

# Grand Duchy to the Cote d'Azur

## 21<sup>st</sup> May to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020



### ***From Luxembourg's Forests & Nature Parks, through Switzerland's Lakes & Mountains to France's Glamorous Beach Resorts***

*Enjoy the natural beauty of Luxembourg's Forests and Nature Parks, Switzerland's Lakes and Mountains and the Glamorous Beaches of the French Riviera (Cote d'Azur). All brought together in this 28-day tour, you will enjoy the wide and varied range of scenery, cuisine and cultures. Throughout the tour there is a comprehensive programme of organised events interspersed with time for relaxation and individual exploration.*

*Be captivated by a stay in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a cosmopolitan country in the heart of Europe. Luxembourg is mostly rural with the dense Ardennes forest and nature parks of the north, rocky gorges of the Mullerthal region in the east and the Moselle river valley in the south. Its capital, Luxembourg City, is famed for its fortified medieval old town perched on the sheer cliffs.*

*The tour takes us through the Alsace region of France where we have a stopover in Strasbourg, the capital of the region and formal seat of the European Parliament. Then into Switzerland and Lauterbrunnen. Located in the heart of the Bernese Oberland region, Lauterbrunnen is ideally positioned for the many cable cars and mountain railways, affording you the opportunity to experience the amazing scenery of this mountain region.*

*Leaving Switzerland, we return to France and Lake Annecy before passing through the Vercors Regional Nature Parc on route to the city of Avignon for a visit to its famous massive of the Palais des Papes (Popes' Palace).*

*From Avignon we continue south to our final destinations at Port Grimaud and Villeneuve Loubet Plage on the world famous Cote d'Azur. From here we will soak up the atmosphere of the glamorous towns and beaches of St Tropez, Port Grimaud, Cannes, Nice, Antibes and Monte Carlo.*

## 28 Nights

### Day One – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

The tour starts close to Heiderschied in the Sauer region of Luxembourg. Our campsite is well equipped with its own bar and restaurant. Tonight we meet for introductions and a short tour briefing before making our way to the campsite restaurant for dinner.

### Day Two – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

This morning we are collected by coach for a full day escorted tour to the most picturesque parts of the region. We visit the beautiful castle of Vianden where our guide will explain the history and later continue our journey through the beautiful countryside to Heringer Millen where we will have lunch. In the afternoon there is time to take the short stroll to the delightful waterfalls at Schiessentumpel before we are returned to the campsite by coach.



### Day Three – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

A free day. You may consider a visit to the local town of Ettlebruck or to Luxembourg City. There are regular public transport links from outside the campsite to both.

### Day Four – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

We move on to Strasbourg. Our campsite is located close to the centre of Strasbourg and only a short walk from the public transport system. **166 miles**

### Day Five – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

This morning we take the tram (transport tickets provided) into the city and make our way to the Cathedral area where we board the “Little Tourist Train” for a tour of the historical parts of the city, with English commentary. After our train tour there will be some free time for independent exploration before we meet at the “Quai des Pecheurs” where we board our boat for a river cruise with lunch on-board.

### Day Six – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

You have a free day today enabling you to further enjoy the numerous opportunities for sightseeing in the city. Alternatively take it easy at our well facilitated campsite.

### Day Seven – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Leaving France this morning we head to Switzerland and our campsite at Lauterbrunnen in the Bernese Oberland. Lauterbrunnen being situated in the valley offers excellent transport (train, cog-railway and cable car) links to the spectacular Jungfrauoch, with the highest railway station in Europe, and to the famous James Bond associated Schiltorn. This evening we meet for dinner in the campsite restaurant. **184 miles**

### Day Eight – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

A free day so you may choose for yourself which of the numerous sightseeing opportunities you will visit. Walk to the Trummelbach Falls, take the cable car to Grutschalp or for the ultimate mountain experience take the train to the Jungfrau or the Cable Car to the Schilthorn. Your Tour Directors will be on hand to help you organise your day.

### Day Nine – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

A group excursion today to the Schynige Platte Botanical Alpine Gardens. A unique attraction located at 1967 metres above sea level and displaying over 700 different species of alpine plants in their natural environment. To get to the gardens we go by Cog Railway which offers amazing views of the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau.



### **Day Ten – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

A free day, this time maybe for relaxation at the campsite in wonderful surroundings, alternatively further exploration of this amazing area is possible. This evening will all meet for dinner in the campsite restaurant where we can re-count our experiences of the past few days.

### **Day Eleven – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Leaving Switzerland today we return to France for our next stop at Neydens, close to Geneva. Our campsite boasts excellent facilities and there is time for relaxation or to make use of the good transport links available close to the site into Geneva. This evening we will visit the Campsite Vineyard which will be followed by a Wine Tasting and a presentation/explanation of the area, including Geneva. **149 miles**

### **Day Twelve – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Today is a free day affording you the opportunity for relaxation, perhaps by the poolside, or the opportunity to take the nearby bus into Geneva.

### **Day Thirteen – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

A free day with the option to join the Tour Director's for a morning walk. Later we meet for a "Savoyard" evening in the campsite restaurant.

### **Day Fourteen – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

A short journey today to our next campsite in Annecy. Located just a couple of kilometers from the centre of Annecy the site affords easy access to the town with its medieval area, bridges and canals. **24 miles**

### **Day Fifteen – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Today we meet at the lakeside and board our boat for a leisurely cruise whilst enjoying lunch on board.

