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**Cannes – Lerici – Portoferraio – Ile Rousse – Calvi – Monaco
– Saint Tropez – Cannes**

All tours are offered with English speaking guides. The length of the tours and time spent on the sites is given as an indication as it may vary depending on the road, weather, sea and traffic conditions and on the group's pace. Minimum number of participants indicated per coach or group.

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CANNES, FRANCE

The name Cannes calls to mind images from "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." The city is known the world over as one of the most elite resorts anywhere. Its beginnings, however, were anything but grand. Originally, Cannes was a sleepy fishing and farming village. This changed considerably when Lord Henry Brougham was forced to stay in the village. He was to remain only a few days, but ended up residing there for the last 34 years of his life. His correspondence with British colleagues eventually drew the English aristocracy to Cannes. Shortly thereafter, Cannes became the premiere domain of Europe's high society. In little over a century the quiet village became a chic and elegant town, world-renowned for the art of entertaining well.

Scenic transfer to Nice airport (ends at Nice airport)

Transport by air- conditioned minibus

Minimum 4 participants, maximum 8 per minibus

Duration approximately 3h30

Euros 75

Unaccompanied transfer with an English speaking driver

You will drive straight on to St Paul de Vence, a few kilometres past Cannes. This authentic medieval fortified village was built on a hill top so as to avoid Saracen attacks. In the 1920's it was discovered by artists such as Bonnard, Modigliani, Signac and Soutine, and since that time it has attracted a good number of the rich and famous literati and glitterati.

You will have approximately one hour at leisure to go round the village before driving to the airport. Stroll down Rue Grande, the main street which runs right through the village and explore the XVI^o century ramparts which afford spectacular views over mimosa, olive and orange groves.

Your luggage will go with you in the minibus



« Follow your nose » Tour (ends at Nice airport)

Visit Grasse the world's perfume capital

Transport by air-conditioned minibus

Unaccompanied visit of a perfume factory

Minimum 4 participants, maximum 8 per minibus

Duration approximately 3h30

Euros 84

Transfer with an English speaking driver – no guide.

Ever since the 17th century Grasse has been enveloped in a heady cloud of perfume; today the town is the universally acknowledged perfume capital of the world.

After a 45 minute drive you will arrive in Grasse where you can visit the prestigious Gallimard factory and be initiated into the art of traditional perfume making. Follow each step from the assembling of raw materials to the final precious elixir, piercing the mysteries of distillation and enfleurage on the way. You will visit the laboratory and the conditioning room where you will learn about the origin of perfume. You will also discover the "seat of power", the work place of the indispensable "Nose". This olfactory genius is a Maestro who plays his perfume organ with incredible virtuosity, composing fragrances of unsurpassed subtlety and charm. Some "insider" secrets will be revealed before its time to visit the gift shop to do some last minute shopping before flying back home. (not a guided visit)

If you don't feel like visiting the factory you can set off on your own to discover this fascinating town. The Place aux Aires at the heart of Grasse is a good starting point. This charming square with its ochre façades, arcades and four tiered fountain dating from Louis XV's time is always bustling with activity, and boasts many interesting shops, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The Old town is a maze of narrow winding streets, alleys and stairways with buildings from the Middle ages and the Renaissance. Discover the traces of the city's past as you admire a square Saracen tower, the remains of the 16th century ramparts, and the town hall, formerly the bishop's palace. You will see medieval dwellings and superb private mansions (the Hôtel de Cabris, the Hôtel de Ponteves and the Court de Fontmichel) as well as elegant 18th century villas; not forgetting the wonderful Belle Epoque casino, which is now a conference centre.

The drive to Grasse takes 45 minutes

The drive to the airport takes 45 minutes

Time at leisure in Grasse; 1h30



LERICI, ITALY

Lerici is in Liguria, part of the Italian Riviera. It is the largest village on the Gulf of La Spezia and sits across the bay from Portovenere. The town is connected by ferry to the Cinque Terre and Portovenere. One of the main sights of Lerici is its notorious castle controlling the entrance of the Gulf of La Spezia. Today the castle contains a museum of palaeontology. The origins of the town date back to the Etruscan period. In the Middle Ages the town came under Genovese control. After it had been sold to Lucca, it became involved in a series of conflicts between Genua and Pisa, as it was on their common border. In 1479, the town came under Genovese sway for good.

