



French Riviera Short Escape Walking 4 Days

Summary

Length

4 days/ 3 nights
longer options available

Dates

Start any date between
January 1 to June 23 and
September 1 to October 31

Level

Walking is the activity available for this Short Escape.
Walks: 3 hours average

Your Route Descriptions will provide you with information on distances and terrain and you can choose each day which walk to take

Select the ultimate destination to sample the best of Côte d'Azur. Villefranche-sur-Mer is set on terraced slopes overlooking a magnificent harbour where yachts bob on the Mediterranean. Wander through the maze of narrow streets, explore the 16th-century citadel, and visit the Saturday market for Provençal specialties. Then head out for superb walks into the hills and along the dazzling coast.

Itinerary



Day 1

A stroll through Nice . . . Charming but cosmopolitan, Nice offers the walker lush gardens, narrow, winding streets through the old quarter, and the

elegant Promenade des Anglais along the shore.

Day 2

Cap St-Jean Ferrat... The peninsula of Cap Ferrat forms an integral part of the settings for both Villefranche-sur-Mer and Beaulieu-sur-Mer. It can also claim fame on its own merits as the site for some of the most sumptuous villas on the Riviera. Some of the best known include the Rothschild Villa, now open to the public as the Fondation Ephrussi de Rothschild, and the Villa Mauresque, once owned by Somerset Maugham and where celebrities were entertained including Noël Coward, Winston Churchill and the Duke of Windsor. Walking around the peninsula gives you glimpses of exclusive villas, a feel for the exotic best of the Côte d'Azur, as well as stunning scenery.

Day 3

Monaco to Menton... This is perhaps the best known and most stunning of the coastal walks along the Riviera. Along with the views of the famous coastal

towns, there are tranquil portions to this walk, where you can pause among pine trees to watch the turquoise surf wash among the white rocks, edged with black and yellow. You will also walk past rhododendrons, honeysuckle and huge cactus plants. The full walk could take up to four hours. This is a largely level stroll, with a few sets of stairs or small climbs. This walk could also be combined with sightseeing in Monte Carlo and/or Menton. Yacht malls, villas and especially gardens are the hallmarks of this beautiful town, famous for its lemon trees and festival.



Day 4

The eagle's nest of Èze... This walk is a loop that begins near sea level and winds up to the magnificent perched village of Èze. One of the most famous features of Èze is the Jardin Exotique or Exotic Garden. Created in 1950, the garden grows in layers of terraces. Of particular pride is the collection of succulents. The views are particularly fine from the top of the ruined castle; on a clear day you can see Corsica in the early morning.



How to get there?

Nice is the main point of access.

There are flights to Nice from many European gateway cities, including Paris, London, Amsterdam, and Geneva. Villefranche sur mer can be easily reached by train from major cities.

We will provide you with directions for getting to your selected hotel in Villefranche.

Randonnée can now arrange car rentals for clients travelling to Europe. Ask us for details.

The Price includes:

- 3 nights hotels
- All breakfasts
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

Accommodation

Classic



Hôtel La Flore

Villefranche-sur-Mer

Five minutes from the beach, this character hotel from the early 20th Century was rebuilt in original Provençal style. It has balconies and terraces overlooking the stunning natural harbour, and an outdoor swimming pool.

Luxe



Hôtel Welcome

Villefranche-sur-Mer

Located in the centre of town, and directly on the ocean, next to many restaurants. All of the rooms have a sea view and balcony.

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