

## LYON AND NICE

### 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS



#### **Day 1: Arrival in Lyon**

Arrival in Lyon - your driver will take you to the airport and will drive you to your Hotel (depending on your time of arrival), check in your hotel. Lunch at leisure

Afternoon: After your lunch your guide will make you discover the old town of Lyon and its fabulous streets. You will also make a silk workshop (optional) which is a real experience coming from Lyon specialty. Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel de l'Abbaye

The hotel de l'Abbaye, nestled in the former presbytery of the Saint-Martin d'Ainay basilica, which faces it, enjoys an ideal location in the heart of the Ainay district. Based halfway between Perrache train station and Place Bellecour, you will have easy access to all the main points of interest that Lyon has to offer. From the famous Place d'Ainay, at the foot of the hotel, you can also walk to the quays of the Saône and reach the Old Lyon in 10 minutes.

Finally, the hotel is located just a few minutes' walk from the antique dealers' district (rue Auguste Comte and rue de la Charité), a concentration of small boutiques of Lyon's designers, concept stores and famous decoration and design brands!

**NB: A MUST SEE** – You are very lucky if you are in Lyon during the sparkling nights (DECEMBER). You will enjoy a fantastic show at night where all local people are celebrating the religious events since XIXth century.

The Vow of the Aldermen: A first church dedicated to the Virgin was built in Fourvière in 1168. It was ravaged during the religious wars between Catholics and Protestants (1562). Restored, it welcomed the successive wishes of the inhabitants and the aldermen in the face of epidemics. On September 8, 1643, the town councillors of the time (the provost of the merchants and the aldermen), went up to Fourvière to ask the Virgin Mary to protect the city from the plague that was coming from the south of France. They vowed to renew this pilgrimage if Lyon was spared. This vow is still honored on September 8.

A tradition born in the 19th century, In 1850, the religious authorities launched a competition for the realization of a statue, envisaged as a religious signal at the top of the hill of Fourvière. It was the sculptor Joseph-Hugues Fabisch who realized this statue in his workshop on the quays of the Saône.

The inauguration, initially planned for September 8, 1852, was postponed to December 8 because of a flood of the Saône. On the day of the inauguration, bad weather once again interfered with the celebrations: the religious authorities were about to cancel the inauguration. Finally the sky cleared... Spontaneously, the people of Lyon put candles in their windows, and at nightfall, the whole city was illuminated. The religious authorities followed the movement and the chapel of Fourvière appeared in the night. That evening, a real festival was born!

Services included:

- Transfer from your hotel
- Guided tour of Old Lyon (2hours and a half) including transfers from your hotel and back
- Accommodation

**Day 2: Lyon and its Gastronomy**

Meet your private guide at your hotel  
Gastronomic food tour & high-end tastings in Les Halles de Lyon -Paul Bocuse market - Discover the city's gastronomic traditions with a food specialist. Enjoy several tastings in the stunning converted market Halles de Lyon Story of the « Capital of the French Gastronomy » and typical products, Local restaurants « Bouchons Lyonnais », famous female chefs « les Mères Lyonnaises » and iconic Paul Bocuse



Included tastings per person:

- Local red wine côtes du Rhône Crozes Hermitage Domaine Combier by Chapoutier
- Lyonnais pork charcuteries - Rosette, Jésus, grattons, Saucisson de Lyon - saucisson brioché - Casserole of pike quenelle (soufflé) with crayfish Nantua sauce
- Local white wine coteaux du Lyonnais or mâconnais - 4 regional cheeses & truffle honey
- Lyonnais macaron chocolate & salted butter
- Blackcurrant mousse or chestnut and blackcurrant mousse Tarte aux pralines

In the afternoon, we recommend you going up the hill of Fourvière via « La Ficelle », the funicular leading up. Visit the Basilica of Fourvière and then walk down the hill to reach the district St Jean. Beautiful views and monuments await you. Dinner at leisure.

Services included:

- Accommodation, Breakfasts and city taxes included



- Private Food tour in Lyon, 3 hours

**Day 3: Golden stones in Beaujolais and transfer to French riviera**

After breakfast you will enjoy a visit of the Beaujolais region with your driver guide.

