibrant neighborhood home to the Place Bellecour and historic City Hall. Then, travel the two hours by train to Marseille. Refresh at your hotel before shopping or grabbing a bite to eat at the Vieux (Old) Port. Later, visit the iconic Fort Saint-Jean or take the ferry to Chateau d'If, the floating prison from *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

Day 6 – Marseille

Wake up with a climb to the top of the Notre-Dame de la Garde, a landmark basilica overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Then, get different perspectives at the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations (Mucem) and the artistic Le Panier, Marseille's oldest neighborhood: a place of narrow streets, Provencal homes, and vibrant murals.

Day 7 - Departure from Marseille

Browse the famous Le Canebiere shopping boulevard for last-minute souvenirs, then say *au revoir* to France—until next time.



PARIS

One of the most transformative destinations in the world, visitors can't help but fall in love in—or with—the City of Light. Since medieval times, the name "Paris" has been breathed in sighs, whether for the decadence of life at the Palace of Versailles; the romance of the Eiffel Tower or the banks of the Seine river; stunning fashion on Champs-Élysées; or the priceless, internationally revered art at the Louvre.

Often imitated but never duplicated, this city is one that ignites passion, stirs the soul, and wakens the senses. Every moment becomes iconic in Paris, from a morning café latte and croissant under a sidewalk awning to that second you find yourself facing the Mona Lisa.

Paris by the numbers is even more impressive than by the senses. Over 100 Michelin-starred restaurants hide among the countless brasseries and bistros that line the streets, and even more monuments can be seen from the top of the Montparnasse Tower.

However, its fashion, culinary innovation, culture, and history cannot be measured. In this city, it is truly infinite.







Paris, France

HOTEL DU LOUVRE – THE UNBOUND COLLECTION BY HYATT

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Part of a catalog of one-of-a-kind properties that emphasizes distinctive experiences, this upscale hotel's 164 luminous rooms and suites belies its prime location between the Louvre and the Opera Garnier, near the Tuileries Garden. A 24-hour fitness center, 24-hour room service, the city's very first Brasserie Bocuse, and cocktails under a glass roof earn it its place in the collection.



HOTEL FEATURES

- 奈 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- 2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- Sir Conditioning
- ✤ Spa/Fitness Center
- X 45 Minutes from Airport
- € 15 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France

WALDORF ASTORIA VERSAILLES -TRIANON PALACE

Two unforgettable properties. One iconic hotel. Such is the promise of this magnificent option with Parc de Versailles views, Michelin-starred dining, the prestigious Guerlain Spa, and the Clemenceau Ballroom. A total of 184 guestrooms and 15 suites, 24-hour fitness center, heated indoor pool with a glass roof, and yoga studio make this a modern royal-worthy retreat.





Paris, France HYATT PARIS MADELEINE

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Just steps from the Opera Garnier, Champs-Élysées, *grands magasins* department stores, and the Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, this luxury boutique hotel with its magnificent glass dome offers 85 rooms, including 14 elegant suites. The location is ideal for discovering the City of Light and true Parisian *art de vivre*. Enjoy unforgettable views of the Eiffel Tower and other landmarks.



HOTEL FEATURES

- 奈 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- 2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- ST Air Conditioning
- 🏕 Spa/Fitness Center
- X 35 Minutes from Airport
- € 15 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France HILTON PARIS LA DEFENSE ****

An excellent choice for rest and rejuvenation, this hotel is known for its quiet environment and proximity to great restaurants and attractions, including the Grande Arche, CNIT building, and metro links to the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and Champs-Élysées. The location makes it easy to enjoy the best of La Defense.



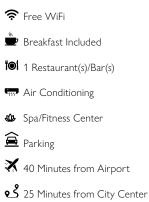


Paris, France HÔTEL AUTEUIL TOUR EIFFEL

A recently established residence in the 16th arrondissement, a family spirit is pervasive throughout this 102-room hotel, from the aroma of pastries, bread, and tea to the joyful colors and comfortable touches such as premium bedding and toiletries. The Lounge Bar with daily teatime and evening music, two breakfast options, a sauna, and fitness room allow guests to decompress how they like.



HOTEL FEATURES



Location on map

Paris, France HOTEL INDIGO PARIS - OPERA, AN IHG HOTEL

Easy access to everything is tied with contemporary comfort as the best reason to choose this pedestrian-friendly hotel just steps from the Opera Garnier, a metro station, and airport shuttle transfers. Stays include a hot breakfast daily, spa-style bathrooms, dramatic and modern Paris-inspired rooms, and a 24-hour fitness facility. There is also a restaurant on site.



HOTEL FEATURES
Free WiFi
Breakfast Included
2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
Air Conditioning
Air Conditioning
Spa/Fitness Center
Parking
40 Minutes from Airport
10 Minutes from City Center
Location on map

Paris, France HOTEL PARIS OPERA AFFILIATED BY MELIÁ

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It's easy to fall for the City of Love from this exceptional location in the heart of Paris on the Boulevard de Montmartre, with a subway station on your doorstep. La Place de l'Opéra, Louvre Museum, Place Vendôme, and the Sacré-Coeur Basilica in Montmartre are nearby. The stately 18th century building offers bright and comfortable rooms and a breakfast buffet.



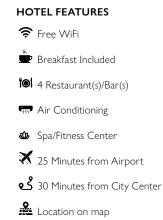
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- 🛜 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- 🖙 Air Conditioning
- 🛪 40 Minutes from Airport
- 10 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France HYATT REGENCY PARIS ETOILE

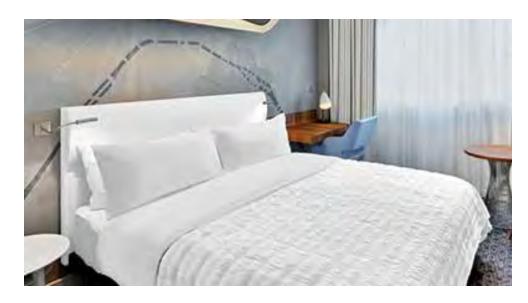
Be impressed at first sight with Paris' highest skyscraper hotel, whose 34 stories offer spectacular views over the city from its location between La Défense and the Champs-Élysées. Renovated in 2017, its modern aesthetic continues within, extending to its 995 rooms and suites, business center with printers, fitness center, and Regency Club for club level guests.





Paris, France LE MÉRIDIEN ETOILE $\star \star \star \star$

Located in the 17th arrondissement and a few minutes from the legendary Champs-Élysées, this hotel appeals to business travelers and art lovers alike. A recent transformation allows guests to discover a new concierge and reception area, lobby, restaurant, bar, and jazz club. The sophisticated 1,025 guestrooms include 22 suites and renovated rooms.



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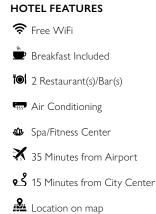


- € 15 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris. France MAISON ASTOR PARIS, CURIO COLLECTION BY HILTON $\star \star \star \star$

Built in the fashion district in 1907 by John Jacob Astor IV with accommodations that match its stylish address, this hotel is undoubtedly Parisian in essence. The on-site restaurant, La Salle a Manger, features organic, seasonal ingredients and The Club serves light meals and pastries by day and becomes a speakeasy at night. Room service and a fitness center are also among the amenities.





Paris, France MELIÁ PARIS CHAMPS ÉLYSÉES

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A short walk from the Place de l'Etoile and the Grand Palais, Meliá Paris Champs Élysées is a distinguished and comfortable city hotel and a magnificent starting point for those who want to discover the city's unique vibe. Intimate and comfortable with bright and peaceful rooms, the hotel serves a full breakfast buffet and crafted cocktails at its bar.



HOTEL FEATURES

- 奈 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- **101** 2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- Air Conditionings
- X 25 Minutes from Airport
- 20 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France MERCURE PARIS CENTRE EIFFEL TOWER HOTEL

Set at the foot of the Trocadero near the Eiffel Tower with breathtaking views of the banks of the Seine, this hotel is ideal for travelers looking for an authentic experience. Relax on the terrace or garden of the restaurant after a workout in the fitness room. Explore Paris day or night with convenient public transport and direct access to train stations.



HOTEL FEATURES
☆ Free WiFi
☆ Breakfast Included
1 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
☆ Air Conditioning
☆ Parking
☆ 40 Minutes from Airport
☆ 25 Minutes from City Center
☆ Location on map

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This emblematic hotel has been fully renovated, but its Haussmannian architecture and Art Deco touches endure, recalling its 1927 origins. Note the new Executive Lounge with views of the Eiffel Tower and Montmartre, updated suites, and on-site brasserie. Easy foot access to the Tuileries Garden, Galeries Lafayette, and more provide an alternative to the 24-hour fitness center.



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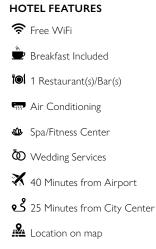
- 🛜 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- **101** 3 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- SIF Air Conditioning
- ✤ Spa/Fitness Center
- Wedding Services
- **X** 40 Minutes from Airport
- € 10 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France PULLMAN PARIS EIFFEL TOWER

Enjoy comfort, style, and elegance at the foot of the Eiffel Tower with a stay at this 430-room hotel on Paris' left bank. Many rooms offer views of the Seine, Trocadero, and the Eiffel Tower, and its FRAME brasserie is an ideal spot for cosmopolitan gatherings. Street art décor and performances by live bands set a trendy scene for an inventive French menu.







^{Paris, France} THE WESTIN PARIS – VENDÔME

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Discover Paris in style at The Westin Paris - Vendôme, located just steps from iconic attractions like the Louvre, Tuileries Garden, and Place Vendôme. Relax in your beautifully designed room or suite with stunning views of Paris' famous landmarks right from your window. Make the most of your stay by indulging on the outdoor patio, situated in the historical courtyard.



HOTEL FEATURES

- 🛜 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- **101** 3 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- SIF Air Conditioning
- Spa/Fitness Center
- X 40 Minutes from Airport
- ి 10 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Paris, France ÉLYSÉES UNION HOTEL ★ ★ ★

Follow in the footsteps of novelist Marcel Proust by staying in his former residence: a 19th century building in the 16th arrondissement offering 63 modern rooms and apartments and romantic views of the Eiffel Tower down the street. Enjoy the indoor garden, refurbished lounge bar, and the option of a for-fee light breakfast in the unrushed privacy of your lodgings.



HOTEL FEATURES

- Free WiFi
 1 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
 Air Conditioning
 30 Minutes from Airport
 15 Minutes from City Center
 - Location on map



PARIS TOURS

Bateaux Mouches Cruise

Seeing Paris by boat gives you a different perspective, enabling you to take in the historic heart of the capital from a different angle. Hop on board board a Compagnie des Bateaux Mouches[®] six-passenger boat for a fantastic trip down the Seine with commentary.

Parisian Cabaret Dinner Show

Live an unforgettable experience in the oldest Parisian Cabaret at Paradis Latin Theatre with a dynamic, poetic, and sensual dinner show with drinks. Enjoy fifteen exceptional sets where breathtaking artists and new technologies merge.

Normandy D-Day Beaches & Cemetery

Visit the D-Day beaches during this full-day guided trip from Paris to Normandy. Stop at Omaha Beach to learn stories and facts about WWII, stop at the Juno Beach Center, and pause at the American Cemetery. Gain insights into the sacrifices of Allied soldiers and the French citizens they liberated. Upgrade to a small-group tour for a more personal experience.

Champagne Cruise

See Paris and the Seine with new eyes on this guided cruise! Passionate guides from Vedettes de Paris offer you a friendly experience on comfortably-sized boats with regular departures all day long. Embark on the *Fresh Look at Paris* for a tour of the capital and its bridges, departing from the Eiffel Tower via Notre Dame and the famous treasures of the Seine. *Adults-only.*

Undiscovered Paris in Citroen

Tour Paris in a vintage Citroen 2 CV car for two passengers. In accordance with its name, this private off-the-beaten-track, non-touristy tour is perfect for those in search of discovery and surprises.

Private Montmartre Tour

Montmartre is the bohemian neighborhood of Paris not to be missed. This walking tour will take you through the heart of this beautiful place full of history: painters, festivals, and the famous Sacred Heart. Walk through its narrow streets to climb to the highest point of the city and appreciate one of the best views of the French capital.

Private Latin Quarter Walking Tour

Enjoy a private walking tour of Paris' Latin Quarter, with its ancient Roman ruins, universities, and beautiful gardens. This intellectual cradle full of history and stories is where revolutionary ideas were born and where writers came for relaxation and inspiration.

Eiffel Tower & Seine River Cruise

On this tour with skip-the-line access, head up to the summit of the Eiffel Tower for spectacular views of top attractions like the Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre, and more. Your tour includes a Seine River sightseeing cruise—the perfect way to admire Paris' landmarks from a whole new angle.

Paris 3-Course Dinner Cruise

Make the most of your time in Paris with a cruise on the Seine complete with a 3-course dinner. This 75-minute cruise allows you to see the main attractions of the City of Light from a comfortable armchair, and watch the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, and Eiffel Tower drift by. Upgrade the experience to include wine or Champagne with dinner.

Louvre Museum Tour

Experience culture and art through the ages with a tour of Paris' epic Louvre Museum. Skip the line and learn about some of the museum's 35,000 artworks—including *Venus de Milo* and the *Mona Lisa*—across eight themed galleries from your art historian guide. Then enjoy time on your own. *Numbers are limited to 25 on this small-group tour, or upgrade to a private tour.*

Versailles Palace Tour from Paris

Travel from Paris to Versailles and imagine the extravagant life of Marie Antoinette during a guided skip-the-line tour of the palace with an optional fountain show. See the Royal Apartments and the Queen's Apartments, and walk through the Hall of Mirrors to the Salon de la Guerre and the Salon de la Paix. Afterward, explore the expansive gardens on your own.

Hop-On Hop-Off Paris Discovery

Admire the emblematic sights and monuments on Tootbus hopon hop-off thematic tours. Enjoy an open-air experience, offering a unique perspective of the city of Paris.

30+ Paris Sights Tour

On this walking and metro tour, gain a unique anglophone perspective of Paris as you explore the city's most memorable attractions on a comprehensive guided tour that visits more than 30 sites including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and Moulin Rouge. Stop in the Latin Quarter, stroll through the atmospheric Montmartre, and admire the views from the Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

Loire Valley Castles & Wine Tasting

On this day trip from Paris, you'll first enjoy a guided tour of Château de Chambord—the inspiration for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. The next stop is the town of Blois, with nearly two hours of free time. Then visit the elegant Château de Chenonceau and embark on a tour through its intricately carved stone walls, rich hanging tapestries, and intimate chapel.

Ultimate Paris Food Tour

Discover the few remaining family-run eateries in the Marais neighborhood of Paris. Try classic French dishes, innovative pastries, Jewish delicacies, and more as you visit historical and modern eateries. Learn about French foods and the people who live and work in the district. Expect 11 tastings from eight dining establishments.

Versailles Bike Tour

Pedal your way around the expansive Gardens of Versailles with an informative guide on this full-day Versailles bike tour from Paris. Reach parts that visitors on foot do not frequent, including Marie Antoinette's country-style hamlet, the Petit Trianon, and the Grand Trianon. Stop by the Grand Canal before heading inside the Palace of Versailles.

Bake Croissants with Pastry Chef

Don't just nibble croissants and *pains au chocolat* during your trip to Paris—bake them yourself during this hands-on, smallgroup pastry class. Head to the professional kitchen conveniently located in central Paris, and enjoy a hot beverage before learning the secrets to making perfectly laminated dough. Enjoy your own homemade treats at the end.









PARIS 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival

Familiarize yourself with Paris, and get a feel for your home for the next several days, with a hop-on, hop-off bus ride. Stop for closer looks or simply listen to your driver's narration until dinnertime. Enjoy the legendary cabaret of the Moulin Rouge alongside a fixe prix menu (vegan option available), then board a cruise for an hour's sail down the emblematic River Seine.

Day 2 - Parisian Art and Architecture

Today, a comprehensive guided tour takes you through more than 30 of the city's most popular sights, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, and the Latin Quarter. Stroll through the bohemian Montmartre neighborhood and draw inspiration from the views of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica—or some of the 35,000 artworks on display at the world-renowned Louvre Museum, your next stop. Later, tap into Paris' music scene with dinner at one of the many jazz clubs spread across the city.

Day 3 – French Icons

Spend the morning outside the city limits as you skip the line to tour the Palace of Versailles, once the royal residence of Louis XIV, and its manicured gardens. Then, continue on to Giverny, whose water lily ponds inspired some of Claude Monet's most exquisite paintings. Return to Paris to create your own masterpieces, traditional and chocolate croissants, in a pastry class.

Day 4 - Loire Valley & the Eiffel Tower

Learn more about French vintages on a guided day trip to the Loire Valley complete with wine tastings. First, tour the stunning Château de Chambord, the inspiration for the Beast's castle in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. After, explore the town of Blois on your own, then visit the regal Château de Chenonceau, spanning both banks of the Cher River. Back in Paris, visit another icon: the Eiffel Tower. Skip the line to head up to the second level for breathtaking views of the city and the Seine.

Day 5 – Departure

Browse the boutiques of Paris' most famous avenue, the Champs-Élysées perhaps popping into a theater or picnicking on a pristine lawn along the way—before bidding *adieu* to the City of Light.







