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# An Invitation to Celebrate in Nice: Jordan's 40th Birthday and a Riviera Adventure

## The Timeless Charm of Nice – Mediterranean Beauty Awaits

Friends, I couldn't be more thrilled to invite you on this incredible journey. This isn't just a party—it's a celebration of life, connection, and the timeless beauty of the Côte d'Azur. Nice holds a deep place in my heart; it's where my family has found peace, joy, and unforgettable memories for generations, and now I want you to experience its magic too.

Picture this: cobblestone streets whispering stories of the past, a Mediterranean breeze cooler than any fan, and sunsets so vivid they deserve their own museum exhibit. Nice is a place where life slows down, inviting you to savor every moment—whether you're sipping coffee at a café, marveling at art in the **Marc Chagall Museum**, or sinking your toes into the sand at **Castel Plage**.

This trip is designed to be cross-generational, welcoming kids, parents, grandparents, partners, and friends to share in the magic of Nice. It's an opportunity to create connections that span lifetimes and celebrate the richness of each generation's perspective. However, while the week embraces everyone, the **birthday party itself is reserved for invited guests and their +1.**

This intimate evening will be a highlight of the celebration, filled with thoughtful details and unforgettable moments for those closest to me.

This guide is your passport to a week of Riviera bliss. From handpicked accommodations to curated experiences, it's all here to help you plan your adventure seamlessly. Whether you're drawn to the cultural gems, culinary indulgences, or simply a chance to relax and recharge, this is your invitation to embrace Nice in all its splendor.

Pack your chicest attire, your best energy, and an open heart. Let's make this a week of laughter, sunsets, and stories that will last a lifetime. Nice is ready to welcome us. The question is, are you ready for Nice?







## Accommodations: Thoughtful Luxury in Every Detail

Alright, folks—this is where the magic happens. Whether you’re looking for a chic boutique vibe, classic French grandeur, or the coziness of a private villa, Nice has it all. I’ve done the homework so you don’t have to. Here are some stellar options to rest your head after a long day of basking in the Riviera sun and indulging in its delights:

### Hotels:

- **Hotel Amour Nice**  
Think artsy, modern, and just the right amount of cool. This boutique gem brings together Mediterranean ease with contemporary flair. Perfect for those who want a vibe that’s as stylish as it is chill.  
*Price: €300–€500 per night.*
- **The Negresco**  
If you’re in the mood to feel like royalty (or at least vacation like it), The Negresco is your spot. This isn’t just a hotel—it’s a piece of history. Think grand chandeliers, Belle Époque elegance, and service that makes you feel like the star you are.  
*Price: €600–€1,200 per night.*
- **Le Méridien Nice**  
Bright, sunlit terraces overlooking the sea and a rooftop pool for when you need a break from the beach. This one’s for the folks who love a touch of luxe without going over the top.  
*Price: €500–€800 per night.*

- **Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée**

Art Deco vibes meet Riviera elegance. Picture yourself sipping rosé on your balcony, staring out at the Med, and thinking, “Yeah, I could X FREEURgTREE et used to ŽA .”auDyfyJ

*Price: €600–€1,100 per night.*

- **Anantara Plaza Nice Hotel**

Newly renovated and ridiculously chin. It’s modern but with a timeless Riviera charm that makes you feel like you’ve stepped into a movie.

*Price: €500–€900 per night.*

### **Vacation Rentals:**

For those of you who love a little more privacy and space, Nice has some amazing rentals that feel like home—but better. Perfect for families, friend groups, or anyone who wants to wake up, make coffee in their own kitchen, and step onto a private terrace.

- **Airbnb:** From charming studios in Old Town to sprawling villas with infinity pools, you’ll find something to match your vibe.
- **Nice Pebbles:** They’ve curated some of the most gorgeous apartments in town, blending local charm with modern amenities.
- **VRBO:** Ideal for families or groups, with options ranging from cozy cottages to luxurious seaside homes.
- **StayYNA Nice:** A boutique rental company offering handpicked homes with plenty of character and all the comforts of a five-star stay.

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**Pro Tip:** Wherever you stay, book early—it’s Nice in July, and the best spots go fast. Whether you’re dreaming of a quiet retreat or a lively base for exploring, there’s a place here with your name on it.



