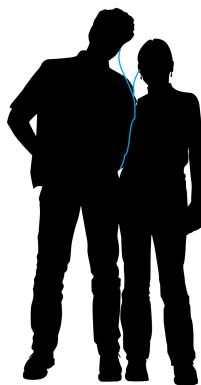


YOUR GUIDE TO - NICE



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1.0 – WELCOME

Your audio guide:

Thanks very much for choosing this mp3cityguides guide to Nice. If you've already done any of our other walks, you'll know how it works but if not, I'll tell you now.

As you've probably already noticed, each of the sections of the walk that you've downloaded on to your machine has a name - this first one is 'Negresco/Promenade des Anglais'. Just consider each of these walks as individual tracks on an 'album' which is the complete tour of Nice. You'll hear directions about where to go next at the end of each section but the route and the stopping points are also marked on your map which is on page four of this Printed Guide.

When you get to a stopping point find somewhere to stand or sit which is out of the way of people and traffic and then play the relevant section of the walk.

The map has been especially produced to help you find your way while you're listening to the audio guide which means that it's not drawn exactly to scale.

Top tip: when you print out this Printed Guide or, at least, the map, set your printer to high quality or fine print so that the map is as clear as possible and easy to read.

Please take care when you're using the audio guide: Nice is a relatively safe city but do keep an eye out for pick pockets and watch out when you're crossing the road.

When we arrive at a monument, church or a museum, after I've described it you might want to go inside or you might want to buy a ticket for later if it looks crowded. Or you might just want to carry on and come back and visit it afterwards now that you know where it is.

Top tip: Play a few sections of the tour on your mp3 player or iPod before you go just to check that they've downloaded properly.

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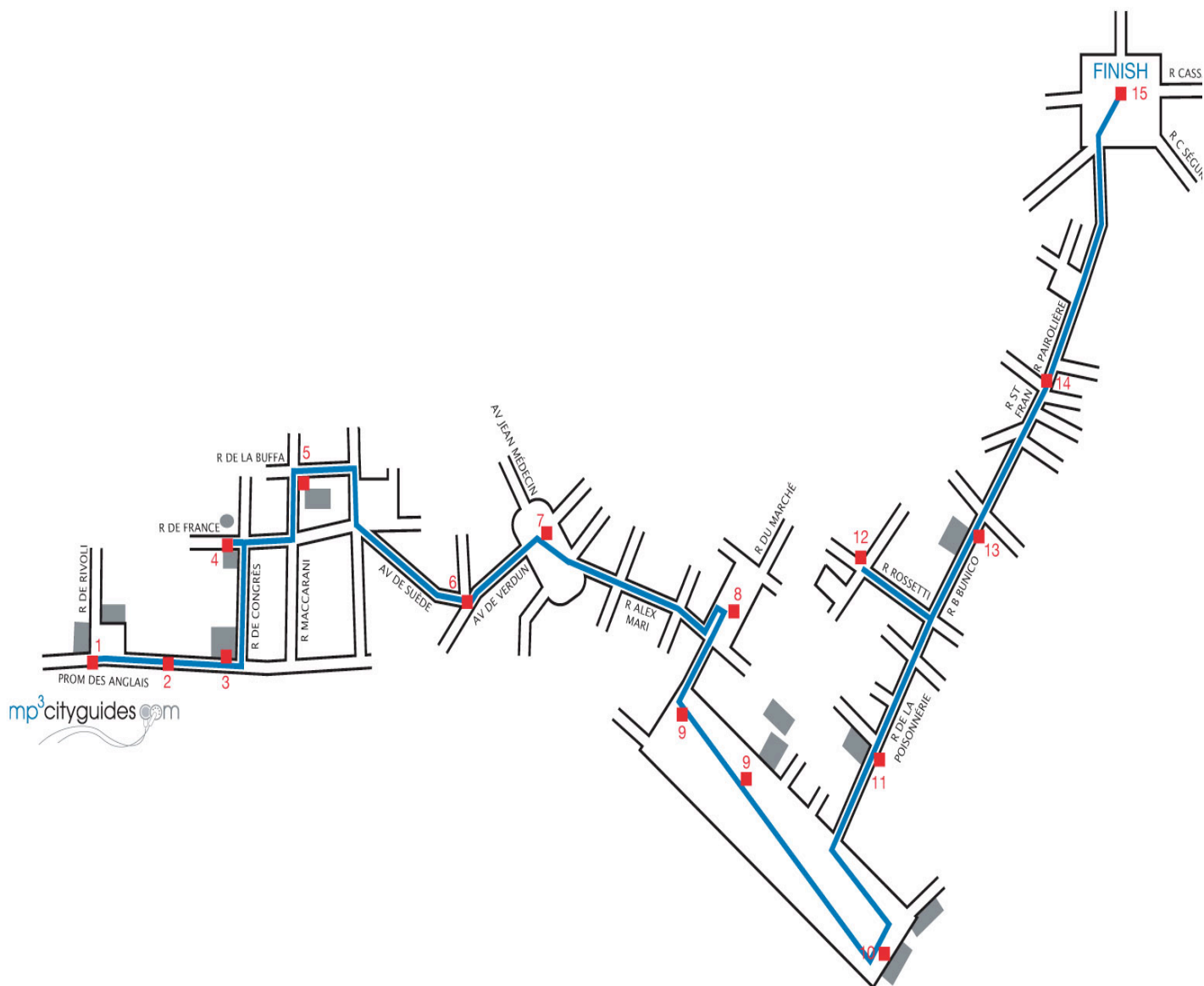
This printed guide complements your audio guide. We know that exploring a city can take more than one visit - and possibly even a life time - so we've pared our guide down to what we think are the essential things to see and do. They're included in section four, the Hit List.

