

MOMENTS

on the road

The Black Forest to the Côte d'Azur
(10 Days)





ON THE ROAD EXPERIENCES

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Welcome!

We love road journeys. They are by far our favourite way of traveling. And when we're in the mood for spoiling ourselves with fine food and delightful hotels, and the sheer pleasure of being on some of the world's best roads, we turn to Europe!

Few regions within Europe offer as much variety of landscapes and cultures and roads as the one that you will be traveling through: the Black Forest, the Swiss Alps and the beautiful French region of Provence. These regions are a treasure trove of hidden gems.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you what we've come to love ourselves so much... Please turn the page to see what we have in store for you. May every day be filled with colourful anticipation and unforgettable memories.

Yours truly,

Peter Schindler

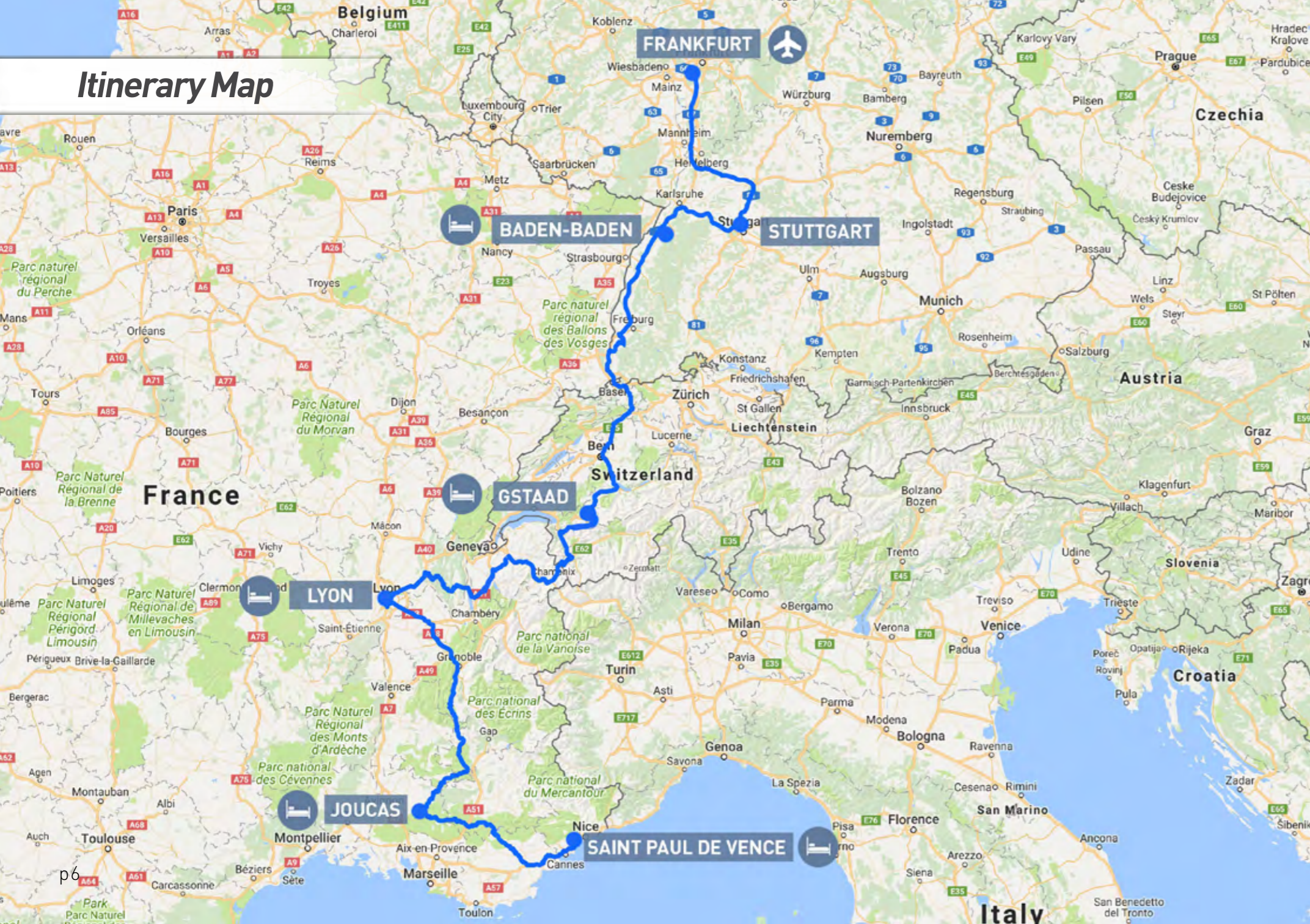




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Itinerary Map



Day-by-Day

Day1 🛍️
Frankfurt/Germany to Baden-Baden –
Arrive in Frankfurt and start your journey with a drive via Stuttgart to the edge of the Black Forest

Day2 🛍️🛍️
Baden-Baden/Germany to Gstaad/Switzerland –
Drive through the Black Forest on your way to the Swiss Alps...

Day3 🛍️🛍️
In and around Gstaad –
Discover the best of Gstaad - glaciers, horse-drawn carriages and fresh mountain air

Day4 🛍️🛍️
Gstaad/Switzerland to Lyon/France –
Via Lac Lemman and Aix-Les-Bains to France's foodie capital, Lyon...

Day5 🛍️🛍️
In and around Lyon –
No driving today... but a tour of well-known and little-known treasures of Lyon...

Day6 🛍️
Lyon to Jocas –
Driving south into the Luberon region of Provence

Day7 🛍️
In and around Jocas –
Discover this gorgeous corner of Provence - fill your day with activities and excursions, or relax and soak up your surroundings

Day8 🛍️
Jocas to Saint Paul de Vence –
On the road to the Côte d'Azur: lavender fields, lakes, gorges, tree-lined country roads...

Day9 🛍️🛍️
In and around Saint Paul de Vence –
A day of sight-seeing and a short drive to conclude your journey...

Day10 🛍️🛍️
Life must go on –
At this point you will probably wish for one thing; that this journey were longer! But life will have to go on... have a safe onward journey!

- 🛍️ International Brand Shopping
- 🛍️ Local/Handicraft Shopping

Journey of discovery



“One of Germany’s
most beautiful regions...
the BLACK FOREST...
in SPRINGTIME...”



“ A LOVELY
little VILLAGE in
the BLACK FOREST
for lunch...”



“GSTAAD,
a GEM of a TYPICALLY
SWISS village...”



“ In GSTAAD,
one of the BEST HOTELS
of your journey...”

“Into the SWISS
countryside...”

Toward Lauenen Lake...

“GLACIER 3000...
as spectacular as the
Jungfrau, but with FEWER
TOURISTS...”

“Weather permitting,
YOUR VIEW at
lunch on the **WAY** to
LYON...”

Bourdeau near Aix-les-Bains...




“ LYON...
a SPECTACULAR
city of long, LONG
TRADITIONS...”



“LYON'S OLD TOWN is a treasure trove of CULTURE and history...”





“ LYON'S
architecture is
MAGNIFICENT...”



“ FINE food
and fabric - all made in
LYON.....”





“DRIVING in France...
CHARMING VILLAGES
one after another...”

An aerial photograph of a mountain range with a winding asphalt road that zig-zags across the steep, forested slopes. The trees are a vibrant green, and the overall scene is bathed in bright, natural light. The road is a dark grey color, contrasting with the green of the forest. The mountains in the background are slightly hazy, suggesting a clear but bright day.

**“DRIVING IN
FRANCE...
SHEER DELIGHT...”**

“A visit to this
SPECTACULAR CASTLE,
then LUNCH in this
CHARMING village...”



In Grignan, a renaissance village...

“Your hotel for
TWO NIGHTS in the
LUBERON, FRANCE at
ITS BEST...”

“ One HIGHLIGHT
in the Luberon,
the OLD TOWN of
GORDES...”





“Delicious
fresh food
EVERYWHERE
you go...”

“ The melons of
CAVAILLON are the
WORLD'S BEST...”





“The VIVID COLOURS
of Rousillon make
it a photographer’s
DREAM...”



“ PLANE trees forming
CATHEDRALS...
scenic DRIVING
doesn't get better...”



“PROVENCE
in SPRING...
no comment...”

An aerial photograph of the village of Ste Marie de Moustiers, France. The village is built into a steep, rocky cliffside. The buildings are small, multi-story structures with light-colored walls and terracotta roofs. A prominent stone wall runs along the edge of the village. In the background, there are more mountains and a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a picturesque example of a village built into a rock face.

“ A VILLAGE
built into a ROCK FACE...
Ste Marie de Moustiers ...”



In Saint Marie de Moustiers...



“The LOVELIEST RESTAURANT for lunch on the ENTIRE JOURNEY...”



An aerial photograph of a coastal town built on a cliffside overlooking the sea. The town features a prominent church with a tall tower. The sea is a deep blue, and a large island is visible in the distance. The foreground is filled with dense green pine trees.

“The CÔTE D’AZUR ...
your VIEW on a DRIVE
as the journey concludes...”

“Dusk falls over the
MEDITERRANEAN...”



Day-by-day



Day 1

Arrive in Frankfurt and start your journey, with a drive via Stuttgart to the edge of the Black Forest

You arrive in Frankfurt today by your own arrangements. Your car will be waiting for you. After we hand over the car to you, you will set out on your first drive south toward Stuttgart, home to several of Germany's major car manufacturers, including Porsche and Mercedes Benz.

You will arrive in Stuttgart in time for lunch in one of the city's finest restaurants. For guests interested in the region's motoring history, it will be possible to visit one of Stuttgart's motoring museums in the afternoon.

From Stuttgart, you will drive to Baden-Baden, one of Germany's best-known spa towns.

Your hotel for the night is Baden-Baden's grandest. Dinner will be at your hotel.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration*

Distance: 297 km

Duration: 3.15 hours

Hotel

A luxury spa hotel in Baden-Baden (*****)

** All distances and durations are approximate*

Day 2

Drive through the Black Forest on your way to the Swiss Alps...

Today you will get a glimpse of Germany's Black Forest, which lies in the country's south-west, abutting France and Switzerland. It is a region of rolling hills, still largely covered with ancient forests. In contrast to the rocky austerity of the Swiss Alps (which you

will see the following day), the landscape of the Black Forest is charming and inviting.

Depending on your appetite for driving, we will choose more or fewer of the beautiful back roads that crisscross the Black Forest region.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 410 km

Duration: 5.45 hours

Hotel

A luxury mountain retreat in Gstaad (*****)

In the late afternoon you will arrive in the wealthy enclave of Gstaad in the heart of the Swiss Alps. You will stay here for two nights.

Day 3

Discover the best of Gstaad - glaciers, horse-drawn carriages and fresh mountain air

Today you can make a late start. Before noon, you will have a short drive from your hotel to a small village called Lauenen. There you will exchange your 400 horse powers for 2: you will continue today's program with a horse-drawn carriage ride that will take you to a beautiful, turquoise lake at the very end of a narrow valley

where you will enjoy lunch in a rustic restaurant right above the lake. The landscape and feeling of being in the middle of nowhere will be superb! After lunch, you will switch back to your car and drive for an hour to Les Diablerets for a cable car ride to a 3000m high lookout from where you will have exceptional views across the Alps... best of all,

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 100 km

Duration: 1.5 hours

Hotel

A luxury mountain retreat in Gstaad (*****)

this lookout is relatively little known, all the better for you to enjoy a special moment up there at three thousand meters altitude.

If there is one day we hope for good weather, it will be today!

Day 4

Via Lac Lemman and Aix-Les-Bains to France's foodie capital, Lyon...

"Morgenstund hat Gold im Mund" we say in German. Roughly, it means: "Treasures await those who are willing to rise early." Today, you'll need to bear this in mind. The morning's drive will combine an exciting Swiss mountain pass, a Swiss highway that skirts, around beautiful Lake

Geneva, and then French country roads that will give you a first taste of things to come. Lunch will be at a very special place overlooking the ultramarine waters of Lac du Bourget near Aix-les-Bains.

After a leisurely lunch, it is just a 90-minute drive to your hotel

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 391 km

Duration: 5.45 hours

Hotel

A charming hotel with views over Lyon (*****)

in Lyon, located high above the old town, where you will stay for two nights.

Dinner will be in a hidden-gem restaurant not far from your hotel.



Day 5

No driving today... but a tour of well-known and little-known treasures of Lyon...

After a few days of driving, today you will leave your car parked.

We have planned a set of leisurely excursions to discover Lyon, which has been a major French town since the Roman times. (Then it was called Lugdunum). Lyon does not only have a fascinating cultural

and architectural history, but is also the centre of the development of French cuisine.

We have created a tour that will give you a taste of both Lyon's history and culinary traditions while still leaving free time for you to explore the city.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 0-80 km

Duration: 0-3 hours

Hotel

A charming hotel with views over Lyon (*****)



Day 6

Driving south to the Luberon region of Provence...

Today, we offer two options. Some may appreciate the chance to sleep a little longer and drive a little less, leaving time for a tour of Grignan and its magnificent Renaissance castle.

If the weather is fine, another option would be to take the longer drive across the Col de Rousset. This second option will require an earlier start, and an adventurous drive through the French countryside.

Whichever option you choose, the group will meet for lunch in Grignan.

After a slow meal enjoying the environment of your Michelin-starred restaurant, you will continue for the short drive to

your destination, Joucas, in the heart of Provence's Luberon region.

