

EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- A WEEK IN FRANCE -

SEPT 13 to 19, 2026

7 DAYS - 6 NIGHTS



FRENCH RIVIERA – CÔTE D'AZUR

SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

PEILLON – MENTON

ANTIBES – NICE

Please join us, Eddie and JP, for a week during our holidays in France. In this activity-driven voyage, you will experience the **charm** (sometimes), the **reality** (always), the **beauty** (most of the time) and the **authenticity** (that's the whole point!!!) of the French way of life. Our voyage through famous French Riviera includes Nice, Menton, as well as the discovery of tiny, secret villages – all set high up in the surrounding mountains to provide panoramic views of the azure blue sea! Enjoy a pure week of wonder and live a true, authentic, unadulterated **Cultured Discovery Experience of France**.

Sunday : CHECK-IN YOUR SEAFRONT HOTEL AT YOUR OWN TIME – REST, RELAX & GET READY !...

6pm: A CHAMPAGNE WELCOME DRINK AL-FRESCO - OVERLOOKING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.



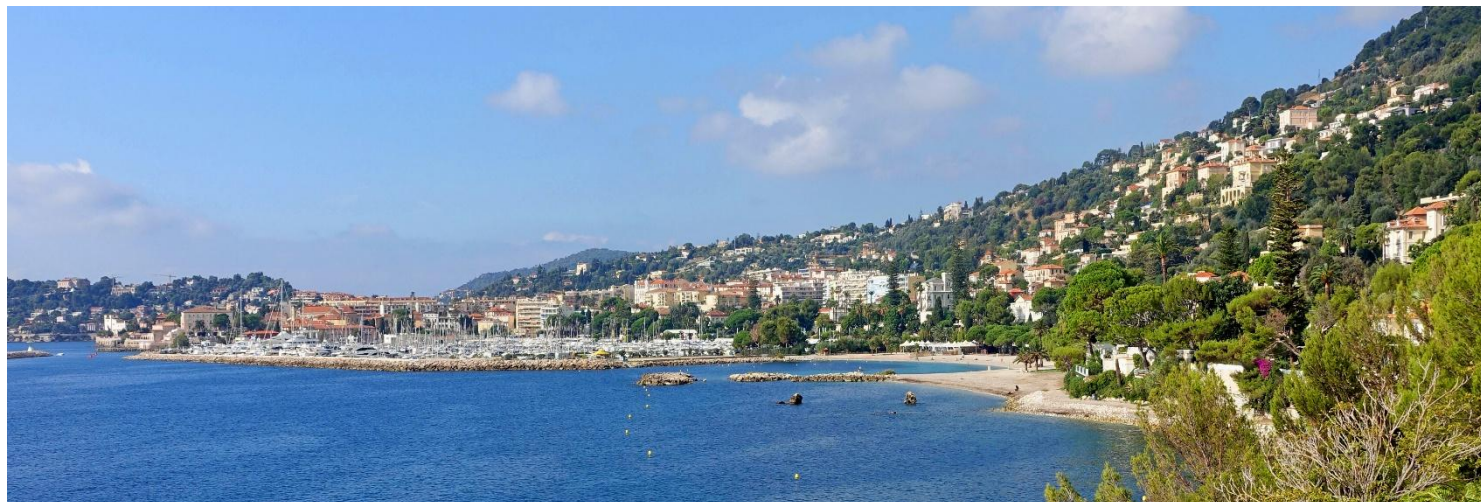
STAY IN A TINY BOUTIQUE HOTEL OVERLOOKING THE SEA & STEPS FROM THE VILLAGE CENTER.

FRESHEN-UP AT HOTEL & TAKE A SCENIC WALK TO A BEACH RESTAURANT FOR SUNSET DINNER.



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Monday: TAKE A SCENIC, SEASIDE WALKING TOUR OF AROUND YOUR OWN "PRIVATE ISLAND".



OUR HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE IS SET ON A REMOTE PENINSULA, AWAY FROM BIG CROWDS...

