

*Nice and Provence* April 16-24, 2026 *Silvia Waltner Fine Art Services in Partnership with Cosmopolitan People*  Set in one of the most beautiful places on earth, discover the many art destinations in this iconic area!



#### Our Hotel In Nice: Le Negresco

This 5-star, legendary hotel, part of the Leading Hotels of the World, will be our home during our stay in Nice.

Many hotels claim to have a world-class art collection, but in the case of the stunning Le Negresco, it is utterly true—and then some. Works by Moretti, Dalí, and sculptress Niki de Saint-Phalle are strikingly mixed in with the interiors' rare antiques and historical paintings. Jeanne Augier (family-owner from 1957 to 2019) was an art connoisseur who amassed a museum-worthy collection. The striking pink-and-white building, complete with a domed tower, is a National Historic Monument and faces the Bay of Angels, one of the most iconic places on the Côte d'Azur.

## Day 1: Thursday April 16 Arrivals -Welcome to Nice!





Our hotel rooms will be available after 4 pm. Feel free to explore on your own and rest! Dinner on your own – explore at your leisure We will have recommendations of restaurants nearby







# Day 2: Friday, April 17: Picasso, Leger and the Maeght Foundation

Guided tour of the <u>Picasso Museum in Antibes</u>. The museum is housed in a medieval castle where Picasso had his studio in Antibes. The castle belonged to the Grimaldi (Monaco) family and bore this name for many years.

Private guided tour of the <u>Leger Museum</u>. Bringing together a unique collection of paintings, ceramics, and drawings, the Fernand Léger National Museum's collection allows everyone to discover this significant avant-garde artist, from his cubist research to the tremendous colored compositions of the 1950s.

Transfer to St. Paul de Vence, where you will have free time for lunch.

Private guided tour of the <u>Maeght Foundation</u>. The Foundation holds some of the biggest names in 20th-century European sculpture, including Georges Braque, Joan Miró, and Alberto Giacometti. La Fondation Maeght has become France's most important art foundation and is among the world's leading cultural institutions.

**Group Dinner** 



## Day 3: Saturday, April 18 *Matisse and Chagall – Fragonard Perfumes in Eze*

Transfer in a private coach to the <u>Musée Matisse</u> for a guided visit. The Matisse Museum in Nice has a unique collection worldwide, combining artworks and objects from the artist's personal collection, most of which were directly brought from his studio.

The Marc Chagall Museum in Nice: Guided Tour. A visit to the Marc Chagall Museum, which is primarily devoted to paintings inspired by the Bible, is certainly worth a trip to Nice. It can be experienced as a journey of discovery of a great artist, but also as a deep spiritual and emotional journey.

#### Lunch at Le Bistro Gourmand

Transfer to beautiful Eze, we will have a guided visit of <u>Fragonard</u>, observe and learn about perfumes and what it takes to make them.

Return to Nice and a free evening for the group.



# Day 4: Sunday, April 19

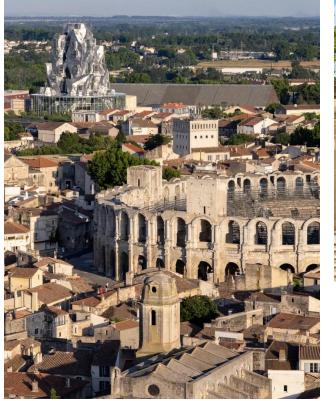
#### Transfer to Arles.

Stop in <u>Le Cannet</u> to visit the <u>Musée</u> Bonnard, the only museum in the world dedicated to the work of Pierre Bonnard, a leading figure in 19th—and 20thcentury art. The museum is located in the heart of Le Cannet, a place that inspired the artist with its landscapes and southern light. It was during this period that he painted his most beautiful works.

Transfer to **lunch** at <u>Hostellerie de L'Abbaye de la</u> <u>Celle</u>, this beautiful place offers farm to table menus based on what nature has to offer. Nature decides what is on the menu.

Transfer to Avignon for a visit to the <u>Lambert</u> <u>Collection</u>. The Collection is a unique contemporary art museum, born on the initiative of the art dealer and collector, Yvon Lambert, who donated to the State an exceptional set of major works by the second half of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century.

Evening arrival in Arles – Dinner and exploring on your own.









## Welcome to Arles! Hotel The Jules Cesar

Roman treasures, shady squares, and plenty of Camarguais culture make <u>Arles</u> a seductive stop in our tour. And if its colorful sunbaked houses evoke a sense of déjà vu, it's because you've seen them already on a Van Gogh canvas – the artist painted 200odd works around town, though sadly his famous little 'yellow house' at 2 places Lamartine, which he painted in 1888, was destroyed during WWII.

