

Cannes

French Riviera · France

TRAVEL GUIDE

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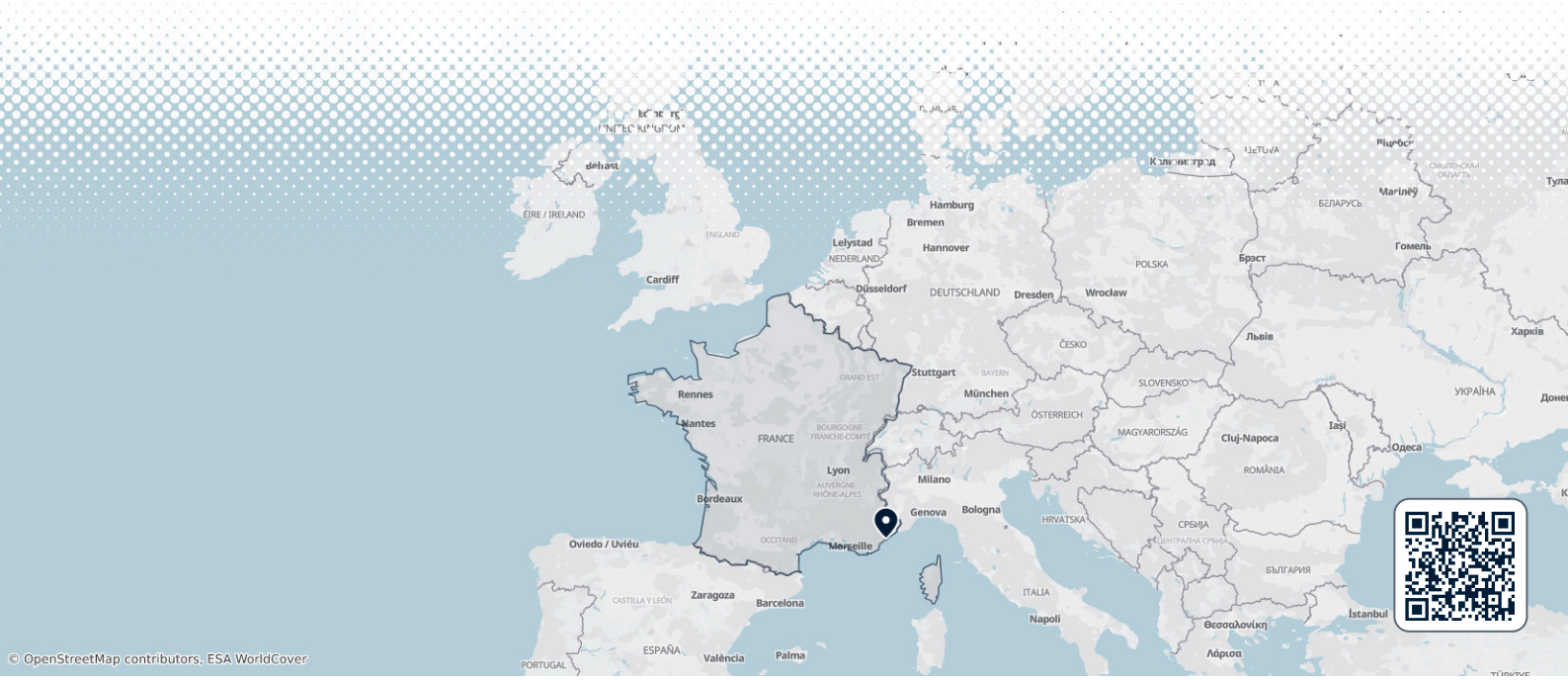


Overview

Cannes is a small seaside city on the French Riviera, best known for its film festival. It has a long sandy waterfront, a historic old quarter on a hill, and a busy harbour. Many visitors come for the beaches, the shops and the relaxed Riviera pace.

It suits a short, easy trip of two to four nights. Most sights are close together and walkable. From here you can also reach other Riviera towns by train, and the Lérins islands by boat.

When to visit

Late spring and early autumn are the best times. The weather is warm, the sea is pleasant and crowds are smaller. July and August are hot and busy, and hotel prices are highest. Winters are mild but rainy, and many beach clubs close.