Dinner will be at your hotel.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 320 km

Duration: 5.5 hours

Hotel

A boutique hotel in a gorgeous setting (*****)

Day 7

Discover this gorgeous corner of Provence - fill your day with activities and excursions, or relax and soak up your surroundings

Bonjour, Provence! A landscape as colourful as a box of watercolours, it will welcome you from the moment you open your eyes. Enjoy your

breakfast in this calm and heavenly atmosphere.

Depending on how you feel, you may choose to relax at your wonderfully situated hotel or participate in one or all of the outings we have planned for the day: a tastefully and highly informative museum of lavender (the “real thing” you will see along many routes of the journey); lunch at a 12th century fort, from where you will have a marvellous view across the expansive valley; a visit to a goats cheese farm;

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 0-200 km

Duration: 0-3 hours

Hotel

A boutique hotel in a gorgeous setting (*****)

or the ochre-coloured rocks and cliffs near the sleepy, little town of Roussillon.



Day 8

On the road to the Côte d'Azur: lavender fields, lakes, gorges, tree-lined country roads...

Today you're off to the Côte d'Azur! In order to allow you to enjoy driving largely on country roads, you will have to make a relatively early start. At first, you continue through the Luberon – lavender and more lavender as far as your eyes can see. At a small mountain village, which counts as one of France's most beautiful, we will stop for lunch to recharge in, we dare say, the most beautiful restaurant of the journey...

After a leisurely lunch and perhaps a stroll through the garden, you will continue south-east on country roads along lakes and through tiny

villages, across gentle hills and into broad valleys.

In the late afternoon, you will arrive in Saint Paul de Vence, high above the Côte d'Azur.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 232 km

Duration: 5 hours

Hotel

An elegant country hotel near the Cote d'Azur (*****)

You will stay two nights in this location. Dinner will be at your hotel.

Day 9

A day of sight-seeing and a short drive to conclude your journey...

On the penultimate day of your journey, you may wish to spend the day exploring on your own, or relaxing at your hotel.

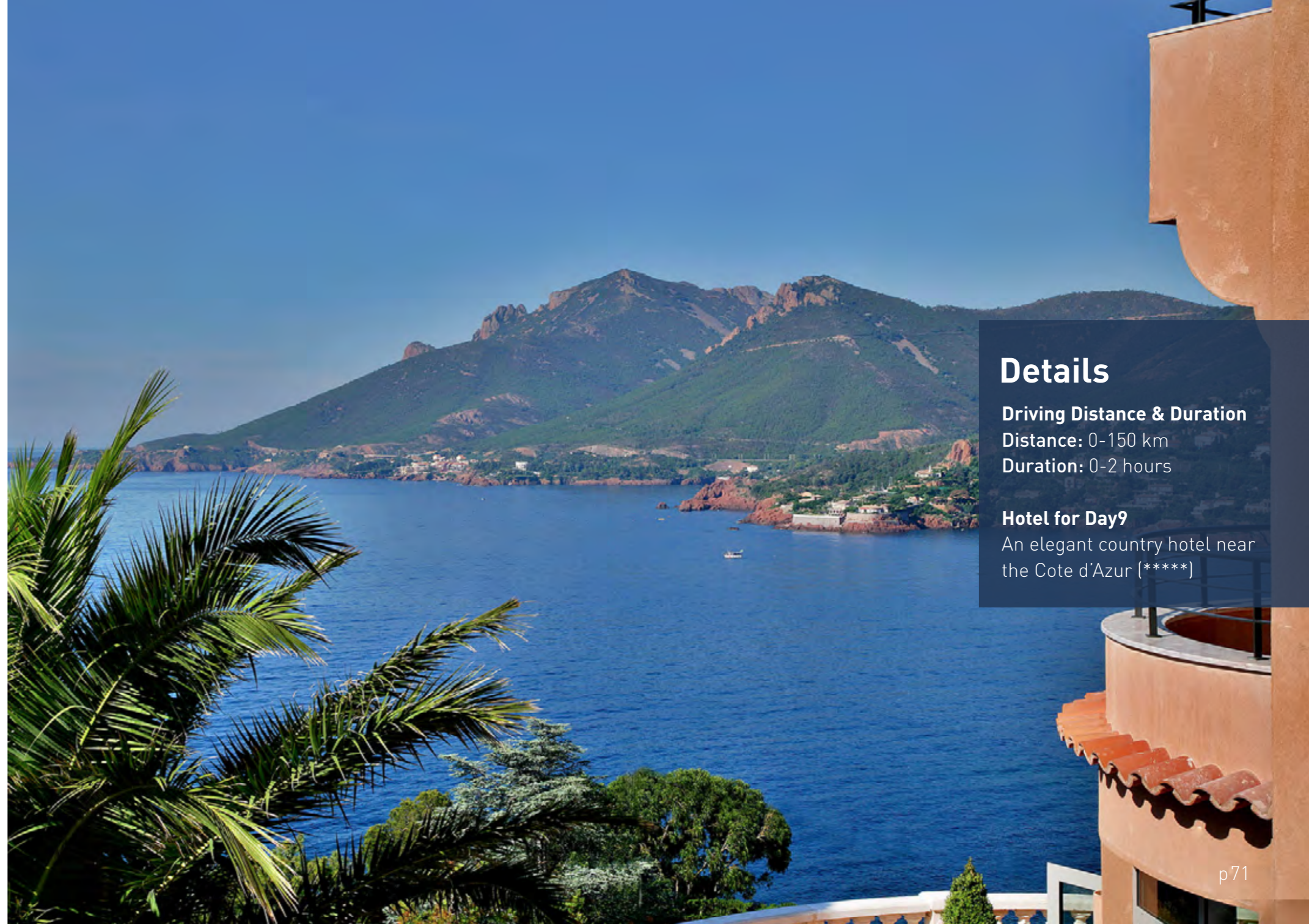
Should you wish however, we will arrange a light program for the day: visiting a unique art museum formed around a private collection; a stroll through Saint Paul de Vence's old town; lunch at a local restaurant; a short drive to Eze with its panoramic clifftop views over the Mediterranean.