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## Sample Schedules: Timeless Moments to Inspire

Let's dive into what your days in Nice could look like—imagine a blend of exploration, relaxation, and unforgettable dining. Below is a refined itinerary that's here to inspire, but feel free to add your own flair. Remember, this is *your* Riviera adventure.

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### Pre-Birthday Week (July 13th - 18th):

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#### Day 1 - Arrival & Reflection (July 13th):

*Let the Riviera set the tone.*

**Morning/Afternoon:** Arrive in Nice, exhale, and soak it all in. Get settled at your hotel or villa and embrace the slow rhythms of the Côte d'Azur. A café au lait or a glass of chilled rosé is never a bad idea to start.

**Evening:** Stroll along the iconic **Promenade des Anglais** during golden hour. The sky? Picture-perfect. The vibe? Effortless. Cap off your evening at **Le Galet**, a beachfront gem serving Mediterranean flavors to match the sea breeze.

*(Estimated cost: €50–€80 per person)*

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## Day 2 - A Day of Culture (July 14th):

*Art and views to feed your soul.*

**Morning:** Begin your day at the **Marc Chagall National Museum**. The vivid colors and dreamlike works are an instant mood lift.

*(Entry: €10)*

**Afternoon:** Head to **Colline du Château** for panoramic views that will make your heart skip a beat. This spot is a love letter to Nice—perfect for that postcard moment.

**Dinner:** Dine like royalty at **Le Chantecler**. With its Michelin stars and Belle Époque elegance, it's the culinary highlight you didn't know you needed.

*(Estimated cost: €100+ per person)*

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## Day 3 - Antibes & The Sea (July 15th):

*Saltwater, sunshine, and a side of glamour.*

**Morning:** Escape to **Plage Keller** in **Antibes**, where the water shimmers like a jewel. Lounge on plush sunbeds and let the Riviera work its magic.

**Lunch:** Savor fresh seafood and stunning views at **Le César**. Think laid-back luxury, where the flavors speak for themselves.

**Evening:** Back in Nice, dine at **La Petite Maison**, the epitome of Mediterranean sophistication. It's a favorite for a reason—simple dishes done impeccably.

*(Estimated cost: €100+ per person)*

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## Day 4 - Vintage Charm (July 16th):

*The past meets the present.*

**Morning:** Stroll through **La Belle Époque Vintage**, a treasure trove of curated finds. Each piece has a story, and who doesn't love a good story?

**Afternoon:** Indulge in gourmet treats at **Comtesse du Barry**. Whether you're craving foie gras or fine chocolates, this is where foodie dreams come true.



**Dinner:** Unwind at **Olive & Artichaut**, a hidden bistro in **Old Town**. The dishes? Fresh, local, and full of heart.

*(Estimated cost: €20–€40 per person)*

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## Day 5 - Exploration & Excursions (July 17th):

*Beyond Nice, where every turn tells a tale.*

**Morning:** Venture to **Villefranche-sur-Mer**, a quaint seaside village with pastel buildings and a tranquil harbor. Wander its cobblestone streets or sip an espresso by the water.

**Lunch:** Find yourself at **La Mère Germaine**, a classic French restaurant renowned for its seafood and serene ambiance.

**Afternoon:** Take a short drive to **Saint-Paul-de-Vence**, a hilltop village beloved by artists like Chagall and Picasso. Explore its galleries and winding streets, where every corner is postcard-worthy.

**Dinner:** Return to Nice for a culinary journey at **Peixes**, a chic spot where seafood reigns supreme. The vibe? Cool, modern, and oh-so-Mediterranean.

*(Estimated cost: €20–€40 per person)*

### Looking to venture even farther?

While Nice offers endless beauty, it's also an incredible jumping-off point for deeper European adventures. With just a short drive, you can explore stunning nearby destinations:

- **Florence, Italy** — About a 4.5-hour drive, Florence dazzles with its Renaissance art, historic architecture, and irresistible Tuscan charm. It's a perfect add-on for those craving a dash of Italy.
- **Provence** — Under 2 hours away, the lavender fields, rustic villages, and famous rosé wines await.
- **Saint-Tropez** — A glamorous day trip about 2 hours from Nice, where beach clubs, shopping, and seaside chic reign supreme.
- **Cannes** — Only a 40-minute drive — perfect for a leisurely afternoon of luxe shopping, coastal walks, or a visit to the famous Palais des Festivals.