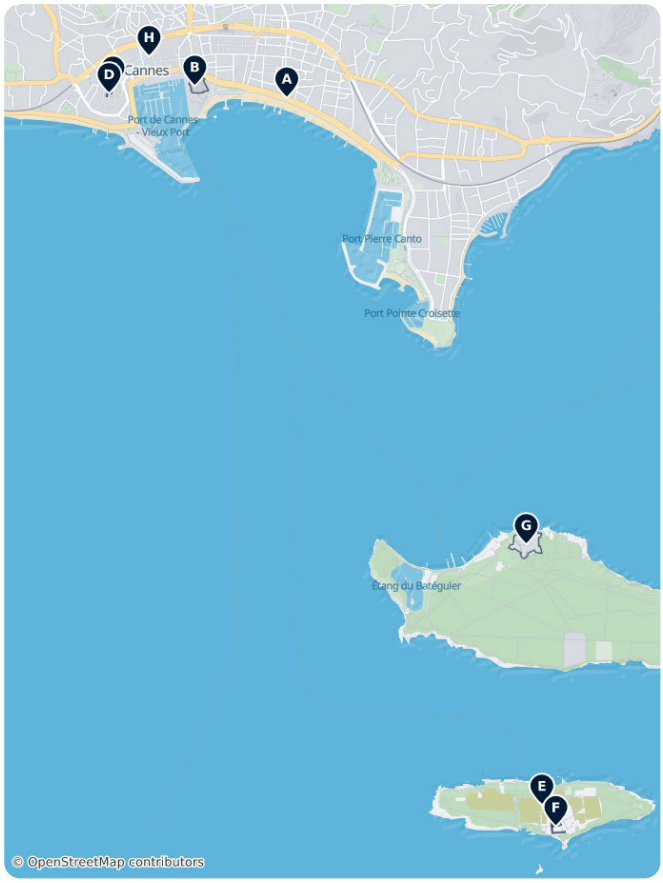
The big event is the **Cannes Film Festival** in May. It is an industry event, so most screenings are for accredited guests. Hotels fill up and prices rise sharply. The city also runs free open-air film screenings on the beach during the festival.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 15°	4° / 1°	Dry air · Calm winds
February	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 17°	4° / -1°	Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for sightseeing	15° / 19°	6° / 2°	Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for sightseeing	17° / 22°	9° / 5°	Dry air · Calm winds
May	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	13° / 9°	Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	17° / 14°	Humid air · Calm winds
July	Great Great for the beach	28° / 32°	20° / 17°	☀ 25 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
August	Great Great for the beach	28° / 33°	20° / 17°	☀ 23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	24° / 28°	17° / 13°	Calm winds
October	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 24°	14° / 9°	Dry air · Calm winds
November	Good Good for sightseeing	15° / 19°	9° / 3°	Dry air · Calm winds
December	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 16°	5° / 1°	Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: May, June, July, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Promenade de la Croisette is the seafront boulevard of Cannes. Palm trees, grand hotels, boutiques and beach clubs line it. Walk it at sunset.
- B Palais des Festivals et des Congrès is the congress hall where the film festival takes place. The red-carpet steps at the front are a popular photo stop.
- C Le Suquet is the old town on the hill above the harbour. Narrow lanes lead up to a medieval tower with wide views of the bay.
- D Musée des explorations du monde is a museum in the old castle at the top of Le Suquet. It shows art and objects from cultures around the world.
- E Île Saint-Honorat is the smaller of the two Lérins islands. It is quiet and green, and walking paths run through pine woods.
- F Abbaye de Lérins is a working monastery on the island of Saint-Honorat. Monks have lived here for about 1,600 years, and they make wine on the island.
- G Fort Royal is a fort on Sainte-Marguerite island. A famous prisoner, the Man in the Iron Mask, was held here in the 17th century. It also holds a maritime museum.
- H Rue Meynadier is a pedestrian shopping street in the old centre. It has food shops, small cafés and restaurants.

