

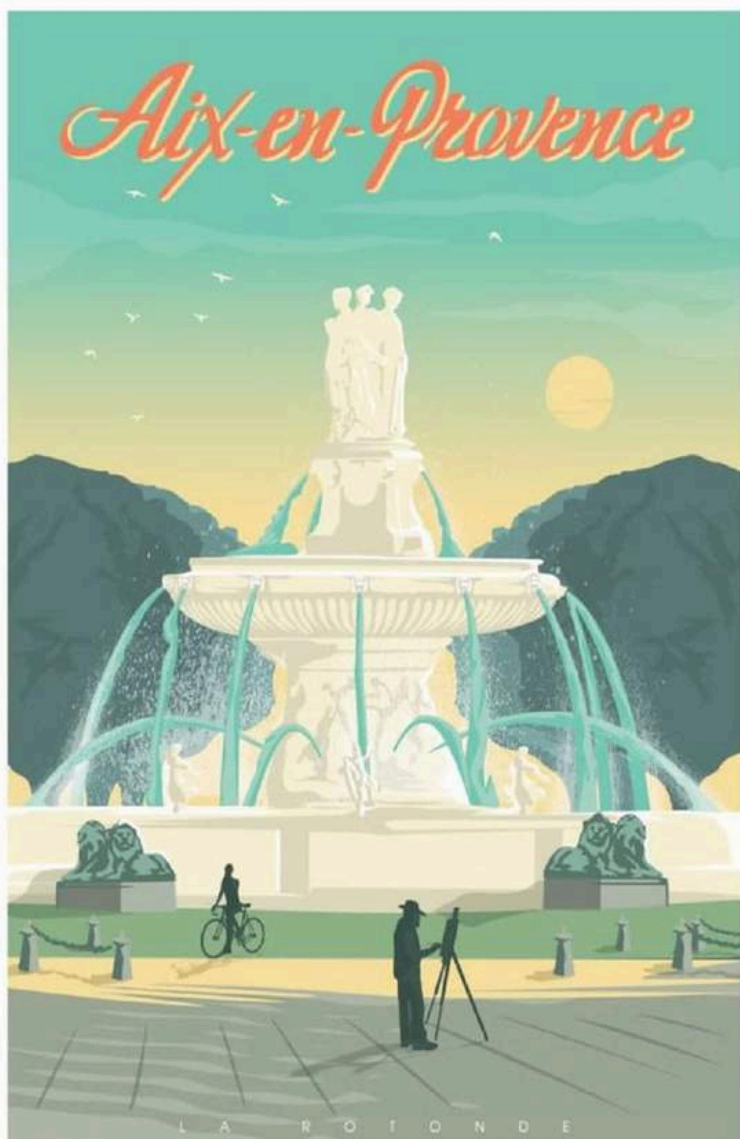
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A guide to Aix-en-Provence



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Part 1 - Aix-en-Provence





MARKET – COURS MIRABEAU & PLACE DES PRÊCHEURS

On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings there is a big market in the heart of Aix. On Place des Prêcheurs you can find fruits, vegetables, cheese and olive oil. On Cours Mirabeau you'll find clothes, pottery, soaps and provençal fabric. On Place Richelieu there is a smaller food market that is open every morning of the week.

MANA – 14 RUE COURTEISSADE

Without a doubt the best coffee in Aix. They also serve breakfast, brunch, lunch and apéritif! And they sell a nice selection of natural wines to bring home.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, Saturday 9 am- 5 pm.
([instagram](#))



HÔTEL CAUMONT - 3 RUE JOSEPH CABASSOL

Art center in the city center with a nice garden and café.

Open all days 10 am – 7 pm.

LES GALINAS LA TABLE PROVENÇALE – 10 RUE CONSTANTIN

Provençal restaurant with a big seasonal focus.

Open Monday – Friday 12 pm – 10 pm.





