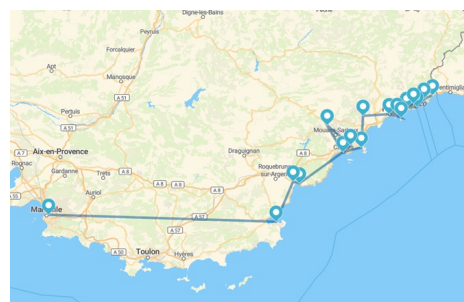




France and Monaco, 7 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route along the glamorous French Riviera

The French Riviera and Monaco have for centuries been luring in artists such as Picasso, Henri Matisse, Modigliani and Jean Cocteau; celebrities and Hollywood stars such as Grace Kelly, Audrey Hepburn and Brigitte Bardot; VIPs and millionaires from around the world in search of relaxation, beauty and exclusivity; and travellers in love with the genuine lifestyle of this beautiful French region, its stunning landscapes, its outstanding cultural heritage and its exquisite Provençal cuisine. The stylish French Riviera is one of those destinations designed to be explored from behind the wheel, at a leisurely pace and savouring every step of the way. This tour along the glamorous French Riviera includes legendary stretches such as the Corniches, one of the most spectacular panoramic road journeys in the whole world. There are hundreds of reasons that have made the French Riviera so mythical. A paradise with views of the Maritime Alps and the Mediterranean that attracts travellers with its eternal promise of "Days of Wine and Roses"; with the sophisticated atmosphere and luxury of places such as Monaco, Nice, Antibes, Cannes and Saint-Tropez; and with small towns that exude charm and history such as Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Juan-les-Pins, Vallauris and Saint-Raphael. Explore its Mediterranean side featuring beautiful sweeping beaches, hidden coves, luscious gardens in Menton, spectacular vantage points in Èze, and sublime landscapes in Cap Ferrat and Cap Antibes. Dazzling sunshine and a heady aroma will accompany you along the way. A must-visit is the town of Grasse, known as the international city of perfume.



**Departure date:** Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

### Travel details

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## DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - NICE - MENTON

Flight departure from the city of origin to Nice and rental car pick-up. Your adventure on French soil begins here! From the airport, we'll head to Menton, one of the most laid-back and stunning places on the French Riviera, renowned for its heritage as "City of Art and History". As soon as you arrive, you'll breathe in the sophisticated atmosphere of this historic town. Its strategic position, located on the French-Italian border and just 15 minutes from Monaco and half-an-hour from Nice, make Menton the perfect base to start exploring the glamorous French Riviera. Flanked by the Maritime Alps and with eternal views out to sea, Menton is famous for its warm climate and lush vegetation, dotted with resplendent lemon trees and exotic tropical plants. Stroll through its perfectly preserved old town lined by brightly-coloured houses, marvel at the views from its idyllic harbour and sweeping bay, and breathe in fresh air as you wander through its beautiful sun-kissed gardens overlooking the sea, such as the Botanique Exotique du Val Rahmeh, the Serre de la Modone, the Maria Serena or the Fontana Rosa... Its breathtaking belle époque buildings stand alongside stunning palaces such as the Palais Carnolès, magnificent temples such as the Basilica of St-Michel Archange, and fascinating cultural centres such as the Musée Jean Cocteau - Collection Séverin Wunderman... (Note: Les Trois Corniches are the three legendary roads that cover the stretch of the French Riviera between Nice and Menton. All three offer magnificent and varied views of the area and the Mediterranean. The Corniche Moyenne (Middle) is carved into the mountainside. Grace Kelly lost her life here. We recommend the vistas from the St. Michel viewpoint in the town of Beaulieu. The Corniche Basse (Lower) or Corniche du Litoral is the oldest road and links the coastal towns and cities. In summer, there are often traffic jams here. The Grande Corniche (Upper) is the highest and commands spectacular views from the Col d'Eze and from the Belvédère d'Eze viewpoint. It was built under orders of Napoleon I following the route of the ancient Roman road (Via Julia Augusta). Overnight stay in Menton.