The Active Aesthete's Kayak tour

By air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 2 participants, maximum 15

Duration 2h00

Euros 69

For those of you who combine a finely tuned aesthetic sense with a love of physical activity and the great outdoors, our Kayak tour is the perfect way to explore and appreciate the exquisite beauty of Lerici. Feast your eyes on the dramatic scenery: steep cliffs, rocky outcrops, crystal clear waters which mirror the colourfully painted buildings, and know that this vision of loveliness inspired the creative genius of a plethora of writers and artists from Botticelli to Lord Byron, the poet Shelley, George Sand and D.H Lawrence to name but a few. As you guide your kayak through the limpid waters admire the impressive castle which has kept watch over the bay since 1152, Marigola promontory, Shelley Park, the wonderful coves of San Terenzo and the Blue Bay. The bewitching beauty of the "Gulf of Poets", as it is known, will surely capture your heart and imagination, like all those who have gone before you.

There is a 15-minute walk from the tender disembarkation point to the kayak base

The Kayaks are either 1 or 2 seaters

This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues.

We advise guests to wear a swimsuit and sea shoes and bring sunglasses, sunscreen, sun hat, towel and some water.

PALMARIA ISLAND Trekking Experience

By air-conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Duration 4h00

Euros 49

For Experienced Hikers

Palmaria island is the biggest island in Liguria, situated opposite the famous village of Portovenere. The rugged beauty of the island with its rocky cliffs has won it a place on the Unesco World Heritage list, and the site is also protected by the Portovenere Regional Natural Park. Our island trek tour will give you the opportunity of exploring the island and discovering its varied landscapes from Mediterranean vegetation, holm oaks, pine and lentisco shrubs to sheer cliffs dropping down to the sea. You may even spot some of the local fauna; rabbits and colonies of wild goats, as well as Europe's smallest gecko, the endangered Tarantolino. Birdlife includes sparrow hawks, peregrine falcons, kestrels and cormorants.

Your exertions will be amply rewarded by incredible sea views and breathtaking panoramas. An expert professional guide will accompany you during the hike and tell you all about this enchanting island.

30-minute transfer by ferry to Portovenere and 15 minutes to Palmaria

This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues.

We advise guests to wear suitable shoes and to bring along some water.



Cinque Terre, coastal villages

Using public transport, a local ferry with a regular timetable

Minimum 15 participants, maximum 30

Duration 5 hours depending on the boat's timetable

Euros 69

Situated atop seemingly impregnable cliffs on the rugged coast north of Lerici, the five picturesque villages that make up Cinque Terre: Riomaggiore, Corniglia, Manarola, Vernazza and Monterosso, were once very isolated and only accessible by sea. They are all quite similar in appearance, with dry-laid stone walls, winding footpaths, hillsides dotted with vineyards, and perhaps most famously, breathtaking views of the sea. The towns are delightfully unspoiled, and Cinque Terre has earned the distinction of being both a National Park and a UNESCO protected territory.

There are still very few roads and transport is mainly by boat or the 19th century railway system which links the villages. Each village is unique and retains an old-world charm and authenticity thanks to a lack of any form of urban development. The dramatic coastal scenery is utterly breath taking.

On this tour you will enjoy a panoramic boat ride from Lerici, allowing you to feast your eyes on all the stunningly beautiful villages on the way, before disembarking at "Monterosso al Mare" the largest of the Cinque Terre villages.

The first village you will see from the boat is Riomaggiore, the most southerly of the five villages, dating from the 8th century. The village consists of characteristic stone houses with colourful façades and slate roofs. The ferry will then head out to Manarola the oldest and arguably the prettiest of the Cinque Terre villages. Perched on a rocky outcrop, this steeply built village boasts a tiny harbour and piazza with seafood restaurants, narrow alley ways, and colourfully painted houses that look as if they are tumbling down to the sea. At the very top of the village, casting a watchful eye over the inhabitants, stands a church in the Ligurian Gothic style; its bell tower not only reminded villagers to be in time for Mass, it also served as a watch tower, looking out for marauding pirates.

The ferryboat will then pass Corniglia, the smallest of the five villages with about 150 residents. It lies on a rocky promontory 100 m above sea level, surrounded by terraced vineyards. This village, no bigger than a postage stamp, has been famed for its wine since Roman times and amidst the ruins of Pompei, over 600km away, they unearthed an amphora marked "Corenelia". Corniglia is quieter and less crowded than the other Cinque Terre villages; it is sometimes overlooked because there is no harbour nor any direct access from the sea and visiting the village centre involves a steep climb of 382 steps.

