

## Nice Itinerary

Guests are arriving in Nice all week long. You'll make your way to the hotel on your own. Uber is suggested as it is cheaper and more convenient than local taxi. You can also take the local train from the airport, but the walk from the station to the hotel (with baggage) is long. The hotel is [Le Meridien](#), and your reservation is held under your last name. Your room, tax, and breakfast have been prepaid.

I will arrive mid-morning on the 8<sup>th</sup>. It's now a good time to set up our **Whatsapp\*** group for communication while in the South of France.

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Early Arrivals

Some guests arrive in Nice. No official program today, however it might be nice to identify a central watering hole the early arrivals can gravitate to. I'll investigate and share that via Whatsapp soon.

### May 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Arrivals Day

Remaining guests arrive in Nice. We'll meet in or near the hotel this evening for a welcome cocktail and a chance to say hello. Meet and greet location and time will be communicated via WhatsApp in the morning. I will also have your voucher to turn into the Hop on/off bus people for your actual ticket at the meet and greet.

### May 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Touring Nice

We will split into two smaller groups and meet our guides in the lobby at 9:00 AM for a walking tour of the old town this morning. You will have received your voucher to convert into a full day of [hop on/hop off](#) bus transportation. After the tour, I suggest hopping on one of these buses to complete a circuit to get an overall feel for what you want to do or see next.

At 3:00 PM, we've got an hour-long shoreline [cruise](#) scheduled that departs from the Port de Nice, Quai LUNEL (en face des Affaires Maritimes) Nice. It's a fair walk from the hotel, but you can use your hop on bus pass to get there. We return to the port about 4:00 PM. Your afternoon and evening are free.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Race Day**

The Race begins at 8:00 AM and closes on Saturday at 5:00 PM. I would like to be there for the opening heat, which means taking a train from Nice Station at 7:00 AM. This places us in the seats at the course by 8:00 AM.

If you want to go later, you can, but be advised that once things get started streets close and crossing is only an option at certain times.

You'll have to let me know the evening before if you won't be in the main departing group so that you can pick up your train ticket from me. When you reach the seating area at the course, you'll have to Whatsapp me so I can come to greet you at the door. There are no tickets, just a list of people in my group.

Our seating is on the [Midi-terrace](#) at the [Hotel Hermitage](#) in Monte Carlo. The races don't finish until 5:00 PM, though it's unlikely we'll stay that long before returning to Nice.

You're free to stay as long as you like at the event. If you go before the main part of the group returns to Nice, it's a simple matter to use the train ticket for the return trip.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Cruise Day**

We leave Nice at 10:00 AM for Arles. The drive is a little over 2 hours. We'll break up the journey with a stop at [Commanderie de Peyrassol](#), a wine producer located a little over half way to Arles in Flassans-sure-Issole. We'll have lunch there and sample their wines. I expect to arrive at the ship on or about 3:00 PM.

\*Whatsapp is a great tool to use while traveling. Once this app is downloaded to your phone, you can text and call other users for free. To get the full use out of the app, you must have an international data plan. If you don't have a plan, you will only be able to send and receive messages while you're using wi-fi. I strongly suggest you contact your phone carrier now to add a plan.

To recap 1. Download the app to your phone. 2. Create a new contact for me (Brad Cilley, 425 417 3322). 3. Send me a message with your name and Nice in the body. 4. I will add you to the group. Do this sooner than later. Any updates for Nice will come via the app.