

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely San Francisco, featuring a crowded beach, a large hotel building, and the Transamerica Pyramid. The entire image is overlaid with a red color effect.

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# Introduction

## Welcome to Nice!

Nice is the fifth most populous city in France and the capital of the Alpes-Maritimes département. The urban area of Nice extends beyond the administrative city limits, with a population of about 1 million on an area of 721 km<sup>2</sup> (278 sq mi). Located in the French Riviera, on the south east coast of France on the Mediterranean Sea, at the foot of the Alps, Nice is the second-largest French city on the Mediterranean coast and the second-largest city in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region after Marseille. Nice is about 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the principality of Monaco, and its airport is a gateway to the principality as well. The city is nicknamed Nice la Belle (Nissa La Bella in Niçard), which means Nice the Beautiful, which is also the title of the unofficial anthem of Nice, written by Menica Rondelly in 1912.

The area of today's Nice contains Terra Amata, an archaeological site which displays evidence of a very early use of fire. Around 350 BC, Greeks of Marseille founded a permanent settlement and called it Nikaia, after Nike, the goddess of victory. Through the ages, the town has changed hands many times. Its strategic location and port significantly contributed to its maritime strength. For centuries it was a dominion of Savoy, and was then part of France between 1792 and 1815, when it was returned to Piedmont-Sardinia until its re-annexation by France in 1860.

The natural beauty of the Nice area and its mild Mediterranean climate came to the attention of the English upper classes in the second half of the 18th century, when an increasing number of aristocratic families took to spending their winters there. The city's main seaside promenade, the Promenade des Anglais ('Walkway of the English') owes its name to visitors to the resort. For decades now, the picturesque Nicean surroundings have attracted not only those in search of relaxation, but also those seeking inspiration. The clear air and soft light have particularly appealed to some of Western culture's most outstanding painters, such as Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse, Niki de Saint Phalle and Arman. Their work is commemorated in many of the city's museums, including Musée Marc Chagall, Musée Matisse and Musée des Beaux-Arts. Nice has the second largest hotel capacity in the country[6] and it is one of its most visited cities, receiving 4 million tourists every year. It also has the third busiest airport in France, after the two main Parisian ones. It is the historical capital city of the County of Nice (Comté de Nice).



## Language

The official language is French, and here are some useful expressions if you sadly encounter someone who doesn't speak English.

Phonetics: “é” sounds [e], “è” sounds [ɛ], “ç” sounds [s], “gn” sounds [ɲ].

English	French	English	French
Hello	Bonjour	Go!	A toi!
Yes	Oui	Target	Cible
No	Non	In response	En réponse
I don't speak French	Je ne parle pas Français	End of turn	Fin de tour
I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas	Wait	Attend
How much is it?	Combien ça coûte?	Draw (a card)	Pioche
Expensive	Cher	Draw (a game)	Égalité
Cheap	Pas cher	Good luck	Bonne chance
I like it	Ça me plaît	Good game	Bien joué
Excuse me	Excusez-moi	I win	J'ai gagné
Beer	Bière	I lose	J'ai perdu
Thank you	Merci	I concede	Je concède

## General Tips

**International Phone Code +33**  
**Time Zone GMT +2**

### SMOKING

Smoking is forbidden in public places (bars, restaurants, train stations, hotels, etc) but you can smoke outdoors.

### MONEY

French currency is **Euro**. Credit cards are widely used and accepted,

specially Visa and Mastercard. However, it's always a good idea to have some cash with you (some stores don't accept credit cards). Paychecks are mostly unaccepted.

**ELECTRICITY** current is at 220V and 50Hz. Plug types C, E and F.

Average temperature in early December 6-20° C.

## Safety

### Phone numbers

If you need help, the **emergency** number is **112**, like in most European countries. But there are direct local emergency numbers :

**For medical emergencies : 15**

**For police emergencies : 17**

**For firefighters emergencies : 18**

If you call by mistake, don't hang up! Explain them that you made a mistake. If you don't, they might send an emergency team to check if everything is alright.

### State of emergency

Since 2015 November, France has set

up a State of Emergency plan. You will probably meet policemen and soldiers in arms in public places and in streets. Moreover, bags can be searched at any public buildings doors by Policemen and Security Guards

You **MUST** have your identity card or your passport whenever you decide to move from the convention center or from your hotel, and wherever you want to go. If you don't have it and you are controlled by policemen, you might be put in custody. Unattended bags and luggages will be destroyed and you may get sued.

All these steps are made for your safety and the safety of others.