10am: ENJOY A STROLL THRU THE PANORAMIC GARDENS OF VILLA EPHRUSSI DE ROTHSCHILD.



THE BARONESS INHERITED A GREAT FORTUNE : HER GARDENS TOOK 7 YEARS TO COMPLETE !...

WALK THRU BEAULIEU-SUR-MER TOWN CENTER w/ QUAIN LOCAL SHOPS & CAFÉ TERRACES...



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1pm: ENJOY A LUNCH OF HEALTHY MEDITERRANEAN SEAFOOD AND OTHER LOCAL DELICACIES.



3pm: VISIT VILLA KERYLOS – AN ARCHITECTURAL “FOLLY” IN “PERIOD-CORRECT” GREEK STYLE !



THE INTERIORS USE LAVISH MARBLE, INTRICATE MOSAICS AND “ORIGINAL” GREEK FURNITURE.

SEASIDE LEISURELY WALK BACK TO HOTEL - PRIOR TO AN AL-FRESCO DINNER IN OUR VILLAGE...



Tuesday : DRIVE SCENIC COASTAL ROADS CLINGING TO CLIFFS – THE RIVIERA COAST IS STEEP !

10am : VISIT LA TURBIE, A PERCHED PROVENCAL VILLAGE w/ PANORAMIC VIEWS OF MONACO.



HIGH-RISE ARE FORBIDDEN ALONG THE SEAFRONT IN FRANCE BUT ARE ALLOWED IN MONACO.

1pm : LUNCH WITH A VIEW, FROM EUROPE'S HIGHEST COASTLINE VILLAGE (2500ft ABOVE SEA)



ITALY IS A STONE THROW'S AWAY: FABULOUS HOMEMADE RAVIOLI ARE ALSO ON THE MENU...

3pm: VISIT MENTON - ITS COLORFUL ARCHITECTURE LACED WITH STEEP AND WINDING STREETS.



THIS SUN-DRENCHED SEASIDE TOWN LAYS ITS ITALY-INSPIRED ARCHITECTURE AROUND A HILL.



ENJOY THIS COLORFUL, QUIET YET EXCITING TOWN FROM ONE OF THE SHADED CAFÉ TERRACES.

6pm : A SHORT DRIVE TO NEARBY MONACO FOR A SPECIAL DINNER IN THIS UNIQUE COUNTRY!



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Wednesday: DISCOVER A CHARMING SEASIDE MEDIEVAL TOWN – LIVELY, HISTORIC & QUAIN.

9am: STROLL THRU A TRADITIONAL PROVENÇAL MARKET – FOR LOCAL VEGGIES OR SOUVENIRS?



1pm: ENJOY A SLOW LUNCH OF LOCAL SPECIALTIES ON A TERRACE SHADED BY COLORFUL HOMES.



ANTIBES IS A MEDIEVAL TOWN NESTLED WITHIN ITS OWN FORTIFICATIONS BY THE SEA - WITH A MARKET, A PICASSO MUSEUM, COOL PLAZAS, MANY QUAIN CAFÉS & EXQUISITE BOUTIQUES.

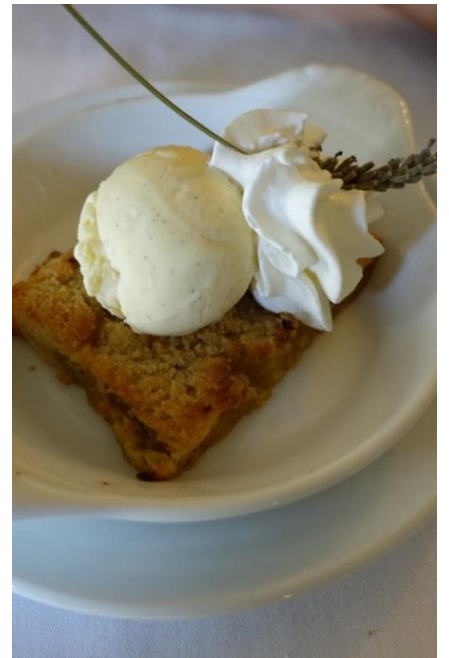
3pm: TASTE THE RARE WINES FROM ONE LOCAL GROWER WHO EXISTED SINCE ROMAN TIMES!



