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Best Modern Art

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Why Go?

There are few places in the world where you can go from showbiz glitz and opulent luxury to remote rural life within 45 minutes. This is one of them. Glamorous Cannes sets camera flashes popping at its film festival in May, when stars pose in tuxes and full-length gowns on the red carpet of La Croisette – you could fine dine alongside the famous and drink till dawn in the seaside town's designer bars. A 'take two' scenario could find you fleeing the congested city to walk along peaceful trails and wander farmers' flower-filled fields by day and dine decadently by night.

Equally compelling is the region's art heritage: Matisse, Picasso and Renoir all stopped here for inspiration, and the works they left behind are superb. Then there's the Massif de l'Estérel, with its rugged, flaming, red-rock beauty and top-rated walks.

Driving Distances (km)

Biot	7					
Cannes	13	16				
Grasse	28	16	21			
Mougins	14	13	6	11		
St-Raphaël	53	50	37	55	38	
Vence	20	15	31	26	25	68
	Antibes	Biot	Cannes	Grasse	Mougins	St-Raphaël

Cannes & Around Highlights

1 Revel in exceptional 20th-century art at **Fondation Maeght** (p95) and play *pétanque* (similar to lawn bowls) in hilltop stunner St-Paul de Vence.

2 Trail Picasso at the **Musée Picasso** (p89) in Antibes and Vallauris' **Musée National Picasso 'La Guerre et la Paix'** (p94).

3 Lap up sun-drenched views of the Med, the Alps and billionaires' mansions along the **Cap d'Antibes coastal path** (p93).

4 Retrace three millennia of perfume making and visit a flower farm in **Grasse** (p100).

5 Flee the crowds with a hairpin-turn- and gourmet-lunch-laced road trip through the dramatic **Gorges du Loup** (p98).

6 Lose yourself in the vibrant colour palette of the **Corniche de l'Estérel** (p105), flaming scarlet at sunset.

7 Mingle with yachties in upmarket **Antibes** (p89) at the town's morning *Marché Provençal*, in its five-star farm-to-table eateries and – by night – at the dramatic foot of *Nomade*.