## Tips

Nice is usually a safe place, but crime exists everywhere, so:

- **Avoid** walking **alone** by night
- **Pay attention** to your stuff, especially in public transportation and crowded places.
- Pickpockets and master thief **work in team**. If someone comes and talks to you, **pay attention** to everything around you, especially by night or in crowded places. Some teams are mainly made up of kids. Pay attention to them.
- **Don't leave anything visible** in your car, even in car parks. If you have a foreign license plate, try to not leave anything in your car, even in the trunk.
- **Hide your PIN number** when you pay with your credit card or when you withdraw cash.
- Try to have your identity documentation **separated** from your money.





# Easiest way to arrive to Nice & public transportation system

## By plane - Nice Côte d'Azur (NCE)

Nice has its own airport - Nice Côte d'Azur (NCE) - which is linked with most of the other european capitals and large cities.

Once you've landed, NCE is directly connected to the city by 2 bus lines working 7/7:

- One works from 05:40 to 23:45 with a bus each 16' which transports you directly from the airport to Nice's center.

The other one offers a bus each 30' and brings you the Nice's railstation.

You can buy tickets an take buses in both terminals :

- Terminal 1: Gate A0
- Terminal 2: Gates A1/2

Each ticket is 6€ worth.



## By plane – Roissy (CDG)



If your departure point isn't linked with NCE you can choose to land on Roissy Charles De Gaulle (CDG), the biggest french airport. If you do so, CDG is linked with Nice Ville (1 change in Lyon Part Dieu) by high speed train (6,5 hours trip). This travel is from 250€ the round trip.

According to your landing terminal, you'll have to reach the rail station (red circle on the plan). You can download a full size map [here](#).





## By plane – Lyon Saint exupery (LYS)

Here's another french airport which is linked to Nice Ville! If your departure point isn't linked with CNE, you can land in Lyon (LYS). The travel will be around four and a half hours long, and will cost from 100€ the round trip.

You can reach to station directly in the airport, in the TGV station and you can download the plan below by clicking on [this link!](#)



## By train

If you choose to reach Nice by the rails, you'll be able to reach the city by High Speed Train and arrive downtown in Nice Ville. You'll find in the table below the principal cities which you can arrive from (prices from [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)). Prices are for a round trip.

Departure	Arrival	Time	Cost
Paris	Nice ville	From 5h40	From 86€
London	Nice Ville	From 9h00	From 400€
Frankfurt	Nice Ville	From 11h00	From 300€
Brussels	Nice Ville	From 7h40	From 300€
Bern	Nice Ville	From 8h25	From 250€
Barcelona	Nice Ville	From 8h40	From 250€
Amsterdam	Nice Ville	From 9h35	From 370€
Milano	Nice Ville	From 4h45	From 65€

## By Bus

You can also reach Nice by bus. There are two stations, one in the airport, the other in the rail station but the second one isn't used so much. Here are below some of the cities connected with Nice by [Flixbus](#) :

Departure	Arrival	Time	Cost
Zagreb	Nice Airport T2	From 15h30	From 55€
Berlin	Nice Airport T2	From 21h00	From 54€
Brussels	Nice Airport T2	From 22h00	From 45€
London	Nice Airport T2	From 24h00	From 75€
Praha	Nice Airport T2	From 17h30	From 60€
Barcelona	Nice Airport T2	From 10h00	From 29€
Amsterdam	Nice Airport T2	From 22h00	From 90€
Vienna	Nice Airport T2	From 18h40	From 62€
Milano	Nice Airport T2	From 04h30	From 28€

## By car

Finally, if you prefer to take a road trip and use the car, Nice is linked with most of the european capitals with highways. Here are them on the table below :

Departure	Highways	Time	Toll fee
Luxembourg	A7, A31	9h45	90€
Zagreb	E70, A10	9h15	112€
Berlin	A9	13h00	40€
Brussels	A7, A6	11h30	73€
Bern	SS33	6h30	40€
Amsterdam	A31, A6	13h30	75€
London (channel)	A26, A6	14h00	107€
Praha	A13, Via 6	12h00	20€
Roma	A1, A10	7h15	2,5€
Vienna	A2, A23, A10	11h30	10€
Madrid	M40, E90, A1, A63, A9	12h23	70€

**To reduce the cost and the environmental impact,  
don't hesitate to use carpooling !**



## Public transportation System

With two Tramway Lines, one hundred Bus Lines and a system of bike rental self-service, Nice has a huge public transportation system which can get you through the whole city and the nearbyes. With one ticket you can - for example - travel from Nice to Cannes.