We've done our best to get it right and, because we're an Internet based guide rather than a conventional guidebook, we can update our information very quickly. That said, all kinds of places inevitably change their opening times at short notice so please accept our apologies if you arrive somewhere and, despite what we've said, you find it's shut. As with your Audio Guide, if you find that a museum, gallery, church, bar or restaurant is not as we've described it then please do let us know by contacting us at feedback@mp3cityguides.com

2.0 – MAP

Stops:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Negresco/Pr'de des Anglais | 2. History of Nice | 3. Pls de la Mediterranée |
| 4. Croix de Marbre | 5. Anglican Church | 6. Jardin Albert Premier |
| 7. Place Massena | 8. Place du Palais | 9. Cours Saleya |
| 10. Matisse's House | 11. Church of Rita | 12. Place Rossetti |
| 13. Palais Lascaris | 14. Pl St François | 15. Place Garibaldi |



3.0 – GETTING AROUND

From Nice-Côte d’Azur airport:

By taxi: This is the easiest option. There are taxis outside both terminals. The journey takes about 15 to 30 minutes depending on traffic to the centre of town and costs about €25-35 (about £20-30).

www.nice.aeroport.fr

Bus The number 98 bus operated by Ligne d’Azur departs from both terminals every day from 6.50am – 7.40pm and stops regularly as it goes along the Promenade des Anglais, through the new town and then up to the Port. The price is €6 (about £5) per person for a single ticket.

From Nice Ville station:

There are taxis and buses outside the station. A journey within Nice itself should cost no more than €30 (about £25). Make sure that the meter is running before you set off.

Getting around:

Bus Nice’s buses are reasonably efficient, cheap and safe although they do stop regular services around 8.30pm. Noctambus services run later – check timetables at bus stops.

Buy your ticket on the bus for €1 for a single journey and insert it into the machine to validate it. You can buy up to 10 tickets at a time. You can use the same ticket to change onto another route, within a maximum time period of 74 minutes. Return trips or a second onward journey on the same route will require another ticket.

The Ligne d’Azur office is at 10 Avenue Félix Faure. Open: Monday to Friday 7.15am – 7pm and Saturday 8am – 6pm.

www.lignedazur.com

Taxi Nice’s taxis are relatively expensive and scarce. There are taxi ranks outside Nice Ville railway station, by the Jardin Albert Premier at the Meridian Hotel, in the Place Garibaldi and outside the Negresco Hotel. To ring a taxi: + 33 4 93 88 25 82. They normally arrive within about 15 minutes.

