



The French Riviera & Monaco

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Why Go?

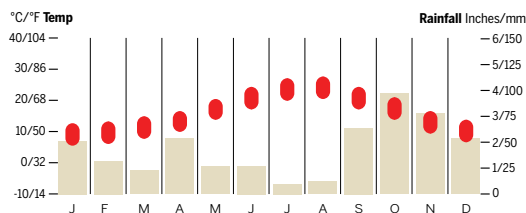
With its glistening seas, idyllic beaches and fabulous weather, the Riviera (known as Côte d'Azur to the French) encapsulates many people's idea of the good life. The beauty is that there is so much more to do than just going to the beach – although the Riviera does take beach-going *very* seriously: from nudist beach to secluded cove or exclusive club, there is something for everyone.

Culture vultures will revel in the region's thriving art scene: the Riviera has some fine museums, including world-class modern art, and a rich history to explore in Roman ruins, WWII memorials and excellent museums.

Foodies for their part will rejoice at the prospect of lingering in fruit and veg markets, touring vineyards and feasting on some of France's best cuisines, while outdoor enthusiasts will be spoilt for choice with coastal paths to explore, and snorkelling and swimming galore.

When to Go

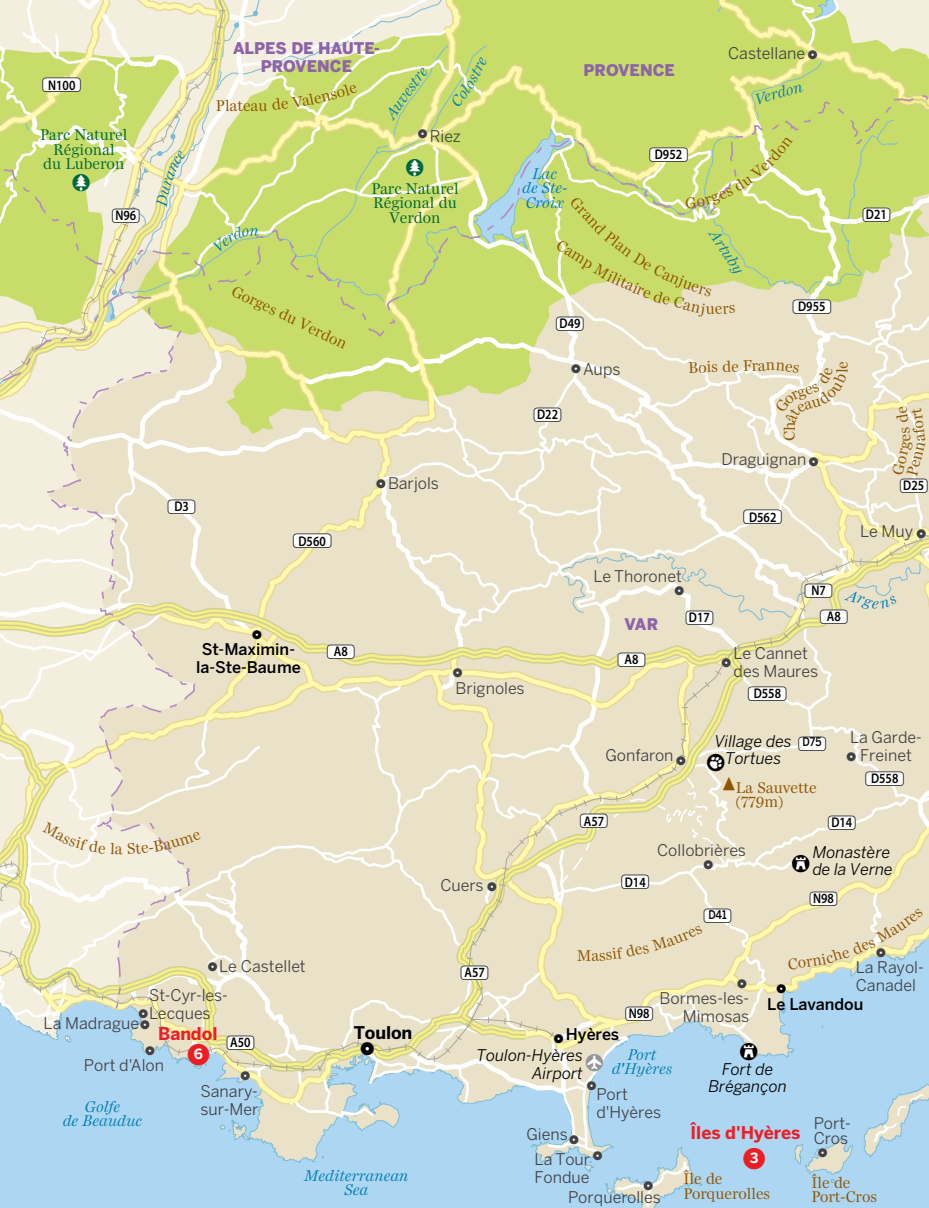
Monaco



Feb Carnival season, with two weeks of festivities in Nice and Menton.

May Jet-setters descend on the Riviera for Monaco's Grand Prix and the Cannes Film Festival.

Jul Fireworks on 14 July, jazz festival in Antibes, and perfect beach weather.



The French Riviera & Monaco Highlights

- 1 Taking a scenic drive along the **Grande Corniche** (p866) for jaw-dropping views of the Med
- 2 Losing yourself in labyrinthine **Vieux Nice** (p830) and enjoying a panoramic picnic on Parc du Château
- 3 Catching a ferry to the **Îles d'Hyères** (p863) for pristine Mediterranean seascapes
- 4 Enjoying a fabulous day in **St-Tropez** (p857)