RARE GRAPES, i.e. MOURVÈDRE, SYRAH, & GRENACHE, AGED BY THE RARE “SOLERA” METHOD.

HOTEL RETURN / REFRESH / LOCAL SHOPPING / ENJOY PEOPLE-WATCHING FROM A TERRACE...

7pm : DINNER IN ONE OF OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS – YES, WE ALREADY KNOW WHICH ONE!



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Thursday : DRIVE MOUNTAIN SWITCHBACKS TO A “VILLAGE PERCHÉ” – A TRUE EAGLE’S NEST !!!

10am: PEILLON, A VIRTUALLY TOURIST-FREE ARCHITECTURAL GEM – AS BUSES CAN’T REACH IT.



COTE D’AZUR BACK-COUNTRY HILLS ARE DOTTED w/ STUNNING MEDIEVAL VILLAGES, SO MUCH FUN TO EXPLORE THROUGH NARROW LANES, WINDING STAIRCASES AND EVEN LOW TUNNELS!



1pm : A DELICIOUS LUNCH AWAITS IN THIS IMPROBABLY QUIET & QUAIN T MOUNTAIN VILLAGE.



AT “LES PLAISIRS”, THE CHEF COOKS FOR YOU USING FRESH INGREDIENTS FROM HIS GARDEN...

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NOW IT'S ON YOU : ENJOY RELAXED TIMES NEARBY YOUR HOTEL – WALK ALONG THE SEAFRONT, STROLL TO YOUR VILLAGE FOR SOME SHOPPING, OR ENJOY THE VIEW FROM A CAFÉ TERRACE...



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Friday : A DAY IN NICE, STROLLING THRU NARROW STREETS TO THE FRESH PRODUCE MARKETS.



NICE WAS PART OF ITALY UNTIL 1860, INSPIRING ITS ARCHITECTURE AND LAID-BACK LIFESTYLE.

1pm: TAKE SOME RAYS ON A TERRACE w/ LUNCH OF LOCAL DELICACIES AND PEOPLE WATCHING.



