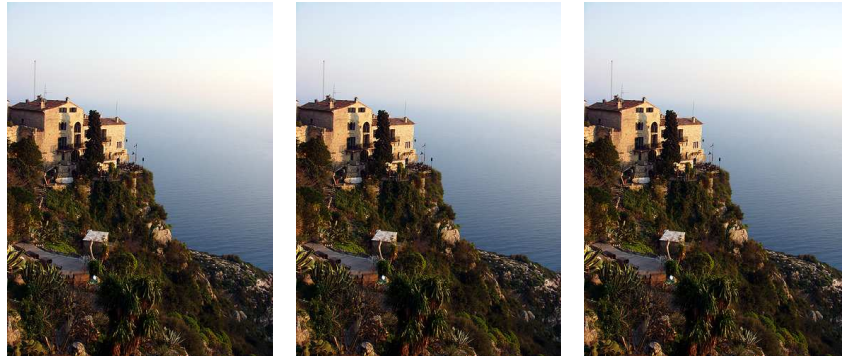




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On The Road to The Perched Villages

Full day drive along the roads of the perched villages of the Riviera

The French Riviera is famous for its glamorous cities such as Nice, Cannes, Monte-Carlo...but it would be a shame to stay on the Côte d'Azur without visiting its hidden perched villages! You will discover spending villages with splendid views on the Sea and enjoy strolling through the picturesque streets overflowing with small arts and crafts boutiques that are hard to resist!

Make it cooking class!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for a special optional venue: Enjoy a 2-hour cooking-class followed by lunch at a Michelin starred restaurant in Nice

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Make it Cap d'Ail!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an optional venue: 2-hour hike along the Cap d'Ail and its incredible villas

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Perched villages

09:00am: Meet your driver-guide in the lobby of your hotel or at the foot of your ship in Nice.

Today, you will discover **the countryside and the perched villages of the French Riviera**. In these Mediterranean forests you will view **wonderful hilltop villages with small charming churches**.

In Falicon, Levens or Eze, you will discover **breathtaking views from these well protected charming villages**. The inhabitants went to live in these very picturesque perched villages to be protected from the invasions.

Seen from a distance, **some of these “eagle’s nests” are really quite striking**: the facades of their tall houses, closely packed one next to the other, form a rampart that follows the natural contours of the site.

Once inside you will stroll along a maze of narrow streets, stairways and covered passageways. **Do not miss the most famous of the perched villages: Eze**. Situated just after Nice, in the direction of Menton, Eze stretches out along the coast from Cap Roux to the Cabuel point.

Small narrow roads, archways and superbly restored stone houses, shady squares, refreshing ancient fountains... you will soon be seduced by the marvels of Eze. **The village is so beautiful, it's hard to believe you have not stumbled onto a movie set...!**

Continue to **Levens**: a large village perched on a solid-rock peak dominating the junction of the lower Gorges de la Vésubie and another gorge running from the Vésubie to the south of the village.

From the top of the rock above the old village (following the road to the "piscine"), **the views out over the mountains, and especially up the savage Gorges de la Vésubie to the Alps, are amazing**.

Falicon is a **perched village that sits on a rocky ridge** in an area of rugged rocky gorges, forests and hills only 10 km from the center of Nice. Only 6 km from the autoroute at the northern edge of the big city, Falicon seems as isolated from "civilization" as the other villages much further into the back country!

Back to Nice at the end of the afternoon.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest you to check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe Sedan or Minivan which can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes fees
- Emergency 24 hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also suggest:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites.
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Cooking class!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Enjoy a two-hour cooking class with a chef in Nice, a perfectionist in his cooking. He is without no doubt the more nicoise of the chefs of the Riviera chefs. He always looks for products of the region which are becoming less and less accessible and largely submissive to the season. After the hands-on cooking class with the friendly and outgoing chef, you will enjoy lunch in his one Michelin starred restaurant. A Treat for the gourmets!

Please contact us for more information and as to availability and prices.



Make it Cap d'Ail!

DECOUVERTES ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Lace up their walking shoes and enjoy a scenic walk along the coast starting in Cap d'Ail. (2 hour easy walk)

Cap d'Ail has been classified as a health resort since 1921. A belvedere named "the tête de chien" (dog's head) hangs out over the coast providing a view from Italy to Var. Its three kilometers of coastline have attracted many famous people amongst whom are the Prince of Wales, the Czarevitch, the Lumière brothers, Greta Garbo, Sacha Guiry, Apollinaire, and Cocteau....

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