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*View of Nice's harbour and beach (this and following pictures free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

## **NICE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA**

**With excursions to Monaco-Monte Carlo, St. Paul-de-Vence, Beaulieu, Cap Ferrat, Cannes**

9 days, from Saturday, March 11 (late flight) to Sunday, March 19, 2017

*Enjoy the mild Mediterranean climate and ambiance of Nice, pearl of southern France's Riviera or "Côte d'Azur" with its picturesque Italian-style old town and classy waterfront district along the Promenade des Anglais with its Belle Époque hotels and villas. We visit the city's fine museums, devoted to artists like Chagall and Matisse and enjoy excursions to neighbouring attractions such as Monaco-Monte Carlo, Cannes, and the artist colony of St. Paul de Vence. Accommodation in a centrally located 4-star/first-class hotel. The tour will be escorted by Delia Berardi.*

### **PROPOSED ITINERARY:**

(Meals included: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

#### Day 1 - Saturday, March 11:

Evening departure from Toronto for Paris on Air France. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

#### Day 2 - Sunday, March 12: (B, D)

Early morning arrival at Paris and short connecting flight to **Nice**, hub of the French Riviera or the "Côte d'Azur", as the French like to say. Arrival in Nice, transfer to the highly rated 4-star/first class Hotel Masséna ([www.hotel-massena-nice.com](http://www.hotel-massena-nice.com)), centrally located on the cusp of the old town and the modern city, and only steps from the beach. Please note that the overwhelming majority of guest comments on Trip Advisor rate the Masséna as either "excellent" or "very good," which are the two highest categories. Accommodation will be in spacious and comfortable *superior* rooms, a.k.a "privilege" rooms; we refer to the hotel's website for details: <http://www.hotel-massena-nice.com/English--Rooms.phtml>. Free time to settle in and get some rest after your overnight flight. In late afternoon, we start our exploration of Nice with a walk along the impressive palm tree-

lined Promenade des Anglais beachfront boulevard, then we explore the picturesque old town (Vieux Nice), a labyrinth of squares and narrow streets and alleys, with colourful houses, shops, and restaurants. For transportation we use a little electrical tourist train, which will also take us to the hilltop “castle” for a magnificent view of the city, the “Bay of Angels”, and the blue Mediterranean. Return to the area of the hotel following the tour for a welcome drink and dinner in a typical restaurant.

*All rooms in the Hotel Masséna Nice were completely renovated in 2014 and feature air-conditioning; Wi-Fi internet access; flat-screen television with international channels; private bathrooms with hairdryer; minibar; tray with kettle and complimentary tea, coffee and herbal teas; a safe; iron and ironing board on request. The picture below shows a spacious “privilege” room.*



#### Day 3 – Monday, March 13: (B, D)

After breakfast we first explore the flower market of the Cours Saleya, then visit the Cimiez district on a hill overlooking Nice. This used to be an important Roman town, as attested by the ruins of ancient baths as well as an arena. Visits to the Archaeological Museum and the neighbouring Villa des Arènes, home of an impressive museum devoted to the work of Henri Matisse, who lived here and is buried in the Cimiez cemetery. This afternoon we visit the Marc Chagall museum, featuring a group of paintings and a mosaic with a “Biblical Message”, housed in a bright, modern building on a hill overlooking the city. Dinner in a restaurant of the old town.

#### Day 4 - Tuesday, March 14: (B, L)

Full-day excursion to the principality of **Monaco, Monte Carlo**. We motor to Prince Rainier’s fiefdom via the scenic coastal road, the “Basse Corniche”, and our visit will include sights such as Fontvieille Park with the delightful Princess Grace rose garden, the yacht harbour, the old town of Monaco with the Palace, the Cathedral, and the Oceanographic Museum, and of course the mainland district of Monte Carlo, featuring the world-famous Casino. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Return via the spectacular mountain road, with a stop in the hilltop town of **Eze** to visit the workshop of a perfume producer.

*Inside the Chagall Museum*



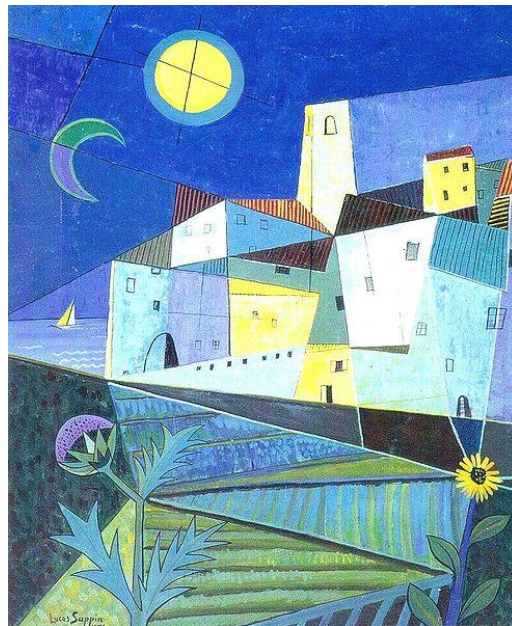
*The Monte Carlo Casino*

Day 5 - Wednesday, March 15: (B)

This morning we tour the neighbouring coastal communities of **Beaulieu** and **Cap Ferrat**, with visits to Villa Kerylos, a reconstructed Greek villa, and the Ephrussi de Rothschild Foundation, a museum with a superb collection of ancient furniture, porcelain, and tapestries, surrounded by acres of magnificent gardens. Afternoon at leisure in Nice.

