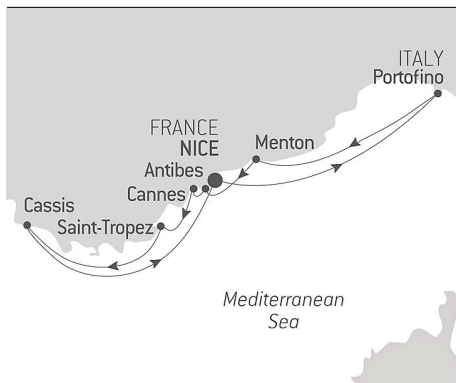


The French Riviera under Le Ponant's sails

From **07/05/2026**
to **14/05/2026**

Ship: **Le Ponant**

From **Nice**
to **Nice**



Le Ponant, the first Relais & Châteaux sailing yacht, like the finest travel address on the waters of the world.

"Eternity. It is the sea mingled with the sun," according to a poem by the French poet Rimbaud. Whether you are a lover of the sea or a curious traveller, experience once again the indescribable joy of navigating under sail surrounded by the elements. Take your place aboard **Le Ponant**, a majestic three-mast yacht with elegant lines and an interior designed by the Jean-Philippe Nuel studio to be a warm and intimate setting with a highly distinctive character. As if you were on your very own yacht, savour the freedom of living in the moment, being fully present for **this exceptional 8-day cruise to the heart of the mythical French Riviera.**

One of the world's most popular holiday spots and an endless source of inspiration for the greatest artists, the iconic Côte d'Azur appears against the pure blue of the sky and sea. On shore, hidden among pine trees or clinging to ochre rocks, timeless villages with citrus-coloured façades call to mind eternal images. Here, the ghosts of Picasso, Fitzgerald, Sagan, but also Vadim and Bardot appear as you wander through narrow streets lined with fig trees and wisteria. At anchor in these picturesque ports built for small vessels, surrender to the very essence of the French Riviera, a combination of glamour and historic charm.

From **Nice**, the capital of the French Riviera, you will sail to **Portofino**. Built in a small natural harbour protected by a pine forest, this lively port has successfully retained its traditions and authenticity.

In **Menton**, on the border between France and Italy, narrow streets wind their way inland to the region's gold: the Menton lemon. Follow the scent of citrus fruits as you stroll through this town, beloved by botanists and artists since the 19th century for its microclimate and its gentle way of life.

Carried by the wind, you will sail to **Antibes**. Just a stone's throw from the chic beaches of Juan-les-Pins and Pinède Gould, one of the world's leading jazz venues, immerse yourself in the history of modern art with Picasso, Matisse and others.

Then, at the foot of the Esterel Massif, in the ochre of the setting sun, **Cannes** will appear. The iconic Croisette is lined with jewellers, leather goods boutiques and other fashion houses facing an endless beach of fine sand. Across the water, the charming island of Saint-Honorat will reveal the secrets of the vineyards of the Abbey of Lérins.

In **Saint-Tropez**, the glamorous standard-bearer of the French Riviera, one breathtaking sight follows another: small boats rub shoulders with gleaming yachts, hidden streets lead to glittering establishments serving their iconic flavours, and the surrounding vineyards seem to cover the sea in a thick green mantle.

Further west, the wind will carry you to **Cassis**. More discreet than its neighbours and open to a limited number of cruise ships, the town is home to a small, lesser-known fishing port. In this tranquil place, soothed by the scent of pine trees, discover an unspoiled natural environment and striking landscapes on a hike or on a boat ride around the stunning “calanques”, narrow, steep-walled inlets.

The activities, designed for you and with you, create opportunities to reconnect with what is truly important, in a setting conducive to contemplation.

Away from the crowds and at your own pace, immerse yourself in wild and breathtaking landscapes and spend time in harmony with nature: kayaking, paddle boarding*.

**The activities on offer will be confirmed on board by the captain. They will depend on the weather conditions, the route and the itinerary.*



The information in this document is valid as of 02/06/2026

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

NICE

Embarkation 07/05/2026 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 07/05/2026 at 18:00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.

