



# The French Riviera & Monaco

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## Best Places to Stay

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## Why Go?

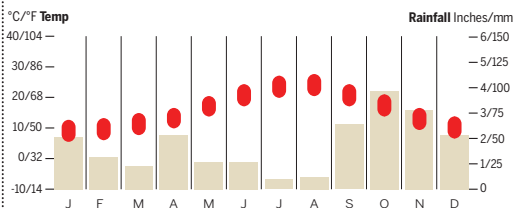
With its glistening seas, idyllic beaches and fabulous weather, the Riviera encapsulates many people's idea of the good life. The beauty is that there is so much more to do than just going to the beach – although the Riviera does take beach-going *very* seriously: from nudist beach to secluded cove or 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, whilst outdoor enthusiasts will be spoilt for choice with coastal paths to explore, and snorkelling and swimming galore.

## When to Go

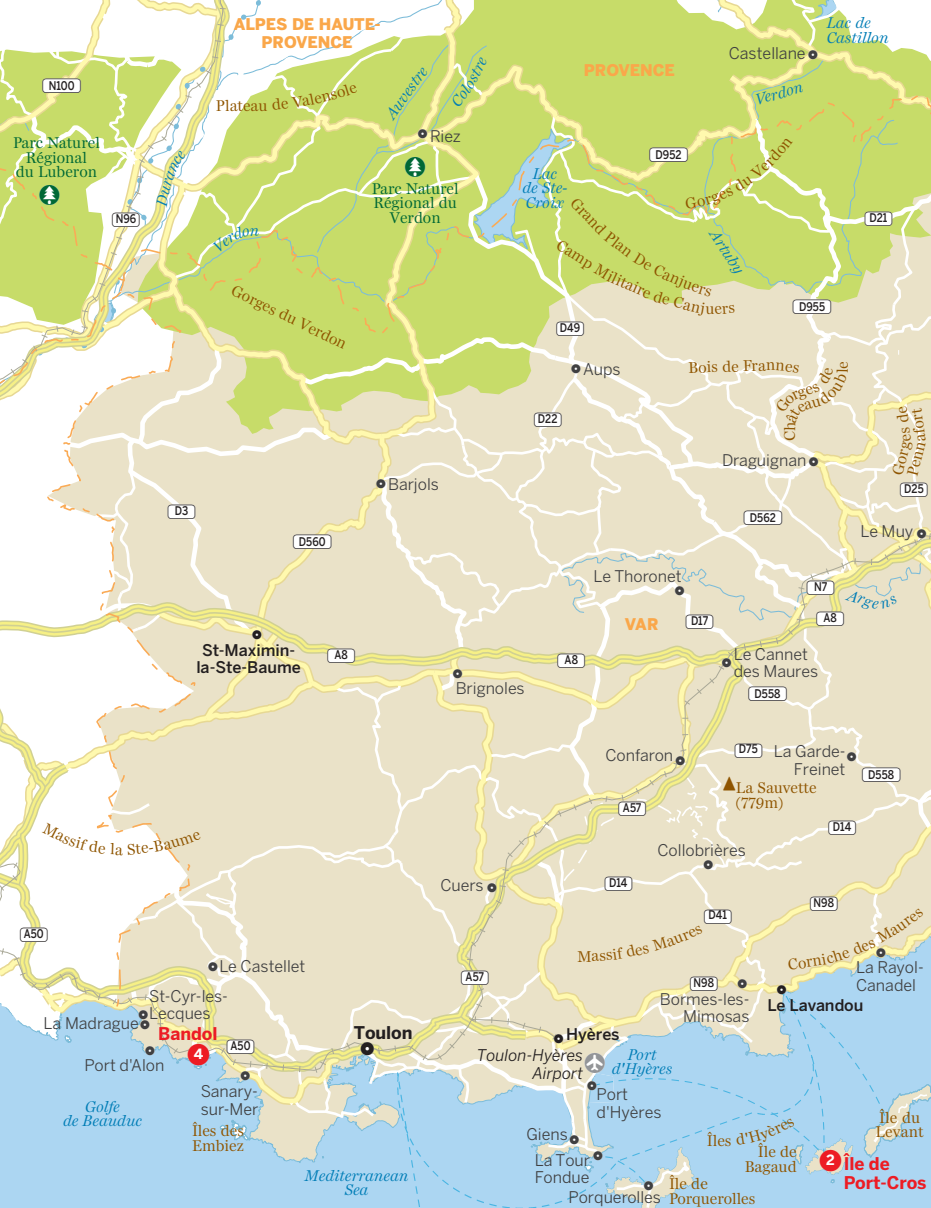
### Monaco



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

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

**July** Fireworks on 14 July, outdoor clubbing in Cannes and jazz in Antibes.



## The French Riviera & Monaco Highlights

- 1** Try your luck at Monaco's opulent **casino** (p859)
- 2** Catch a ferry to **Île de Port-Cros** (p853) for pristine Mediterranean seascapes
- 3** Enjoy a fabulous day at a **St-Tropez beach club** (p849)