Our 5-star hotel is <u>The Jules Cesar, Arles.</u> Located in the heart of Arles, Provence, the Hotel Jules César offers a real journey through time, where nothing is left to chance. Sublimated by 18th-century elements and contemporary art, our establishment will transport us into a poetic world.





# Day 5: Monday, April 20: Avignon

**Transfer from Arles to Avignon**. Avignon is the capital of the Vaucluse and the Côtes du Rhône. It is also a former seat of the popes and a city of art and culture, with theatres, cinemas, museums, big stores, and little shops.

#### Guided tour of the Pope's Palace, the Avignon Bridge,

**and the city**. Listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Pope's Palace is a true symbol of the influence of Western Christianity in the 14th century. This 15,000m2 masterpiece of a monument is the largest medieval fortress and the biggest Gothic palace of Europe.

#### Free time for lunch in Avignon

Transfer back to Arles:

Free afternoon

**Group Dinner** 

Day 6: Tuesday, April 21: Lee Ufan, Vincent Van Gogh and Cooking with Chef Yvan Cadiou





Visit the Lee Ufan Foundation. Lee Ufan, born in Korea in 1936, lives and works in Paris, New York, and Japan. He is the artist theorist of the avant-garde movement Mono-ha ("the school of things"), a Japanese artistic movement that developed alongside minimalist and radical movements.

Visit the <u>Vincent Van Gogh Foundation</u>. The foundation promotes cultural and artistic activities referencing Van Gogh's work from February 1988 to May 1988, when he spent time in Arles. Inspired by the colors and landscapes of Provence, Van Gogh produced over 200 paintings during this period.

#### Free time to lunch on your own

Cooking class and dinner with renowned chef <u>Yvan Cadiou</u> at his atelier in the 250-year-old Chateau de Breuil.



Day 7: Wednesday, April 22: *Kiefer Foundation, Luma Foundation* and transfer to Aix-en-Provence





Depart our hotel towards Aix-en-Provence

Stop by the town of Barjac for a guided visit to the <u>Eschaton-Anselm</u> <u>Kiefer Foundation</u>.

The mission of Eschaton—Anselm Kiefer Foundation is to advance the artistic legacy of its founder, Anselm Kiefer, by maintaining and cataloging his archive and by preserving La Ribaute, his studio estate in Barjac, France, for future generations.

**Lunch** in Bajac at <u>Le Carre des Saveurs</u>. This restaurant is in the idyllic countryside. Its cuisine is based on fresh, local, and seasonal products. The aromatic plants come from the aromatic garden, and the wines and oils come from the estate.

Arrival in Aix-en-Provence – free afternoon and evening to explore on your own.







### Welcome to Aix-en-Provence!

<u>Aix-en-Provence</u> is a canvas of joyful impressions of colorful festivals, festivities, traditions, Provencal markets, delicious sun-filled delicacies, walks in the countryside, and relaxing activities...

Cézanne's colors are all around you: more than just an experience, you'll feel like you're meeting the painter amongst the places and landscapes that marked the life, the eye, and the work of the father of modern painting.

Our 5-star hotel in Aix-en-Provence is <u>Le Pigonnet</u>, part of the Small Leading Hotels group. An 18th-century Provençal mansion in beautiful floral gardens, Le Pigonnet, is a secluded escape a few minutes from the city center. Promising a peaceful Eden with a grand gated entrance and classic façade framed by elegant Genoese-style towers, it offers a gourmet bistro restaurant, a cocktail lounge bar within the park, and a cozy inner bar.



### Day 8: Thursday, April 23: Vasarely Foundation, Chateau La Coste Wine Tasting

Transfer by private coach to the Vasarely Foundation.

Victor Vasarely is the creator of Op Art, characterized by optical games and abstraction. Forty-four monumental works will take your breath away!

Transfer to our **farewell lunch** at <u>Tadao Ando at the</u> <u>Chateau La Coste</u>. We will enjoy lunch at the water's edge in the Château La Coste. The in-house menu highlights seasonal produce from the organic vegetable garden specially designed by Louis Benech. Provençal and Mediterranean dishes make for a memorable experience.

Guided tour and wine tasting at <u>Chateau La Coste</u>. Spanning some 200 hectares, it boasts a wealth of history, including a wine-making tradition that dates back to Roman times, all in a remarkable setting featuring vineyards, cypresses, stone pines, olive trees, and oaks the vineyard's art collection houses over forty pieces, primarily sculptures.

Dinner on your own as you prepare to depart tomorrow morning.



Day 9: Friday, April 24 : Departure from Aix-en-Provence Thank you for traveling with us!