### **Day Sixteen – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

An opportunity for lakeside walks or cycling along the shores of the crystal clear water.

### **Day Seventeen – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

A morning drive to our next campsite at St Romans on the edge of the Vercors. **95 miles**

### **Day Eighteen – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Continuing our journey south we drive to Avignon and our campsite is located just a few hundred metres from the historical centre of the city. **128 miles**

### **Day Nineteen – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

A guided tour of Avignon including a visit to the impressive "Palais des Papes" (Popes Palace). At the end of the tour we have group lunch in the town centre following which there will be free time for your own exploration before making your way back to the campsite.



### **Day Twenty – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Enjoy your time relaxing on site, or wishing to see more then return to this wonderful city for further sightseeing.

### **Day Twenty-One – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

We continue south to arrive on the Cote d'Azur and our well-appointed campsite on the outskirts of Port Grimaud. **131 miles**

### **Day Twenty-Two – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

This morning you can enjoy an optional visit to the local Market and later spend time in Port Grimaud, a unique village designed with the boat as the main mode of transport. Here the houses do not have car parking – they have instead "boat parking". This evening we meet in the campsite's excellent restaurant for dinner.

### **Day Twenty-Three – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Why not do a round trip to St Tropez today? Take the bus to St Tropez in the morning and enjoy your time investigating the town. Popular for many years with artists, the town attracted the International "Jet Set" in the sixties and remains popular for its beaches and vibrant life. At the end of your visit return by boat back to Port Grimaud.

### Day Twenty-Four – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Drive to our final campsite at Villeneuve Loubet Plage located just a few kilometres from Nice and within easy reach of both the beach and good transport links. **55 miles**

### Day Twenty-Five – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We are taken by coach to the tiny Mediterranean Principality of Monaco. Although it is the second smallest country, it boasts the highest number of millionaires and billionaires per head of population in the world. We have a guided tour of the legendary Casino de Monte-Carlo (out of gaming hours!). A magnificent fusion of Belle Époque style, the building retains its gildings, chandeliers and sumptuous decor. It is perhaps salutary to note that citizens of Monaco are not permitted to enter. After lunch there will be free time to visit the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco or further explore the town at your leisure.



### Day Twenty-Six – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Free Day – Options to visit Antibes, Nice & Vintimiglia making use of the good transport links.

### Day Twenty-Seven – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

An excursion into some of the most beautiful Provençal countryside taking in the Loup Gorge and the ancient village of Gourdon perched on its promontory overlooking the Mediterranean. On the way we visit the little village of Tourettes-sur-Loup, and “Confiserie Florian” famed for the manufacture of traditional, floral-scented crystallised flowers and fruit, which are specialities of the region.

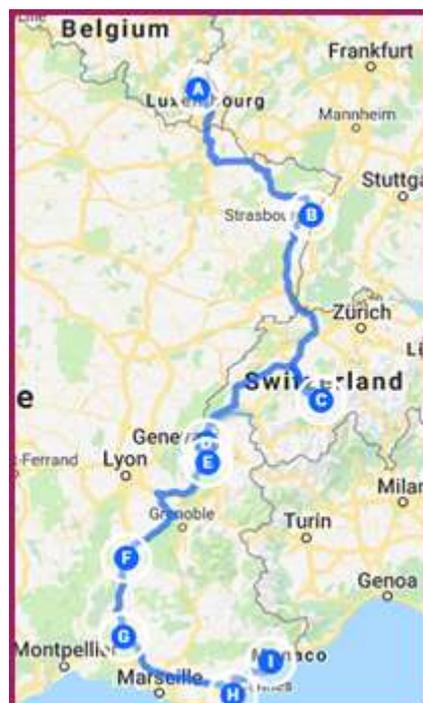
### Day Twenty-Eight – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Free Morning – Enjoy your time in the sunshine!

Afternoon/evening visit to Nice by coach. We will have our ‘Farewell Dinner’ in one of the best restaurants in town before returning to the campsite.

### Day Twenty-Nine – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Tour Ends



## PRICE

## TOUR DEPOSIT £400

Motorhome with 2 people - £1999 per person

Motorhome with 1 person - £2499

## INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 28 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Transport for Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary
- Entrance Fees as per the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Director's travelling in their own motorhome

## Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Reception, Introductions & Tour Briefing followed by Group Dinner
- Guided Excursion to Vianden and Mullerthal in Luxembourg with Lunch
- Little Tourist Train tour plus Boat Cruise and Lunch in Strasbourg
- Excursion to Schynige Platte Alpine Gardens
- 2 X Group Dinners with Wine in Lauterbrunnen
- Vineyard Visit with Tasting plus Group Dinner in Neydens
- Lake Annecy Boat Cruise with Lunch
- Guided Tour of Avignon with visit to Popes Palace - Lunch included.
- Group Dinner with Wine in Port Grimaud
- Excursion to Monaco with visit to Monte Carlo Casino – Lunch included.
- Excursion to Gourdon with Lunch
- Excursion to Cannes with Farewell Gourmet Dinner.

**This tour starts in Heiderscheid, Luxembourg but if you would like to travel from the UK at the same time as the Tour Director on the outward journey, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf**

## OPTIONAL PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 2 X additional Campsites with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May followed by 1 in Belgium on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

## OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 People @ £170 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £299