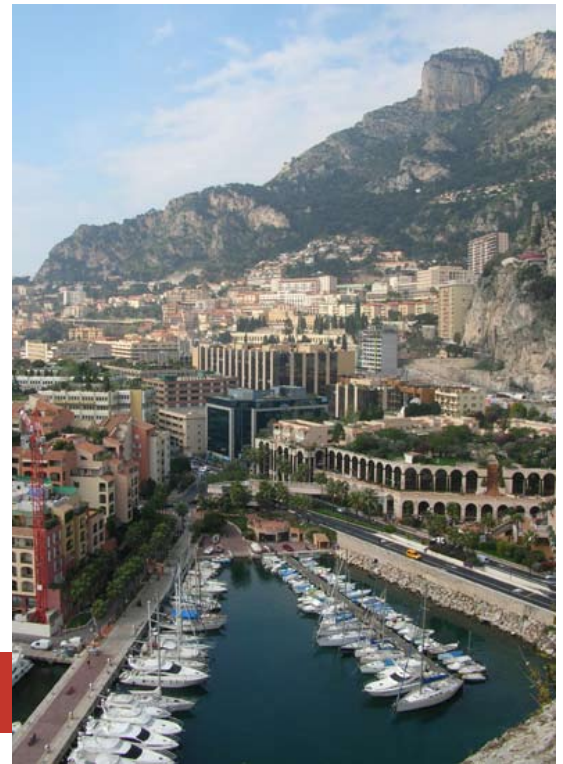


The Northern Illinois University Alumni Association &  
The Office of Alumni Relations *present...*

## *Discover the French Riviera*



October 22 - 29, 2008 • 8 Days, 10 Meals

*Highlights...* Nice • Ventimiglia • San Remo, Grasse • Perfumerie • St. Paul De Vence  
Flower Market • Chagall Museum • Villefranche • Rothschild Villa and Gardens  
St. Tropez • Cannes • Monaco • Oceanographic Museum

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### **Day 1: Wednesday, October 22, 2008**

#### *Overnight Flight*

The fabulous French Riviera awaits your arrival, complete with elegant coastal resorts, superb dining, fabulous shopping and fascinating museums. Unpack your bags just once and stay at a single hotel for your entire adventure which begins with an overnight flight to France.

### **Day 2: Thursday, October 23, 2008**

#### *Arrive Nice (French Riviera), France - Transfer to Hotel*

Your tour commences in the stunning Mediterranean city of Nice, long the playground of the rich and famous. With an average of nearly 300 sunny days per year, Nice is a seaside paradise. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring inspired French cuisine artfully presented. *Today dinner will be included.*

### **Day 3: Friday, October 24, 2008**

#### *Ventimiglia, Italy - San Remo*

Cross the border into Italy and arrive in the charming town of Ventimiglia with its alluring, twisted medieval alleys. Leisure time is available to explore the lively Market Place, offering all types of local crafts and fresh produce. You then proceed to San Remo, the luxurious capital of the Italian Riviera, where flowers bloom throughout the year. Alfred Nobel conceived of his prizes while residing in this city's inspirational surroundings, which has long attracted aristocrats and the wealthy. A wonderful dinner awaits you this evening at a popular local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### **Day 4: Saturday, October 25, 2008**

#### *Grasse - St. Paul De Vence*

Learn the secrets of perfume making with a tour of the Fragonard Perfumerie in Grasse, where fragrant formulations have been prepared

since 1782. Follow the magnificent scenery along the lovely Loup River to St. Paul de Vence, situated on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside. This medieval, walled town is filled with historic buildings, hidden alleyways, fabulous restaurants and many specialty shops. As you explore, soak in its distinctive light, said to have inspired Matisse, Braque, Chagall and many other artists. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 5: Sunday, October 26, 2008**

*Nice - St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat*

Begin your day with a tour of Nice. A visit to the local flower market, where much more than brightly colored blooms are sold, is followed by a trip to the lively seafont Promenade des Anglais and Place Massena, the town's center of activity. Next, visit the Chagall Museum to see his celebrated collection of paintings. Travel the spectacular coastline, passing the charming town of Villefranche-sur-Mer east of Nice. In St. Jean-Cap-Ferrat, called the crown jewel of the French Riviera, you visit the impressive Rothschild Villa and Gardens. This seaside palazzo overlooks the Mediterranean and boasts seven themed gardens, paintings, and other antiquities. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 6: Monday, October 27, 2008**

*St. Tropez - Cannes*

Today you are off to St. Tropez. Once an old fishing village, this scenic area is now a fashionable resort frequented by movie stars, artists and writers. Relax and enjoy the sights on a delightful cruise\* around the yacht-filled bay before heading off to the popular resort of Cannes where you will explore the Old Town, Le Suquet, and walk along the elegant Boulevard de la Croisette where you might just catch the eye of a star or starlet. *Today breakfast will be included.*



**Day 7: Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

*Monaco*

A panoramic tour of Monaco features the famous Casino of Monte Carlo, the Place des Armes, Prince's Palace, Avenue des Beaux Artes, and the Cathedral of Monaco, where Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace are buried. A highlight of your visit to Monaco is the fascinating Oceanographic Museum which was founded in 1910 by Prince Albert 1 who personally collected many of the marine artifacts on display. The museum building itself is a colossal masterpiece of architecture, not to be missed. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

*Nice International Airport - Depart for Home*

Depart for home with many wonderful memories of your vacation to Cote D'Azur. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The cruise in St. Tropez is weather permitting.

We pride ourselves on bringing travelers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas.

For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled time.

**Per Person Rates\*: Double \$2,499 • Single \$2,899**

\*Included in Price:

Round Trip Air from OHare Intl Airport-Chicago, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$310 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers and Accommodations

**For more information contact the NIU Alumni Relations Office at 815-753-1512**

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# Important Reservation Information

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your deposit due date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 20% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full.

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## IDENTIFICATION

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## Tour Deposit and Payment:

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## Tour Pricing:

This is a package tour in which land and tour costs and special group airfares have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to make any deviation from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates, the advantages of the package tour price may be eliminated and additional charges will be assessed.

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