## DAY 2 · MENTON - ROQUEBRUNE-CAP-MARTIN - MONACO - ÈZE - LA TURBIE - NICE

After enjoying the laid-back atmosphere of Menton, we'll set off on an interesting route that will take us to Nice along the famous scenic road of La Corniche, one of the most beautiful stretches of road in France. Lying ahead will be outstanding views, turquoise waters, jaw-dropping cliffs, luxurious mansions and some of the most beautiful spots of the Riviera. Off we go! Today we'll set off for the luxurious and exclusive Monaco, located just half-an-hour away, famous for districts such as Monte Carlo, La Condamine, Moneghetti, Monaco Ville and Fontvieille... In each of them you'll discover the styles and wealth that this fairy-tale principality cherishes. En route you can make a brief stop at the charming village of Roquebrune-Cap-Martin to enjoy the beautiful views from its central square, walk along its coastline and visit the grave of the great architect Le Corbusier. And then to Monaco! The second smallest country in the world after the Vatican City, this luxury enclave seduces travellers with its chic, exclusive atmosphere and iconic places such as the Monte Carlo Casino, the Musée Océanographique and the Grimaldi Palace... And throughout the visit, you'll sense the presence of the eternal and much-beloved Princess Grace. Many places in this mini-country pay posthumous homage to her. (Note: In Monte Carlo you can sign up to the "Princess Grace" tour that ends at the Cathedral where she is buried. Please check schedules and prices). Onward now to explore beautiful places such as the medieval village of Èze which, perched atop of a cliff, is a magnificent vantage point over the Mediterranean. Its medieval quarter is a true spectacle and one of the reasons why this place became the summer resort of princes and writers such as Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, Nietzsche and George Sand. Tastefully restored, its streets exude a unique aroma of roses, violets, jasmine and geraniums... It'll come as no surprise that the abundant flora here made Èze the paradise for perfumers in the eighteenth century. (Note: On the way out of Èze, head up to Col d'Èze to enjoy amazing views). Our last stop today will take us to La Turbie, a beautiful village full of surprises.

And then we'll arrive in Nice, the flamboyant capital of the French Riviera, to soak up its vibrant atmosphere and excellent restaurants. The city is also known for its fascinating nightlife and arts scene.

Overnight stay in Nice.

### DAY 3 · NICE - FRENCH RIVIERA (VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER - SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT) - NICE

Today we'll get to know the emblematic city of Nice and explore part of the ever-so-seductive French Riviera. This is the very Riviera that captivated Picasso and each year attracts famous painters and artists, leading members of European society, politicians and millionaires from around the world in search of relaxation and tranquillity.

We'll start the day exploring the birthplace of Garibaldi (Nice), which spans out along the beautiful Bay of Angels, and enjoying its stylish and cosmopolitan Mediterranean atmosphere. We recommend following in the footsteps of Henri Matisse, or strolling through the old quarter packed with monuments, lively street markets and charming cafés, or taking a walk along the iconic Promenade des Anglais, which embraces the beach with an uninterrupted parade of mighty palm trees and elegant white villas.

Late in the morning, we'll set off to explore the stunning French Riviera. Our first stop will be the nearby quaint fishing village of Villefranche-sur-Mer, with its charming old town and its picture-postcard harbour surrounded by colourful houses. We recommend a visit to the Rue Obscure, the St. Michel church, the Port Royal de la Darse, the Chapelle St. Pierre and its frescoes painted by the artist Jean Cocteau. After skirting the bay, we'll arrive at Cap Ferrat. As you drive along the narrow peninsula, you'll come across spectacular scenery and breathe in an intoxicating scent. The town is a bustling fishing port full of restaurants and magnificent villas and mansions overlooking the sea.

Overnight stay in Nice.

### DAY 4 · NICE - SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENTE - ANTIBES / CAP D'ANTIBES - JUAN-LES-PINS - CANNES

Another day to enjoy the French Riviera, discovering its photo-friendly coastline that evokes many a movie scene.

Today's leg will take us to the mythical city of Cannes.

Along the way, you'll spot interesting historical monuments and important cultural centres, all set in a breathtaking landscape. You may just see the odd supercar with a celebrity at the wheel.

You're about to venture into one of the most glamorous and exclusive areas of France! Our first stop will be Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a charismatic and perfectly preserved village that offers spectacular views from its ramparts.

Classic refuge of artists such as Matisse, Chagall, Modigliani and Cocteau and movie stars like Roger Moore and Tony Curtis, this place is truly inspiring. It's worth strolling along the Rue Grande, its main avenue, and looking for a nice souvenir in the cute craft shops and famous galleries. (Note: Remember that the village is closed to traffic. In high season, it's better to visit early in the morning as the car parks fill up quickly as the day goes by).

And now some more time to enjoy the sun, the sea and stunning scenery of the Riviera.