Whether you plan a quick day trip or a mini escape, the Riviera's proximity to so many legendary destinations means adventure is always just a drive away. 🌸

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## Day 6 - Leisure & Luxe (July 18th):

*Indulge your senses and savor every moment.*

**Morning:** Spend your morning at **Castel Plage**, Nice's iconic beach club. Sunbathe, swim, or sip on a spritz—it's all about indulgence.

**Lunch:** Head to **Boccaccio**, where seafood platters are served with a side of Riviera charm.

**Afternoon:** Treat yourself to a bespoke fragrance workshop at **Molinard** in nearby **Grasse**. Create a scent that's as unique as your journey.

**Dinner:** End your day at **Le Plongeur**, a restaurant perched on a platform above the sea. With views this stunning and dishes this fresh, it's the perfect grand finale to your pre-birthday week.  
(Estimated cost: €70–€100 per person)

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Each of these days is designed to celebrate life's quiet and vibrant moments. Whether you're strolling through charming villages, indulging in culinary masterpieces, or simply soaking up the Mediterranean sun, the Riviera invites you to savor it all.

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### **The Main Event: Jordan's 40th Birthday Celebration – July 19th**

The crown jewel of the week—an evening that promises to be as memorable as the Riviera itself. My **40th birthday celebration** is a moment to honor connection, joy, and the life we've shared, surrounded by the timeless beauty of Nice.



This intimate affair is exclusively for invited guests and their +1s. While the week invites all generations to bask in the magic of the Côte d'Azur, this night is about gathering my closest friends and loved ones for something truly special.

Expect an elegant yet relaxed atmosphere that reflects the essence of Nice. Thoughtful details, an incredible setting, and the best people—you—will make this celebration one to remember. The evening will feel like a love letter to this place and the people who make life worth celebrating.

The specifics are still under wraps (because a little intrigue adds to the magic), but trust me, it's going to be a quietly luxurious night. Bring your best energy, your most radiant smile, and maybe even your dance moves. Let's make this milestone unforgettable.

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## Post-Birthday Week: July 20th - 26th

*The celebration continues with moments to savor and adventures to explore.*

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### Day 1 - A Day by the Sea (July 20th):

*Beachside bliss and simple pleasures.*

**Morning:** Unwind at **Castel Plage**, where the gentle sound of waves and plush sunbeds create the ultimate seaside retreat. Whether you're sipping on a crisp rosé or diving into the Mediterranean's crystal-clear waters, relaxation is the only thing on the agenda.

**Afternoon:** Wander to **Fenocchio**, the famed ice cream shop in **Old Town**, and lose yourself in the joy of over 100 incredible flavors. (Lavender and fig? Yes, please.)

**Evening:** Keep things easy and breezy with a casual dinner at **Casa Leya**, a charming Italian spot where rustic pizzas and handmade pastas hit just the right note.  
(Estimated cost: €20–€30 per person)

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### Day 2 - A Scented Escape (July 21st):

*Create something uniquely yours.*

**Morning/Afternoon:** Take a short journey to **Molinard** in **Grasse**, the perfume capital of the world. Here, you'll craft your own bespoke fragrance—your personal Riviera keepsake. Imagine a scent that captures the sea breeze, sun-dappled terraces, and flowers blooming in the summer light.

**Evening:** Return to Nice and treat yourself to dinner at **Peixes**, where Mediterranean flavors meet modern flair. This chic spot will have you feeling cool and refreshed.  
(Estimated cost: €20–€40 per person)

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### Day 3 - Water & Wind (July 22nd):

*Adventure meets serenity.*

**Morning:** Dive into the azure waters at **Plage du Centenaire**. Whether you're paddleboarding for peace or jet skiing for thrills, this is your chance to embrace the Mediterranean's sparkling charm.

**Afternoon:** Grab a late lunch at **Movida**, a rooftop cocktail bar overlooking the sea. The vibe? Chic yet relaxed, with cocktails to match.

**Evening:** Head to **La Merenda**, a no-frills, no-reservations spot serving authentic French cuisine that proves simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.  
(Estimated cost: €30–€50 per person)

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### Day 4 - Art & Inspiration (July 23rd):

*Where creativity blooms.*

**Morning:** Visit the **Modern and Contemporary Art Museum (MAMAC)** to explore its bold exhibitions. Think Yves Klein's vivid blues and Niki de Saint Phalle's whimsical sculptures.

**Afternoon:** Stop for lunch at **Olive & Artichaut**, a small bistro where the ingredients shine brighter than the Riviera sun.