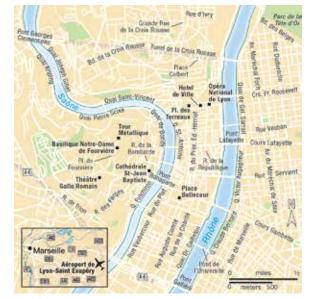
LYON

Set at the confluence of the rivers Rhône and Saône, to the northwest of the French Alps, there's no doubt that location played a key role of why this large city was the capital of the Gauls during the age of the Roman Empire. Despite that, in modern day, it's widely considered to be confoundingly underrated by those in the know. And that's just how they like it.

With a profile that flies below the mainstream traveler radar, this means visitors and locals have easier access to the incredible restaurants that make Lyon the undisputed culinary capital of France. Its quiet prowess has given it status as a world gastronomic capital, particularly of haute cuisine, a position that outranks even Paris.

But culinary arts aren't the only creative outlet this city is known for. As the economic hub of the Renaissance, handcrafts, especially the production and weaving of silk, and visual arts are richly embraced here as well ... so much so that the cinematograph was actually invented in Lyon. With such appreciation for the finer things, it's expected that its architecture astounds as well. The districts of Old Lyon, Fourviere Hill, the Presq'ile, the slopes of the Croix-Rousse, all enchant in their own individual ways, giving savvy travelers bountiful options from which to choose their favorite.





Lyon, France BOSCOLO LYON HOTEL & SPA

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Housed in a majestic 19th century building renovated with care, this hotel boasts a magnificent location between the Rhône and Saône in the most prestigious district of Lyon, just a few steps from Place Bellecour and the Grand Hôtel-Dieu. You'll find yourself absorbed in its beauty, perhaps best displayed at the swimming pool inspired by Roman baths.



HOTEL FEATURES

- Free WiFi
 Breakfast Included
 2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- Gir Conditioning
- Spa/Fitness Center
- 🚊 Pool
- 🚊 Parking
- X 20 Minutes from Airport
- € 10 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Lyon, France HOTEL CHARLEMAGNE

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In the heart of Lyon's peninsula, Le Charlemagne offers 117 modern and comfortable rooms with beautiful views of the Sainte Blandine church, the Charlemagne courtyard, and the inner courtyard. Enjoy cocktails on the bar's terrace and dinner at La Bibliothèque (reservations required).



HOTEL FEATURES

Free WiFi
Breakfast Included
2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
Air Conditioning
20 Minutes from Airport
5 Minutes from City Center
Location on map











LYON 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival

Make Vieux (Old) Lyon, the historic district, your first stop and travel back in time to the Renaissance. The UNESCO World Heritage Site is a labyrinth of narrow streets and *traboules*—secret passageways once used to transport silk. Later, sup on traditional fare like *quenelles de brochet* (pike dumplings) and *cervelle de canuts* (an herbed cheese dip) at a uniquely Lyonnaise *bouchon*.

Day 2 – Presqu'ile District

Begin your day with a typical breakfast of a café au lait and croissant. After, explore the city's crown jewel: the vibrant Presqu'ile district. Stroll along its bustling streets to the Place Bellecour, one of the largest pedestrian squares in Europe. Admire the architectural splendor of the Hotel de Ville (City Hall) and the prestigious Opera de Lyon, then people-watch over lunch at a café. Spend the afternoon discovering nearby sights; in the evening, return to the Opera for an unforgettable performance.

Day 3 - Fourvière Hill and Croix-Rousse

Ride the funicular up to Fourvière Hill for a spectacular morning view of the city. Look for the Notre-Dame de Fourvière, a beautiful Romanesque-Byzantine basilica, in the skyline, then visit the ruins of the Ancient Theatre, built by the Romans. Next, head to Croix-Rousse, known for its unique *canuts* (silk weavers) houses. Browse the Boulevard's daily market for lunch; after, explore the Musée des Beaux-Arts, one of France's largest fine arts museums.

Day 4 - Wine and Wellness

Today, venture out to explore Beaujolais, known for its eponymous red wine. Before heading back to Lyon, stop at a hammam, a traditional Turkish bath, to enjoy the steam room and sauna—or even a massage. Back in the city, visit the Jardin du Parc de la Tete d'Or, one of Europe's most beautiful urban parks. Walk through its peaceful gardens before continuing on to the trendy Confluence district. Located where the Rhone and Saone Rivers meet, it's the perfect place for a picturesque dinner.

Day 5 – Departure

Spend your last day learning more about local history with a stop at the Musée Lumiere, an innovative museum dedicated to the cinematic arts—specifically, the role the Lumiere family played. Take a video of your own to commemorate your time in Lyon, then head to the airport for your flight home.







MARSEILLES

Italy has Tuscany for its visions of bucolic glory, but France has a powerful counterargument in Provence. You still have splendid wine, spectacular cheese, and clear sunny days. But then add rippling fields of lavender to visions of sunflowers, whose soothing scents make a walk in the field an extrasensory joy. Trade jaunty red clay roofs for natural stone homes—not unlike that one Peter Mayle journaled in his 1989 classic travel memoir *A Year in Provence*. The gateway to this iconic fantasy? Marseilles.

But make no mistake—this city is no flyover to a final destination. This popular cruise port is the second-largest city in France after Paris and the oldest in the entire country. And thanks to its proximity to the fascinating continent, it's also an extraordinary convergence of both North African and Gallic influence.

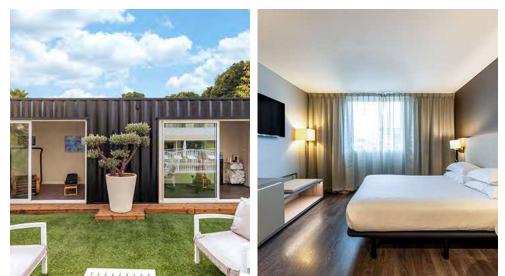
Discover this in the markets of Noailles, a raw glimpse into a unique culture just north of the touristic ancient Le Vieux (old) Port and Le Panier, the Greek-founded Old Quarter and historic center. Or find cultural immersion in one of the multitudes of museums in the city, such as the MuCEM, a tribute to the civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean unveiled at Marseille's inauguration as a European Capital of Culture in 2013. Either way, you won't have to wander far to find surprises that delight.