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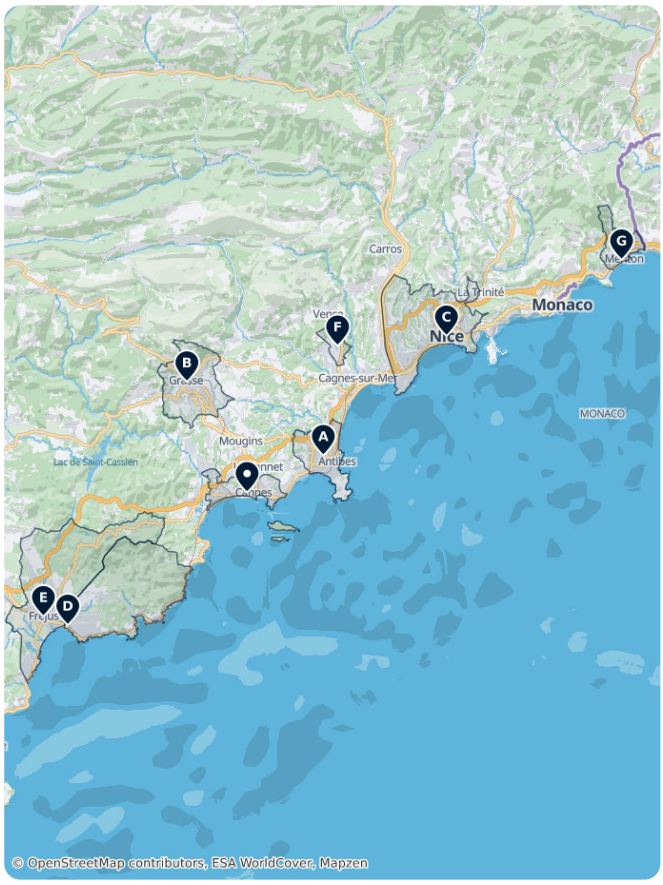
What to experience

- Take the short boat ride to the Lérins islands. Walk around Sainte-Marguerite and swim from its rocky coves. On Saint-Honorat, stop at the monastery shop for wine made on the island.
- Photograph the red-carpet steps of the Palais des Festivals, then see the film-star hand prints set in the pavement nearby.
- Watch a free open-air film at the beach cinema during the film festival in May.
- Climb to Le Suquet at sunset and watch the bay turn orange.
- Spend a beach day. Public beaches along the Croisette are free. Beach clubs charge for sun loungers and meals.
- See the superyachts in the old port. The Cannes Yachting Festival takes place in September.

Day trips

Cannes is a good base for the rest of the Riviera. Trains run along the coast all day.



- A Antibes: about 10 minutes by train. It has an old walled town, a market and a harbour full of yachts.
- B Grasse: about 25 minutes by train. This hill town is the traditional centre of French perfume making.
- C Nice: about 30 to 40 minutes by train. It has a long seafront, a large old town and many museums.
- D Saint-Raphaël and E Fréjus: about 25 to 30 minutes by train to the west. They have beaches, Roman ruins and a calmer feel.
- F Saint-Paul-de-Vence: a walled hilltop village known for its art galleries. Use the train to Antibes or Nice, then a bus. Allow about 1.5 hours each way.
- G Menton: about 1 hour 10 minutes by train. It is on the Italian border and known for lemons and gardens.
- Mougins: a hill village a short bus or car ride inland, known for its restaurants.
- Monaco: about 1 hour by train.

Where to explore

- Along the coast to the east: Antibes, Nice, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and Menton.
- Inland, in the hills: Grasse and Saint-Paul-de-Vence.
- To the west: Fréjus, Saint-Raphaël and Saint-Tropez.

Getting there

- **By air**: Nice Côte d'Azur Airport is the main gateway, about 25 km east. Buses and taxis link it to Cannes in about 45 to 60 minutes. Alternatively, take a tram or shuttle to Nice and then a train.
- **By train**: Cannes station is on the main Riviera line. Trains run to Nice, Antibes and Marseille. High-speed TGV trains from Paris take about 5.5 hours to Cannes and Nice.
- **By bus**: Regional buses connect Cannes with Nice, the airport and nearby towns. The station is in the centre, a short walk from the Palais des Festivals.