Tram Nice’s smart new tram system is mainly for commuters but line one goes from the Nice Ville railway station to the Gare Routière (bus station) near the Old Town. Tickets are the same as those for the bus but must be bought before boarding and, again validated on board.

4.0 – THE HIT LIST

Getting to know Nice – or any historic city – can take a lifetime but if you’ve only got a weekend here is what we recommend you see in descending order of priority.

* = covered on our Audio Guide

Musée Matisse – Matisse Museum Set in a 19th century villa, this spacious gallery tells the story of the artist’s life and his artistic development. While you’re there look out for the Roman ruins (see next entry) and the beautiful gardens of the Cimiez monastery over to the left as you face the entrance of the Matisse Museum.

Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm.

164 Avenue des Arènes. Bus numbers 15, 17, 20, 22 and 25 – stop: Les Arènes/Musée. T: + 33 4 93 81 08 08.

www.musee-matisse-nice.org

Musée Achéologique Nice-Cemenelum – Archaeological Museum This well laid out museum has artefacts and antiquities dating from about 1000BC until the middle ages. Some truly beautiful treasures are to be found here. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm. Bus numbers 15, 17, 20, 22 and 25 – stop: Les Arènes/Musée. T: + 33 4 93 81 59 57.

www.musee-archeologique-nice.org

* **Musée Masséna** Recently refurbished, this museum has sumptuous state rooms on the ground floor and then two storeys showing the history of Nice from the seventeenth century onwards. Paintings of the town as a quiet fishing port with a wooded track called the Promenade des Anglais and the jolly early twentieth century posters are highlights. The shady garden is also lovely. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm.

Entrances: 65 rue de France and 35 Promenade des Anglais. Bus numbers: 8, 11, 52, 59, 60, 62 98 – stop: Gambetta/Promenade. T: + 33 4 93 91 19 10.

Musée des Beaux-Arts – Fine Arts Museum Formerly owned by a Ukrainian princess and an American millionaire, this elegant villa now houses works by painters such as Dufy, Bonnard and Sisley as well as sculptures by Rodin. Open: Daily except Monday.

33 Avenue des Baumettes. Bus: 3, 8, 9, 10, 12, 22, 23 – stop: Grosso and Rosa Bonheur. Bus 38 - stop: Musée Chéret. T: + 33 4 92 15 28 28.

www.musee-beaux-arts-nice.org

*** Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain – Museum of Modern Art** This vast minimalist modern exhibition space is devoted to pop and modern art by American and European artists as well as regularly changing temporary exhibitions. Open: Daily except Monday 10am – 6pm.
Promenade des Arts - Esplanade Victoires (near Gare Routière – bus station). Bus: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17 and 25 - stop: Musée/Promenade des Arts. Tram 1 - stops: Garibaldi or Cathédrale-Vieille Ville. T: + 33 4 97 13 42 01.
www.mamac-nice.org

Musée Chagall – Chagall Museum The great Russian primitive artist, known for his exuberant style and imaginative use of colour was drawn to Nice for the light and created this dramatic exhibition space for a series of works centred on Biblical themes. Open: Daily except Tuesday May to October 10am – 6pm and November to April 10am – 5pm.
Avenue Docteur Ménard. Bus: 22 – stop: Musée Chagall. T: + 33 4 93 53 87 20.
www.musee-chagall.fr

Musée International d'Art Naïf Anatole Jakovsky – Museum of Naïve Art This spacious villa set high the hill with great views of the sea offers a small but interesting collection of simple naïve art and temporary exhibitions. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm.
Château Sainte-Hélène, Avenue de Fabron. Bus: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 34, 52, 59, 60, 94 and 98 – stop: Avenue de Fabron. T: + 33 4 93 71 78 33.

Musée des Arts Asiatiques – Museum of Asian Art This minimalist exhibition space has an equally pared down collection of works from China, Japan and India but it's relaxing to wandering around. The elegant café offers traditional tea ceremonies. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm.
405, Promenade des Anglais, Arénas. Bus: 9, 10, 23 – stop Arénas. T: + 33 4 92 29 37 00.
www.arts-asiatiques.com

*** Villa Lascaris** One of Nice's smallest museums has a slightly bizarre eighteenth century pharmacy, beautiful interiors and an interesting exhibition of musical instruments. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am – 6pm.
15 Rue Droite. Bus: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 11B, 14, 16, 16A, 17, 25, 37, 38, 60, 62, 63, 64 – stop: Lycée/Gare Routière.