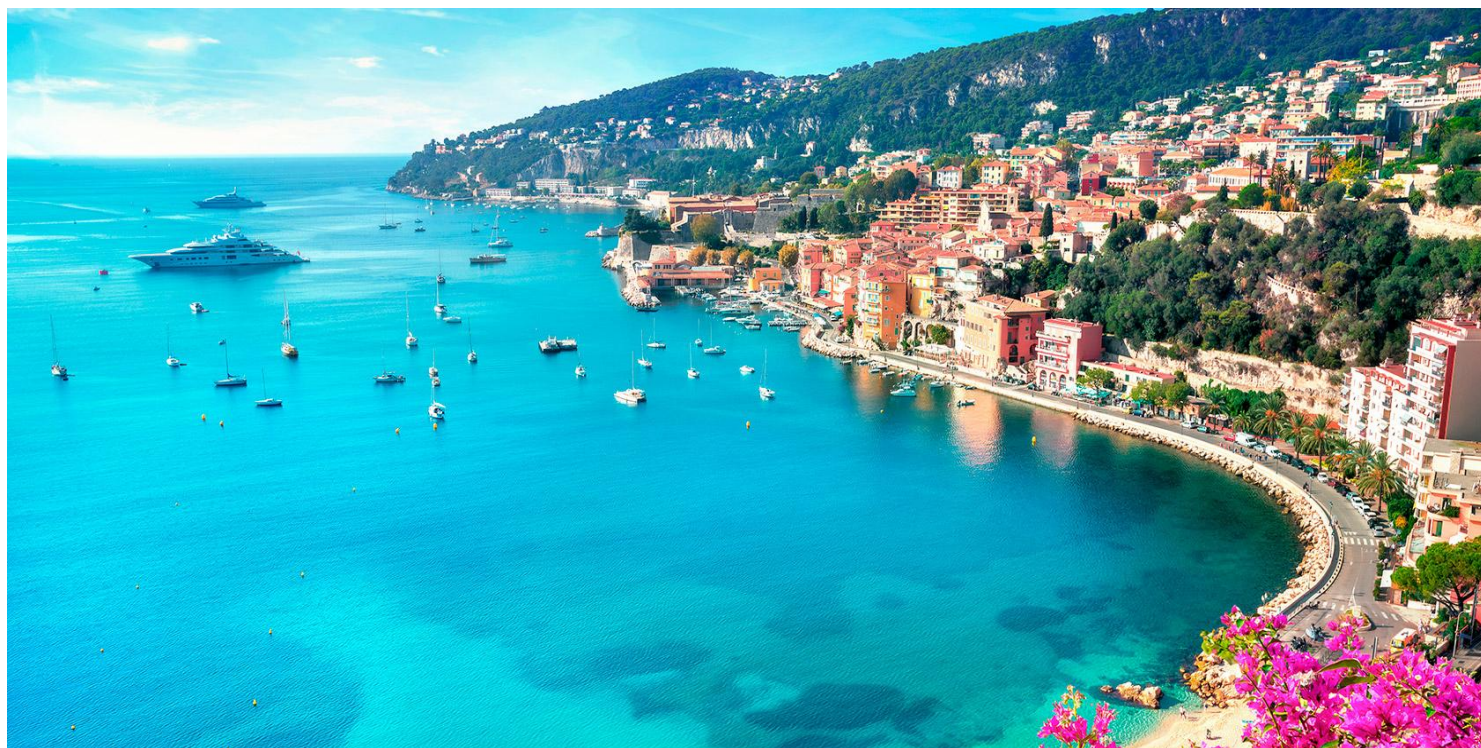
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**AFTERNOON IN THE CITY : STROLL ALONG THE CITY SEAFRONT - CALLED “ENGLISH PROMENADE”
AS NICE WAS LOVED BY MID-19th C. BRITISH VISITORS - VISIT A MUSEUM? - ICE-CREAM ANYONE?**