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Enjoy incomparable access to popular attractions including Orange Vélodrome, Marseille Chanot Exhibition and Convention Centre, and the beach. Indulge in a full breakfast buffet and stop in Oh Massalia for a Mediterraneaninspired lunch or dinner. Relaxing rooms are outfitted with pillow-top mattresses, free high-speed WiFi, soundproof windows, and flat-panel TVs.



HOTEL FEATURES

- 🛜 Free WiFi
- 👻 Breakfast Included
- 1 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
- Sir Conditioning
- 🅸 Spa/Fitness Center
- . Pool
- X 30 Minutes from Airport
- € 15 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map













MARSEILLES 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival

After checking into your hotel, explore the bustling Old Port, a vibrant harbor with a rich history—and plenty of shops and restaurants to discover. Be sure not to miss Fort Saint-Jean, Marseille's iconic 17th century fort. A short ferry ride will take you to another emblematic monument: Chateau d'If, the one-time political prison from which the fictional Count of Monte Cristo escaped to carry out his revenge.

Day 2 - Cultural Landmarks

Your full day of sightseeing begins at Notre-Dame de la Garde, a basilica with stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea. Learn more about local life at your next stop, the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations (Mucem), then get a firsthand look at Marseillais history in Le Panier, the oldest part of the city and the perfect place for a traditional Provencal dinner.

Day 3 – Le Canebiere and Cours Julien

Today, set a leisurely pace people-watching and shopping along Le Canebiere, Marseille's famous pedestrian-only boulevard. Stretching on for over half a mile down the center of the city, it's lined with popular boutiques, cafés, and restaurants. Later, head to the art district, Cours Julien, to search for street art or go thrifting. Stay for the evening; the concert halls and dance clubs make for a lively nightlife.

Day 4 - Masterpieces of Marseille

Spend the morning seeking inspiration among the classical paintings and modern artworks of the Musée des Beaux-Arts, then ponder your findings at tranquil Parc Longchamp. Stroll the serene paths, admiring the cascading fountains and graceful statues, then venture into the vibrant neighborhood of Noailles. Explore the bustling markets, savor the diverse cuisines, and enjoy the live music.

Day 5 – Departure

Check any final must-dos off your list before saying a fond farewell to Marseille.







AIX-EN-PROVENCE

On paper, it's easy to confuse the city of Aix-en-Provence with the famous region of Provence. But once you visit, you'll find that Aix has an identity all its own.

Aixois take pride in the history, heritage, and art of their city. As the highly desirable former capital of Provence, it's long been an artistic center and seat of learning under the powerful medieval dynastic houses of Barcelona, Aragon, and Anjou. Remaining from those days is a city divided by ancient city walls, split into old and older quarters.

Within, visitors are enchanted by labyrinthine narrow streets and mansions that date as far back as the 16th century. There are important landmarks of governance, such as the second-most important Appeal Court outside of Paris, a town hall that overlooks a gorgeous square and clock tower, and ancient spas and thermal springs. On the "newer" side, established in the 17th century, is the Quartier Mazarin, known for the grand townhomes built around gardens and courtyards. And between them all, the thousand fountains that give the city its nickname, the Aix of Post-Impressionist painter Paul Cézanne's childhood.

But let's not forget its proximity to Avignon, whose bridge we celebrate in classic children's song. This small walkable city is big on attractions, deeply historic with distinct local cuisine, a trait that's further enhanced by the Châteauneuf-du-Pape that grows in its namesake region. Within a stone's throw of the city, their grapes ripen in the balmy climes of an area so lovely, it was worthy of a Pope's Palace. Of course, being roughly a half-hour train ride away from the Côte d'Azur doesn't hurt its appeal, either. Gain a glitzier perspective there in Saint-Tropez, Cannes, Nice, and the other beach resort areas that dot a gorgeous coastline filled with quaint villages, lovely vineyards, and treasured national parks.



Aix-en-Provence, France

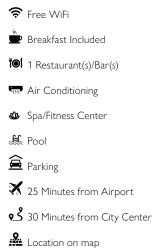
GRAND HÔTEL ROI RENÉ AIX-EN-PROVENCE CENTER – MGALLERY

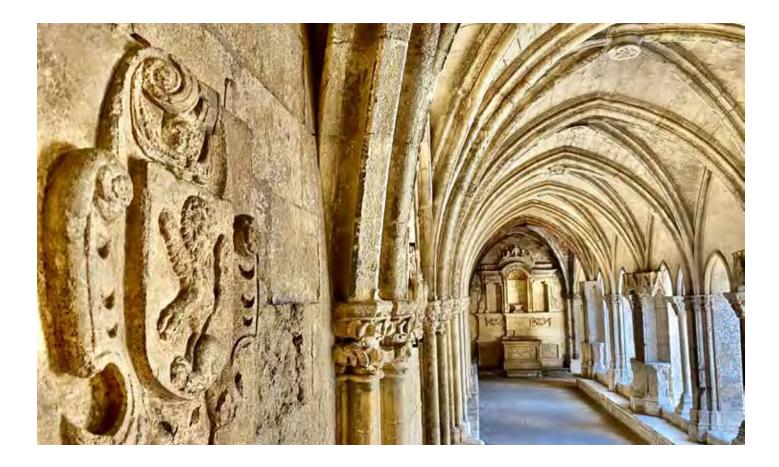
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Just five minutes from Cours Mirabeau and downtown Aix, this cozy hotel offers 134 air-conditioned rooms featuring free WiFi, flat-screen satellite TV, coffee-making facilities, mini-bar, safe, and high-end bath products. Cool off in the heated outdoor pool after a workout at the fitness center. Enjoy Provençal specialties at La Table du Roi restaurant.



