

Presents

# MENTON'S LEMON FESTIVAL & THE NICE 'BATTLE OF FLOWERS'

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

5 days / 4 nights departing **Sunday 14.02.27**  
Return flights Man – Nice (incl. 23kg per person)  
Private coach for excursions & Nice airport transfers  
4 nights B&B 4\* **Splendid Hotel & Spa** in central Nice  
Ensuite Premium rooms  
Hotel dinner included on 2 evenings with ¼ wine,  
water + tea / coffee  
Excursions as detailed with entrances as overleaf

## PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS

Minimum **30 passengers** from **£1699pp** - Two share  
Single supplement **£149pp (4 nights)** - **max. 15 rooms**  
**Deposit £500pp** (non-refundable / non-transferable)  
*(Deposit reflects that flights need to be paid in full at the time of booking, together with hotel deposits)*  
Balance due **01.12.26**  
**Cancellations after balance date incur 100% charges**  
**Optional Travel Insurance - £55pp** up to 79 years  
& **£83pp** (80-89 years at booking)  
+ Handling fee **£5pp** (email) or **£10pp** (by post)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Menton Lemon Festival Jardin des Biovès
- Orchid Festival Menton
- Eze Perfume Factory Guided Tour
- Greek Villa Kerylos
- Villa Ephrussi Audio Guided Tour + Lunch
- Grandstand Seating 'Battle of Flowers'
- Saint-Paul de Vence
- City of Nice & Petit Train Tour

## HOW TO BOOK

Any queries regarding this holiday please contact :  
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Please complete the attached booking form and return with your deposit, Insurance premium if required and handling fee to: **Simply Groups Ltd, Dalton House, 1 Hawksworth Street, Ilkley, LS29 9DU**  
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Jardin des Biovès



Villa Ephrussi



Battle of the Flowers



Saint Paul de Vence

## Proposed itinerary

**Sunday Day 1:** Check in at Manchester airport **by 5.20 am**. On arrival in Nice approx. 10.35am you will be met by a representative and transferred to the picturesque town of **Saint-Paul de Vence**, where medieval walls encircle narrow streets and capture the heritage of more than 1000 years.

*(Here the streets are cobbled + the pathways steep in parts)*. This is a well-known haven for artists from all schools, who rub shoulders with their illustrious peers including Folon, Tobiasso & César. This village is an open-air gallery with artists at work in their studios and exciting exhibitions of all types. Lunch can be purchased and you will be free to explore before transferring to Nice and the hotel where a **set dinner with limited drinks is included**.

**Monday Day 2: Buffet breakfast included.** Today begins at the **Greek Villa Kerylos** with an included **audio guided tour**. In the enchanting site of the Bay of Ants, this early 20th-century villa is a perfect reproduction of an ancient Greek home with its mosaics and baths. In the Galerie des Antiques there are casts of the most famous Greek statues, in all their glory. This building is luxurious, beautiful and has a magnificent view over Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. It is then just a short transfer to the stunning **Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild** where a **2-course set restaurant lunch with wine and coffee** is included in the restaurant which has stunning views over the Bay. Suitably refreshed, you will then be free to explore the house (**audio guided tour**) and have time to visit the gardens. Built on the narrowest part of the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat promontory above Nice, this sumptuous palazzo, one of the finest listed buildings on the French Riviera, has magnificent views over the bays of Villefranche & Beaulieu. The Villa is surrounded by nine magnificent gardens with patios, waterfalls, ponds, herbaceous borders, shady paths and rare trees. Returning to Nice a **petit train journey** of Castle Hill with **audio guide** is included. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

**Tuesday Day 3: Buffet breakfast included.** Today we travel along the coast by coach to **Menton** for the **93rd Lemon Festival**, which has a different theme each year. We begin here with an included visit to the **Jardin des Biovès** which during the Lemon Festival, is the central stage for an array of static sculptures designed to the annual theme, covered and made from thousands of oranges and lemons. You will have the opportunity of visiting **the Orchid Festival** near the Bioves gardens (*ticket included*). In the shadow of the festival the orchids flourish, competing both in colours and shapes and providing a calming break. This venue usually also houses a craft market with a variety of regional gifts & produce. There will be **free time** afterwards to explore this 'Pearl of France', on foot. Take a stroll along the seafront to the harbour via the pedestrianised shopping streets where façades are painted in shades of pink, pale yellow & cream. This will lead you to the old town with its many ochre façades, houses with louvred shutters and windows draped with cloth, a maze of stairs and winding alleys cascading to the sea. Departing mid-afternoon, a stop will be made in **Eze** for an included brief **guided tour** of the **perfume factory & laboratory of Fragonard**, where some of their products are made including perfumery, soaps and cosmetics. Here, you will learn about the manufacturing secrets, involving the best natural raw ingredients and a high degree of know-how, combined with craftsmanship and modern techniques. Hotel **dinner with drinks is included**.

**Wednesday Day 4: Buffet breakfast included. - No transport today**

Today is a **free morning to explore the centre of Nice** and the old-town on foot, with its dynamic atmosphere and passion for art and culture. The Old Town is living proof of its history and is dotted with manor houses in the purest baroque tradition. Enjoy a stroll along the **Promenade des Anglais** (seafront) and relax with some refreshments al fresco. The market in the Old Town is well worth a visit which has an abundance of local products & flowers. We will all meet in the city centre at 1.30pm for one of the Carnival's highlights, the traditional flower parade, the **'Battle of Flowers'**, a 90-minute event including **Grandstand** seating. Floats decorated with floral compositions form an elegant procession, where characters in extraordinary costumes, music, scents and colours mingle for the pleasure of onlookers! Costumed performers parade on floats decorated with beautiful flowers and shower the public with these. These 'battles' are staged on the same theme (tbc) as the Carnival floats. Following this event (finish time 4pm), the remainder of the afternoon & evening is at your leisure, as is dinner. You will make your own way back to the hotel on foot

**Thursday Day 5: Buffet breakfast included.** Check out of the hotel and coach transfer to the airport for check-in at 08.50hrs, with an ETA Manchester airport at 12.50hrs.

*Simply Groups reserve the right to make minor adjustments to this itinerary due to circumstances beyond our control.*

*All packages are subject to availability at the time of booking*