You have to validate your ticket directly in the tramways and buses or at the stations. Each tickets grants you a free correspondance in the 74 next minutes. Validate your ticket every time you enter a new tram or bus Don't ride without a ticket, there are many tickets inspectors, so be careful !

You can buy tickets in specific selling points (list [here](#)) or directly in the 60 ticketing machine available at the stations.

**1 ticket is 1,50€ (2€ in the buses)**

**10 tickets pack is 10€**

**24h ticket is 5€**

You'll obtain the plan of the whole network clicking [this link](#) !

You also can get taxis in different companies :

**Taxis Bleus +33 1 49 36 24 72**

**Taxi Riviera +33 4 4 93 13 78 78**

# Venue

## Address

**Palais des Congrès Nice Acropolis  
Hall Les Muse - 1 esplanade Kennedy  
06302 Nice France**



## How to get to the venue

### Public transportation :

The tramway Line T1 (Acropolis) just brings you 100m away from the venue!

**3 bus stops are in the same range !**

- *Pont Barla* is linked with line 4
- *XVème Corps* is linked with lines 4, 17, 27 & 82
- *Barla* is linked with lines 3, 4, 27, 82 & 89.
- *Parking Marshall*, Pl. du Général Georges Marshal - 600 places, 500m from the venue, [prices here](#).
- *Parking promenade des arts*, 18 Avenue Saint-Jean-Baptiste - 370 places, 100m from the venue, [prices here](#).
- *Parking Vinci Acropolis*, av. du XVème Corps - 1928 places, 300m from the venue, [prices here](#).

### By car:

There isn't any parking directly in the venue. Fortunately, a few private parkings are around:

# Hotels

## Near the venue

There are a lot of hotels in a range of 15 minutes walk from the venue, but we decided to select a few one for you. If you want more, you can see all of them on [this map](#) !

### **Hôtel Le Floride**

From 72€/night

52 Bd de Cimiez, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 53 11 02

### **Appart'City Nice Acropolis**

From 45€/night

18bis Route de Turin, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 92 26 71 60

### **Hôtel NH**

From 86€/night

Parvis de l'Europe, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 92 00 80 00

### **Ibis Nice Palais des Congres**

From 85€/night

38 Rue Barberis, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 92 00 21 21

### **Kyriad Nice Port**

From 60€/night

6 Rue E. Philibert, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 55 80 00

### **Campanile Acropolis**

From 80€/night

58 Boulevard Risso, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 26 20 60

### **Ibis Nice Centre Notre Dame**

From 68€/night

41 Rue Lamartine, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 62 14 43

### **Hôtel Nice Riviera**

From 112€/night

47 Rue Pastorelli, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 92 69 60

### **Hôtel Ozz**

From 90€

18 Rue Paganini, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 88 48 83

### **Best Western Alba Hotel - Nice**

From 83€/night

41 Av. Jean Médecin, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 88 02 88



## Enjoy the French Riviera

If you want to enjoy the beauty and the mild climate of Nice, just drop your bags in one the hotels we selected for you on the seaside!

### Hyatt Regency Méditerranée

From 210€/night

13 Prom. des Anglais, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 27 12 34



### Le Negresco

From 190€/night

37 Prom. des Anglais, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 16 64 00

### Mariott Nice

From 150€/night

59 Prom. des Anglais, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 97 90 90



# Touring and Sightseeing in Nice

## Promenade des Anglais

### **Bus lines 8, 9, 11, 12 promenade des Anglais**

The Promenade des Anglais is a promenade along the Mediterranean. It extends from the airport on the west to the Quai des États-Unis on the east, a distance of approximately 7 km. Administratively speaking, it forms part of Route nationale 98, which runs between Toulon and Menton.

Starting in the second half of the 18th century, the English aristocracy took to spending the winter in Nice, enjoying the panorama along the coast. In

1820, when a particularly harsh winter up north brought an influx of beggars to Nice, some of the English proposed a useful project for them: the construction of a walkway along the sea. The city of Nice, intrigued by the prospect of a pleasant promenade, greatly increased the scope of the work. The Promenade was first called the Camin deis Anglés (the English Way) by the Niçois in their native dialect Nissart. After the annexation of Nice by France in 1860 it was rechristened La Promenade des Anglais.



## Old Nice (Vieia Vila)

### Tramway Line T1 - Vieille ville

The Old Nice, whom inhabitants call “Vieille ville” is oldest part of of the azurean capital.