HOTEL FEATURES

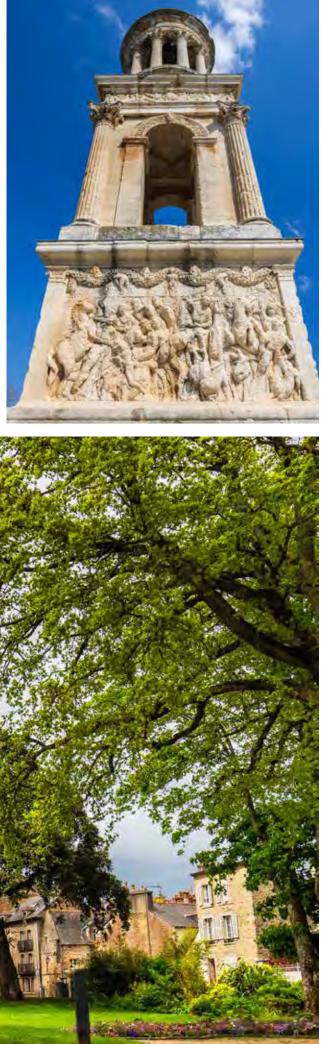












AIX-EN-PROVENCE 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival

Settle in at your hotel, then head to the Cours Mirabeau, a historic 138-foot-wide pedestrian avenue full of cafés, shops, and fountains, for your introduction to the city. Perhaps pick up a *calisson*, a local sweet made from almonds and candied melons, but save room for a traditional Provencal dinner.

Day 2 – History Through Art

To start your first full day, visit the Cathedrale Saint Sauveur, a beautiful Romanesque cathedral that took over 300 years to build. After, head to the Hotel de Caumont. Originally a private residence, the 18th century mansion has been converted into a museum. Take a break for lunch at a café before continuing on to another museum, the Musée Granet, featuring almost 600 paintings and sculptures on display.

Day 3 – A Vision of van Gogh

Follow in the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh, who spent a prolific two years in Provence, creating over 300 works of art. Start with a visit to his contemporary Cezanne's studio, then make the 1.5-hour drive to the iconic lavender fields outside of Sault (best viewed late June through early August). Arrive in Saint-Remy-de-Provence next, where you'll have the opportunity to break for lunch before a tour of the village. Go where van Gogh once tread, including the St. Paul de Mausole Monastery: his home in his final days. Return to Aix-en-Provence for dinner.

Day 4 – Quartier Mazarin and Marché du Centre

Enjoy a leisurely day exploring the Quartier Mazarin, an ornate historic district once home to the city's elite, and the Marché du Centre, a lively market offering fresh produce, local crafts, and antiques.

Day 5 – Departure

Take in the beauty of Aix-en-Provence one last time as you stroll through the Bastide du Jas de Bouffan botanical garden, then head to the airport for your flight home.





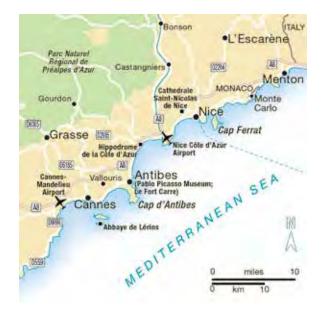


FRENCH RIVIERA

Thoughts of the South of France may conjure up images of spectral waters in an otherworldly blue, golden beaches, marvelous villas, and magnificent yachts hosting the mysterious upper echelons of the elite. In all of these abstract images, there lies truth ... yet the beauty of the French Riviera surpasses what can be imagined or conveyed, even by the artistic minds of Matisse and Chagall.

In this region, you'll find Nice, the largest port of the Côte d'Azur, where flowered floats add an extra burst of jaunty color during Carnival and yearround, the palm-lined Promenade de Anglais brings color of a cultural sort through street performers, shops, restaurants, and awe-inspiring views. Just south, the home of the Cannes Film Festival offers endless stretches of Mediterranean coastline and an elaborately upscale experience, with elegant, fashion-forward boutiques along Rue d'Antibes. Between the two lies Antibes, enclosed by 16th century ramparts and fortified with a star-shaped fort that now guards luxury yachts, grand villas, and revelers enjoying a lively nightlife in this era of peace and jubilation.





HOTEL MARTINEZ -THE UNBOUND COLLECTION BY HYATT

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The revival of this luxury Green Globe-certified hotel in Cannes is inspired by the iconic style of the French Riviera. Its 410 rooms and suites are an ode to the Art Deco architecture of the 1930s and the soothing colors of the Côte d' Azur. Every detail of its elegant Mediterranean decoration combines to create a dream-like atmosphere on the legendary Croisette.



HOTEL FEATURES

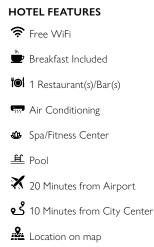


Nice, French Riviera, France

HYATT REGENCY NICE PALAIS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉ

Located on the legendary Promenade des Anglais and close to Nice airport, Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée is a historical luxury hotel on the French Riviera. Its 187 rooms and suites offer stunning views of the city or the Mediterranean Sea. Recharge in a contemporary setting marked by historic Art Deco influences.





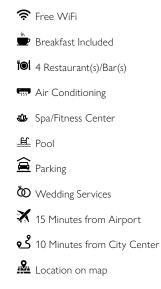
Nice, French Riviera, France

LE MÉRIDIEN NICE

This cosmopolitan hotel on a chic French Riviera beachfront setting is just steps from Old Town on the alluring Côte d'Azur. Enjoy Mediterranean Sea views from a selection of 318 luxury rooms, including 15 suites. Cool off in the outdoor pool, sip cocktails at Latitude Bar, take in panoramic Baie des Anges views from the rooftop, and enjoy elevated dining at La Terrasse.



HOTEL FEATURES



Antibes, French Riviera, France

MOXY SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS

This lifestyle hotel offers a fun-loving atmosphere and spectacular Alps mountain views, just a short drive to the shopping and dining hot spots of Antibes' Old Town and Cannes Beach. After a workout at the fitness center or a dip in the pool, snag a free electrical bike to explore Sophia Antipolis, then head back to the Moxy Bar dining area and poolside bar.







