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### Matisse Museum

**164 Avenue des Arènes de Cimiez – 06000 NICE**

Created in 1963, and renovated and extended in the late 80s, the Matisse museum houses one of the largest collections of works by the painter. Temporary exhibitions are organized every year as well as conferences and video projections.



### MAMAC

**4 Esplanade Victoire – 06300 NICE**

This striking museum of modern art follows the history of the French and American avant-garde from the 1960s.

With works by Yves Klein et Martial Rayssek, as well as americans Louis, Olitski, and Poons, the museum's collection is spread over three levels covering around 4000m2



### Old Nice

By day, Old Nice bustles with tourists and locals strolling the streets filled with typical shops selling regional produce, and modern boutiques.

By night, Old Nice becomes the meeting place for the 'Nicois' and tourists alike. Bursting with bars and restaurants, the narrow streets of Old Nice are the heart and soul of the city.



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### Parc Phoenix

**405 Promenade des Anglais – 06200 NICE**

Parc Phoenix is a massive greenhouse with 2,500 species of plants. The Island that Time Forgot, set in the middle of an artificial lake, takes visitors back to some of the earliest plant life. The 22-metre high hothouse at Parc Phoenix features main tropical and subtropical climates with recordings of birdsong and insects.

#### Opening Hours

1st April to 30 September - 9.30 to 19.30

1 October to 31 March - 9.30 to 18.00

#### Prices

2€ free for kids under 12

### Cimiez

Cimiez is an upper class neighbourhood in Nice, France. The area contains the Henri Matisse Museum and the Roman Ruins (arena, amphitheatre, thermal baths, and paleochristian basilica). In July every year the Nice Jazz Festival is held on the grounds of the Roman Ruins in Cimiez. Close to the ruins is the splendid Hôtel Régina where Queen Victoria spent part of her long visits to the French Riviera.

In Roman times it was called Cemenelum; on the Ligurian coast. It was the capital of the province Alpes Maritimae. The city it was an important rival of Nice, continuing to exist as a separate city till the time of the Lombard invasions, and has left its ruins at Cimiez; it is now a quarter of Nice.

Also here can be found the Monastère de Cimiez (Cimiez Monastery) and church that have been used by the Franciscan monks since the 16th century. The church owns «La Pietà», «La Crucifixion» and «La Déposition», three of the most important works from the medieval artist Louis Bréa. On display are more than 300 documents and works of art from the 15th to 18th centuries. Buried in the cemetery near the monastery are the painters Henri Matisse and Raoul Dufy plus the winner of the 1937 Nobel Prize for Literature, Roger Martin du Gard.



### The Castle

Although the Castle is no longer there, (it was destroyed by Louis XVI), we recommend that you visit the site all the same as the views over the bay are incredible.