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Hotels

Sightseeing

Restaurants around the Harbour and in 'Vieux Nice' quarter (e.g. old town centre – pedestrian - shops)

Where to go in Nice?

Here are some ideas (by foot or by bus http://www.lignedazur.com/)…

Nice Harbour



14 Take Route 14 of the Ligne d'azur network, from "Le Port", and enjoy the views from the Place Ile de Beauté: Nice Harbour stretches out before you, full of contrasts between the blue of the sky and the sea, and the ochre of the façades of the old buildings standing around the square...

The Fine Arts Museum



14 At the "Avenue des Fleurs" stop, on avenue des Baumettes, you will find yourself by the Fine Arts Museum, housed in the Villa Kotschoubey. It is a neo-Classical replica of a Ukrainian château, and its warm colours and atmosphere are enchanting. The museum, which was inaugurated in 1928, houses a collection of paintings and sculptures from the 15th to the 20th centuries. Here you can admire, among others, works by Dufy, Monet, Chéret, Rodin and Mossa.

The Russian Orthodox church of St Nicholas



14 Carrying on along Route 14, as far as "Tzaréwitch", you will see the Russian Orthodox church of St Nicholas, inaugurated in 1912. It is the largest and most beautiful church of this kind, outside the areas where the Russian orthodoxy holds sway. You will fall under the spell of the original Russian architecture and its five cupolas.

Museum of Prehistory



14 Still on Route 14, leaving from "Le Port" but this time heading towards "Mont Boron", you will be able to discover the origins of Nice by visiting the Terra Amata Museum ("Terra Amata" stop), which is set up at one of the first sites inhabited by Man in the area. It presents a series of reconstitutions of prehistoric habitats and casts.

A fairytale view



14 At the "Mont Boron" terminus on Route 14, you will be able to admire the citadel of Mont Alban, built in the 16th century and its views over Nissa la Bella and its hills, the Bay of Angels and the Bay of Villefranche. When the weather is clear, you will even have a view of the Southern Alps, the Estérel Massif and the Les Maures Massif. You will also have the privilege of seeing Elton John's house, hidden away in a wooded park that stands high over the town: something to interest his fans!

Coming back down from Cimiez



17 From Cimiez to the "Cimiez Monastère" terminus, you can take the Ligne d'azur network Route 17 bus into the town centre. At the "Promenade des Arts" stop, the amazing architecture of the MAMAC Museum of Modern Art and Contemporary Art – four towers linked together by glass walkways -, as well as the Louis Nucéra Library, will catch your eye.

The Louis Nucera Library



17 The Louis Nucéra Library, inaugurated in 2002, is made up of two buildings:
. the "Square Head", designed by artist Sosno, houses the offices;
. the Louis Nucéra Library – on place Yves Klein- is open to the public.

The MAMAC (Museum of Modern Art and Contemporary Art)



17 The MAMAC, which was built in 1990, focuses on the European and American avant-garde since the 1960s. here you will see, among others, the Yves Klein room, containing around twenty of the artist's works, and the works of Niki de Saint Phalle, some of which are displayed on the forecourt that links the museum to the theatre. From the roof gardens of the MAMAC, you will have splendid views over the whole city. Not to be missed, under any circumstances!

Old Nice, Cours Saleya and the surrounding area



17 You can then cross the boulevard Jean Jaurès and visit St. Sépulcre's Chapel under the arcades on Place Garibaldi. Then, by walking down the rue Pairolière, you will reach the old historical centre of Old Nice.
You will be able to stroll around the lively and charming narrow streets, admiring the various 17th and 18th century Baroque style chapels.
You will also see a number of famous monuments, including the Courts of Justice, the recently renovated Opera House or, on Place Rossetti, the famous Cathedral of St Réparate, built in the glory of the young martyr of the same name who is the city's patron saint. You can also amble down the Cours Saleya – best visited in the morning during the flower market – or relax at a pavement café.

The Castle



17 By going up to the 10th century "Château", either on foot or using the lift, you can visit the Cemetery, ranked as one of Europe's most beautiful and the waterfall. You will also have a great view over Nice Harbour and the whole of the "Baie des Anges"

The Famous National Marc Chagall Biblical Message Museum



22 At the "Massena-Gioffredo" stop, you may catch the number 22 Azur Line bus. To get to the Famous National Marc Chagall Biblical Message Museum, turn into avenue Docteur Ménard, after getting off the bus at the "Musée Chagall" stop on the Boulevard du Cimiez. This museum, situated at the heart of a fine park of olive trees and lavender bushes, contains an exhibition of Chagall's "Message Biblique", a collection of 17 paintings illustrating his view of the Old Testament.

The Cimiez Arena and the Matisse Museum



22 Get off the bus at the "Arena" stop and admire the perfectly preserved Cimiez Arena and Thermal Baths and visit the Cimiez Archaeological Museum, inaugurated in 1989, with its exhibitions dating from the ancient Roman city of Cemelenum right up to th height of the Middle Ages.

Stroll or picnic under the hundred-year-old olive trees in the Cimiez Arena Gardens. This is a vast olive grove that hosts the traditional Cougourdon Festival in May and the Nice Jazz Festival in July. You will also find the Matisse Museum here – a magnificent Genoese villa dating from the Seventeenth Century, which holds the personal collection of the painter. Matisse was famous for his love of Nice and skilfully recreated its beauty in his paintings, which reflect the region's colours.

The Cimiez Monastery



22 Later on, visit the Franciscan Museum, next to the Gothic Notre-dame du Monastère Church - occupied by Franciscans from the end of the Fifteenth Century onward and a reflection of the life of Franciscan monks in Nice from the Thirteenth to Eighteenth Centuries – and a rose-garden.

The Canal and Gairut Waterfall



25 If you wish, you may conclude your walk by taking the number 25 Azur Line bus at the "Monastère" stop, direction "Cernuschi" and so discover the Canal ("Bello Squardo" stop) and the Gairut Waterfall (Cascade de Gairut stop), a verdant island and haven of peace in the upper part of the city.