



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary*

### **Discover the French Riviera**

**Wednesday, March 17 - Wednesday, March 24, 2010**

For so many of us, our first itch to travel to far off places comes from the movies and, all too often, the reality fails to live up to our celluloid memories. Not so with this trip through the très chic French Riviera. For starters, even though it's March, the weather is perfect for strolls along the Mediterranean and evenings spent sipping espresso in an outdoor café. But if soaking up the scenery isn't enough to satisfy your wanderlust, we visit the celebrated art collection of the Chagall Museum; the legendary Fragonard Perfumerie in Grasse; the resorts of St. Tropez and San Remo; and the city of Monte Carlo, home to the late Princess Grace. Bring your travel fantasies to life while lingering in the lap of luxury in the warm Mediterranean air. If you've not yet experienced the south of France for yourself, it's time to indulge.

#### **Includes**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Nice
- Six nights' first class accommodations
- Ten meals, six breakfast, four dinners
- Sightseeing and touring

#### **Rates**

**\$2229** per person double occupancy

**\$2199** per person triple occupancy

**\$2629** single reservations

Add \$350 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation and unused services waiver is \$150 per person. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at the time of booking. Passport required.

#### **Features**

Nice • Ventimiglia • San Remo • Grasse • Perfumerie • St. Paul De Vence • Flower Market • Chagall Museum • Villefranche • Rothschild Villa and Gardens • St. Tropez • Cannes • Monaco • Oceanographic Museum •

#### **Tour Planner**

**DAY 1** Overnight Flight

**DAY 2 - 7** Hotel Splendid Nice, Nice or Cannes Palace Hotel, Cannes

**DAY 8** Return flight

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: Wednesday, March 17, 2010- Overnight Flight**

The fabulous French Riviera awaits your arrival, complete with elegant coastal resorts, superb dining, fabulous shopping and fascinating museums. Unpack your bags just once and stay at a single hotel for your entire adventure which begins with an overnight flight to France.

### **Day 2: Thursday, March 18, 2010-Arrive Nice (French Riviera), France - Transfer to Hotel**

Your tour commences in the stunning Mediterranean city of Nice, long the playground of the rich and famous. With an average of nearly 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring inspired French cuisine artfully presented. (D)

### **Day 3: Friday, March 19, 2010-Ventimiglia, Italy - San Remo**

Cross the border into Italy and arrive in the charming town of Ventimiglia with its alluring, twisted medieval alleys. Leisure time is available to explore the lively market place, offering all types of local crafts and fresh produce. You then proceed to San Remo, the luxurious capital of the Italian Riviera, where flowers bloom throughout the year. Alfred Nobel conceived of his prizes while residing in this city's inspirational surroundings, which has long attracted aristocrats and the wealthy. A wonderful dinner awaits you this evening at a popular local restaurant. (B,D)

**Day 4: Saturday, March 20, 2010- Grasse - St. Paul De Vence**

Learn the secrets of perfume making with a tour of the Fragonard Perfumerie in Grasse, where fragrant formulations have been prepared since 1782. Follow the magnificent scenery along the lovely Loup River to St. Paul de Vence, situated on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. This medieval, walled town is filled with historic buildings, hidden alleyways, fabulous restaurants and many specialty shops. As you explore, soak in its distinctive light, said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall and many other artists. (B)

**Day 5: Sunday, March 21, 2010-Nice - St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat**

Begin your day with a tour of Nice. A visit to the local flower market, where much more than brightly colored blooms are sold, is followed by a trip to the lively seafront Promenade des Anglais and Place Massena, the town's center of activity. Next, visit the Chagall Museum to see his celebrated collection of paintings. Travel the spectacular coastline, passing the charming town of Villefranche-sur-Mer east of Nice. In St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat, called the crown jewel of the French Riviera, you visit the impressive Rothschild Villa and Gardens. This seaside palazzo overlooks the Mediterranean and boasts seven themed gardens, paintings, and other antiquities. (B,D)

**Day 6: Monday, March 22, 2010-St. Tropez - Cannes**

Today you are off to St. Tropez. Once an old fishing village, this scenic area is now a fashionable resort frequented by movie stars, artists and writers. Relax and enjoy the sights on a delightful cruise\* around the yacht-filled bay before heading off to the popular resort of Cannes where you will explore the Old Town, Le Suquet, and walk along the elegant Boulevard de la Croisette where you might just catch the eye of a star or starlet. (B)

**Day 7: Tuesday, March 23, 2010-Monaco**

A panoramic tour of Monaco features the famous Casino of Monte Carlo, the Place des Armes, Prince's Palace, Avenue des Beaux Artes, and the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. A highlight of your visit to Monaco is the fascinating Oceanographic Museum which was founded in 1910 by Prince Albert 1 who personally collected many of the marine artifacts on display. The museum building itself is a colossal masterpiece of architecture, not to be missed. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B,D)

**Day 8: Wednesday, March 24, 2010-Nice International Airport - Depart for Home**

Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your vacation to Cote D'Azur. (B)

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*