**Evening:** Wrap up the day with a sunset drink at **Le Plongeur**, a restaurant perched above the sea. The views are nothing short of cinematic.

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### Day 5 - Discovering Eze (July 24th):

*Medieval charm with a view.*

**Morning:** Take a day trip to **Eze Village**, perched high above the Mediterranean. Wander its winding streets, visit the **Jardin Exotique**, and soak in the panoramic views that stretch to infinity.

**Lunch:** Dine at **La Chèvre d'Or**, a Michelin-starred restaurant where every dish is as breathtaking as the view.

**Evening:** Return to Nice for a low-key evening. Maybe a stroll along the **Cours Saleya** market, or a nightcap at **La Part des Anges**, a chic wine bar with a selection of natural wines.

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## **Day 6 - Monaco Glamour (July 25th):**

*Glamorous escapes.*

**Morning:** Explore **Monaco**, the epitome of Riviera luxury. Tour the stunning **Casino de Monte-Carlo** and stroll through the lush **Exotic Garden**.

**Lunch:** Dine at **Café de Paris**, an iconic brasserie right in the heart of the action.

**Afternoon:** Take in the yachts and sparkling waters of Port Hercules before returning to Nice.

**Evening:** Dinner at **Le Galet** for one last stunning seaside meal.

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## **Day 7 - Reflection & Farewell (July 26th):**

*One last hurrah.*

**Morning:** Savor a final leisurely breakfast at **Boccaccio**, indulging in pastries and coffee as you soak in the morning light.

**Afternoon:** Take one last walk along the **Promenade des Anglais**, letting the beauty of Nice linger a little longer.

**Evening:** Head to the airport or train station, taking with you memories of connection, laughter, and everything that makes the Riviera unforgettable.

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The post-birthday week is all about balance: adventure and relaxation, glitz and simplicity. Whether you're paddleboarding, exploring hilltop villages, or sipping wine as the sun sets, there's magic to be found in every moment.

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## Packing with Purpose: Embrace the Elegance of Nice

In July, Nice basks in the warmth of the Mediterranean sun, offering sun-drenched days and balmy evenings. Average temperatures range from 68–81°F (20–27°C), with record highs reaching up to 93°F (34°C) in recent years. This climate invites a wardrobe that balances elegance with comfort.

### Essentials for Your Journey:

- **Sunscreen:** Opt for a lightweight, high-SPF formula to shield your skin from the Mediterranean sun. French pharmacy brands like La Roche-Posay and Avène are renowned for their effective and elegant sun protection.
- **Swimwear:** Select refined designs that embody the understated elegance of the Riviera. A classic one-piece or a minimalist bikini in neutral tones ensures sophistication.
- **Comfortable Footwear:** Navigating Nice's cobblestone streets calls for stylish yet practical shoes. Consider chic sandals or espadrilles that offer both comfort and flair.
- **Lightweight Fabrics:** Pack garments made from breathable materials like linen and cotton in soft, neutral hues. These fabrics keep you cool during the day and exude effortless chic.
- **Sunglasses and Hat:** Protect yourself from the sun with classic accessories. A wide-brimmed straw hat and timeless sunglasses not only offer protection but also enhance your ensemble.
- **Evening Attire:** For dinners and soirées, consider resort wear that combines elegance with comfort. A flowing maxi dress or tailored linen trousers paired with a silk blouse can transition seamlessly from day to night.

- **Beach Essentials:** A lightweight, quick-dry towel is ideal for visits to private beach clubs. Brands like Dock & Bay offer compact options that are both functional and stylish.
- **Portable Charger:** Ensure your devices remain powered throughout your explorations with a discreet portable charger. Anker's compact models are both reliable and easy to carry.

By curating a wardrobe that reflects the serene elegance of the South of France, you'll be prepared to embrace each moment with grace and style.

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### Flight Information: Smooth Journeys to the French Riviera

Let's talk flights, friends! Getting to Nice is as much a part of the adventure as being there. Whether you're flying in from the East Coast, the South, or the West Coast, there are plenty of options to ensure your journey is seamless and comfortable. Below, I've broken down some key departure cities, flight details, and price estimates to help you lock in your plans.

