



Panoramic view of Nice, with the old town in the foreground and our hotel located almost exactly in the centre of the picture, at the end of the old town and very close to the beach.

NICE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA

10 days, from Thursday, March 5 to Saturday, March 14, 2026

Enjoy an early spring on the French Riviera, with sightseeing in Nice, Monaco-Monte Carlo, Cannes, Grasse, Vence, and Saint Paul, and lots of art, as we visit the Maeght Foundation, the Chagall and Matisse Museums, Matisse's Chapel of the Rosary, etc. This tour features a traditional first-class hotel in a superb location, excellent Provençal food, and talks about the history of the city, the region, and France in general by tour host Jacques Pauwels, PhD, author of ten books, published in as many languages, among others on the history of France.

Land Only: \$3,795.00 CAD*

*Based on Double Occupancy, to/from the Hotel Beau-Rivage; 05 March – 14 March

Single Room Supplement: \$1,150.00 CAD

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Tour participants need to book a flight arriving in Nice on Thursday, March 5, which typically requires a departure from Toronto or another Canadian/North American gateway the day before, i.e., Wednesday, March 4. From Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver, convenient flights to Nice are available with Air Canada, KLM, and other airlines, via Munich, Zurich, and/or Amsterdam, etc. Please do not book flights until the tour is guaranteed with the minimum registrants.

Day 1 - Thursday, March 5: Morning arrival in Nice, where taxi and Uber services are available for the short transfer to our hotel, the centrally located first-class/4-star [Hotel Beau Rivage](#). Free time to settle in and get some rest after your overnight flight. In late afternoon, meet with other tour members and your tour host for an introductory walk along the beachfront and the adjoining shopping district, followed by a welcome drink and dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 2 – Friday, March 6: We start our exploration of Nice with a visit to the flower market, followed by a leisurely walking tour of the picturesque old town. Then we board a little electrical tourist train for a panoramic city tour, including the old harbour and the hilltop “castle” for a magnificent view of the city, the “Bay of Angels,” and the blue Mediterranean. Afternoon at leisure. Group dinner in a typical restaurant of the old town.

HOTEL BEAU-RIVAGE



Called a “lovely luxury four-star hotel” by Booking.com and described by Expedia as an “upscale boutique hotel,” the Hotel Beau-Rivage dates back to 1860 and combines old world charm and elegance with contemporary design and comfort. It is superbly situated in the heart of the city, between the world-famous seaside boulevard known as the Promenade des Anglais, overlooking the beach, and the very picturesque; old town and its flower market, and it is only very few steps away from the exotic Albert I Garden, Place Masséna, the city’s majestic main square, and its main street, Rue Jean Médecin. Innumerable writers, artists, and other celebrities have stayed in this hotel, including Nietzsche and, in 1917, Henri Matisse, whose museum is featured on our local sightseeing program. The hotel has a private beach, but March may be a bit too early to take advantage of it, except perhaps for some sunbathing if the weather permits!

Day 3 - Saturday, March 7: After breakfast we take a city bus to 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. We visit the [Archeological Museum](#), then continue to 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. Return to the hotel in the afternoon and rest of the day at leisure. This evening it will perhaps be possible to enjoy a concert.

Day 4 - Sunday, March 8: Full-day excursion by private coach to Monaco-Monte Carlo. We motor to the principality via the scenic coastal road, the “Basse Corniche”, featuring some superb vistas of wonderful coastal communities (and jet-set resorts) such as Beaulieu and Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. In the principality, our visit will start with the yacht harbour, then continue with the old town of Monaco, perched high on a rock and featuring the Palace, Cathedral, and Oceanographic Museum. After a group lunch in a typical restaurant, and finish with the mainland district of Monte Carlo, featuring the world-famous Casino. Returning to Nice, we enjoy the spectacular mountain road, with a stop in the picturesque hilltop town of Eze.



The Prince's Palace in Old Monaco

Day 5 - Monday, March 9: After breakfast, we first explore Old Nice's antiques and flea market, then head for the fabulous [Marc Chagall Museum](#), featuring a marvelous collection of the Russian-French artist's paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, ceramics, stained glass, tapestry and mosaics, inspired by colourful inventions and a universal message of peace are combined. Returning to the city centre, we visit the Belle Époque-style [Masséna Museum](#), “where history and art meet to reveal the exceptional heritage of the Côte d'Azur in the heart of magnificent gardens”.



< The fortified town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Day 6 - Tuesday, March 10: Full-day excursion, again by private coach, into the beautiful mountainous hinterland of the Côte d'Azur. Our first stop is in the town of Vence, where we visit the wonderful little [Rosary Chapel](#) with Matisse's stained glass windows. On to [Saint Paul de Vence](#), a picturesque fortified Provencal village and famous artist colony; we explore the village, then visit 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, and Zadkine. Late afternoon return to Nice via the scenic road through the river valley known as the "Gorges du Loup," with a stop, time permitting, to taste some candied fruits, chocolates or other wonderful regional sweets in a traditional candy store, Confiserie Florian.

Day 7 - Wednesday, March 11: Today is a free day, set aside for shopping and/or enjoying Nice on your own. Your options also include exploring the city on a rented bicycle; taking a boat tour to view Nice from the Mediterranean Sea; or participating in a [food and wine tour](#) of the city. This evening, opera lovers may want to head for the Nice Opera (very close to our hotel) for a performance of [Don Pasquale](#), an *opera buffa* by Donizetti.