PIZZA CAPRI - 8 RUE VAUVENARGUES

Take-away pizza slice restaurant that you can find at several addresses in Aix.

Open every day except Sunday, 12 pm – 12 am.

FARINOMAN FOU - 5 RUE MIGNET

Probably the best baguette that you'll find in Aix.

Open Tuesday – Saturday, 7 am– 7 pm.



GRENACHE - 2 PL. JOACHIM GASQUET

Mediterranean-style cuisine, vegetarian options available.

Open for lunch and dinner, Tuesday – Saturday.



AMORINO - 1 RUE DES CORDELIERS

Ice cream shop that you can find at several spots in Aix.

Open until late in the evening.

BOOK IN BAR - 4 RUE JOSEPH CABASSOL

Book shop with focus on English titles. There is a café inside too.

Open Monday-Saturday, 10 am – 7 pm.



Part 2 - Around Aix

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LA SAINTE VICTOIRE - BARRAGE DE BIMONT

The mountain just outside of Aix. Start the hike from Le Barrage de Bimont and walk up to the cross. The hike takes around 2h to get to the top and similar time to get back to the dam.



LE LAC DE BIMONT - VAUVENARGUES (43.54996, 5.55069)

It is forbidden to swim in the lake, but if you're feeling adventurous, you can go in discreetly from Les Bonfillons.

LOUCAU - 545 CHËM. DE LA SIMONE

Ice cream place & bar in Puyriscard, just a 15 min walk from Garden & City hotel. You can play pétanque there too!

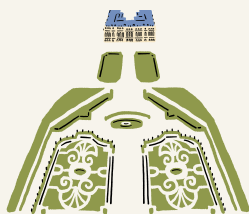


CHÂTEAU DE VAUVENARGUES - VAUVENARGUES

Picasso's old home. You can't go in (it is private), but it's worth a visit just to see it from the outside.

CHÂTEAU DE LA GAUDE - 3959 ROUTE DES PINCHINATS

A beautiful chateau 10 minutes from Aix with a French garden and vineyard. The chateau includes a hotel and a restaurant, but we can also recommend it for a brief visit to enjoy a coffee and walk around the garden.



CHÂTEAU SIMONE - CHEMIN DE LA SIMONE, MEYREUIL

A few kilometers South East of Aix, you find the domain of Château Simone. This vineyard is famous for their white Palette wine.

CHÂTEAU CRÉMADE - 759 AV LOUIS DESTREM, LE THOLONET

Château Crémade is also part of the Palette appellation, offering drop-in wine tastings on their domaine.



LAC DE PEYROLLES - CHEM. DE PLANTAIN, PEYROLLES

If you want to go for a swim but the sea feels too far away, then Lac de Peyrolles is convenient. There is a small café next to the lake, where you can get drinks and ice cream.

Part 3 - Marseille, Cassis & La Ciotat



BASILIQUE NOTRE-DAME DE LA GARDE

Iconic basilica offering panoramic views of Marseille.

Open every day, 7 am – 6:30 pm.



DEEP COFFEE ROASTERS - MARSEILLE

A cozy coffee spot known for its specialty brews and friendly atmosphere.

Open Monday – Friday, 8 am – 6 pm, Saturday 9 am – 6 pm.

MUCEM - MARSEILLE

A museum that offers a deep dive into the history and cultures of the Mediterranean region.

Open Wednesday – Monday, 10 am – 7 pm.



LES CALANQUES DE SORMIOU



Stunning coastal inlets ideal for hiking and swimming. Access may be restricted in summer due to fire risk, so check before you go.

CASSIS

A picturesque port town known for its cliffs (Calanques) and wines. A great spot for boat tours, swimming, and dining.