From Lyon, take the road aboard a minivan on the small roads of the South of Beaujolais. In the bend of the hilly hills, the golden stones villages reveal their warm colors and their lighting effects. You will take advantage of this bucolic surroundings, at the heart of the vines, to share some croissants around an initiation of local wines tasting. You continue by the visit of Oingt, the 12th century village classified among the most beautiful villages of France. You will discover the authentic charm of its medieval monument, entirely made of golden stones. Your tour will finally lead us to meet a winegrower, who will

have the pleasure to tell you about his domain. He will reveal the secrets of his know-how, and then you will taste some of its production around a mâchon: a traditional snack of Lyon, which will allow you to discover the cold meats and local chesses. Enjoy a moment of exception to savor the wealth of this historic and wine-making region, before return to Lyon.

This afternoon your driver will take you Lyon Station, where you will take your train to Nice. Check in at your hotel. Dinner at leisure under our recommendation. Overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*

At Hotel La Pérouse, you are in an exceptional setting, an amazing yet very private address. The view over the Bay of Angels is unique and it will totally take your breath away;

At the foot of the hotel, the "Castel" private beach will welcome you for a dip in the sea or to sunbathe. Pool, sauna, jacuzzi, restaurant and bar await you. The 56 rooms are mostly decorated with woodwork and mat marble, with bold fabrics and lighting which transcend an elegant and refined universe.

You can choose from the numerous rooms with terrace to enjoy breakfast with a unique sea view.

Services included:

- Accommodation, Breakfasts and city taxes included
- Private Guided tour of Beaujolais, inclusion wine tasting pairing with food. (3 hours)
- Private transfer to Beaune in Burgundy.

**Day 4: Nice cooking class**

Breakfast – Around 11.00 enjoy a cooking class in Nice followed by the lunch. You will learn how to cook Provençal dishes and share a great moment in family.

Spend the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the Promenade des anglais and relax ion front the beach.

Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*

Services included: \_\_\_\_\_

- Accommodation, breakfast and taxes included
- Cooking class of Nice tradition meal

### **Day 5: Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, Eze and Monaco**

This morning you will enjoy a private visit of La Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild and its 9 beautiful gardens. It includes a thematic visit of the Villa (2 themes to choose from "In the footsteps of Marie-Antoinette" or "The eccentricities of Beatrice"), a free visit of the gardens, a glass of champagne accompanied by salted appetizers in a private area.

After this visit your driver will take you to Eze and Monaco. You will enjoy a panoramic view over Nice from Mt. Boron. On the Middle Corniche stop at Eze – a medieval perched village with its crafts shops and breathtaking panorama.

Lunch in EZE.

After your lunch your driver will take you to the Old Town of Monaco and of Monte-Carlo and drive along the amazing Grand Prix circuit.. You will visit the princely city and its gardens with your guide.

End of afternoon you will be drive back to your Hotel in Nice. Enjoy a moment of relaxation at the swimming pool. Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*

#### **Services included:**

- Full day driver guide (8 hours) – Nice Eze Monaco
- Entrance at Villa Ephrussi gardens and villa
- Accommodation, breakfast and taxes included

### **Day 6: Grasse perfume and St Paul De Vence village**

Meet your driver guide at your hotel. Starting in Grasse, you'll discover the world of perfumes at Galimard. Enjoy an unforgettable, fun and captivating sensory experience focused on creating a scent with aromatic, citrus and orange blossom notes. You will have the chance to attend a private workshop and create your own fragrance;

After this experience, your driver guide will take you to St Paul de Vence for a lunch. (not included)

After Lunch, your guide will make a confidential visit of that village so renowned for its art, where so many of the world's most famous artists have spent their time. Still culturally important today, many up and coming artists flock to this Mecca of the arts. You will also visit the fabulous Maeght Fondation museum.

Return to your hotel at the end of the afternoon. Dinner at leisure, overnight at Hotel La Pérouse 4\*



**Services included:**

- Full day driver guide (8 hours)
- Perfume Workshop in Grasse
- Entrance at Fondation Maeght Museum
- Accommodation, breakfast and taxes included

**Day 7: Departure**

After Breakfast, Transfer to Nice airport according to your flight schedule. Au revoir!

**Prices includes:**

- Accommodation, breakfast and city taxes
- All necessary transfers from airport or station to hotels and vice versa
- Private tours with driver guide or guide as mentioned in the program
- Train tickets : Lyon Nice
- A detailed road book describing routes, tourist information, historical information, and our favorites addresses.
- Operational and logistical support throughout, including triple checking all arrangements prior to your arrival; any last-minute changes necessary due to flight delays, inclement weather, etc.

**Prices excludes:**

- Airline tickets
- Meals & drinks except when it is mentioned
- Travel insurance