

5-Day Itinerary for a Couple in Nice, France

Nice, located on the French Riviera, offers the perfect mix of coastal charm, culture, history, and cuisine. This 5-day itinerary is curated for a couple looking to relax, explore, and enjoy the romantic essence of Nice and its surroundings.

Day 1: Arrival and Exploring Nice's Old Town (Vieux Nice)

Morning:

- Arrive in Nice and check into your hotel. For a romantic stay, consider staying in a boutique hotel in **Vieux Nice** or along the **Promenade des Anglais** for sea views.
 - Head to **Cours Saleya**, the bustling flower and food market in the heart of the Old Town.
1. Enjoy a light breakfast: Try a fresh croissant, pain au chocolat, or a slice of **socca** (chickpea pancake) at a local stall.

Midday:

- Explore the charming streets of **Vieux Nice**:
1. Wander through narrow alleys lined with colorful buildings and quaint shops.
 2. Visit **Sainte-Réparate Cathedral** and stop at artisanal shops for souvenirs.

Lunch:

- Enjoy a romantic lunch at **Le Bistrot d'Antoine**, a cozy restaurant serving Provençal cuisine. Try their **Niçoise salad** or fresh seafood dishes.

Afternoon:

- Relax with a leisurely stroll along the **Promenade des Anglais**.
1. Option: Rent a pair of bikes to cover more ground and enjoy the stunning views of the **Baie des Anges** (Bay of Angels).
- Head up to **Castle Hill (Colline du Château)** for panoramic views of the city, sea, and Old Port.
1. **Tip:** Visit around sunset for an unforgettable romantic experience.

Evening:

- Have dinner at **La Petite Maison**, a famous Niçoise restaurant. Splurge on regional delicacies like **pissaladière** and grilled fish.
 - Post-dinner: Grab some gelato at **Fenocchio**, a renowned ice cream parlor in Old Town.
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Day 2: Art and Culture Day

Morning:

- Start your day with a visit to the **Musée Matisse** (Matisse Museum) in the Cimiez neighborhood.
1. The museum showcases works by Henri Matisse, who spent much of his life in Nice.
- Take a short walk to the **Franciscan Monastery Gardens** nearby for a peaceful escape.

Lunch:

- Have a casual lunch at **Chez Pipo**, famous for its authentic **socca**. Pair it with a glass of rosé.

Afternoon:

- Visit the **Marc Chagall National Museum**, dedicated to Chagall's biblical-themed masterpieces.
- Later, stop by the **Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain (MAMAC)** for modern art exhibitions.

Evening:

- Have a relaxed dinner at **Olive & Artichaut**, a modern bistro offering refined dishes inspired by local ingredients.
- For a romantic end, sip cocktails at **Le Negresco's Bar**, located in the iconic Hotel Negresco.

Day 3: Day Trip to Villefranche-sur-Mer and Cap Ferrat

Morning:

- Take a short train or bus ride to **Villefranche-sur-Mer**, a beautiful coastal town just 15 minutes from Nice.
1. Stroll along the waterfront and explore the **Rue Obscure**, a historic covered street.

Lunch:

- Enjoy a seaside lunch at **La Mère Germaine**, known for its fresh seafood and stunning views of the bay.

Afternoon:

- Visit **Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat**, one of the most luxurious and scenic spots on the French Riviera.
1. Tour the **Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild** and its gorgeous gardens overlooking the Mediterranean.
 2. Walk the **Sentier Littoral** coastal path for breathtaking sea views.

Evening:

- Return to Nice and have dinner at **Boccaccio**, an excellent seafood restaurant.
 - Optional: Take an evening walk along the **Promenade des Anglais** to soak up the nighttime ambiance.
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Day 4: Day Trip to Èze and Monaco

Morning: Visit Èze

- Take a bus (Line 82/112) or taxi to **Èze Village**, a picturesque medieval hilltop village.
1. Explore the cobbled streets, artisan shops, and galleries.
 2. Visit the **Exotic Garden (Jardin Exotique)** for stunning panoramic views of the coastline.

Lunch:

- Have a romantic lunch at **Château Eza**, a luxury restaurant with breathtaking sea views.

Afternoon: Visit Monaco

- Head to **Monaco** (20 minutes from Èze).
1. Visit the **Prince's Palace** and watch the changing of the guard.
 2. Explore the **Monaco Oceanographic Museum** and the luxurious Monte Carlo Casino.
- Stroll around the **Monte Carlo Harbor** to admire the yachts and glamorous atmosphere.

Evening:

- Return to Nice and have dinner at **Le Comptoir du Marché**, a relaxed bistro with a seasonal menu.
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Day 5: Beach, Shopping, and Farewell Dinner

Morning:

- Spend a relaxing morning on one of Nice's beaches. Options include:
1. **Public Beach:** Plage Publique de Beau Rivage.
 2. **Private Beach Clubs:** Plage Castel or Ruhl Plage, offering loungers and food service.

Lunch:

- Have a casual seaside lunch at **Blue Beach Restaurant**, offering Mediterranean dishes.

Afternoon:

- Explore Nice's shopping areas:

1. **Avenue Jean Médecin:** Main shopping street with boutiques and Galeries Lafayette.

2. **Old Town:** Browse local shops for artisanal items like lavender sachets, soaps, and olive wood products.

3. **Cours Saleya:** Pick up local specialties such as dried herbs and spices.

Evening: Farewell Dinner

- End your trip with a special dinner at **Le Chantecler** (2 Michelin stars) in the luxurious Hotel Negresco.

1. Enjoy an unforgettable fine dining experience with French Riviera flavors.

Optional:

- Take a final walk along the **Promenade des Anglais**, reflecting on your time in Nice.

Summary of Highlights

Day	Activities	Key Locations
Day 1	Old Town, Castle Hill, Promenade	Vieux Nice, Colline du Château
Day 2	Art and Culture	Musée Matisse, MAMAC, Chagall Museum
Day 3	Villefranche-sur-Mer, Cap Ferrat	Villefranche, Villa Ephrussi
Day 4	Èze and Monaco	Èze Village, Monaco
Day 5	Beach, Shopping, Farewell Dinner	Promenade des Anglais, Jean Médecin

This itinerary combines **relaxation, exploration, art, history, and romance** to give you a well-rounded experience of Nice and its stunning surroundings.

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