

ART AND ARCHITECTURE TOURS: Le Côte d'Azur

September 25 – October 5, 2024



Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild



Eze



Château Grimaldi Musée Picasso

ABOUT THE TOUR

Art and Architecture Tours LLC is delighted to present Le Côte d'Azur—a 10-day/10-night venture that will explore this fabled coast where Europe meets the Mediterranean Sea.

No mere 'region' of France, the "Riviera" has lured artists, ex-pats, and the "jet set" with its glorious weather, beautiful light, and its exciting topography as the continent cascades down to the sea. Join us for ten days to discover how the Côte d'Azur has enchanted travelers for ages and provided the setting for some of the 20th Century's most celebrated art and artists. We will sample villas, gardens, museums, villages, Vieux Nice, Monaco, as well as cuisine—all bathed in beautiful Mediterranean light.

Escorted by world traveler and expert guide Tommaso Pantè, we will enjoy Tommaso's intimate knowledge as a part-time resident of Monaco, as well as contributions from expert guides for specialized visits.

Selected Highlights of our Côte d'Azur venture

- First, we will enjoy the ease of staying in one hotel throughout—the 4-star **Hotel Masséna Nice** on Rue Gioffredo and within a minute's walk of **Place Masséna** and France's famed department store, **the Galeries Lafayette**. The hotel is near the Promenade des Anglais beaches and within easy walking distance of all the attractions of the city, especially **Vieux Nice**.
- Visits to the museums dedicated to the work of post-Impressionist masters **Marc Chagall** and **Henri Matisse**, the latter incorporated into **Les Arenes de Cimiez**, a Roman archaeological site;
- A Visit to **Beaulieu-sur-Mer** ("beautiful place on the sea")—10km from Nice on **Cap Ferrat**, with special visits to the **Villa Kerylos** and **Villa Ephrussi Rothschild**.
- **Villa Kerylos**, now listed as a historical monument by the French Ministry of Culture, was built by French archaeologist Theodore Reinarch in the early 20th c. as a reconstruction of a luxurious palace on the Greek island of Delos in the ancient Greek Revival style.
- Also on Cap Ferrat, the **Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild** was built in the early 20th c. by Baroness Béatrice de Rothschild with nine gardens on various themes and recognized among the Notable Gardens of France. The villa is

also a listed historical monument with its collection of antique furniture, Old Master art and its collection of porcelain.

- A coach trip to one of the most famous of the beautiful villages above Nice, **St. Paul-de-Vence**, built on a rocky outcrop and surrounded by ramparts. With narrow picturesque streets and magnificent stone facades, strolling in the village is one of the main delights of a visit there. Our visit will include the **Fondation Maeght**, a gallery dedicated to art of the Modernist period. After lunch in St. Paul, our afternoon will conclude with a visit to Matisse's jewelbox **Chapelle de Rosaire** in **Vence**.
- A full day enjoying the famed **Principality of Monaco**: the **Royal Palace**, the **Cathedral of Monaco**, **Monaco-Ville**, and the **Oceanographic Institute of Monaco**, made famous by Jacques-Yves Cousteau its longtime director. After lunch in Monaco-Ville, we will visit the Opera de Monte Carlo's **Salle Garnier**, named for the architect Garnier (who also designed Paris's famous Opera Garnier).
- A visit to the medieval 'perched' village of **Èze** and its **botanical garden**. Described as an "eagle's nest," Eze is one of the sixteen perched villages above Nice, built on outcroppings of massive stone. This village is known for its charming medieval character and superlative views of the Mediterranean.
- Our itinerary to **Antibes** includes a visit to the old town as well as the **Musée Picasso** which served as Picasso's home and studio while living in the south. The harbor and the old city walls and ramparts will provide the backdrop for our lunch here. In the afternoon we will continue to **Cannes**, site of France's world famous film festival.
- On day 9 of our tour, we will visit **Mentone**, the last village in France before the Italian border. We will visit the **Musée Jean Cocteau – Le Bastion** which holds the work of the artist's Mediterranean Period in the 17th c guardhouse built by Honore II Grimaldi, when Menton was part of Monaco. Following lunch on the waterfront, we will visit the **Val Rahmeh** botanical gardens.
- Last but not least, you will have one full day and one half day for independent exploration. Bookended by a Welcome Dinner and a Farewell dinner, you will experience what has made the Côte d'Azur one of the most treasured and celebrated spots in Europe.