This area with its typical narrow streets is dotted with many traditional or trendy shops as well as restaurants, cafes and pubs. A walk in the Old Town will allow you to retrace the history of Nice and to discover the magnificent

market of the Cours Saleya which is held there in the morning.

It's located between “La colline du Chateau” at the east and Place Massena at the west.

It is bordered by the seaside to the south and the Place Garibaldi to the north.





## Place Massena

### Tramway Line T1 - Massena

The Place Masséna is located in the heart of Nice. Today these two places are one. The place Masséna is the ideal anchorage point to discover the city of Nice. It is located at the junction of several tourist spots. On one side of the square, you have Avenue Jean Médecin, an avenue dotted with many fashion boutiques, bars and restaurants, on the other side is the Rue de France, an important pedestrian street. The

Masséna and Albert 1er gardens border the square on one side and the other and the other two sides you have the entrance of the old Nice and the bus station. To the south of the square is the fountain of the sun. If you are near, you can see five beautiful bronze statues of Greco-Roman mythological characters representing the Earth, Mercury, Mars, Saturn and Venus. In the heart of the Place Masséna stands a statue of marble representing Apollo. It culminates seven meters high, as if to watch over the whole square.



## Place Garibaldi

### Tramway Line T1 - Garibaldi

Place Garibaldi, near the harbor and overlooking the Old Town, was the gateway to Nice for Italy, especially for the visits of the Sardinian rulers arriving from Turin, culmination of the “Royal Route” from Turin to Nice . Former wasteland, invaded by the stones of the old castle, it is at the end of the 18th century that its development is undertaken, modeled on the great squares of northern Italy surrounded by baroque buildings of

3 floors with arcades Doric painted facades painted in red ocher with classic green-blue shutters.

Place Pairolière, then Place Victor-Emmanuel, then Place de la République, then Place Napoléon, ... Place Garibaldi changed name several times before becoming, in 1870, Place Garibaldi, in honor of this man, born in Nice and artisan of Italian unity of the XIXth century



## Colline du Chateau

### Tramway Line T1 - Opéra Vieille ville

Once the cradle of the city, the castle - endowed with a citadel renowned unassailable - was completely destroyed by the troops of Louis XIV in 1706.

A veritable labyrinth of greenery, appreciated for the freshness of its undergrowth and its surprising cascade, this place of walks offers

a remarkable view on the Baie des Anges, the old town and the harbor.

You can access on foot from Old Nice and Place Garibaldi, in an Art Deco style elevator or by the Lesage staircase (at the end of the Quai des Etats-Unis) or by a small tourist train.

In the evening, there's spectacular lightings.





# Food and drinks

## Regional Specialties

**“Socca”** (1) : If you are intolerant to gluten, you can still enjoy this delicious cake based on chickpea flour! According to the legend, it was invented during the siege of Nice by the Turks in 1543: the Niçois would have poured on their assailants boiling olive oil and chickpea soup.

**“Pissaladière”** (2) : On a pastry with a delicate fragrance of oregano and olive oil, spread a thin layer of onion fondue, anchovies and small black olives, and you will have a real niçoise pissaladière. To be enjoyed as a main course or apéritif.

**“Farcis Niçois”** (3): Courgette, eggplant, tomato, onion. This is the list of basic ingredients of “Lu Farcit Nissart” that you stuff with egg, bread, minced meat, grated cheese and, of course, olive oil. Adorn the whole with a golden breadcrumbs, savor and lick your fingers

**“Beignets de fleur de courgette”** (4): fry the zucchini flowers - with or without the pistil - in a donut dough.

Then taste them warm, dipped in a tomato sauce Niçoise, called saoussoun.

**“Salade Niçoise”** (5): The Niçoise salad was originally composed simply of tomatoes, anchovies and olive oil. The original contemporary recipe contains tomatoes, peppers, either green or red chunks and eggs, anchovies, or tuna . The tuna, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, was expensive and was used only on feast days otherwise it was replaced by anchovies.

A famous local historical polemic believes that the famous chef and culinary writer Auguste Escoffier (1846-1935), born in Villeneuve-Loubet (next to Nice) committed the sacrilege, according to local purists of Nice, to add potatoes and green bean to the original traditional recipe. Indeed, no cooked food, except eggs, must disrupt this recipe.



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## Restaurants in the seafront

Unfortunately, there's no restaurant directly around the venue. If you really want to have your meal in the closest range possible from the venue, you'll find a map on [this link!](#)

But we're in Nice, Capital of the french Riviera, a jewel facing the

Mediterranean Sea. So if you take Tram line T1 and get out at the Opera Stop - or walk between 15 and minutes, you'll be directly in the sea front, et that's where the team decided to make his choice among all the restaurants that it offers! Enjoy!

