

FRANCE – THE FRENCH RIVIERA

8-day / 7-night centre-based, one-hotel group guided walking tour at Menton on the Cote d'Azur



A walking destination beside and above the beautiful Mediterranean Sea that is one of the French Riviera. Visit the pretty medieval villages with views along the whole Riviera and explore the coastal path of Cap Ferrat and the glorious Villa de Rothschild. The *Grand Redonnes* walking trail (the GR51), 'Balcons de Cote d'Azur' is world renowned and during the week you can take full advantage of this route to discover the towns and villages, Saracen castles and panoramic viewpoints of the Cote d'Azur.

There is also opportunity for a sightseeing day in the principality of Monaco and Monte-Carlo.

- Fantastic walking on the glamorous Cote d'Azur
- A day's sightseeing in Monte-Carlo and Monaco
- Medieval hilltop villages
- A fittingly elegant 3-star Queen Victorian era hotel on the promenade
- Menton's charming old town and harbour

A typical centre-based **Classic Walking Holidays** will offer you a choice of 2-guided walks, each of varying length and ascent. If you are new to walking, start at the easier level, where the pace is the gentlest. We have plenty of stops to enjoy the views and to rest. As your holiday progresses you may feel confident to try a more challenging level, or stick to the same level - it's entirely your choice. There is usually a free-day midweek.

Cost per person: AU\$1480 per person (twin share) Single room supplement AU\$210

Departs Menton: 17th, 24th March, 14th, 21st, 28th April, 29th September, 6th, 13th, 20th October 2012

Tour includes: 7-nights in comfortable hotel accommodation with a ensuite bathroom, meals include 7-breakfasts plus 7-evening meals, experienced walk leaders, 5-guided walks and a free-day midweek for sightseeing or relaxation.

Not Included: Airport transfers from Marseille which can be pre-booked at extra cost – we recommend you take these - please ask for details when booking, meals & drinks not mentioned & personal expenses.

The tour offers different itineraries on subsequent weeks and is ideal for walkers wanting to stay for a 2-week holiday or to combine a week here with another walk in many other regions of France – including Provence, Dordogne, Burgundy, the Loire Valley, the Pyrenees or French Alps and the gorgeous Auvergne or in Italy.

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations



HOTEL ROYAL WESTMINSTER: The lovingly restored 3-star hotel enjoys a lovely position right on the seaside promenade of Menton right near to the town centre. The magnificent building sits back from the seafront behind the neatly kept Mediterranean garden. Hotel Royal Westminster has 92 comfortable bedrooms furnished in a simple style. All bedrooms have an en-suite bathroom with toilet and shower, air-conditioning, telephone, satellite television, safe & WiFi. The hotel has an elegant dining room and lounge area.

Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival day – plan to arrive mid-afternoon before dinner (ask about transfers)

Day 2: Cap Ferrat - follow the popular and scenic path that clings to the coastline of Cap Ferrat

Day 3: Monte Carlo - sightseeing in Monaco with perhaps a chance to walk part of the Grand Prix circuit or to go shopping.

Day 4: Castellar and Roc de l'Orme - Both walks start at the perched village of Castellar, high above the coastal plain. Then ascend to Mount Carpano, which straddles the Italian border.

Day 5: Free day - Today no walks are organised, allowing you to explore on your own or relax at the hotel.

Day 6: Trophie Des Alpes and Eze - Visit La Turbie, with its triumphal Roman arch, then ascend onto the limestone plateau of La Simboula with spectacular views across to the snow-covered Alps. Visit the medieval village & castle of Eze. Descend to the sea on the path walked by the philosopher Nietzsche.

Day 7: Balcony path to St Agnes – From the Col de Castillon we follow a path high on the hillside with spectacular views down to the coast. Walk to St Agnes or ascend to the peak of Point Sirocco before walking to the village. Here there may be a chance to visit the hilltop castle or take a tour round the Maginot line fort.

Day 8: Tour ends after breakfast - departure transfer available at extra cost

This suggested program will give you a good idea for the walks offered on this holiday. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programs. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however, the walk selection each week is made by your walk leaders.

Local transport to and from walks: Local transport is not included in the cost of your holiday. Ask for details of transfers available (at extra cost) from Nice when making your reservation. Please allow Euro 70 (approx \$110) per week for transport during the week, excluding your free day - payable locally.

Footpath information – distances are approximate



Easier Walks: 6 to 13km on good, but sometimes rough, paths. Up to 350metres of ascent in a day.



Harder Walks: 8 to 16km on rocky paths. Up to 750metres of ascent in a day.

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