Cathédrale Orthodoxe Russe Saint-Nicolas – Russian Orthodox Church This stunningly beautiful orthodox Russian church, one of the most lavishly decorated outside Russia, was built by the dowager Russian Empress Alexandra Feodorovna in the middle of the nineteenth century in memory of her son who died in Nice. Open: Daily (although closed during services) 1st May to 30 September 9am – 12noon and 2.30pm – 6pm. 1st October to 31st October 9.15am – 12noon and 2.30pm – 5.30pm. 1st November to 15th February 9.30am – 12noon. 16th February to 30th April 9.15am – 12noon and 2.30pm – 5.30pm.

Avenue Nicholas II. Bus: 64 and 75 – stop: Tzarewich. T: + 33 93 83 94 08.
www.acor-nice.com

5.0 – EATING, DRINKING & SHOPPING

Cafés:

Old Town

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Auer Gourmet A stunning array of tea and coffee as well as light lunches is available in this little café and salon de thé. Open: Daily except Monday 9am – 6pm.

7 Rue Saint François de Paul.

Au Pain Quotidien The Nice outlet of the slick café chain offers good organic coffee, bread and cakes as well as its famous communal table. Open: Daily 7am - 7pm.

1 Rue Saint François de Paul.

Fenocchio It's the ice cream that people come for at this bustling café and glacérie – a mind boggling array of flavours which really are very good. Daily 10am – midnight.

2 Place Rossetti.

Serain Cappa A delightful salon de thé with delicious sandwiches, cakes and chocolates. Open: Daily except Monday 8am – 8pm.

7 Place Garibaldi.

New Town

Caffe de la Promenade You'll obviously pay for the location here but this café is a great seaside institution. Open: Daily 8am – about midnight.

3 Promenade des Anglais.

Emilies Cookies This cute little café is more in keeping with the British or American style but has good coffee, cakes and bagels as well as cookies. Open: Monday to Friday 8am – 6.30pm and Saturday 9am – 5.30pm.

9 rue Alberti.

Lina's The French take on our sandwich chains has a great range of well made sandwiches, salads and snacks as well as coffee, tea and cold drinks. Open: Monday to Saturday 8am - 5pm.
1 Rue Maurice Jaubert.

Restaurants:

Prices are per person for three courses plus half a bottle of wine: Expensive: €45 (£35) and above. Moderate: €25-€45 (£17.50-£35). Budget: up to €25 (£17.50).

Old Town

Café de Turin This classic seafood restaurant has wonderful displays of oysters, crab and mussels. Open: Daily 8am - 10pm. Price: Moderate.
5 Place Garibaldi. T: + 33 4 93 62 29 52.
www.cafedeturin.com

Chez Renée Socca A small and slightly chaotic restaurant and takeaway which serves tasty, well made pizza, pissaladière and socca (Nice's signature chick pea pizza) amongst other things. Open: Daily except Monday 10am – 11pm. Price: Budget.
2 Rue Miralheti. T: + 33 4 93 92 05 73.

L'Escalinada This well established restaurant overlooking a pretty little square offers a simple menu of local Niçois specialties created from fresh ingredients. Open: Daily 12noon – 2pm and 7pm – 10.30pm. Price: Budget/ Moderate.
22 Rue Pairolière. T: + 33 4 93 62 11 71.
www.escalinada.fr

Fougassérie A small bakery with salads as well as sandwiches and delicious tarts to take away. Daily except Wednesday 6.30am – 9.30pm. Price: Budget.
5 Rue de la Poissonnerie.

Lou Nissart You'll find friendly staff and shady outside tables at this relaxed, unpretentious restaurant offering traditional Niçois cooking. Open: Daily 12noon – 2.30pm and 7.30pm – late. Price: Moderate.
1 Rue de l'Opéra. T + 33 4 93 85 34 49.