Getting around

- **Walking**: The centre, the old port, Le Suquet and the Croisette are all within easy walking distance. The full waterfront walk is about 2 km.
- **Buses**: Palm Bus covers the city. You can pay by tapping a contactless bank card or phone on board.
- **Trains**: Local trains connect the stations of Cannes, including Cannes La Bocca in the west. Use them for trips along the coast.
- **Boats**: Ferries to the Lérins islands leave from the old port.
- **Cycling**: Cycling is possible on the seafront. Hills and traffic limit it elsewhere.

Official Cannes tourist office

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The centre, old port, Le Suquet and the Croisette are all close together and easy to walk.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The seafront is pleasant for cycling. Hills and traffic make other areas harder.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for a stay in the city. The centre is compact, parking is limited and traffic is heavy in summer. A car helps for hill villages inland.
- **Parking**: Use the underground car parks near the Palais des Festivals, the old port and the market. Street parking is mostly paid.
- **Restrictions**: Traffic around the Croisette is very slow during the film festival and other big events. The motorway along the coast has tolls.

Food & drink

Cannes follows Riviera and Provençal cooking. Look for fish soup, grilled fish, salade niçoise, socca (a chickpea pancake) and pissaladière (an onion tart). Rosé wine from Provence suits all of them.

The best area to eat is the old centre. Rue Meynadier and the lanes of Le Suquet have many small restaurants. Marché Forville is the main covered food market. It opens every morning except Monday (daily in July and August) and is the best place for local produce, cheese and olives. Restaurants on the Croisette cost more than those in the old town.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Croissant
Buttery, flaky laminated pastry and a classic French breakfast staple.

LUNCH

Ratatouille
A Provençal stewed vegetable dish of eggplant, zucchini, peppers, and tomatoes.

DINNER

Coq au Vin
Chicken braised slowly in red wine with mushrooms, onions, and lardons.

Beef Bourguignon · Bœuf Bourguignon
Beef stewed in red Burgundy wine with carrots, onions, and mushrooms.

Escargot · Escargots de Bourgogne
Snails cooked in garlic and parsley butter, a classic starter.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Baguette
Long, crusty white bread loaf bought fresh daily from the local boulangerie.

Cheese · Fromage
France produces hundreds of cheese varieties, often served as a course before dessert.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Crepes · Crêpes
Thin pancakes served sweet with sugar or jam, or savory as galettes.

Macarons
Delicate almond meringue sandwich cookies in a range of flavors and colors.

DRINKS

Wine · Vin
France's wine regions, including Bordeaux, Burgundy, and Champagne, are among the world's most renowned.

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Safety & health

Cannes is safe for visitors. Petty crime is the main problem. Pickpockets work in crowds, on the Croisette, at the station and during big events. Keep bags closed and do not leave valuables on the beach.

Tap water is safe to drink. During the film festival, expect crowds, road closures and security checks near the Palais des Festivals.

History

Monks settled on the Lérins islands around the year 410. The monastery at Abbaye de Lérins still runs today.

Cannes itself grew around a hill fortress, now Le Suquet. Le Suquet keeps a medieval tower and the old castle. For centuries Cannes was a small fishing town.

In the 1830s the British politician *Lord Brougham* came to Cannes and built a villa here. Other wealthy British visitors followed, and the town became a winter resort. A statue of him stands near the old port.

The Cannes Film Festival began in 1946. It moved into the current Palais des Festivals et des Congrès in 1982, and the city has been known for cinema ever since.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for France at a glance:

CURRENCY
EUR €

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY

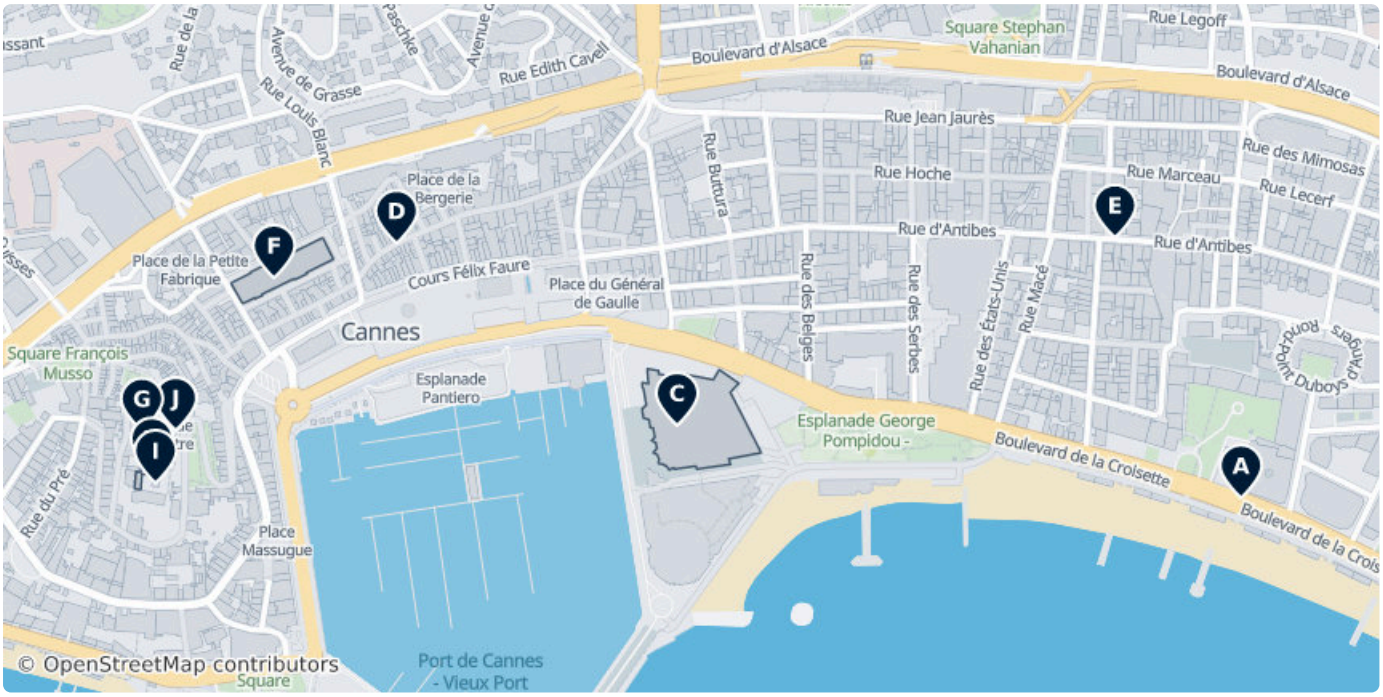
Type C / Type E
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
French

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Cannes Must-Sees

Cannes features a blend of Mediterranean history and modern luxury. The Promenade de la Croisette stretches along the coast, connecting the Palais des Festivals with high-end boutiques on Rue d'Antibes. In the historic Le Suquet district, the 11th-century Suquet Tower and the 16th-century Gothic Church of Our Lady of Hope overlook the bay. Local commerce centers on the pedestrian Rue Meynadier and the Forville Market, which offers regional produce, seafood, and flowers. The Castre Museum, housed in a medieval castle, displays global art and musical instruments.





A The Croisette Promenade

The Promenade de la Croisette, or Boulevard de la Croisette, is a prominent road in Cannes, France.

48 Boulevard de la Croisette, Cannes 06400, France (43.54992, 7.02497)



B Le Suquet

Le Suquet is the old quarter of Cannes, probably best known to tourists as the climbing, winding cobbled lane lined with local restaurants,...

37 Rue Louis Perrissol, Cannes 06400, France (43.55057, 7.01070)



C Palais des Festivals

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D Meynadier Street

A narrow pedestrian street lined by historic buildings. Plenty of stores and restaurants make it a popular shopping and dining destination.

42 Rue Meynadier, Cannes 06400, France (43.55239, 7.01366)



E Rue d'Antibes

This busy street is home to many high-end boutiques. Go window-shopping here and maybe you'll bump into a celebrity!