Vernazza comes next; it is a fishing village founded in 1000 AD. In 2011 torrential rain and flooding left the village buried in mud, but after a lot of hard work it has been restored to its former glory. Elegant streets, elaborate arcades and dwellings with ornate front doors bear witness to past wealth, as does Doria Castle, a splendid example of Genoese military architecture named after the Doria family from Genoa, one of the most important noble families in Italian history.

The last of the Cinque Terre villages is Monterosso and here you will get the opportunity to disembark and explore. The village began to develop in the Middle Ages under the domination of the Genoese Republic when they started to grow wheat and plant terraced vineyards on the hills going down to the sea. Later on, in the 17th century, tuna fishing was an additional source of income. Monterosso was well guarded with numerous fortifications and thirteen strong towers built to protect the village from pirate attacks. Three of the towers are still standing and form part of the old village.

During the boat trip a guide will give a running commentary about the Cinque Terre villages, jewel of the Italian Riviera, and you will get approximately 45 minutes to stroll around Monterosso before returning to Lerici (a panoramic boat trip lasting about 1h50).

Casual clothes, comfortable shoes and a sun hat are recommended on this tour

Transportation by local ferry boat, with a fixed timetable.

All timing is subject to sea conditions.

The tour may be cancelled at any moment due to adverse conditions at sea, even shortly before departure.

Itinerary will be adapted to the ferry boat's timetable.



PORTOFERRAIO, ELBA

Recent excavations have proved that man inhabited the Isle of Elba in prehistoric times (from the Paleolithic Era to the Iron Age). In 1802 the French gained direct possession of the Isle of Elba, rather than unite it with the kingdom of Etruria. Elba then suddenly attracted the attention of the world when it became Napoleon's little kingdom, while in exile. He arrived at Porto Ferraiolo on May 3rd 1814, and on the following day took possession of the island. He did everything possible to confer dignity on his own residence, the "Villa dei Mulini." After a stay of 10 months, Napoleon left Elba with a small fleet on February 26th 1815 to face the dramatic adventure of Hundred Days. Today, the island has a population of about 27000 inhabitants. The local economy now depends on heavily upon tourism, but the extraction of minerals is also of economic importance. After tourism and mining, the most important activities are agriculture (vineyards), animal husbandry, and fishing.

Island tour and Mount Capanne

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 90

Duration 4h30

Euros 60

The scenic drive starting from Portoferraio will take you to the island highlands on the west side. The drive cuts through the centre of the island before continuing along the coast to the up market resort town of Marciana Marina. The coach will then drive into the hills to reach the cable car station in Marciana Alta. During the drive your guide will tell you a bit about the island culture and natural environment as you sit back and enjoy the beautiful views of the surrounding hill top villages and coastline.

The cable car station has rest room facilities. Upon arrival, your guide will give you a safety briefing and explain how to get in and out of the cable basket safely. The baskets, which leave every 20 seconds for the 20 minute climb up to the top of Mount Capanne (1.019m), accommodate two passengers each. The views during the cable car ride are quite spectacular, so make sure you have your camera handy. From the top of the mountain you can enjoy breathtaking views of all the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago and relax on the panoramic terrace.

After some leisure time (approximately 30 minutes) your guide will lead you back to the coach and the tour continues to Marciana Mariana. Here you will have some time to stroll along the water front and browse around the picturesque village shops. Look out for Elba's specialities : wonderful perfume, truly the scent of the Mediterranean captured in a bottle, and delicious local wines.

There will be a short wine tasting in a typical Cantina to allow you to sample some of the islands' wine before you return to the ship. As you take a last lingering look at Mount Capanne on the drive back, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have actually scaled its dizzy heights.

You will take a cable car to the top of Mount Capanne

There will be good shopping opportunities in Marciana Marina

We recommend good walking shoes and a sun hat on this excursion

The tour is not suitable for passengers with walking difficulties, heart problems or vertigo.



“Napoleon’s tour”

By air-conditioned motor coach

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 40

Duration 4 hours

Euros 67

The tour begins with a panoramic drive through the hinterland to Napoleon’s summer residence. The Villa San Martino is located in a pleasant valley planted with vineyards, a setting of lush vegetation, far from the bustle and heat of Portoferraio. The Emperor converted a small country house into a fine private villa. The Neo-Classical building at the entrance of the property is the Demidoff Gallery, built in 1851 by Count Anatolio Demidoff. Demidoff was a fervent admirer of the Emperor, and his wife, Princess Mathilda, was Napoleon’s niece. The building was used to house Demidoff’s collection of Napoleonic Memorabilia.