HOTEL CROISETTE BEACH CANNES – MGALLERY

Fully renovated, the intimate Hotel Croisette Beach Cannes is just a few steps from the mythical beaches of the Croisette and the Palais des Festivals. Discover an aesthetic environment of warmth, relaxation, and sophisticated simplicity in the heart of the French Riviera, just a few steps from the Mediterranean.



HOTEL FEATURES

- Free WiFi
 Breakfast Included
 2 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
 Air Conditioning
 Spa/Fitness Center
 Pool
 20 Minutes from Airport
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- Location on map

Cannes, French Riviera, France



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Enjoy a sophisticated retreat on France's famed Côte d'Azur at this luxury beachfront hotel, located on La Croisette, the legendary oceanfront avenue. Spacious accommodations include plush bedding, sleek bathrooms, WiFi access, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Enjoy a fully equipped fitness center, outdoor pool, rooftop bar, and Italian restaurant Scalini for fine dining.



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MERCURE NICE CENTRE NOTRE DAME HOTEL

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Mercure Nice Centre Notre Dame Hotel is located in a shopping area, just a five-minute walk to the center of Nice and a ten-minute walk to the beach, with easy access to Avenue Jean Médecin. Features include WiFi, an outdoor pool, and a fitness center. Some of the hotel's 198 soundproof rooms feature a balcony overlooking the gardens.



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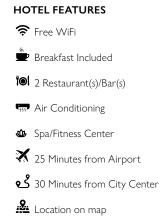
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Antibes, French Riviera, France

THE ROYAL ANTIBES

The Royal Antibes is a trendy boutique hotel facing the Mediterranean Sea with 64 rooms and apartments of modern and contemporary design. The only hotel in the captivating Antibes city center that is located seaside, it offers a variety of luxurious services including a private beach with its own restaurant, and the world-class Royal Spa, a haven of peace and tranquility.







FRENCH RIVIERA TOURS

Departs from Nice

Half-Day Monte Carlo, Monaco & Eze

Enjoy panoramic views leading from Nice to Monaco with a stop at the tiny Medieval village of Eze set on a hilltop overlooking the Mediterranean. Tour a traditional perfume factory before heading to Monaco's Old Town with its museums, the Cathedral of Monaco where Prince Rainier III married Princess Grace Kelly, the Prince's Palace, and the Oceanographic Museum.

Italy & Markets

Discover the Italian Riviera's seas, mountains, and hilltop villages. Take in the colors, scents, and tastes of the Italian markets in San Remo or Bordighera. Continue to the captivating village of Dolceacqua and marvel at the medieval bridge and abandoned castle painted by Monet. Enjoy lunch on your own and lose yourself in a delicious gourmet journey.

Full-Day Provence Countryside

On this small-group day trip, walk Cannes' famed Croisette Boulevard, then drive through the Grasse countryside to a perfumery or visit the Old Town. View the Alps and coastline from the perched medieval village of Gourdon. Stroll down charming Loup Gorges and sample flower sweets at a confectionery. Then, visit Saint-Paul de Vence, home of impressionist painters.

Half-Day Degustations & Traditions

Among vines imported 2,000 years ago by the Romans on the hills of Saint-Jeannet, taste Merlot, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Grenache, Cabernet-Sauvignon, and Gamay at a family-owned vineyard. Discover the process of aging wine under the sunshine. Visit the "Jewel of Provence": Saint-Paul de Vence, a medieval village and once a haven for artists and celebrities. *Adults-only*.

Monte Carlo by Night

Enjoy coastal panoramic views en route to an evening in Monaco, the second-smallest city in the world. Drive through this medieval town and enjoy free time strolling the winding streets. Drop by the Palace of the Prince or tour the Formula One Grand Prix circuit, then enjoy dinner in a local restaurant or try your luck at the lavish Monte Carlo Casino. *Adults-only*.

The Best of the Riviera

Experience the glamorous resort towns, white-sand beaches, and ocean views of the French Riviera on this full-day, small-group tour. The itinerary includes stops in Antibes, Eze, Saint-Paul de Vence, and Villefranche-sur-Mer. Visit the local market in Antibes, admire the Palais des Festivals in Cannes, and see the world-famous Monte Carlo Casino in Monaco.

Grand Canyon of Europe

Discover some of southern France's most spectacular scenery on this small-group tour from Nice. Pass by the Gorges du Loup and Castellane before arriving at the Verdon Gorge, a dramatic, rivercarved gorge often described as the "Grand Canyon of Europe." Then stop at the charming medieval village of Moustiers-Sainte-Marie before returning to Nice.

Mediterranean Coastal Cruise

See glorious scenery along the Mediterranean coast during a one-hour cruise with commentary. Board at the Port of Nice and begin the tour in the Baie des Anges. Venture around the Cap de Nice to see the imposing Citadelle and historic hamlets that dot the landscape, as well as the lovely Promenade des Anglais along the beach in Nice.

Nice Segway Sightseeing Tour

Roll through the charming sights of the French Riviera and learn about Nice's rich heritage on a fun gyropode Segway tour of Nice including the Promenade des Anglais, Place Massena, and the Cours Saleya flower market. On the 2-hour tour, enjoy spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea and the city from Castle Hill. *Choice of a 1- or 2-hour tour.*

Local Cooking Class & Dinner

Learn how to cook like a local, from a local, with this Mediterranean cooking class in the home of culinary enthusiast Marie-Christine. Make traditional French Mediterranean fare using regional ingredients, which you'll then enjoy together. Marie-Christine will be on hand to give you tips, not just about cooking, but also about Nice.

Wine Tasting & Saint-Paul de Vence

On this half-day tour, learn about the history of French wine production and get in plenty of tastings while you're at it! This half-day tour to Saint-Paul de Vence and nearby wineries includes roundtrip transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle so that you can taste wines safely, without having to worry about driving.









FRENCH RIVIERA 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival in Nice

After settling in, take a stroll around Old Town—also known as Vieux Nice before heading over to the lively Quartier du Port for dinner.