Day 6 - Thursday, March 16: (B)

Full-day excursion into the mountainous hinterland of the Côte d'Azur. Our first stop is **St. Paul-de-Vence**, a picturesque fortified Provencal village and famous artist colony; we explore the village, then head for the Maeght Foundation, a stunning, ultra-modern art gallery by Catalan architect Jose Luis Sert, surrounded by wonderful gardens and featuring creations of great modern masters such as Sert's friend Miro, Braque, Kandinsky, Calder, Zadkine...In the afternoon we discover the attractions of the river valley known as the "**Gorges du Loup**", visit Florian the renowned candy factory before returning to Nice via the jet-set resort of **Cannes**.



*St. Paul de Vence, painting by Lucas Suppin*

Day 7 - Friday, March 17: (B)

This morning is at leisure in Nice. You may want to take the train to the Italian border town of Ventimiglia for shopping at their renowned outdoor market and enjoy lunch in one of the neighbouring trattorias. In the afternoon in Nice we visit the Fine Arts Museum (*Musee des Beaux-Arts*), featuring art of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, by masters such as; Monet, Sisley, Dufy, and Van Dongen. The rest of the day is free for shopping or other individual activities.

Day 8 – Saturday March 18: (B, D)

This day is free for shopping or other individual activities, last minute souvenir hunting, or packing. Art lovers may want to head for the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMAC) or perhaps the Museum of Asian Art. This evening “Au Revoir” dinner in a typical restaurant

Day 9 – Sunday, March 19: (B)

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport and return flight to Toronto, via Amsterdam on KLM.

Tour price, based on double occupancy: \$2,950 CAD from Toronto (PLUS approx. \$600.00 in airport taxes and related fees) - "Land only" (from/to Nice Airport): \$2,490.00  
Single room supplement: \$325.00

**The above price allows for credit card payment. If paying by cheque please deduct \$125.00 from the tour cost.**

*Included in the tour price are:*

- Outbound flights Toronto/Paris/Nice on Air France, return flight Nice/Amsterdam/Toronto on KLM;
- Accommodation based on double occupancy in the 4-star/first-class Hotel Masséna; the single room supplement is \$325.00;
- Breakfast daily and a total of four 3-course dinners or lunches;
- Overland transportation by private coach;
- All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned;
- Services of a Pauwels Travel tour escort.

*Not included are:*

- All items of a personal nature;
- Airport taxes and airline imposed surcharges, approx. \$600.00 but subject to change
- Beverages with dinners, and meals other than those outlined above;
- A gratuity for the coach driver(s), normally \$30 CAD or equivalent in local currency;
- Travel Insurance, available upon request.

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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**RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. **Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and application form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.**

**REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:**

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Refund of deposit is made in full if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

45 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. reserves the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary as outlined. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. Any savings realized by these changes will be passed on to the passengers, any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passenger. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. acts only as an agent in securing hotel, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided to tour members subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally. The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. also reserves the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour, in which case equitable refund will be made at the discretion of the tour operators.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Transatlantic economy flight by scheduled IATA carrier(s), based on an economy class group fare. All fares are subject to specific rules and regulations, to changes and to government approval. Deviations from the group flights are possible but subject to higher rates. Pauwels Travel will research any request for date or routing changes at the time they are requested. Should any individual rate be less than the group fare plus airline and administrative fees, the lower rate will be offered to the tour participant. Individual airfares are subject to immediate ticketing and the fare plus taxes must be paid at the time the ticket is issued by the participant requesting the change. Should the group airfare be the lowest available rate, an administrative fee of \$50.00 plus any airline charges will apply.

## APPLICATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Nice and the French Riviera,"

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on group flights \_\_\_\_\_ or Land Only \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for and interim payment of \$1000.00 and the balance approximately 45 days prior to departure.**

**WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.**

**Name as on Passport.** Indicate the appropriate title before each name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (Residence) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax/Email) \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, please indicate your willingness to share accommodations: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

(We will try to find a roommate for those willing to share, but cannot guarantee success in doing so. For single travelers we are not able to match, the single supplement will apply.)

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** (Dietary, wheelchair assistance, frequent flyer number, twin beds, etc.) Please list here so we can do our best to assist you. Please be advised that due to airline policies, individual seat selection cannot be guaranteed.

I/we agree to the "terms and conditions" attached to the program. \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance** - Please call the office for premiums and record on your application form and add premium to your deposit.

All-inclusive Package \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_ Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (s) if declined \_\_\_\_\_

If purchasing travel insurance, we require your date of birth:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT:

Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel     Visa     Mastercard     American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward this completed form, copy of passport and payment to:**

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