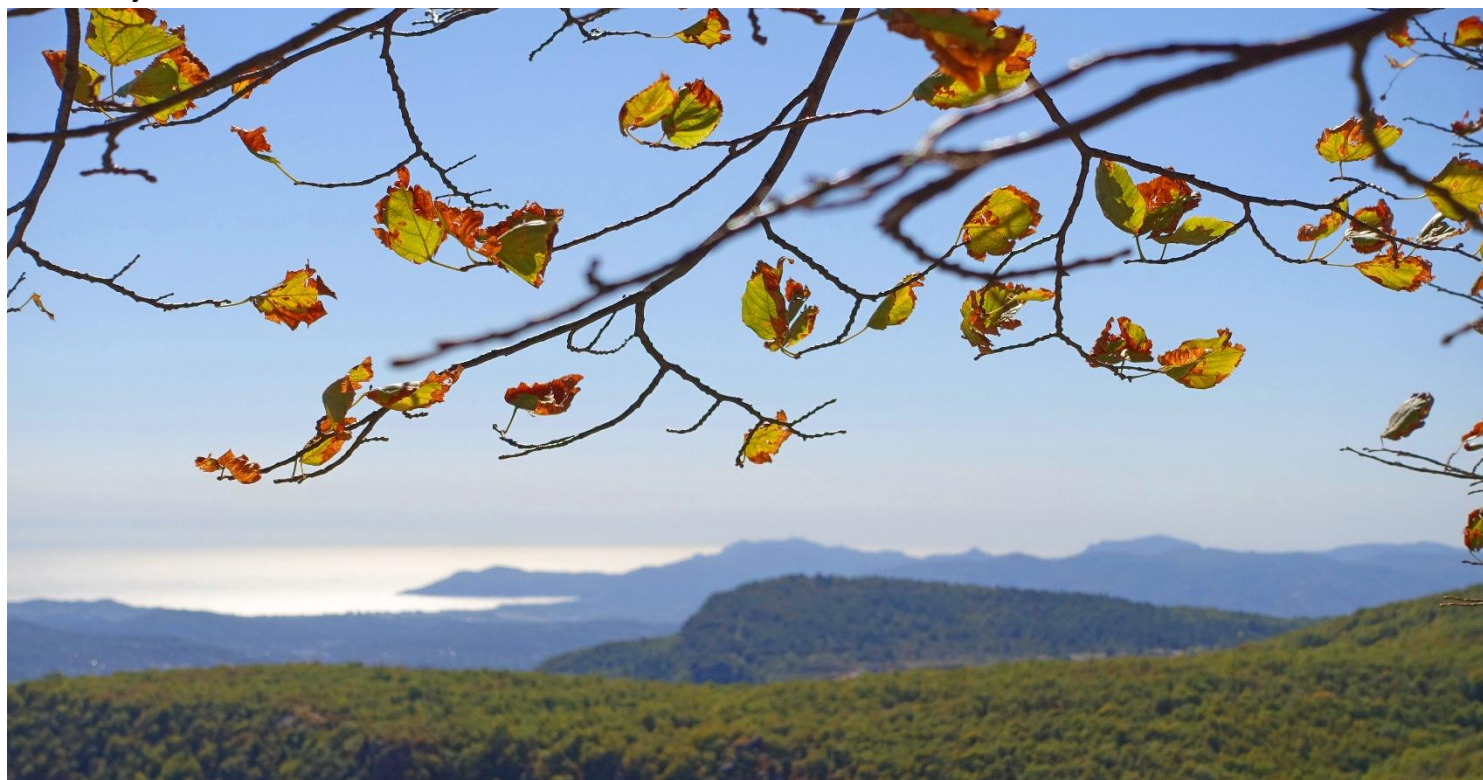
ARTIST MARC CHAGALL LIVED TO BE 98 - HE SPENT THE LAST 50 YEARS LIVING ON CÔTE D'AZUR.

ENJOY LOCAL ICE-CREAM, SIMILAR TO GELATO – NICE STILL HAS THAT ITALIAN HISTORY & VIBE.



RETURN TO HOTEL & GET SET FOR AN ELEGANT DINNER IN A SEAFRONT VILLAGE NOT TOO FAR.

Saturday – LAST SEASIDE TERRACE BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL – UNTIL ANOTHER ADVENTURE!



EXPERIENCE THE REAL CÔTE D'AZUR - LIKE A FRENCH PERSON WOULD, AWAY FROM CROWDS.



ENJOY THE SENSUAL COMPLETENESS & ARTFUL PURITY OF OUR CÔTE D'AZUR TOUR - THANK YOU !

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CDEF TOURS INCLUDE:

- CHAMPAGNE WELCOME DRINK AT YOUR HOTEL ON THE FIRST EVENING : MEET & GREET YOUR FELLOW TRAVELERS, AND ENJOY A SHORT PRESENTATION OF THE UPCOMING TOUR.
- 6 NIGHTS IN CAREFULLY SELECTED HOTELS : ARCHITECTURALLY CHARMING PROPERTIES, UNIQUELY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY'S HISTORY AND/OR OF THE CULTURAL SPECIFICS OF THE REGION BEING TOURED. STAY IN A SECRET HOTEL AWAY FROM THE CROWDS!
- AL-FRESCO DAILY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON YOUR HOTEL PANORAMIC TERRACE - OR ENJOY CROISSANTS & VIENNOISERIES FROM A LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED BOULANGERIE.
- DAILY LUNCH, INCLUDING LOCAL WINE, AT HAND-PICKED RESTAURANTS AND BISTROTS WITH A QUAIN INTERIOR DÉCOR, SERVING REGIONAL & DELICIOUS LOCAL FOOD.
- ENTRY FEES AT MONUMENTS / MUSEUMS / POINTS OF INTEREST.
- TRANSPORTATION BY PUBLIC NETWORK AND/OR PRIVATE BUS DURING THE TOUR AS NECESSARY - MOST DISCOVERIES WILL BE DONE THROUGH LEISURELY STROLLS ALONG CITY STREETS, IN CHARMING SMALL TOWNS AND LUSH COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPES.
- ASSISTANCE IN ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING TRANSLATION, CULTURAL COMMENTARY ABOUT VISITED SITES, AND SOUVENIR SHOPPING IN LOCAL SHOPS.