Day 2 - Resort Towns of the Riviera

Experience the highlights of the French Riviera on a full-day small-group tour. Visit Antibes, stopping at the local market; Eze for a tour of its perfume factory; Saint-Paul de Vence; and Villefranche-sur-Mer. Continue on to Cannes, where you'll have the chance to see the acclaimed Palais des Festivals, and Monaco, home of the luxurious Monte Carlo Casino.

Day 3 - Nice

Today, get a feel for Nice with a walking tour of the Old Town and Castle Hill. See iconic sites, learn about the city's compelling history, and taste local delicacy *pissaladière*, a flatbread topped with olives and onions. Spend the afternoon seaside on one of Nice's sun-soaked beaches. Walk along the famed, palm-lined Promenade des Anglais, perhaps with an ice cream in hand. Later, learn how to cook like a local, from a local, with a Mediterranean cooking class in the home of a Niçoise culinary enthusiast.

Day 4 – Wine Tasting

Spend a leisurely afternoon learning the history of French wine production and tasting various vintages—on a chauffeured half-day tour to the Saint-Paul de Vence region. Return to Nice for dinner, perhaps including the signature niçoise salad.

Day 5 – Departure from Nice

Take in the Mediterranean scenery one last time with a one-hour cruise with commentary. Board at the Port of Nice, then venture around the Cap de Nice to see the imposing Castle and the vibrant Promenade des Anglais.







MONACO

Tucked into the Maritimes Alps is a principality and sovereign city-state made famous by one of America's original sweethearts, Princess Grace Kelly of Monaco. Even more well known for the high-stakes Monte Carlo Casino and the incredibly prestigious Formula One Monaco Grand Prix, this Grimaldifamily-ruled region has long been known as a playground for the rich, the famous, and the glamorous, right in the heart of the French Riviera.

Fairy tale-worthy castles, softly curving beaches, and more than 300 days of sunshine to enjoy it all in makes abundantly clear why the jet set still land in this region, generation after generation—one trend that never ages.





HOTEL HERMITAGE MONTE-CARLO

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This masterpiece in the heart of Monte Carlo is famous for its stunning Gustave Eiffel-designed glass cupola. Modern touches blend seamlessly with the Belle Epoque spirit for a sense of the Monaco dream. Indulge at the Michelin-starred restaurant and Crystal Bar & Terrace. Enjoy modern guestrooms, a private beach, a golf course, tennis courts, and a 71,000-square-foot wellness center.



HOTEL FEATURES

- Free WiFi
 Breakfast Included
 5 Restaurant(s)/Bar(s)
 Air Conditioning
 Spa/Fitness Center
 Pool
 Parking
 40 Minutes from Airport
- 5 Minutes from City Center
- Location on map

Monte Carlo, Monaco HOTEL METROPOLE MONTE-CARLO

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The Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo is a destination in its own right. The architecture and décor are classic and timeless with a touch of modernism, while the hotel's warm Mediterranean spirit resembles that of a private residence. Fashionable and elegant, it's a refuge offering relaxation, privacy, and fun, with innovative and personalized services that delight guests.





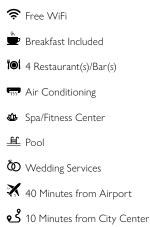
^{Monte Carlo, Monaco} LE MÉRIDIEN BEACH PLAZA

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Part of Marriott, the family-friendly Le Méridien Beach Plaza with its own private beach lies just moments from the city's iconic shopping, dining, and nightlife. Enjoy a variety of restaurants and indulge in cocktails by one of the pools. Luxurious rooms and suites offer exceptional amenities, some with a spacious terrace with views of the ocean, beach, or city.



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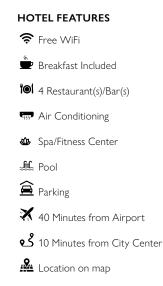
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Monte Carlo, Monaco FAIRMONT MONTE CARLO

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This luxury hotel boasts a perfect base for exploring Monaco, offering 596 spacious rooms, suites, and residences offer premium amenities and private terraces. Its many facilities include a private beach, the La Vallée Spa, heated pool, and the seasonal Little Explorer Club for kids. Enjoy the exclusive restaurants and bars: Nobu, Nikki Beach, Horizon Rooftop, and Lobby Lounge.











MONACO 5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY

Day 1 – Arrival

Check in at your hotel, then enjoy some seaside tranquility on a walk down Larvotto Beach, Monaco's only public beach. For dinner, tap into local luxury with a reservation at one of the sovereign state's renowned Michelin restaurants.

Day 2 – Royal Monaco

After a breakfast of pastries and coffee, make your way to the Prince's Palace: the seat of the Grimaldi royal family since the 12th century, which American actress-turned-princess Grace Kelly once called home. If you're visiting in the summer, be sure to tour its state rooms, courtyard, and attached museum. Later, sail around the Port of Monaco for a different—but no less dazzling—perspective as you drift past one of the most lavish shores in the world.

Day 3 – Monte Carlo Casino

Today, visit the iconic Monte Carlo Casino, seen in countless films over the years. Try your luck at one of the tables, or ensure a win with an audio tour detailing the casino's opulent architecture. See the latest in luxury fashion at the high-end shops—an exercise easily resumed on the Avenue des Beaux-Arts.

Day 4 – History and Culture

Your dive into local culture continues in the Old Town, part of the Monaco-Ville historic district. Also known as "The Rock" for its traditional role as a fortress, today its narrow streets and winding alleyways are filled with charming cafés and boutiques. Tonight, experience another Monegasque milestone: a performance at the Monte Carlo Opera House.

Day 5 – Departure

Before saying your *au revoir* to the glamour of Monaco, stop by the Jardin Exotique. Breathe in the fragrant air as you stroll through the cliffside botanical garden, admiring its arid blooms and sea views.





Now more than ever, it pays to <u>seek the professional advice of a travel advisor</u>. Tap into their expertise, and take the guesswork and uncertainty out of booking your perfect escape.

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