Rue d'Antibes, 06400 Cannes, France (43.55244, 7.02328)



F Forville Market

You can buy local fresh produce at this marketplace. Choose from stalls selling fish, meat, fruits, vegetables as well as flowers and herbs.

Rue du marché Forville, 06400 Cannes (43.55205, 7.01201)

Sep-Jun Tu–Su	07:00–12:30, 07:00–13:00
Jul-Aug Mo–Su	07:30–13:30



G Church of Our Lady of Hope

This 16th-century church is designed in distinguishable Gothic style with a Renaissance porch. Its belltower is impressive, too.

1 Rue de la Castre, 06400 Cannes, France
(43.55056, 7.01025)

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H Castre Museum

Housing ancient items, artworks and musical instruments from all around the world, this museum is a perfect place for every history buff.

06400 Cannes (43.55018, 7.01038)

We 10:00–13:00, 14:00–18:00

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I Tour du Suquet

An 11th-century watchtower and remnant of the city's medieval fortifications. This 22-meter stone structure is a designated historic monument situated at the highest point of the Le Suquet hill, overlooking the Bay of Cannes.

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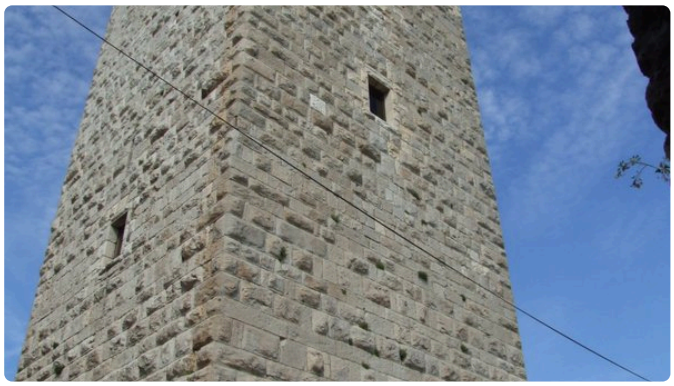

J Suquet Tower

This imposing stone tower dates back to the 11th century. The former part of the city fortification now houses the Castre Museum.

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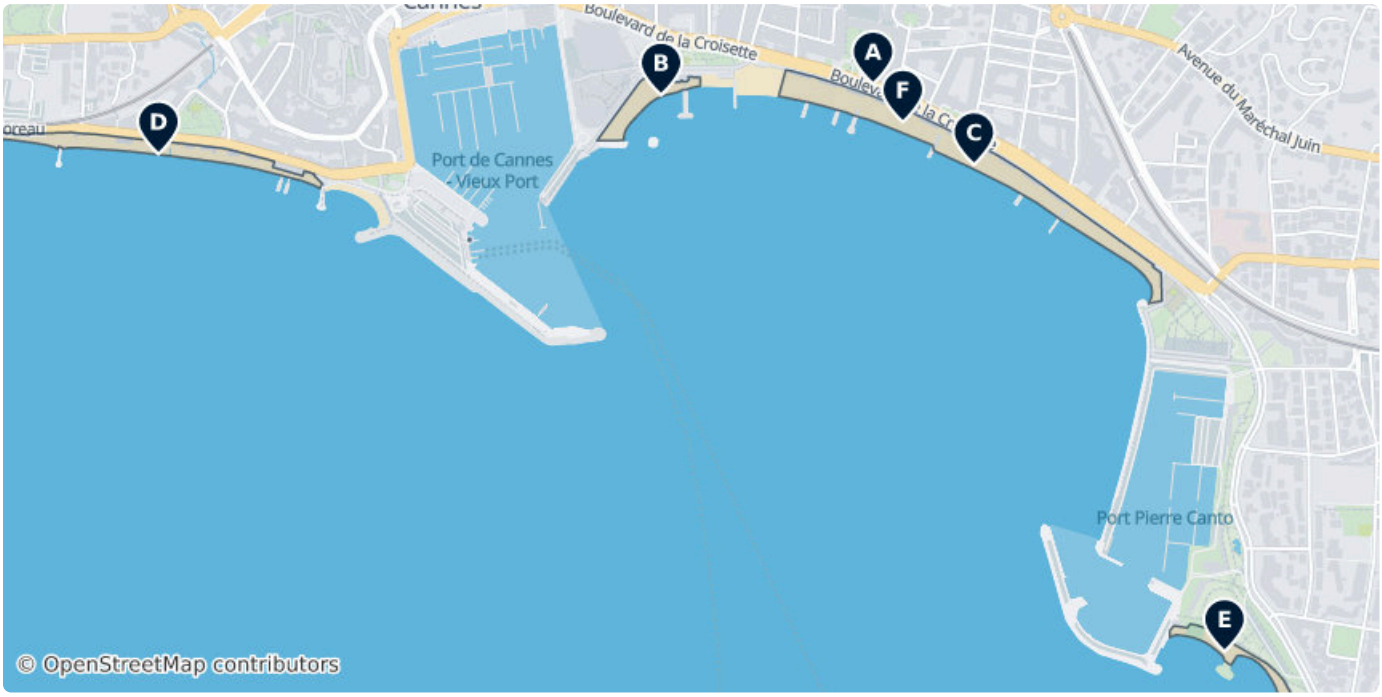
Cannes Beaches and Promenade