PORTOFINO

Arrival 08/05/2026 mid morning

Departure 08/05/2026 evening

Close to the Cinque Terre, **Portofino** is the jewel of the **Ligurian Riviera**. This "small village that stretches like a half moon around a silent basin", described by Guy de Maupassant, is today a pretty, lively little port that has managed to preserve the authenticity of its maritime traditions, which have been recognised since Ancient times. Built in the hollow of a small natural cove sheltered by the pine forest, the village is at the heart of a **protected maritime reserve**. The shimmering colours of its house fronts and the exceptional location of this village have inspired many authors and artists. You will also see the **Portofino lighthouse**, immaculate in its green setting. Perched on the **Punta del Capo**, it watches over the peninsula and its postcard setting.

MENTON

Arrival 09/05/2026 early morning

Departure 09/05/2026 mid afternoon

City of art and history, Menton is located at the far eastern side of the Cote d'Azur. You will be won over by the Provence houses with their palms and lemon trees. Very close to the **Saint-Michel-Archange basilica**, take a mosey around the charming place aux Herbes, and the medieval streets that follow a sinuous plan. Here and there, you can see snatches of the coastline. These picturesque points of view have attracted artists since the beginning of the 20th century. Don't miss works by the most famous Menton figure: **Jean Cocteau**. They are exhibited in two museums: the Bastion museum and the Séverin-Wunderman collection.

ANTIBES

Arrival 10/05/2026

Departure 10/05/2026 late afternoon

Under the Mediterranean sun, on the shores of the famous French Riviera, Antibes captivates and enchants travellers from around the world. The Antipolis trading post was founded by the Greeks shortly after Marseille, in the 5th century BC, but it was under the influence of the Romans that the city prospered. The expansion of the city towards the cape of Antibes began in 1860 under the Second French Empire, marking a boom in tourism. Wander through its old town, encircled by ramparts built by Vauban, and discover its cathedral, its Picasso museum and the many workshops and shops run by local craftspeople. Next, stroll along the path leading to the 16th-century Fort Carré (square fort) via the charming Vauban port, as you admire the sea and the endless horizon.

CANNES

Arrival 11/05/2026

Departure 11/05/2026 mid afternoon

From the shadows into the light... In the 1800s, Cannes was still just a modest little fishing village which over time has been transformed into the elegant town we know today. You will be surprised to see the extent to which Cannes has retained its Provençal character, as you explore its most valuable treasures: the Castre Museum, built by the monks of Lérins and today a Historic Monument or the Gothic Notre Dame d'Espérance Church and bell tower.

SAINT-TROPEZ

Arrival 12/05/2026

Departure 12/05/2026 early evening

Saint-Tropez is built on an attractive peninsula on the Côte d'Azur. In its delightful harbours, you will probably be surprised to see fishing trawlers alongside pleasure craft, yachts and jet-skis. You can do some celebrity spotting along the quays edged with **Provence houses**. Behind the waterfront, you can meander through the floral streets that lead to the baroque church of Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption. At the top of the village, the **citadel** provides a panorama overlooking the entire coastline. It is festooned with justifiably famous seaside sites, like the very beautiful **Pampelonne beach**.

CASSIS

Arrival 13/05/2026 early morning

Departure 13/05/2026 early afternoon

A discreet outpost of the glittering French Riviera, the port of **Cassis** masterfully plays its Provençal music. Between the **stunning calanques coves** and **Cap Canaille**, the town stretches out with charming southern houses, their blinds repainted countless times, while the port exudes such a sunny and recognisable feeling, giving everything here a festive spirit. The surroundings are also well worth the visit: hills drooping beneath the vines, parasol pines curling up into the azure of the sky, prickly pears hanging onto white limestone, the Provence of the Fauvist painters unveils itself in this idyllic spot.

NICE

Arrival 14/05/2026 early morning

Disembarkation 14/05/2026 at 08:00

Capital of the Cote d'Azur, Nice is surrounded by an amphitheatre of hills and mountains that protects it from the wind. You will probably want to explore the Promenade des Anglais, where you can sit on one of the famous blue chairs laid out opposite the baie des Anges. The Château hill is also a very pleasant place to walk. This is the entrance to the **old city**, with its bustling markets and regional products along the main street, the Cours Saleya.