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#### From New York (JFK/EWR):

- **Direct Flights:** Delta and American Airlines both offer non-stop routes to Nice. You'll touch down in approximately 8–9 hours.
- **Estimated Costs:**

- Economy: \$850–\$1,300 round-trip
- Business: \$3,200–\$4,800 for that lay-flat luxury

Pro Tip: New Yorkers, book early! Summer is high season, and seats to the Côte d'Azur fill up fast.

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#### From Los Angeles (LAX):

- **Connections Only:** One-stop routes via Paris, London, or Frankfurt are your go-to options, with smooth layovers courtesy of Air France and British Airways.
- **Estimated Costs:**
  - Economy: \$1,300–\$1,600
  - Business: Starting at \$4,800

West Coasters, consider tacking on a few days in Europe before Nice. A quick stop in Paris, perhaps?

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#### From Atlanta (ATL):

- **One-Stop Flights:** Delta and Air France team up to offer convenient layovers in Paris before whisking you to the Riviera. Flight time is about 11 hours, including connections.
- **Estimated Costs:**
  - Economy: \$950–\$1,400
  - Business: \$3,800+

For my fellow Southerners, ATL has you covered with some of the best connection options.

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#### From Miami (MIA):

- **One-Stop Flights:** Air France and Lufthansa lead the way, with layovers in Paris or Frankfurt. Sit back and let the anticipation build.
- **Estimated Costs:**
  - Economy: \$1,100–\$1,500
  - Business: From \$4,000 and up

Miami crew, the sun and sea await you on both sides of the Atlantic.

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#### From San Francisco (SFO):

- **One-Stop Flights:** Paris, London, and Frankfurt make excellent hubs before your final descent into Nice. Air France, Lufthansa, and British Airways are your best bets.
- **Estimated Costs:**
  - Economy: \$1,300–\$1,600
  - Business: Starting at \$4,800

SFO travelers, prepare for a 13–15-hour journey—but trust me, that Mediterranean sunset will be worth every mile.

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#### **From Orlando (MCO):**

- **One-Stop Flights:** Air France, British Airways, and American Airlines make this journey easy with connections in Paris or London.
- **Estimated Costs:**
  - Economy: \$950–\$1,400
  - Business: From \$3,800

Orlando friends, you’ve got a clear path to paradise. Bonus points for squeezing in some duty-free shopping during your layover.

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#### **Pro Tips for Booking:**

- **Book Early:** The earlier you book, the better the fare and availability—especially during Nice’s sun-soaked summer season.
  - **Consider Flexibility:** Mid-week departures or slightly longer layovers can help trim costs.
  - **Leverage Points:** Have an AmEx or a travel rewards card? Use those points to snag upgrades or perks.
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**Let’s get those flights locked in, and I’ll see you in the Riviera!**

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## Famous Retreats on the French Riviera: Where Legends Find Bliss

### Eze

Perched high above the sea, **Eze** feels like stepping into a storybook. Walt Disney found creative inspiration in its winding medieval streets, while Bono retreats here for its serene beauty. Don't miss the **Jardin Exotique**, where lush greenery frames panoramic views that stretch endlessly over the Côte d'Azur.

### Monaco

Welcome to the playground of the elite. Once synonymous with Grace Kelly's timeless charm, Monaco now hosts modern icons like Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt during the **Grand Prix**. It's luxury redefined—polished yachts, Michelin-starred dining, and the quiet hum of understated wealth.

### Juan-les-Pins

Think of **Juan-les-Pins** as the Riviera's youthful rebel. F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote of its vibrant nightlife and dreamy beaches, where the bohemian spirit of the 1920s still lingers. Today, it's a lively escape, perfect for sunset cocktails and carefree evenings.

### Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Art and history intertwine in **Saint-Paul-de-Vence**, a hilltop village that's drawn the likes of Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, and James Baldwin. Wander its cobblestone streets, where galleries and cafés hum with quiet charm, offering a timeless escape steeped in cultural richness.

### **Antibes**

The essence of refinement. **Pablo Picasso** lived and worked here, inspired by the town's tranquil energy. At **Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc**, legends like Elizabeth Taylor and Marilyn Monroe found sanctuary. It's elegance without pretension, where every corner invites you to linger.

### **Villefranche-sur-Mer**

A quiet harbor wrapped in pastel perfection, **Villefranche** has welcomed the likes of David Niven and Tina Turner. Here, life slows to a gentle pace, where scenic strolls and intimate cafés offer a serene retreat from the world.