The Boulevard de la Croisette serves as the central axis of Cannes' waterfront, stretching along the Mediterranean coast with its signature palm trees and luxury architecture. This selection includes public sandy stretches like Plage Macé, known for hosting the open-air cinema during the film festival, and specialized areas like Handi plage, which provides dedicated accessibility services. The list covers the shoreline from the Midi district in the west to the exclusive private clubs associated with the historic Carlton Hotel.





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B Plage Brigitte Bardot

Public sandy beach located near the Palais des Festivals. During the annual Cannes Film Festival, it serves as the venue for the Cinéma de la Plage, hosting nightly open-air screenings.

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C Plage de la Croisette

A stretch of sandy coastline running parallel to the Boulevard de la Croisette, featuring a combination of public areas and private beach clubs managed by the city's luxury hotels.

(43.54836, 7.02768)

D Plage Waikiki

Public sandy beach situated in the Midi district, west of the Old Port, offering views toward the Esterel Massif.

(43.54856, 7.00585)

E Handi plage

Specialized beach facility equipped with ramps, amphibious wheelchairs, and trained staff to assist visitors with reduced mobility.

(43.53891, 7.03438)

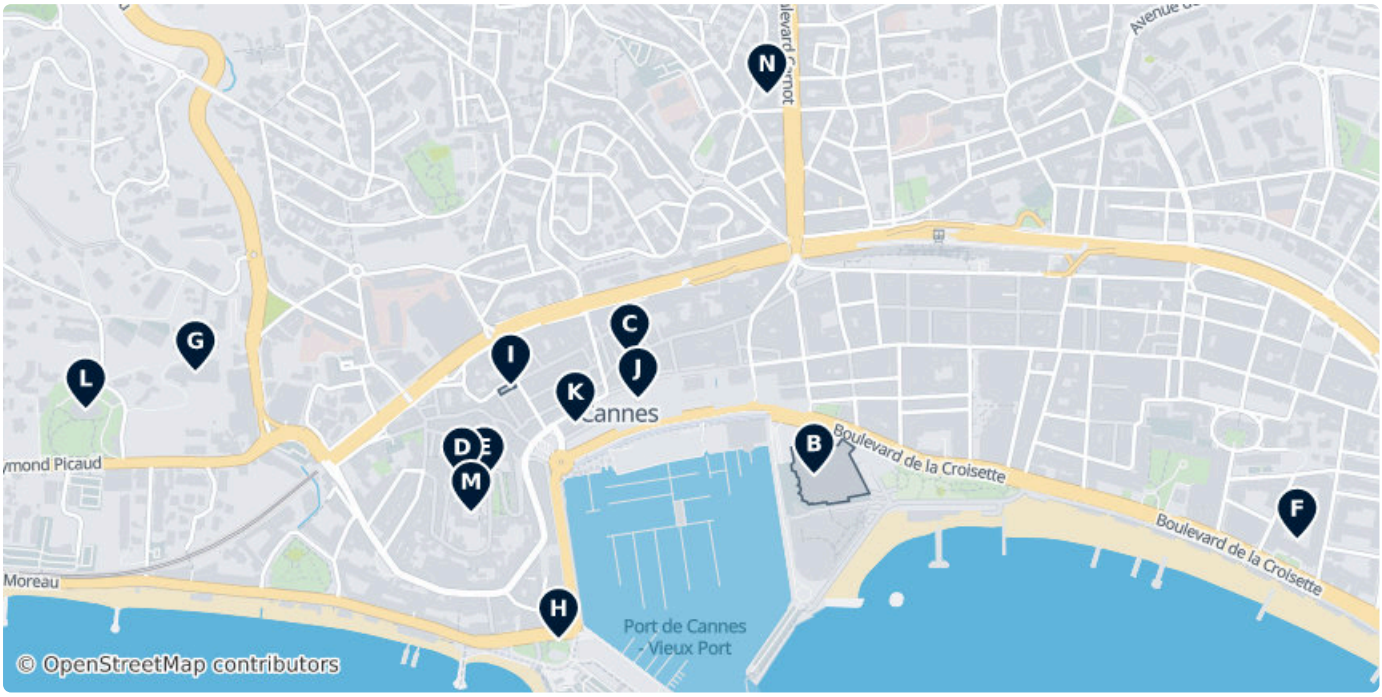
F La Plage du Festival

Private beach club belonging to the historic Carlton Cannes hotel, featuring a signature central pontoon and views across the Bay of Cannes.

(43.54918, 7.02577)

Cannes Heritage Trail

This collection highlights the architectural and historical evolution of Cannes, spanning from the 11th-century medieval fortifications of Le Suquet to the Belle Époque elegance of the Carlton Hotel and Villa Rothschild. Key landmarks include the 16th-century Gothic Church of Our Lady of Hope, the 1880 bandstand on Allées de la Liberté, and the iconic Palais des Festivals. The trail covers diverse sites such as the historic Rue Meynadier, the neoclassical City Hall, and the Chapelle de la Miséricorde, reflecting the city's transition from a fishing village to a world-renowned cultural hub.





