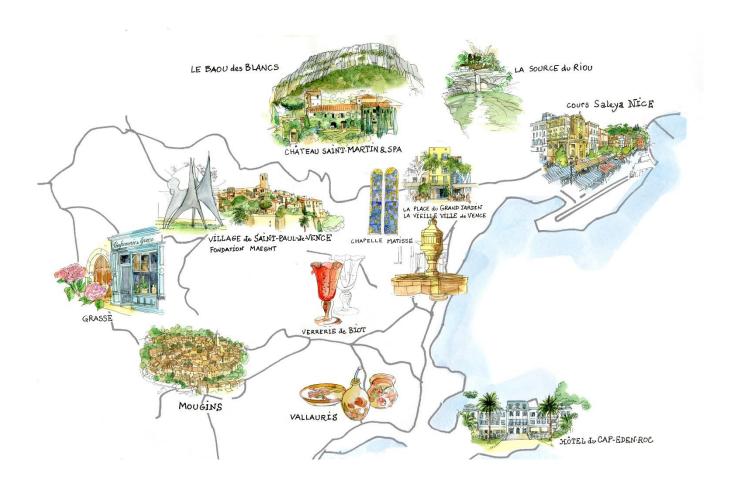


COTE D'AZUR - VENCE - FRENCH RIVIERA



# SECRET ESCAPES FROM CHÂTEAU SAINT-MARTIN & SPA

We may have been born there, or simply love the region – either way, we never tire of talking about the French Riviera and its treasures. We are keen to share our favorite venues, well-kept secrets that we chose to reveal just for you, and you alone...

## Our region in the words of...

## Sébastien Clémente Chef Concierge

## My favorite markets:

#### Vence's market

Place du Grand Jardin, 06140 Vence

www.vence-tourisme.com/en/markets

"I like to visit the market in Vence, especially the lady at the entrance, next to the carousel. She's an emblematic character who sells her own flavoursome products, which she cultivates on her farm. She's always full of good advice."

#### Forville market

Place marché Forville, 06150 Cannes

www.cannestouristinformation.co.uk/markets-in-cannes.html

"For me, the most beautiful market on the French Riviera is held in Forville. Your typical Cannes resident will take the following route: upon arrival, go right to the end of the market and pop into the café on the left. This is the ideal place to start the day, people watching and seeing the world go by... Next, stroll between the stalls under the covered hall. There are beautiful stands of fish freshly caught from the bay of Cannes. Then continue your walk down rue Meynadier, a historic street where you'll find some fantastic products."

## My favorite wine cellars:

#### Cave de l'Empereur

7 cours Masséna (Marché Provençal), 06600 Antibes - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 34 04 86

www.foie-gras-empereur.fr

"This little bottle-lined cellar is run by two Russians who are great wine connoisseurs. The owners offer a large choice of major labels but also many vintages from small producers that they like to share with customers keen to discover new flavours."

## La Cave Forville

5 place marché Forville, 06150 Cannes - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 99 60 98

"This is a vaulted cellar with a little old motorcycle at the entrance, used as a door stop. Here we find many wines from the region, Provence specialities, including a fine selection from the Lerins Islands, situated opposite the bay of Cannes."

#### My favorite restaurants

#### Toile Blanche

826 chemin de la Pouchounière, 06570 Saint-Paul de Vence - Tel : +33 (0)4 93 32 74 21

www.toileblanche.com

"My favourite restaurant is run by three art-loving brothers. They have a small hotel and open their restaurant once the weather starts getting fine, from June to September. They're totally crazy and offbeat, and this is reflected in the decoration of the place, where modern art is a strong feature. They have a little game where they take photos to post on social networks, and then merge the three photos with the most 'likes' to make a unique creation. Their alternative side is also reflected in the names of the dishes, paradoxically associated with great rigour in the kitchen: fresh produce for a choice of 4 starters, 4 mains and 4 desserts. In a nutshell, it's a young, modern, quirky restaurant which I absolutely love!"