LA CIOTAT

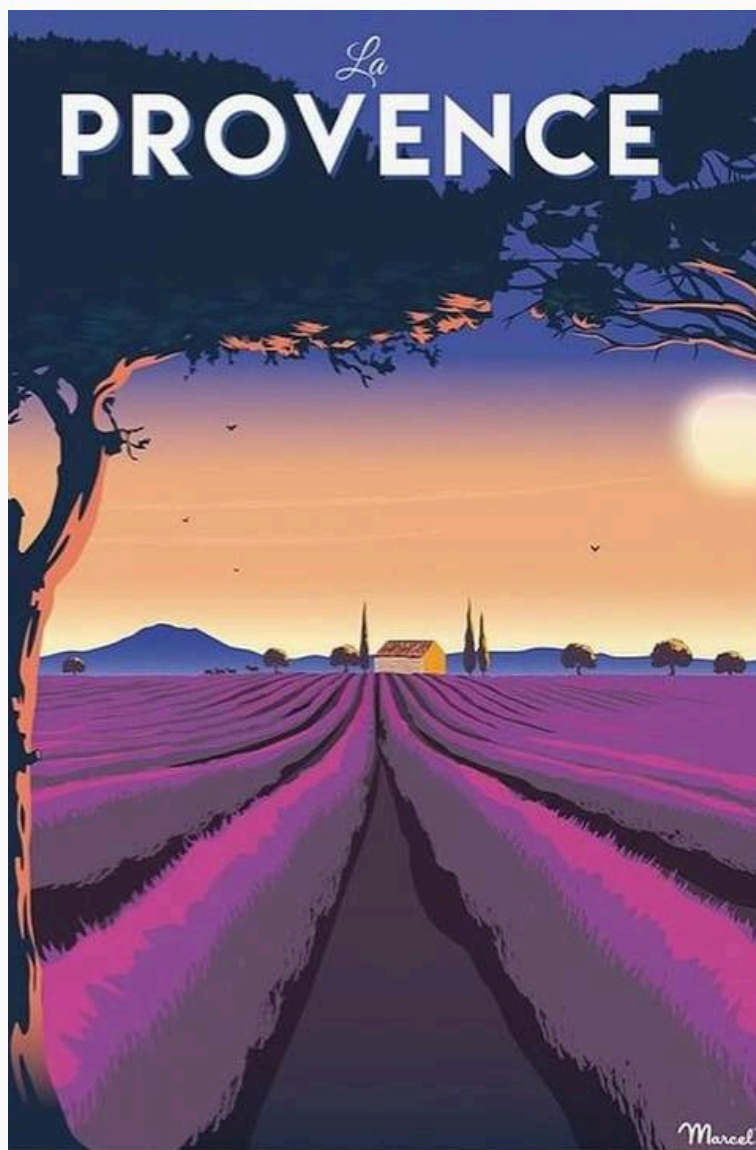
A charming seaside town with beautiful beaches, a vibrant port, and the world's oldest operating cinema.

ROUTE DES CRÊTES - BETWEEN CASSIS AND LA CIOTAT

A scenic drive offering stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea and dramatic limestone cliffs.



Part 4 - Haute-Provence



LAC DE SAINTE-CROIX

A stunning artificial lake with turquoise waters, perfect for swimming, boating, and picnicking. Make sure to visit the little village of Aiguines when you're there.



BONNIEUX

A picturesque hilltop village in the Luberon, known for its historical architecture and stunning views.

