



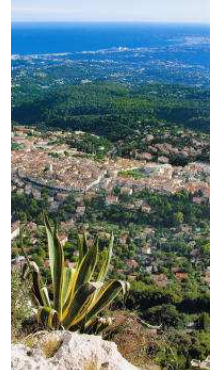
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## **Hidden pathways on the French Riviera**

### **Côte d'Azur walking tour for groups**

**An easily accessible 4-day getaway to Vence: historic city with authentic charm, for a walking tour between the picturesque coast and mountains (20 minutes from the Nice airport). Discover the diversity of coastal and mountain landscapes and the rich heritage of the villages .This programme includes a professional guide and is accessible to average walkers all seasons.**



#### **Day 1 : Vence, Saint Jeannet, Tourrettes sur Loup**

Welcome at Nice airport (or in the railway station), transfer to **Saint Jeannet**. A few kilometres away from Vence is Saint Jeannet's so-called "**Baou**", an impressive, 400-m high limestone rock cliff. While climbing, we enjoy dreamy views over the **Nice coastal area**. Thyme, rosemary and herb savours recall the scents of Provence... Picnic on the Baou. In the afternoon, we visit the picturesque artists' village of **Tourrettes-sur-Loup**, still a centre for active craftwork. Walk on the Riviera's "balcony" paths.

Settle into the hotel where your tour is based: **Vence**, the city of arts, that has attracted many great painters, including Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall. The Rosaire Chapel, built by Matisse outside of town, is a must-see. The old town is full of charm: the Peyra Square with its adorable fountain, art galleries, restaurants and cafés decorate the quaint little streets. Dinner in a restaurant in the old town, to hotel

**Climb : 400 m**

**Walk approx. 3½ hrs**

#### **Day 2 Promontories around Grasse**

Drive to **Grasse**, world centre of the perfume industry, and start of the famed **Route Napoléon**. Today's walk brings us over paths used by cattle herds en route to and from **Alpine pastures**, up to the archaeological site of "Oppidum de la Malle", a fortified encampment built from stone blocks and dating back to centuries B.C. During the picnic, the view over nature's finest landscapes topped with typical Provençal dry stone cottages is beautiful. We continue by bus to **Gourdon**, a perched village at an altitude of 650 meters. From there, we walk down "**Paradise Way**" which, for centuries, was the only access road to the village and overlooks a fabulous panorama. Dinner and overnight in Vence.

**Climb : 250 m**

**Walk approx. 4 hrs.**

#### **Day 3 : Colours of the Estérel**

Drive along the coastal road to **Cannes** and the Esterel **Mountains**, an impressive geological anomaly on the Cote d'Azur. Our morning walk follows the wild, romantic **Seaside Path**, with its jewel-like contrasts between the colours of the red rocks and the green vegetation. During the picnic break, you may like to have a swim. In the afternoon, we will walk through the woods up to a scenic lake surrounded by cork oaks, heather and strawberry trees. Return to Vence for a nice dinner and overnight

**Climb: 150 m**

**Walk approx. 5 hrs.**

#### **Day 4 : Vence , Saint Paul**

Free time in **Vence** for a discovery of the town, or a walk to the village of **St Paul**. Visit the **village** on your own: As you arrive in town, you will come to the famous *boules* square that was immortalised by Lino Ventura and Yves Montand: a very lively place with a café and terrace. The old walled village has beautiful medieval architecture: ramparts, lovely stone houses, narrow cobble-stoned streets, charming fountains ... **Saint-Paul-de-Vence** has always been a magnet for artists and houses many art galleries, as well as the renowned Maeght Foundation – a modern art centre (visit at your convenience)

**Climb : 150 m**

**Walk approx. 2 hrs.**

#### **Our services :**

- 4 days/3 nights in Vence, 3-star hotel
- Full board (3 breakfasts + 3 picnic lunches + 3 dinners)
- Professional English-speaking mountain guide for 3 days
- All transfers and bag transportation

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