A sculpture by Miró in the garden of the Maeght Foundation >

Day 8 - Thursday, March 12: Full-day excursion to Antibes, a pretty ancient coastal town founded by the ancient Greeks, and the nearby small town of [Golfe Juan](#), where a small monument commemorates Napoleon's return from exile on the island of Elba; a stretch of the "Route Napoleon," the road he subsequently followed back to Paris; the picturesque town of [Grasse](#), where we will visit one of the local perfume manufacturers; and the jet-set resort of [Cannes](#), where we will use a little tourist train to get to know the old town and the waterfront boulevard, La Croisette, backdrop of the city's annual movie festival. After some free time to enjoy Cannes on your own, return to Nice via the Autoroute.



^Cannes' La Croisette waterfront boulevard

Day 9 - Friday, March 13: Your last day in Nice is entirely "at leisure," except for this evening's "au revoir" dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 10 - Saturday, March 14: Breakfast at the hotel. Make sure to book a taxi or Uber for a short transfer to the airport in time for your return flight to Toronto!

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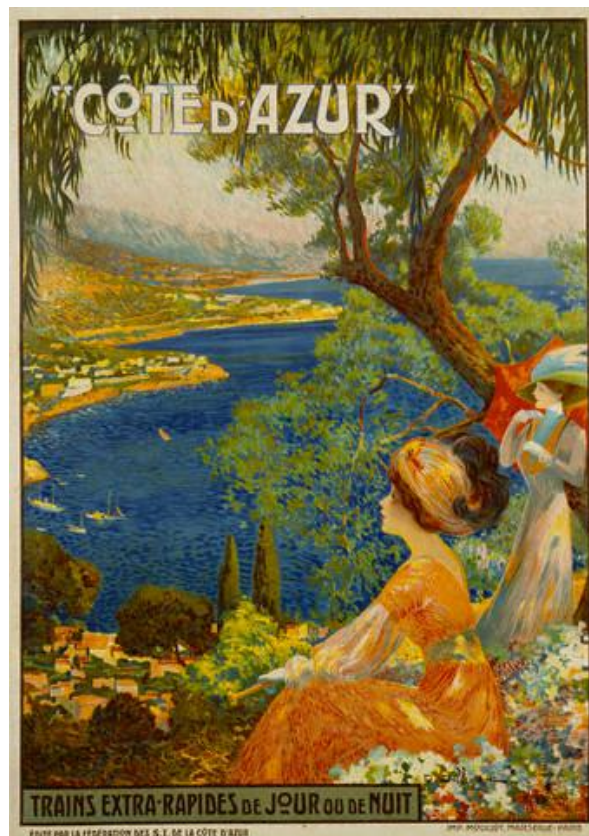
Single Room Supplement: \$1,150.00 CAD

Included in the tour price are:

- Accommodation, based on double occupancy, in the first-class/4-star Hotel Beau-Rivage
- Breakfast daily and *five* dinners (or full lunches)
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions by private coach; visits in Nice itself on foot or by public transportation
- Gratuities for driver(s) and local guide(s).

Not included are:

- All items of a personal nature;
- Beverages with dinners and meals other than those outlined above;
- Travel Insurance, available upon request.



REGISTRATION

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Nice & The French Riviera" Tour from March 5 – 14, 2026

I wish for Pauwels to help arrange my flights _____ OR land only _____.

*If booking land only please send the office a copy of your flight details.

Please be prepared to pay a deposit of **\$1000 per person and any applicable insurance premium** at time of registration.
Balance is invoiced no later than 100 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 6 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S):

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Date of Birth (ddmmmyyyy): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If traveling alone, is a **single room** required? Yes _____ No _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) _____ double (1 bed) _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Please list any dietary requests, allergies, special physical needs, or frequent flyer numbers etc., below. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

INSURANCE: Review plans and rates by clicking [here](#) or calling the office. Record your quoted premium below:

All-Inclusive: _____ Emergency Medical: _____ Non-Medical/Trip Cancellation: _____

Decline Insurance: _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Bureau LTD, e-transfer to tours@pauwelstravel.com or call the office to provide credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) to Sandra or Jessica.

Amount To Pay: _____

CONSENT: "I/we have read and agree to the terms and conditions attached to the tour program, have selected or declined insurance, indicated any special requests, and authorize payment of the above amount."

Date _____ Signature _____

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. No reservations will be accepted without a deposit and signed registration form. Deposit amounts vary by tour and are listed in the registration 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 if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. at least 91 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$250.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation penalties apply for tour costs:

- 120 days to 91 days before departure: 45% of tour cost
- 90 to 31 days before departure: 65% of tour cost
- 30 – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

Penalties for cancelling insurance or individual airfare may differ than the policy above. Clients are advised to review the cancellation terms for any additional services they may have purchased for the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT

By placing my deposit, submitting my registration, and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not 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 hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from,

and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub- contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during pre-tour/post-tour option periods if the pre-tour/post-tour period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behaviour be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to). I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that, should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIRFARES

Please note that when booking one of our air-inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you, our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases, it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel, or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference. Additionally, most airlines do not allow advanced seat-selection on group airfares. It is the airline's policy, not ours, that prevents us from assigning specific seats. If a request is made, it is passed on to the airline by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 60 days prior to departure but no requests are guaranteed. Our staff will not be able to aid in advanced seat selection if the airline does not allow it on the group airfare. If a certain type of seat is indispensable to you, we suggest that you book our tour on a "land only" basis and make individual flight arrangements, in which case you may be able to get the seat of your choice; Pauwels Travel would be happy to assist you with that reservation. We will offer you the best fare available, but please note that this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure because individual airfare conditions are stricter than the conditions of the group airfare rate. We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above!