

# Art on The Cote D'Azur & Provence

The Arts Societies West Oxon & Cotswolds



Soak up the old-world charm, beautiful coastal views and sparkling blue sea of the Côte d'Azur, whilst discovering the artistic heritage of this sunny coast of France. With links to renowned artists such as Cezanne, Matisse and Van Gogh it is a feast for the eyes and the senses. Marvel at the beautiful architecture and enjoy the art museums and the Old Town of Nice.

£1899 per person\*

15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2026

6 Days 5 Nights

## What's included

- Return coach transfers to/from London airport
- Return flights between London & France
- All coach travel in France
- 3 nights half board accommodation
- 2 nights bed & breakfast accommodation
- Tour manager throughout
- Admission to Fondation Maeght, St Paul de Vence
- Admission to Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence
- Walking tour of Nice Old Town & Cathedral
- Admission to Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild
- Guided tour of Picasso Museum, Antibes
- Guided tour of Granet Museum, Aix-en-Provence
- Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence
- Visit to Arles
- Whisper sets
- City tax
- Gratuities for tour manager & drivers

## Extras

- Twin/double room for sole use supplement £325

*The exact order of excursions will be included in your itinerary, which you should expect to receive approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.*

*\*Based on a minimum of 25 members travelling.*

## How to book

Please see the accompanying "How to Book" document.

Deposits: £300pp. Bookings taken on a first come, first served basis & should be made by 1st April 2026 at the latest. Places are subject to availability.



Picasso Museum, Antibes

## Arles

Arles is a city of Roman ruins, medieval heritage and Van Gogh connections. The centrepiece of the city is the two-tiered Roman amphitheatre, from which there are wonderful views. Why not follow in the footsteps of Vincent Van Gogh to see some of the scenes he painted or visit the Fondation Van Gogh Museum & Musee Reattu, which is home to works by Arles-born Jacques Reattu, drawings by Picasso, sculptures and a large collection of photographs.

## Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is a magnificent palace surrounded by 9 thematic gardens. The villa is furnished as the Baroness left it in 1934, with priceless collections, beautiful Belle Epoque interiors, and items that belonged to Marie Antoinette. The lovely grounds are on a promontory surrounded by the azure blue sea of the Mediterranean.

## Picasso Museum

Set in the Grimaldi Castle in Antibes, where Picasso once had a studio, this museum highlights vibrant works from his 1946 stay including *Le Joie de Vivre* and *La Femmes aux Oursins*, plus ceramics and sculptures alongside modern art by the likes of Germaine Richier.

## Fondation Maeght

This modern art museum, located in Saint-Paul de Vence, was founded in 1964 by Aimé and Marguerite Maeght and showcases works of art by renowned 20th-century artists including Alberto Giacometti, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Miro, Barbara Hepworth and Alexander Calder.



Arles

## Granet Museum

This museum holds a significant collection of Old Masters as well as a substantial Cezanne collection and 20thC modern art. It also has sculpture & archaeological rooms. Something for everyone.

## Aix-en-Provence

This bustling city was once the capital of Provence and boasts picturesque tree-lined avenues, 17th and 18th-century buildings, a wonderful old town and colourful market. Also the home of Paul Cezanne, visit the streets, places and landscapes that influenced his life and painting.

## Nice

Nice has a vibrant Old Town with winding streets, colourful architecture, local shops & above all, lively markets. Most well-known is the fragrant Flower Market. Take a stroll along the famous Promenade des Anglais, known as the heart of the city, for beautiful views. Nice Cathedral lies at the heart of the Old Town and is an example of Baroque architecture. It has ten chapels and a cupola clad in colourful tiles.

## Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence

This small Catholic chapel, located in the town of Vence, was built between 1947 and 1951 as is famed for Matisse's final masterpiece. Matisse designed and decorated it with stunning, vibrant stained-glass windows in contrast to simple white interiors, and black and white murals - a thank you to the nun who nursed him.

## Pullman Cannes Mandelieu & Hotel Aquabella & Spa

### Pullman Cannes Mandelieu (3 nights on half board basis)

In a stunning beachfront location overlooking the Bay of Cannes, the Pullman Cannes Mandelieu offers breathtaking views of the sea. The contemporary rooms all feature a private terrace with views of the sea or surrounding countryside. Rooms feature coffee/tea making facilities, hairdryer and free Wi-Fi. Hotel facilities include a private beach, outdoor pool, restaurants and bars.

### Hotel Aquabella & Spa (2 nights on bed & breakfast basis)

This is a modern and spacious hotel perfectly located in the historic centre of Aix-en-Provence. The comfortable rooms all feature tea/coffee-making facilities, hairdryer & free WiFi. There is a restaurant serving Mediterranean cuisine, a bar and leisure facilities include a heated outdoor pool and spa.