The villa San Martino is situated on a terrace above the Demidoff gallery and consists of eight rooms. Three rooms were occupied by Napoleon himself, three others were for his officers and the remaining two: the “2 colombes” council chamber and the Egyptian room were used for meetings and receptions.

On the way back there will be a stop at Porto Azzurro where you will have some time to stroll along the streets of this charming town, dominated by an ancient Spanish fortress. The town also boasts a picturesque fishing harbour and numerous shops selling crystals and minerals.

There will also be a stop at “La Chiusa” an old country wine estate, nestling in a vineyard overlooking the ocean. The estate dates from the 1700’s, and includes a country house, wine cellar and miniature chapel. The owner’s house with the exterior double staircase was built later during the 1800s. “La Chiusa” hosted Napoleon Bonaparte on two separate occasions: once on May 3rd 1814 on his arrival in Elba, while waiting to be officially welcomed to Portoferraio, and another time during a hunting party on Mount Fabbrello.

Here you will get the opportunity to sample some local specialities and a selection of three different wines.

On Mondays the Villa San Martino is closed, so you will visit the Villa dei Mulini in Portoferraio.

Whenever the museums host an exhibition an extra fee will be added to the tour cost

ILE ROUSSE, CORSICA

Ile Rousse (L’isula Rossa in the Corsican language) is a little town in Upper Corsica in the Balagne region to the north west of the island, some 25 km from Calvi. It is popular with visitors but still retains its local character. Place Paoli at the centre of town is a shady square bordered by tall plane trees and outdoor cafés. It is a lively spot and a great favourite with locals who gather there to play pétanque (French bowls).

The old town with its traditional grid street system is also very worth a visit.

The Pietra peninsula, linked to the town by a jetty, affords fine views of the neighbouring islands, the port area, Ile Rousse and the Balagne hills. Climb up to the lighthouse to enjoy a really splendid panorama.



CALVI, CORSICA

Seen from the water, Calvi is spectacular. Its three immense bastions are topped by a crest of ochre buildings, sharply defined against a hazy backdrop of snow-capped mountains. Below the citadel, a finely drawn strip of red-roofed houses and spidery palm trees delineate the Basse Ville, with its yacht-crammed marina, from where the town beach sweeps in a semicircle around the bay. Legend has it that Calvi is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. The history of Calvi has always been closely tied to the former Republic of Genoa. The city placed itself under Genovese protection for the first time in 1268. Today, Calvi is an appealing yachting haven. Its pine forests, clear blue seawater, mountains, citadel and charming town make for a vibrant composition of natural colors and a first-class seaside resort.

Sant' Antonino & Pigna authentic Corsican villages

By air conditioned motor coach and on foot

Minimum 20 participants, maximum 44

Duration 3 hours

Euros 64

This excursion is the perfect way to enjoy one of Corsica's main attractions: its ruggedly beautiful scenery; winding roads will take you from one picturesque village to another.

The ancient circular village of Sant'Antonino, perched on a craggy rock overlooking the sea, is one of the oldest inhabited villages in Corsica and one of the highest. It is visible from miles around and offers superb 360° panoramic views. In the 9th century it was ruled by the Counts of Savelli who built the now-ruined castle in order to defend their clan. The narrow cobbled lanes, vaulted alleyways and neat stone houses have survived the passage of time and have changed very little over the past three hundred years. Sant' Antonino features in the list of "the most beautiful villages of France" and is highly prized by visitors for its spectacular views.

After a short visit of Sant' Antonino you will be driven to the hill top village of Pigna.

This delightful village in the heart of the Balagne region is built on a rocky promontory 224 m above sea level, situated at the foot of a mountain some 562m high. It is a veritable feast for the eyes with flower decked streets and an attractive village square. Pigna is dedicated to the pursuit of arts and crafts and a community of artists has settled there. It is the ideal place to buy some authentic Corsican souvenirs, made on site and sometimes before your very eyes.

You will spend some time in the village and then the coach will take you back to Calvi via the charming old villages of Corbara and Aregno.

Due to restricted access the coach will park below Sant'Antonino. The walk to the village is uphill over uneven and rough ground. Good shoes are a must.