La Table Alziari Simple, hearty Provençal cooking is to be had in this cosy, unpretentious restaurant in a tiny street of the Rue Pairolière. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 12noon – 2pm and 7pm – 9.30pm. Price: Budget/Moderate.
3 Rue Francois Zanin. T: + 33 4 93 80 34 03.

Le Tire Bouchon Inside this small restaurant with its rich décor and subdued lighting you'll find imaginative, modern Mediterranean food beautifully prepared and presented. Open: Daily 7pm – 10.30pm. Price: Moderate.

19 Rue de la Préfecture. T: + 33 4 93 92 63 64.

Branch at 7 Rue de l'Abbaye.

www.le-tire-bouchon.com

Port

Le Bistrot du Port There's a regularly changing menu of well simple but imaginative and well cooked dishes with an emphasis on seafood at his popular local eatery plus great views of the port. Open: Daily 12noon – 2.30pm and 7.30pm – 10.30pm except Tuesday and Wednesday. Price: Moderate.

28 Quai Lunel. T: + 33 4 93 55 21 70.

Le Local In this bright, uncluttered restaurant plus deli you'll find well prepared modern Italian cooking and delicious olive oils, salamis and cheese to take home or to enjoy as a snack. Restaurant open Tuesday to Saturday 12noon – 2.30pm and 7pm – 10.30pm. Monday 7pm – 10.30pm only. Price: Budget/Moderate.

4 Rue Rusca. T: + 33 4 93 14 08 29.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Restaurant Sapore This sleek modernist establishment offers modern European cooking in the form of eight tapas-style dishes including two deserts which change regularly. Open: Daily except Monday 8pm – 10.30pm. Price: Moderate.

19 Rue Bonaparte. T: + 33 4 92 04 22 09.

www.restaurant-sapore.com

Zucca Magica This funky restaurant is known for its beautifully prepared vegetarian dishes with a strong Italian influence. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 12.15pm – 2.30pm and 7pm – 10.30pm. Price: Budget/moderate.

4 Bis Quai Papacino. T: + 33 4 93 56 25 27.

www.lazuccamagica.com

New Town

Brasserie Le Vendome This traditional brasserie in a picturesque square with classic French bourgeois cooking is popular with locals. Open: Daily in summer 8am – 10.30pm. Price: Moderate.

1 Place Grimaldi. T: + 33 4 93 16 18 28.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Kei's Passion This small, intimate restaurant offers some of the subtlest, most imaginative takes on Provençal cooking with all its simple, robust flavours to be found in the South of France. Get a table on the small terrace if you can. Open:

Tuesday to Saturday 12.30pm – 2.30pm and 7.30pm – 10.30pm. Monday and Sunday 7.30pm – 10.30pm only. Price: Expensive. Lunchtime set menu: Moderate. 22 Rue de France. T: + 33 4 93 82 26 06.

La Petite Maison A classic French restaurant which serves high quality, beautifully presented Niçois and Provençal cooking. Open: Monday to Saturday 12noon – 2.30pm and 7pm – 10.30pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive. 11 Rue Saint François de Paul. T: + 33 4 93 92 59 59 or + 33 4 93 85 71 53.

La Rotonde The brasserie at the celebrated Negresco Hotel offers beautifully executed classic French cuisine with its carousel horses creating an unforgettable backdrop. Open: Daily 7am – 11.30pm. Price: Moderate/expensive. L'Hôtel Negresco, 7, Promenade des Anglais. T: + 33 4 93 16 64 00. Email: restauration@hotel-negresco.com

L'Univers de Christian Plumail One of France's best known chefs serves up classic haute cuisine with a fresh, modern twist in this stylish brasserie. Open: Tuesday to Friday 12noon – 2pm and 6.45pm – 10pm, Monday and Saturday 6.45pm – 10pm. Price: Expensive. Lunchtime set menu: Moderate. 54 Boulevard Jean Jaurès. T: + 33 4 93 62 32 22. www.christian-plumail.com

Villa d'Este A large, bustling Italian restaurant with good range of pizzas, pasta dishes and grills well prepared and served with gusto. Open: Daily 12noon until 10.30pm. 6 Rue Masséna. T: + 33 4 93 82 47 77. www.villadeste-nice.com

Shops:

Womenswear

RDV A glam Baroque interior provides a backdrop to RDV's range of light, brightly coloured tops, dresses and skirts in cotton and silks. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 8pm. 15 Rue de la Préfecture.