The Plage Beau Rivage is the best place to be for a meal with sea-view, a drink between friends, a live clubbing evening or if one wants to make the most of the sun on a sunbed. The Plage Beau Rivage is located by the seaside on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice and is a place for relaxation, celebration and gastronomy that you should not miss.

### *Le Beau Rivage*

107 Quai des États-Unis 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 92 00 46 80

### *Castel Plage*

8 Quai des États-Unis, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 85 22 66

Castel, it is at first one of the most beautiful private beaches of Nice. But it is also a restaurant that offers the opportunity to lunch or dinner to the sound of the waves.

Located at the foot of Rauba Capeu, the hotel overlooks the Promenade des Anglais and opens onto the Baie des Anges to Antibes. In the evening, the view is simply exceptional, and you can enjoy a good Provençal cuisine...



### **Hard Rock Cafe Nice**

5 Promenade des Anglais, 06000 Nice  
[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 62 71 80

Hard Rock Cafe Nice pays homage to the city's ethnically diverse culture and fascinating waterfront, accented by upscale design features and innovative technology featured throughout the cafe's indoor and outdoor dining areas. The location is

complete with the Rock Wall Solo, an interactive touch wall with technology that enables fans to explore the world's greatest music.

## **For vegetarians and vegans**

Are you looking for an organic, vegan and gluten-free restaurant?

Willy, cook for 20 years and vegan for 1 year, with the dream of having a restaurant. Camille, his wife, vegan for 3 years and passionate of pastry. They wanted

to work together and it is only natural that they have taken over Vegan Gorilla to cook vegetable so no animal products. Combining their crafts and passions, and the desire to work for veganism and animals in their own way. For those who want to discover, for lactose and gluten intolerant, for 100% organic ...

### **Vegan Gorilla**

7 Rue du Lycée, 06000 Nice  
[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 81 32 98

### **Alounak**

3 Rue d'Alsace-Lorraine, 06000 Nice  
[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 85 86 50

Alounak is a restaurant that wants to please the palates of vegetarians as well as non-vegetarians.

It offers a gastronomy from the four corners of the Orient.

An intimate and warm frame and cuisine worthy of the most beautiful tales of the Arabian Nights. To be shared with family or friends!

## Japanese and indian restaurants

### **Maido**

29 Rue Tonduti de l'Escarène, 06000 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 87 97 28

Maïdo isn't a restaurant but an Isakaia - a convivial place where to eat and drink with friends - with an always changing card with tapas to share.

In addition to sushi and makis, you can enjoy okonomiyaki (tortilla), tamagoyaki (Japanese omelette), onigiri (rice dumplings), gyoza (Japanese ravioli), edamame, kaarage (chicken donut) ...

You will be absolutely impressed by the presentation of the dishes that this restaurant reserves you, magnificent works that will dazzle you, not to be missed! This restaurant will prepare you succulent dishes only with fresh and selected products, a pledge of quality and seriousness that will seduce you instantly, a real plus. All enthusiasts of Japanese food test the Arito Sushi, a reference in the area that will make you return quickly, an experience that you will not soon forget.

### **Arito sushi**

12 Boulevard Risso, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 4 93 31 13 11

### **Tandoori Flame**

1 Rue Centrale, 06300 Nice

[Website](#) - Tel: +33 9 52 48 53 60

The restaurant Tandoori Flame in Nice welcomes you in a warm and friendly atmosphere typical of the Orient!

Here, Chicken Tikka Masala is the most popular specialty. The menu features a lot of vegetarian dishes, as it is traditional there and everything is made from fresh vegetables! Perfect for all lovers of travel and gastronomic discoveries!

# Local Game Stores

## JSST Jeux

8, rue d'Alger 06000 Nice  
+33 4 89 08 02 65

In this store held by passionate persons, you'll find a large choice of boardgame, strategy games, and of course Mgc cards!



This store is specialized in Rolegames, strategy and boardgames. But you'll obviously find Magic products! They often organize themed events, the whole thing in a good ambience!

## L'antre du MJ

22, Bd Pierre Sola, 06300 Nice  
+33 9 84 35 82 02





### **Hokatsu**

3 bd Lech Valesa 06300 Nice  
+33 4 89 22 50 72



## **Local contact**

If you need informations once on site, you can contact [Guillaume BEUZELIN](#) who will be happy to help you!

## **Credits**

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