



# A Girl's Guide to Spring Break in Europe

Abbey O'Brien and Lily Cestodio, both from the United States, spend a week traveling to four different countries in Europe: Barcelona, Spain, Nice, France, Monte-Carlo, Monaco, Milan and Florence, Italy where they experience a once-in-a lifetime trip.



First stop, Barcelona. Lily (on the right) has never left the United States before. Her first country she experiences is Spain and she does it right by enjoying a pitcher of sangria and patatas bravas with a view of La Sagrada Familia. March 23, 2024.



Next stop is Nice, France. In Nice the view of the city and the color of the ocean are only the start to this beautiful location. With its delicious French and Italian restaurants and markets that sell produce, macaroons, and sweets Lily gets a taste for French life. March 24, 2024.





Although known as a touristy-spot, the girls head over to Castle Hill where they experience a magnificent view of the whole city and watch as people take pictures next to the #I Love Nice sign. March 24, 2024.

From Nice they venture over to a charming small town named Eze that sits on the French Riviera. Filled with small shops and architecture that brings you back in time, Eze showed Lily a part of France that was enriched in history and preservation. March 25, 2024.





During their 70€ day trip where they were chauffeured around by a French man they were happily surprised that they would be traveling to yet another country, Monaco. Lily described Monaco, “Like a scene out of a movie,” and stated there is a 100% chance she will be returning to Monaco next time she leaves the country. March 25, 2024.



In Monaco they experienced the rich-filled nature that surrounded the country. Monaco was the cleanest country either had been to and it was evident that they preserve their history well here. From the sights of the ocean to the beautiful architecture, they were left in awe. March 25, 2024.



From Nice they took a 5 hour bus to Italy and first stopped in Milan. Neither of the girls knew what to expect from Milan, only knowing that it was one of the top cities for fashion in the world, but were pleasantly surprised to find Milan was another beautiful city that had pieces of both modern architecture as well as historic buildings and churches that still stand today. The Duomo in Milan was their favorite sight and conveniently was right around the corner from the apartment they were staying in. March 26, 2024.



The last stop on their journey was Florence, Italy. Taken over by its charm the girls fell in love with the architecture, pasta, pizza, and views of the canals. March 29, 2024.



Florence has been on Lily's bucket list since she was a little girl. Her family is from Italy and she mentioned before the trip that she never expected in her life to have the opportunity to travel to Italy. Once in Florence Lily felt right at home and soaked in every experience. March 29, 2024.