### **Cap d'Ail**

Where cliffs meet the sea in dramatic harmony, **Cap d'Ail** captured the hearts of Winston Churchill and Josephine Baker. This understated retreat offers breathtaking views and secluded coves, perfect for quiet contemplation or a private picnic by the water.

### **Cap Ferrat**

Exclusive and timeless, **Cap Ferrat** is the pinnacle of Riviera luxury. Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and Frank Sinatra sought its solitude, where opulent villas sit amid lush gardens, and the world feels miles away. It's the kind of place where you'll want to lose yourself—and maybe never leave.

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## Where to Wine, Dine, and Unwind in Style: The Best of Nice

### Restaurants: Riviera's Finest Culinary Gems:

#### **La Petite Maison (French, \$110+)**

This intimate culinary haven is where simplicity meets elegance, drawing a star-studded crowd (think Beyoncé and Jay-Z). Known for its impeccable Mediterranean dishes, it's all about unpretentious luxury here. Pro tip: don't miss the lemon chicken, paired with a crisp glass of local rosé.

#### **Le Chantecler (Haute French, \$110+)**

Nestled inside the iconic **Negresco Hotel**, this two-Michelin-starred masterpiece serves haute French cuisine with a side of Belle Époque charm. The opulent setting, complete with gilded mirrors and chandeliers, is as exquisite as the foie gras terrine.

#### **Le Galet (Mediterranean, \$55–\$85)**

Perched beachfront along the **Promenade des Anglais**, Le Galet offers Mediterranean flavors with serene sea views. From perfectly grilled octopus to pasta loaded with fresh seafood, every dish is a love letter to the Riviera.

#### **Olive & Artichaut (French, \$25–\$45)**

Hidden in **Vieux Nice**, this cozy spot champions local, seasonal ingredients with a fresh take on Provençal classics. Think truffle risotto and melt-in-your-mouth lamb shoulder in a space that feels like dining in a friend's kitchen.

**Casa Leya (Italian, \$25–\$35)**

For handmade pasta, wood-fired pizza, and an unbeatable tiramisu, head to Casa Leya. This Italian gem brings rustic charm and hearty dishes that are perfect for a casual yet refined dinner.

**Boccaccio (Mediterranean, \$55–\$85)**

Seafood lovers, rejoice. From jaw-dropping seafood platters to creamy risotto with scampi, Boccaccio is a lively, upscale spot that blends Mediterranean flavors with Riviera chic.

**Peixes (Mediterranean, \$25–\$45)**

This trendy eatery is a seafood lover's paradise. The raw bar is a standout, offering everything from oysters to delicate ceviche, all paired with refreshing cocktails and minimalist decor.

**Le Plongeur (Mediterranean, \$75–\$110)**

Arguably the most unique dining experience in Nice, this restaurant sits atop a diving platform overlooking the sea. The views are as spectacular as the menu, featuring everything from freshly caught lobster to indulgent panna cotta.

**Le Banthai (Thai, \$25–\$35)**

A stylish escape into Southeast Asia, Le Banthai brings the vibrant flavors of Thai cuisine to Nice. Their green curry and spicy papaya salad are crowd favorites, perfect for when you need a break from Provençal fare.

**Delhi Belhi (Indian, \$25–\$35)**

A hidden gem for lovers of authentic Indian cuisine, Delhi Belhi offers classics like butter chicken and samosas in an intimate setting. The warm hospitality is as memorable as the food.

**Mamo Michelangelo (Italian, \$110+)**

A favorite of Hollywood A-listers, this Cannes staple serves Italian classics with Riviera flair. If it's good enough for Leonardo DiCaprio, it's good enough for us.

**La Guérite - Cannes (French, \$110+)**

Set on the **Île Sainte-Marguerite**, this island retreat offers sophisticated French cuisine and a glamorous atmosphere. Arrive by boat, sip champagne, and savor dishes like truffle risotto and perfectly seared fish.

**Restaurant JAN (Fine Dining, \$110+)**

A Michelin-starred gem, JAN blends South African roots with French culinary artistry. Every plate feels like a celebration of heritage and creativity, making it a must-visit for true foodies.

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**Wine Bars & Cocktail Lounges: Sips with a View:****La Part des Anges (Wine Bar, \$15–\$35)**

Natural wine aficionados, rejoice. This chic spot is all about small-batch producers, offering a curated selection that pairs perfectly with charcuterie and the warm, intimate vibe.