#### La Onda

3 rue Place Vieille, 06140 Vence - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 32 90 97

www.la-onda.fr

"This second favourite was started by a young lady from Vence who went off to live in Spain. She wanted to bring her adopted country back to her country of origin. She thus settled in Vence and, two years ago, opened a little restaurant tucked away, La Onda, a tapas bar. The concept, combined with the young, modern, passionate owner, is very successful. The products are fresh and of high quality. I always have a great time here."

#### L'Auberge des Seigneurs

1, Rue du Dr Binet - 06140 Vence - Tel : +33 (0)4 93 58 04 24

www.auberge-seigneurs.com

"This restaurant opened in 1923, and nothing has changed since then. There are stones galore, and a beautiful terrace at the gates of the old town. The house speciality is grilled meat, especially chicken. It has a modern-style kitchen, combined with old-fashioned décor.

A little anecdote: you might still meet the grandmother who, in 1923, would play with her dolls in the middle of the tables."

## L'Arrêt au Port

Port du Cros de Cagnes, Rue du Capitaine de Frégate Hippolyte Vial, 06800 Cagnes-sur-Mer

Tel: +33 (0)6 10 90 15 78

www.facebook.com/Larretauport

"This restaurant, run by young, bearded owners with multiple tattoos, offers a superb seaside setting to enjoy Mediterranean specialities at an unbeatable price, all in a very 'bobo' atmosphere."

## My favorite bars

#### L'Ecrin

Port Pierre Canto Boulevard de la Croisette, 06400 Cannes - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 43 43 33 www.ecrinplage.com

"Ideal for enjoying a very trendy drink on the bay of Cannes, along with lobsters and langoustines, two of the restaurant's specialities."

## Le Baôli

Port Pierre Canto Boulevard de la Croisette, 06400 Cannes - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 43 03 43

www.baolicannes.com

"The Baôli is a top-class restaurant and bar graced by the personalities of the international jet set, who gather here to party after nightfall."

## My favorite vineyards

#### Saint Honorat Island

Lérins Islands – Bay of Cannes, 06400 Cannes - Tel: +33 (0)4 92 99 54 32

www.excellencedelerins.com

"The island of Saint-Honorat, situated in the bay of Cannes, is a location unparalleled anywhere in the world, home to 7 hectares of vineyards owned by monks, an institution since the 5th century. This set-up was originally designed simply to produce the wine for mass, but was transformed with the arrival of Friar Marie Pâques, who decided to replant everything and make Saint-Honorat vineyard the "Romana Contis" of the South. The wine is exceptional and has won many awards. The grapes are harvested by volunteers and it's possible to organise visits and tastings on-site. A simply divine experience."

## Château de Bellet

482 chemin de Saquier, 06200 Nice - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 37 81 57

www.chateaudebellet.com

"The Château de Bellet situated above Nice, is surrounded by a dozen vineyards. Here are found native grape varieties produced only on Bellet Hill. Great wines that are markedly Southern French – red, white and rosé table wine."

## My favorite beach

#### La Mala beach

Allée Mala, 06320 Cap d'Ail

"A pebbly beach with crystalline waters not far from Monaco. The atmosphere is young and trendy, and the days play out to the rhythm of music."

#### My favorite museums

The Maeght Foundation

623 Chemin des Gardettes, 06570 Saint-Paul-de-Vence - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 32 81 63

www.fondation-maeght.com

"The Maeght Foundation is a private foundation for modern and contemporary art. In the 1960s, Parisian couple Aimé and Marguerite Maeght were the first art collectors and dealers in France to envisage and assemble a collection in their own home."

#### The Grimaldi Forum

10 avenue Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco - Tel: +377 99 99 20 00

www.grimaldiforum.com

"Monaco's Grimaldi Forum organises a new Modern Art exhibition every year. They're not always the easiest to understand, but this is an ideal place for vagabond spirits like mine."