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F Carlton Cannes Hotel

The Carlton Cannes, a Regent Hotel is a historic 332-room luxury hotel opened in 1911, located at 58 La Croisette in Cannes on the French...

58 Boulevard de la Croisette, Cannes 06400, France
(43.54966, 7.02726)



G Château Vallombrosa

The Château Vallombrosa, also known as the Hôtel du Parc, is a historic residential building in Cannes.

Rocade de Cannes - Boulevard Vallombrosa, 06407 Cannes, France (43.55214, 7.00481)



H Statue Jeanne d'Arc

A bronze monument dedicated to Joan of Arc, located near the town hall.

2 Boulevard Jean Hibert, Cannes 06400, France (43.54819, 7.01221)

I Chapelle de la Miséricorde dite chapelle des Pénitents Noirs

A 17th-century baroque chapel originally built for the Brotherhood of the Black Penitents, featuring a distinctive bell tower.

18 Rue de la Miséricorde, Cannes 06400, France (43.55194, 7.01123)

J Kiosque à musique des Allées de la Liberté

An ornate Belle Époque bandstand designed by architect Louis Hourlier in 1880, situated in the Allées de la Liberté gardens.

(43.55174, 7.01383)



K Hôtel de Ville de Cannes

A 19th-century neoclassical administrative building designed by Louis Hourlier, overlooking the port.

Allées de la Liberté, 06400 Cannes, France (43.55138, 7.01255)

L Villa Rothschild

The Villa Rothschild is a historic mansion in Cannes. It was built in 1881 for Betty Rothschild, James Mayer de Rothschild's widow.

12 Avenue Jean de Noailles, Cannes 06400, France (43.55158, 7.00258)

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M Tour du Suquet

An 11th-century square watchtower that served as a defensive fortification for the monks of Lérins. It is a designated historical monument.

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N Palais de Justice

Neoclassical judicial building serving as the city's courthouse.

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