**Barrique (Wine Bar, \$15–\$35)**

A cozy hideaway for wine lovers, Barrique is known for its eclectic selection and knowledgeable staff. The dim lighting and rustic decor make it an ideal spot for a laid-back evening.

**Movida (Cocktail Bar, \$25–\$35)**

Set along the **Promenade des Anglais**, Movida is where expertly crafted cocktails meet sweeping sea views. Their signature mojito pairs perfectly with the sunset over the Mediterranean.

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**Beach Clubs & Cafés: Where Elegance Meets Relaxation:****Castel Plage (Beach Club)**

Tucked beneath the cliffs of **Colline du Château**, Castel Plage combines exclusivity with timeless elegance. Plush loungers, impeccable service, and a menu featuring fresh seafood make it a favorite for discerning beachgoers.

**Plage Keller (Beach Club)**

Located in Antibes, this refined beach club offers a slice of Riviera luxury. Relax on plush sunbeds, sip champagne, and dine on grilled fish while soaking in views of the sparkling blue waters.

**Negresco Beach Club**

Attached to the iconic Negresco Hotel, this private beach club embodies Riviera style. Expect world-class service, chic vibes, and direct access to the crystal-clear waters of the Mediterranean.

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These spots are just the beginning. Whether you're savoring truffle-laden dishes, sipping a glass of rosé as the sun sets, or lounging by the sea in effortless style, each destination promises an experience worthy of your Riviera adventure.

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## **Where to Shop & Immerse in Art: Nice's Best Boutiques & Cultural Gems**

### **Boutiques & Vintage Shops: Unearthing Timeless Treasures:**

#### **La Belle Epoque Vintage**

Step into a world where history and haute couture collide. This vintage shop is a haven for the fashion-savvy traveler, offering handpicked treasures from the golden age of European elegance. From flapper-style dresses to mid-century statement jewelry, every piece tells a story. Pro tip: Chat with the owner—they have a knack for finding pieces that match your vibe.

#### **Very Bad Frip Vintage Shop**

Quirky, bold, and unapologetically fun, Very Bad Frip is for those who aren't afraid to make a statement. Think colorful jumpsuits, leather jackets with attitude, and accessories that scream personality. Bonus: It's an Instagrammer's paradise with its eclectic decor and vibrant energy.

#### **Mademoiselle Nice Vintage Shop et Antiquités**

Equal parts vintage boutique and antique emporium, this gem is where you'll find everything from retro Chanel handbags to charming home decor. With its curated selection of high-end consignment pieces, this is the place to snag a unique souvenir that's as stylish as it is storied.

#### **Les Folies d'Eugénie**

For a mix of luxury and whimsy, head to Les Folies d'Eugénie. This boutique balances classic elegance with unique finds, offering everything from vintage Louis Vuitton luggage to bohemian dresses. It's a treasure hunt where every rack feels like a curated gallery.

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## **Cultural Landmarks & Museums: Art, History, and Views:**

### **Marc Chagall National Museum**

Imagine stepping into a world bathed in dreamlike colors and biblical symbolism. This museum, dedicated to the works of Marc Chagall, is a sanctuary for art lovers. Highlights include his breathtaking stained-glass windows and the iconic series depicting the story of Genesis. Whether you're an art aficionado or just seeking inspiration, this serene space is not to be missed. Admission: \$11.

### **Colline du Château**

A hilltop oasis with panoramic views that stretch from the red-tiled rooftops of **Vieux Nice** to the sparkling azure waters of the Mediterranean. Once home to a medieval castle, this park is now a tranquil escape perfect for picnics, photography, or just soaking in the Riviera breeze. Don't miss the cascading waterfall or the climb to the observation deck—it's worth every step.

### **Modern and Contemporary Art Museum (MAMAC)**

Prepare for a sensory feast. MAMAC's striking modern architecture is just the beginning. Inside, you'll find works by art-world heavyweights like Yves Klein and Niki de Saint Phalle, along with experimental pieces that push the boundaries of contemporary creativity. With its blend of bold exhibits and thought-provoking installations, this museum is a must for modern art enthusiasts. Admission: \$10.

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From uncovering rare vintage finds to basking in the brilliance of Chagall's artistry, these experiences capture the essence of Nice: a city where elegance and creativity go hand in hand. Whether you're strolling through boutique-lined streets or marveling at sweeping views from **Colline du Château**, every moment promises a story worth sharing.