Our next stop will be Antibes, one of the main beach resorts of the Côte d'Azur. You can stroll along the harbour front with pretty yachts bobbing in the water, admire the historic walls, wander around the old town and discover the lively Provençal market and the Cathedral... In the magnificent Grimaldi Castle, you can visit the prestigious Musée Picasso. If you have time, drive fifteen minutes down to the beautiful Cap d'Antibes. Its beaches, impressive mansions and lush vegetation are well worth seeing. And don't forget the luxurious Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, a classic in the area. This exclusive hotel, a favourite of Picasso and Hemingway, is now frequented by artists and international celebrities, especially in May when they're attending the prestigious Cannes Film Festival. (Note: If you're traveling with children, we recommend making a stop at Marineland, where the shows with killer whales and dolphins are magnificent).

Then back on the road running parallel to a beautiful coastline, dotted with gardens and steep cliffs. After relaxing in the laid-back Juan-les-Pins, we'll set off for Cannes. We'll be met by a stylish city made fashionable by the aristocracy in the nineteenth century. European capital of film, by night the famous Boulevard de La Croisette is filled with lights and action.

Overnight stay in Cannes.

## DAY 5 · CANNES - GRASSE - VALLAURIS - CANNES

In daylight, the emblematic La Croisette looks totally different. Travellers from all over the world flock here in search of the glamour of its hotels, its marina, its private beaches, its huge superyachts and its luxury cars. Don't miss the "Palais des Festival", home of one of the most famous film festivals in the world. If you want to discover "the other side" of Cannes, head to Le Suquet, the old quarter and home to the original village criss-crossed by narrow and picturesque streets.

And then back on the road! Half an hour from Cannes is the medieval town of Grasse, known worldwide as the international capital of perfume. This town, perched on a hill 750 metres above sea level and surrounded by vast fields of flowers, is where the iconic Chanel, Dior and Rochas fragrances are distilled. Recognised as a "ville d'art et d'histoire", the town captivates travellers with a historic quarter dotted with treasures of Genovese and Provençal architecture, with museums such as the Museum of Provençal Art, the Villa Museum Fragonard and the legendary International Perfume Museum, where you can learn about the history and secrets surrounding the perfume industry. Before returning to Cannes you can make a quick stop in Vallauris, the town where Picasso lived and worked, now famous for its excellent ceramics and pottery. We recommend climbing up to the castle and visiting the Musée Magnelli and Musée de la Céramique. (Note: Next to the castle there's ample parking).

Overnight stay in Cannes.

## DAY 6 · CANNES - SAINT-RAPHÄEL - FRÉJUS - SAINT-TROPEZ - MARSEILLE

The penultimate day of our tour along the glamorous French Riviera. After visiting the charming towns of Saint-Raphäel, where Napoleon left from for his exile to the island of Elba, and the sightseeing haven of Fréjus, we'll head back on the road for an hour until reaching the stylish and exclusive Saint-Tropez. This former fishing village has changed greatly since Brigitte Bardot first visited in the 1950s. (Note: The town rose to fame in the 1960s after the premiere of the film "And God Created Woman"). Today Saint-Tropez has become one of the favourite haunts of the international jet set, with it being common to see luxury sailboats and yachts moored in the harbour against a backdrop of vividly-painted villas. In high season, Saint-Tropez is one of the most visited tourist resorts on the French Riviera. In less touristy times (usually autumn to spring), this charming village enjoys relative peace and quiet. (Note: From the walls of the citadel, you can admire panoramic views of the town and the Gulf). And finally we arrive in Marseille! The oldest city in France seduces travellers with its important historical heritage, its modern proposals and avant-garde buildings, its Mediterranean beaches and seafaring essence, its Provençal traditions and culinary delights such as "bouillabaisse" (fish soup). We recommend strolling along the Canebière, discovering the bohemian atmosphere of Le Panier, soaking up the joie de vivre of Joliette, sitting on the crowded terraces of the Old Port (Vieux Port) or heading to the Norman Foster-designed mirrored canopy to watch the ceaseless stream of coloured boats that have been mooring here for over 2,600 years... If you have time, check out some Le Corbusier at the Cité Radieuse or take in some art in Cours Julien, the hip artistic district packed with interesting galleries. Overnight stay in Marseille.

## DAY 7 · MARSEILLE - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Menton.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Menton.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Nice.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Nice.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cannes.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Cannes.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Marseille.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Marseille.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Marseille.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

## Your trip doesn't include

✗ Accommodation taxes in France direct payment in facility.

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

## Destinations Visited

Nice



Menton



Roquebrune-Cap-Martin



Monaco



Eze



La Turbie



Villefranche-sur-Mer



Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat



Saint-Paul-de-Vence



Juan-les-Pins



Cannes



Grasse



Vallauris



Saint-Raphael



Fréjus



Saint-Tropez



Marseille



## Important remarks

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- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.