CDEF TOURS START AT THE WELCOME DRINK IN YOUR HOTEL.

CDEF TOURS END AFTER BREAKFAST ON THE LAST MORNING.

CDEF TOURS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- AIRFARES (OR OTHER TRANSPORTATION) TO AND FROM YOUR HOTEL IN FRANCE.
- AIRPORT OR RAIL STATION TRANSFERS TO/FROM HOTEL BEFORE AND AFTER THE TOUR. (ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION IS GLADLY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST)
- ALL DINNERS, OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SOUVENIRS, HOTEL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.
- EXTRA HOTEL NIGHTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE TOUR (WHICH MAY BE ARRANGED).

PRICE:

US\$ 4530.00 PER PERSON ON A TWIN (SHARED) ROOM BASIS

US\$ 5280.00 PER PERSON ON A SINGLE ROOM BASIS

! THIS TRIP IS EXTREMELY LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 8 PEOPLE, INCLUDING OURSELVES !



TRAVEL TIPS & POLICIES

General recommendations

Tours run regardless of weather conditions, rain or shine. As the tour involves regular walking, we recommend that you wear rainproof shoes, as well as comfortable clothing, in layers to adjust for changing temperatures. Please bring with you a collapsible umbrella in case of a sudden shower - but do not worry, in France a café is never far away to provide shelter from the rare downpour!

There is an unenforced but nonetheless important rule of good taste in France that people should dress modestly, unless you are near or at the beach. As you will be visiting many sacred churches and cathedrals of different faiths, we highly recommend that you dress appropriately.

Booking Terms

CDEF Tours requires a down-payment of US\$ 1000.00 per guest (refundable) to secure your space on the tour.

As a final confirmation, full payment must be made at the latest 90 days prior to the tour departure date.

We accept payments solely through electronic banking methods such as Zelle.

Cancellation Policy

We understand that sometimes things happen, and plans should be able to change. However, as we keep our tour limited to 8 people, including ourselves, it is important for us to fill the group. Therefore, we kindly ask that you inform us as soon as possible of any changes in your travel plans, so that we can invite other guests.

Cancellation up to 90 days prior to the tour departure date will receive 100% refund of payment(s) made.

The remaining balance of the tour price (minus down-payment) is refundable up to 60 days before departure.

Cancellation between 60 days to 72 hours of tour start will receive a refund of 50% of the remaining balance.

No refund is available in these cases:

- Cancellations made within 72 hours of the tour departure date.
- Late arrivals, when latecomers cannot easily join the commenced tour and/or no-shows.

No refund is available to any guest that fails to arrive at all, arrives after the tour's departure time on any day of the tour, or must leave the tour earlier than scheduled. We will make every attempt for late guests to be able to join the tour after it started, but only when it is possible to do so without disrupting the on-going tour.

Tour cancellation by CDEF

In case a tour is jeopardized or impossible due to force majeure, weather events, pandemic, political disturbances or strikes, tours can be canceled or modified if we believe it is necessary.

If the required minimum number of participants is not reached, CDEF reserves the right to cancel the tour. We will offer rebooking options and/or refund the tour price. Further compensation claims are excluded.

Insurance

CDEF Tours recommends that all guests purchase travel insurance for their trip to cover cancellations, delays and medical issues etc. that might impact on your ability to attend your tour. You agree that CDEF Tours is not liable for loss associated with any unforeseen event and all claims must be processed through the guest's insurance company (and not with CDEF tours).

CDEF Tours reserves the right to modify the itinerary as necessity arises. All hotels, restaurants, locations, places, photos and activities described in this document are indicative only and are subject to change without notice.

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