Corsican roads are winding, so this is not the ideal tour for guests suffering from vertigo or car sickness

During the summer months heavy traffic can be expected, which may cause delays

This tour involves a lot of driving. You will spend approximately 30 minutes in each village



E BIKE EXPERIENCE

Minimum 8 participants, maximum 12

Duration 3 hours

Euros 126

The bike tour starts directly from the port and proceeds along mostly tarmac roads for about 4km before going off the beaten track. The ride covers various different types of terrain including uphill stretches, downhill slopes and flat land. During the excursion there will be a photo opportunity and also a swim stop (weather and sea conditions permitting). Don't miss out on a relaxing dip in the crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean or, if you prefer, just sit back and enjoy the sea breezes.

The pace of the tour depends on participants; it is not meant to be a competition but an enjoyable outing for everybody

REVELLATA – a Hike to the ends of the earth

Nature walk

Minimum 8 participants, maximum 12

Duration 3H30

Euros 44

The tour starts directly from the port and your destination is the lighthouse situated on the Punta de la Revellata. This 3 hour hike through breath-taking scenery is not to be missed. During the walk you will enjoy glorious views and see various cacti and endemic Mediterranean species of flora, some brightly coloured and strangely shaped. The Revellata peninsula is like being on the edge of the world. Access is via a coastal path and there are many beautiful creeks and secluded beaches along the way, perfect for cooling off with a dip in the pristine waters of the Mediterranean. The lighthouse itself is constantly visible, guiding your footsteps, and when you reach it you will be rewarded by marvellous views of the Mediterranean and the surrounding mountains. The return trip to Calvi is via a cliff top path over the peninsula

The walk is 15km long

Possible swimming stop on the way

MONACO

The Principality of Monaco, tucked between the French and Italian borders, covers just 1.1 square miles. This independent sovereign state is headed by Prince Albert II who is descended from the Grimaldi dynasty which has ruled Monaco since 1297. The principality is synonymous with the High Life: glamorous celebrities, Formula One racing and Casinos. Monte Carlo is the most famous area, but in reality Monaco is divided into four sections: Monaco Ville, the old section of town which includes the Prince's palace, the Condamine, which is the port area and Fontvieille, a man-made water front district.

Monaco has some of the finest examples of Belle Epoque building, an architectural style which began during the rule of the Emperor Napoleon III.

Beautiful natural surroundings, sunny climate, a yacht filled harbour, casino, designer boutiques, prestigious events and gala parties, Monaco can truly be said to have it all. A heady atmosphere of glamour and excitement permeates the Principality, captivating all who visit this storybook land of princes and princesses.

No tour offered during the Grand Prix.



SAINT TROPEZ

Up until 1958 Saint Tropez was just a sleepy, picturesque fishing village; then the legendary couple Brigitte Bardot and Roger Vadim arrived, bringing with them a touch of glamour and changing the place beyond all recognition.

However the history of St Tropez goes way back, well before the era of movie stars, luxury yachts and glamour girls in bikinis. It was once a place of Christian pilgrimage, honouring the martyrdom of a young Roman soldier named Tropes. Tropes openly professed his Christian beliefs and was beheaded by the authorities and cast adrift in a small boat which eventually washed ashore at the place now known as St Tropez.

In the 1800's St Tropez became a centre for art and culture with the arrival of the French writer Guy de Maupassant and the Impressionist painter Paul Signac who brought with them a host of talented contemporaries, including Matisse.

Today St Tropez is famous the world over for being one of the most glamorous locations on the French Riviera. While it is mostly known for its beaches and port filled with millionaire's yachts, it also boasts tree lined squares, pastel coloured houses, chic boutiques and quaint cafés serving a delicious local pastry the "Tarte Tropezienne".

Fruit of the vine tour

Walking tour

Minimum 12 participants, maximum 14

Duration approximately 2h30

Euros 70

St Tropez and the French Riviera immediately conjure up images of glamorous starlets, yachts and fashionable hot spots, but there is much more to it than that, as our wine expert guide will show you.

St Tropez was, and still is if you know where to look, an authentic Provençal village with a rich cultural heritage. Eva our knowledgeable wine expert is a member of many prestigious Wine Brotherhoods: "Les Compagnons du Beaujolais", "les Chevaliers Rabelaisiens" and "les Chevaliers de la Méduse", so she is ideally suited to leading you on a voyage of discovery under the auspices of Bacchus, as well as showing you the architectural treasures of St Tropez.

The wine tasting will take place in a local wine bar where you will learn about the history, grape varieties and production of local wines and the determining influence of the Mediterranean Sea. You will also have the pleasure of putting theoretical knowledge into practice with a comprehensive tasting of red, white and rosé wines accompanied by cheese and snacks.