MONT VENTOUX

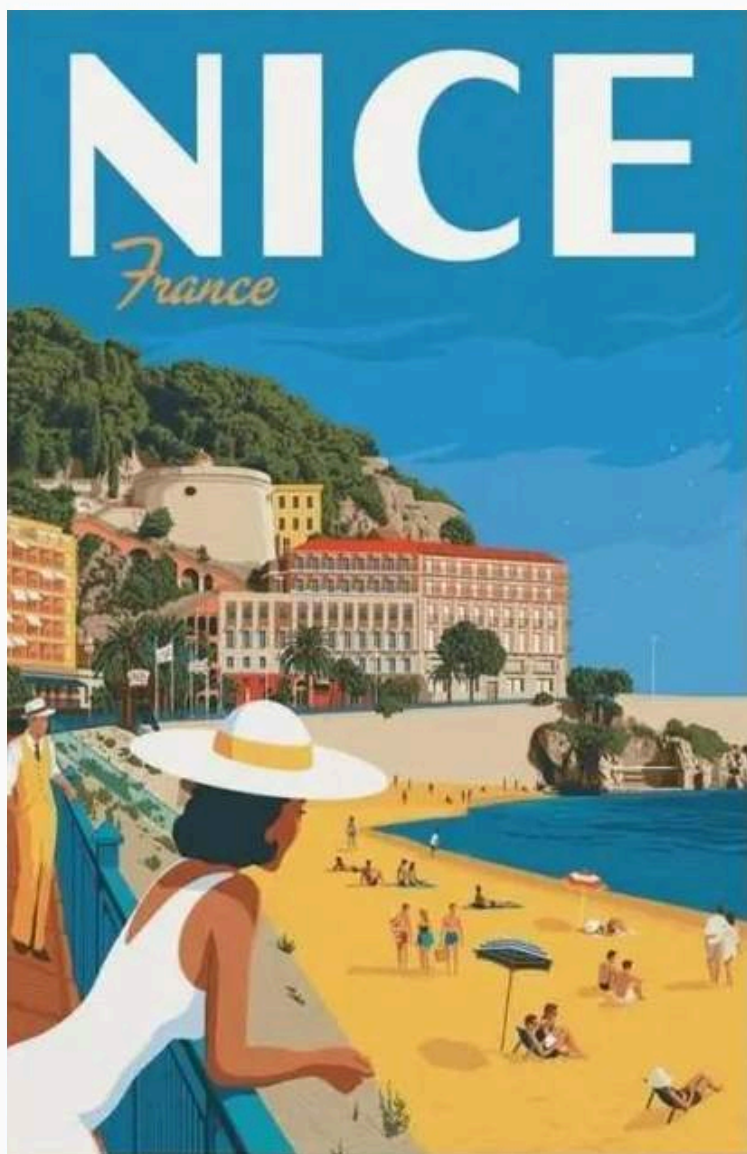
Known as the "Giant of Provence," this mountain is popular with cyclists and offers spectacular views from the summit.



BAUX-DE-PROVENCE / CARRIÈRES DES LUMIÈRES

A Medieval village with impressive ruins and the nearby Carrières des Lumières, a former quarry, is hosting immersive art exhibitions.

Part 5 - Côte d'Azur



VILLA ROTHSCHILD

A magnificent villa and gardens built by Baroness Béatrice de Rothschild in the early 20th century. The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is now a museum showcasing art, furniture, and porcelain collections. The gardens offer stunning views of the Mediterranean and are divided into nine themed sections, each beautifully landscaped.

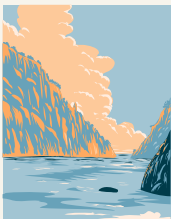
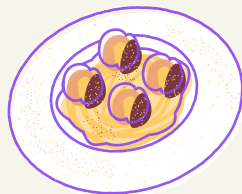


PLAGE PASSABLE

A beautiful beach on the western side of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, known for its calm waters and stunning views of the Bay of Villefranche. It's a great spot for swimming and relaxing.

LE GALET

A chic beachfront restaurant located on the iconic Promenade des Anglais in Nice. Le Galet offers a menu of fresh seafood, Italian dishes, and local specialties. The tables on the beach provide a panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea.



LA BAIE DES MILLIARDAIRES - ANTIBES

A beautiful spot with clear waters and rocky cliffs, offering a glimpse into the lavish lifestyle of the Côte d'Azur's elite. It's also a great spot for sailing and enjoying the stunning coastal scenery. Watch out for the jellyfish if you swim!