



Barcelona 2 Monte Carlo & The French Riviera

Included

- Round trip luxury coach transport (with A/C, DVD, & bathroom) to Nice, Eze, Monaco, and Antibes
- Accommodation with your friends at top rated accommodations
- Breakfast (optional upgrade available)
- Exclusive Bus2alps discounts on various activities (sailing, windsurfing, and more)
- Exclusive Bus2alps discounts and entrance to Fragonard perfumery
- Bus2alps trip leader

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Currency

- Euro

What to Pack

- Passport
- Towel
- Weather-appropriate clothes
- Comfortable shoes / sandals
- Bathing suit
- Extra spending money

Detailed Itinerary

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Day 1

The trip departs Barcelona from Placa Catalunya. The meeting point is right outside the Hard Rock Cafe. Please meet your trip leader 20 minutes prior to departure. Travel to The French Riviera is by private, luxury coach bus with DVD and A/C. We make one 45 minute stop. Upon arrival to The French Riviera, we will check into our accommodation.

Day 2

Friday we will wake up to Nice, the Cote d'Azur's biggest city. Meet in the lobby after breakfast for a walking tour of Nice. Led by a local guide, this 1.5 hour tour will help you get acquainted with this incredible city. After the walking tour you have the day free to explore Nice. During the summer months, you can get exclusive Bus2alps discounts with our watersports partner on the beach. Go parachuting, flyboarding, kayaking and more.

Your guides can recommend plenty of eateries along the Promenade des Anglais and the harbourside. Ascend the Chateau, also known as Castle Hill, which is located near the beach for some incredible views of Nice and its blue ocean. Near the promenade you will find many of Nice's museums in addition to the Cours Saleya lower market. There is also an opportunity to go scuba diving and snorkelling (not included) which your guides can arrange. Availability of activities vary by day and by season, so speak with your trip leader before the walking tour if you're interested in any of these activities.

Friday night is free to enjoy an inexpensive meal at the hostel and some drinks at the hostel bar happy hour. Or, head into the city center for a crepe or dinner at one of several recommended restaurants. Later that night, we will go to Wayne's Bar to dance on tables while being serenaded by a live band. End your night at one of the nightclubs on or near the Promenade de Anglais, especially High Club, a Bus2alps favorite.

Day 3

Transportation between Nice, Eze, Monaco, and Antibes are all included. Transportation is by way of our private bus or public transportation if necessary. Optional transportation to Cannes is available by way of a local train ride.

Saturday morning we will depart the hostel and travel by coach bus to the preserved medieval village of Eze. Situated high on the Grand Corniche (1,400 feet above sea level), the views from here are unparalleled. We'll start with a 30-minute tour of the Fragonard Parfumerie, a famous French perfume factory and shop, after which you'll have time to shop for some delicious French perfume, soaps, candles, and more. After the parfumerie, we'll all walk up to the best viewpoint in town in the Exotic Gardens (entry not included). We'll have time to have lunch in Eze, and then depart for Monaco, the world's second smallest sovereign state.

Monaco is well known as the premiere getaway for multi-millionaires, featuring the world famous Monte Carlo Casino, with its opulent decorations and extravagant cars surrounding the main entrance. Your trip leader will walk you to the casino and provide directions to the Prince's Palace of Monaco (formerly the residence of Grace Kelly), the Monaco Cathedral, the Oceanarium, Japanese Gardens, and beach. All of these sites are reachable by foot or a short bus ride on the same high speed road as the Grand Prix of Monaco. We will leave Monaco that evening and will be back to Nice in time for you to hop onto the French Riviera bar crawl (not included). This bar crawl will take you to 4 bars, one club, and an evening of good times.

Day 4

Sunday morning we depart for the beautiful medieval coastal village of Antibes by way of our private coach bus. Antibes is known for the IYC, home to some of the world's biggest superyachts. Antibes is the perfect place to lounge on the beach, eat some local rotisserie chicken, especially in the open-air market, and pick up some original souvenirs. We can also take you to an absinthe tasting in an original absinthe bar near the markets (not included). A short walk along the sea wall will connect you with the Picasso Museum and many of Antibes's quaint shops. We will depart Antibes for Barcelona. We will make one stop for dinner.

Optional Activities

Monte Carlo Casino: For entrance to the table room, you need to be wearing decent clothes (open-toed shoes, shorts, and hats are not allowed). You need to provide your passport for entrance.

Exotic Gardens (Eze): One of the best viewpoints on the Cote d'Azur.

Picasso Museum: The one-time home of Pablo Picasso is worth checking out if you need a break from the superyachts.

Paul du Vance: It is possible on Sunday if you wake up early enough to head up to St. Paul du Vance, another impressive town, inland on the Cote d'Azur.

Sailing, Diving, Canyoning, Rock Climbing, Kite Surfing, Surfing: All of these activities are available, conditions permitting, in Nice.

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