## My favorite events

Les Nuits du Sud Festival

Place du Grand Jardin, 06140 Vence - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 58 40 17

www.nuitsdusud.com

"This festival, held every year in Vence, brings together many well-known and lesser-known international artists to share their different cultures and musical worlds with a receptive audience."

## Jazz à Juan Festival

Square Gould, boulevard Edouard Baudoin, 06160 Juan-Les-Pins - Tel: +33 (0)4 22 10 60 01 www.jazzajuan.com

"This mythical festival, created in 1960, brings together great musicians of today and yesteryear, such as Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis back in the day. Every year, jazz concerts are organised in the Pinède Gould gardens, by the sea."

## My favorite craft shops

#### L'Atelier du Croco

1 place Charles Felix, 06300 Nice - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 80 00 90

www.latelierducroco.com

"At the end of Cours Saleya, a couple of passionate artisans and their daughter work leather. Here, everything is hand-made to measure. You can choose your hide, form, colour and object. Specialities include knife cases, handbags, watch straps and key rings. Once you've entered the shop, your imagination is the only limit."

## **Dubosq**

8 Grand'Rue, 06140 Tourrettes-sur-Loup - Tel: +33 (0)6 24 34 29 35

www.boisdolivier.eu

"Dubosq is one of the most impressive artisanal shops in the South of France. All its creations are made from olive wood, and include cutlery and full table sets, as well as furniture. Each item is custom made and fully personalised."

## My favorite walks

Rues du Haut et Bas Castelet

06600 Antibes

"Antibes' typical picture postcard scene. Small paved pedestrian streets, villas with coloured shutters, stone fronts, jasmine and bougainvillea climbing from one side of the façade to the other. Streets with a calming effect, where you can recharge your batteries."

#### Col de Vence

06140 Vence

www.coldevence.com

"A lunar landscape, with not a tree to be seen. In the evening, Col de Vence offers a sublime panorama with a breathtaking view of the Mediterranean Sea, and the chance to spot shooting stars. This is also an unusual setting that has become a meeting place for UFO enthusiasts convinced that aliens might land here. So you might even come across a flying saucer..."

#### ABOUT OETKER COLLECTION

Oetker Collection is one of the most inspiring selections of masterpiece hotels in the world. The name 'masterpiece hotels' includes a pledge; a commitment to provide service of the highest quality, every hour of every day. The pearl as a symbol combines singularity, beauty and quality. The individual pearls bind together to form a unique string of pearls.

Each property is one-of-a-kind, reflecting the unique European heritage and sharing the highest levels of service internationally with exceptional and historic architecture & interiors combining with great attention to detail.

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- L'Apogée Courchevel a luxury chalet with a warm and family atmosphere offering the most desirable skiing experience at the top of Courchevel 1850 in the French Alps.
- Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa an iconic grand hotel, amidst a sprawling private park in Baden-Baden, Germany. The historic Villa Stéphanie now offers Europe's most refined and innovative spa experience.
- Le Bristol Paris an authentic vibrant French palace completely refurbished, the ultimate reference for Parisian art-de-vivre, ideally located on the prestigious rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré.
- Château Saint-Martin & Spa a romantic property of excellence nestled in the heart of the French Riviera, boasting breathtaking views over the Mediterranean coastline.
- Eden Rock St Barths a luxurious retreat in St Barths built on a rocky promontory, surrounded by white sandy beaches, and turquoise sea; French art-de-vivre in the heart of the Caribbean.
- Fregate Island Private a jewel of conservation featuring lush forest, wild fauna, and overlooking the crystal waters of the Seychelles. Unique on the Planet.

- **Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc** a legendary luxury hotel at the centre of a scenic private park, where oldworld glamour meets modern luxury at the tip of the Cap d'Antibes.
- The Lanesborough classically British service in a remarkably vibrant and elegant London residence.
- Palácio Tangará surrounded by the Burle Marx Park, a veritable oasis in the centre of São Paulo's vibrant urban landscape, Palácio Tangará brings an exclusive new concept to the destination.

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