For your farewell dinner we have selected a very special place to celebrate the end of this driving holiday from the mountains to the sea!

Day 10

At this point you will probably wish for only one thing: that your journey were longer. But life will have to go on... have a safe onward journey!

On the following day, you will drive for 30 minutes to Nice Côte d'Azur Airport where you will drop off your car and then board a plane to begin your journey home. But if you have time, why not stay in southern France for a few extra days? There is so much more to see and do in this small corner of paradise!



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 0-150 km

Duration: 0-2 hours

Hotel for Day9

An elegant country hotel near the Cote d'Azur [*****]



Choice of Cars

A cabriolet is included in your package price.

We strongly encourage you to enjoy this journey in an open-top car because the natural beauty, the fresh and scented air, the glorious mountains, the vineyards, and the many gorgeous roads are best enjoyed when wind is in your air and you can fully immerse yourself in the enjoyment of being on the road!

Of course, if you prefer a coupe or sedan of the same class or something a little or a lot more exotic, we're happy to offer you upgrade options.



**“ ANY car,
as long as it is a
CABRIOLET”**

Local Cuisine

While this itinerary is **not** one of our 'Foodie'-themed journeys, we do believe that each one of our journeys should introduce you not only to hidden gems of cultural and scenic beauty, but that sampling local cuisines is also a must.

We will therefore arrange for you 'tasting menus' such that you can try out a variety of specialties during each meal.

While alcoholic beverages are not included in the price, on certain occasions, when we believe that a particular dish is best enjoyed when combined with a local drink, we will make it part of the experience!

For private journeys, we can, of course, tailor the meal experience to your taste (and budget).



What's Included / When to travel...



When to travel

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN
JUL AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC

Generally speaking, our journey packages and prices are all-inclusive. Once you've paid and you arrive at the starting point, you really won't have to take out your wallet again except for liquids (alcoholic drinks and petrol) and presents to take home!

- Carefully and thoughtfully designed *On the Road Experiences* itinerary as

described in this Journey Dossier

- A crew consisting of a journey host, subject matter experts/destination guides in various locations and a lead car driver. Depending on group size, we will add additional crew members.
- All meals in 'tasting menu' (or omakase) style

- All accommodations
- A cabriolet from one of our highly reputable car rental partners.
Many car-upgrade options exist at an extra charge.
- All ground transportation and airport transfers
- Pre-programmed GPSs and printed maps

- Walky-talkies to stay in touch with fellow travelers and your crew
- All toll fees and parking fees
- Entrance fees for all attended activities
- Lead car for your crew
- *On the Road in Europe* service (goodie basket and other treats along the way:

wet towels, daily picnic, basket containing fresh fruit, fruit juice, water, and a mixture of sweets and nibbles)

What's Not Included

- Your transport to Frankfurt and from Nice
- Petrol for your car
- Personal shopping

- Visas (if required)
- Alcoholic drinks (unless explicitly included)
- Activities, Meals, Transport during 'free times' as indicated in this Journey Dossier
- Top-up Collision Damage Waiver insurance

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“ A picture is worth a thousand words. True,
but when it comes to a road journey, moving
images are priceless. Please visit :

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ON THE ROAD EXPERIENCES

BACK ROADS | HIDDEN GEMS

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