ART AND ARCHITECTURE TOURS: Le Côte d'Azur

September 25 – October 5, 2024

COST AND CONDITIONS

Per Person (double occupancy): \$6195
Single Supplement: \$1595

The tour includes ten (10) nights' accommodation (September 25-October 5) at the four-star La Messéna Hotel, all breakfasts, a Welcome Reception and Dinner, Farewell Cocktails and Dinner, several lunches, all entrance fees, private coach transport throughout, expert guiding by Tommaso Pante' and his selected specialist guides, and tips for guides, drivers, and meals throughout.

A deposit of \$1495. will hold your place in this tour, with final payment in full due by April 1, 2024. Please return your registration form to 4208 Sulgrave Road, Richmond, Virginia 23221, or scan and email to jwbraymer@comcast.net. Payment by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Art and Architecture Tours LLC. Payment by credit card carries a 4% service fee.

Pricing is based on foreign currency exchange rates as of January 1, 2024. While we do not expect a significant change in exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust the fee to maintain the standard of the tour should a substantial change in the exchange rate occur. Participants will be notified by August 1, 2024, should an adjustment be necessary.

Art and Architecture Tours LLC acts as an agent in arranging a variety of tour services and is not responsible for damages due to acts or defaults on the part of any of these service providers.

Art and Architecture Tours LLC reserves the right at its sole discretion to alter the itinerary as circumstances beyond its control require.

All participants are strongly encouraged to enroll in a travel insurance program at the time of registration for the broadest coverage including transportation, trip interruption, medical conditions, etc.

Cancellations following initial registration will be honored with a refund, less \$500, until April 1, 2021. After final payment, cancellations will be honored with a refund only if a reserved place is taken by another registrant.

TOUR REGISTRATION

Full legal name on passport _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Passport # _____

First name to appear on name tag _____

Phone _____

Emergency contact _____

Phone _____

Food allergies or special requirements _____

Name of roommate _____

TOUR FEE (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) IS \$6195 PER PERSON. Because of the limited number of rooms, we encourage single travelers to seek compatible roommates. If this is not possible, the single supplement of \$1595. will be charged. This is priced at actual cost.)

- \$1495 deposit due upon registration
 \$5000 balance due due April 1, 2024
 \$1595 Supplemental fee for single lodging due April 1, 2024
 Total payment enclosed/applied

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Checks payable to Art and Architecture Tours LLC. Mail to 4208 Sulgrave Road, Richmond, VA 23221.

By credit card (Please note that a 4% credit card fee is passed on to you.)

You may mail or return by email to jwbraymer@comcast.net.

VISA MasterCard AmEx

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Zip Code of billing address _____

TOUR CONDITIONS: All tour members are encouraged in the **strongest terms** to obtain travel insurance to cover the entire cost of their travels. Art and Architecture Tours LLC (AAT LLC) acts only as agents for the tour members with respect to transportation, hotels and restaurants, and exercises every care possible. AAT LLC assumes no responsibility to any person or entity for liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, breakdown, disruption of advertised schedules, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any ship, ferry, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage, or any other conveyance used in carrying out these tours, or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour. We cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expense due to delay, refusal of visa, or changes in air or other services, lost baggage, sickness, weather, strike, war, violent acts, quarantine, acts of God, or any other causes beyond our control. All such losses will be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to the itinerary or accommodations as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. The price of the program is based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on February 1, 2023, and is subject to adjustment in the event of change in tariffs, taxes or exchange rates. Registration for this tour shall be deemed to be acceptance of these conditions.

About Art and Architecture Tours LLC, Founded by John Braymer in 2015, Art and Architecture Tours has become recognized for carefully curated travel ventures that exceed the expectations of discriminating tour members. Mr. Braymer, with more than 50 years of study and travel abroad, assembles itineraries that help participants integrate their travel curiosity with their interest in history, culture, architecture and the arts. With a Ph. D. in English (graduate work begun in 1970 under Oxford dons), Mr. Braymer has studied art and architectural history at the undergraduate and graduate levels with additional study in the United Kingdom and Italy. He is retired as chief executive of the American Institute of Architects/Virginia and he is Founding President of the Branch Museum of Architecture and Design in Richmond, Virginia. He also founded and published *Inform*, an architecture and design magazine, for 25 years.

Please feel free to contact him at info@artandarchtours.com with any questions you have about Art and Architecture Tours.