Tara Jarmon Jarmon's clothes which manage to look relaxed super chic have earned her a loyal clientele worldwide. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 12.30pm and 3pm – 7pm. 10 Rue de la Liberté.

Menswear

Duncan Within in the minimalist interior you'll find a well edited range of casual and smart menswear from both top notch and more affordable designers. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 1pm and 2.30pm – 7.30pm.
1 Rue Saint François de Paul.

Womenswear and menswear

Custo A branch of the Barcelona-based chain, Custo offers contemporary casual clothing in exuberant colours and styles. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am – 7pm.
23 Rue de la Préfecture.
www.custo-barcelona.com

Accessories/other things

Arbre d'eau A collection of homewares and accessories plus clothing and fragrances made from natural materials with a Zen-like feel. Open: Daily 9am – 8pm.
34 Rue Pairolière.

C Gall Cutting edge prints paintings and other works of art most of which are one offs. Open: Tuesday to Thursday 3pm – 6.30pm and Friday and Saturday 10.30am – 6pm.
9 Rue Droite.

Galeries Lafayette You'll find a vast range of fashion labels and accessories for men and women plus food this department store. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am – 8pm.
6 Avenue Jean Médecin.
www.galerieslafayette.com

Martinetti Quirky little shop with an interesting and extensive range of postcards and prints. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 12.15pm and 3pm – 7pm.
17 Rue de la Préfecture.
www.martinetti.fr

Perry de la Rosa This small boutique has striking contemporary jewellery with slightly Gothic overtones. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 7pm.
5 Rue Alphonse Karr.

Food and wine

Cafés Indien There's a range of coffees and teas to set the nostrils a quivering here. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 9am – 12.30pm and 3pm – 7pm. Sunday 9am – 12.30pm.

2 Bis Rue Sainte Réparate.

www.bruleriescafesindien.com

Caves Caprioglio This huge, wonderfully atmospheric emporium has wines from around France and knowledgeable, helpful staff. Open: Daily except Monday 8am – 1pm and 3pm – 7.30pm.

16 Rue de la Préfecture.

Email: contact@cavescaprioglio.com

Lac A sleek, modern chocolaterie which has macaroons and fruit jellies that are to die for.

18 Rue Barla. Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 12.30pm and 3pm – 7.30pm. Saturday 9am – 1pm and 4pm to 7.30pm. Sunday 9am – 1pm and 4pm to 7pm.

49 Rue Gioffredo. Open: Monday to Saturday 9.45am – 7.15pm.

Maison Auer This gorgeous confiserie and chocolaterie with its beautiful interior is a Nice institution. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 9am – 1.30pm and 2.30pm – 6pm.

7 rue Saint François de Paule.

www.maison-auer.com

Bars and clubs:

Café Borghese A cosy little bar with dark walls and tables on the street outside. Open: Daily 8pm – 11pm.

9 Rue Fodéré (in the Port area). T: + 33 4 92 04 83 83.

L'effervescence Smart champagne bar with a selection of good local wines and delicious snacks to soak up all that alcohol. Open: Daily except Monday 6pm to half past midnight.

10 Rue de la Loge (in the Old Town). T. + 33 4 93 80 87 37.

L'événement A vast, glitzy disco with cutting edge house music and regularly changing DJs. Open: Friday – Sunday and holidays from about 11pm – 5am.

45 Promenade des Anglais. T: + 33 4 93 96 68 00.

www.evenement-club.com

Shapko Bar This relaxed live music venue offers jazz, blues, soul and even tango and flamenco. Open: Daily except Monday 8pm – late.

5 Rue Rossetti. T: + 33 9 54 94 68 31.

www.shapko.com

5.0 – USEFUL WEBSITES

www.nicetourism.com - the official tourist office website

www.ville-nice.fr - website of the city authorities. In French but useful.