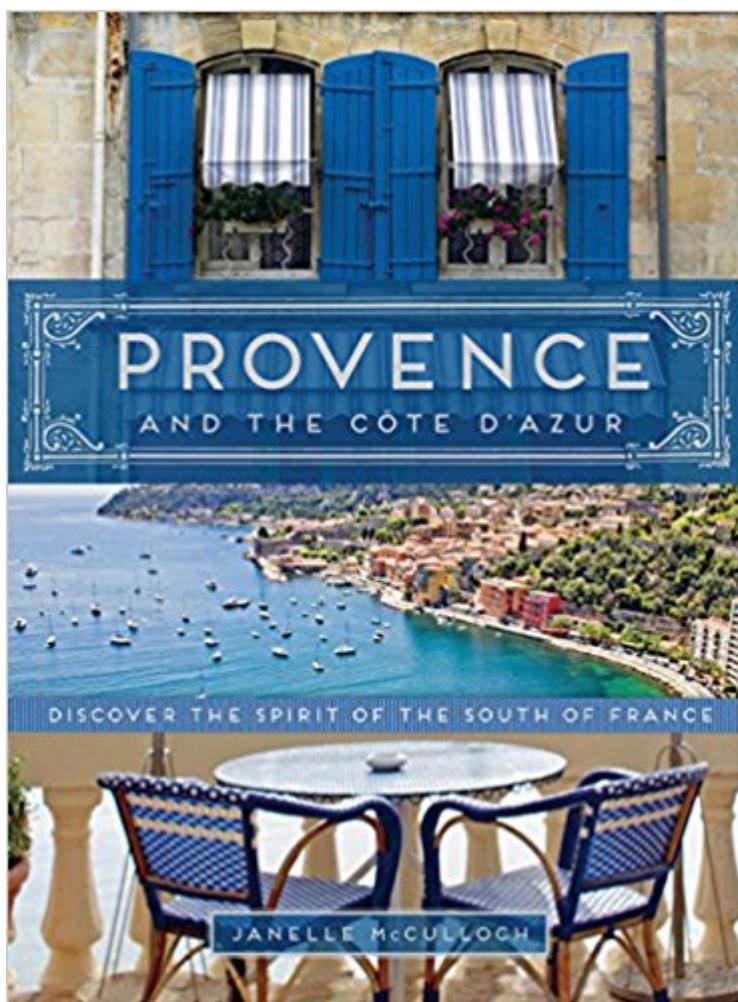


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Provence And The Cote D'Azur: Discover The Spirit Of The South Of France



Synopsis

Take a journey through the dreamiest regions of France: the enchanting villages of Provence and the magnificent coastline of the Côte d'Azur. From the author of Paris, this gorgeous lifestyle guide steers readers away from crowded tourist destinations to reveal hidden gems at every turn: overflowing markets, chic ateliers, quaint cafés, cobblestone streets, sweeping vistas, and exceptional galleries. The accessible writing provides history and context for each stop on the adventure, and the vibrant, color-soaked photographs capture the spirit of this popular place. Packaged as a flexi-bound paperback with a ribbon page marker, Provence and the Côte d'Azur is a must-have for lovers of style, food, travel, design, and, bien sûr, France!

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Customer Reviews

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This book is chock full of sumptuous morsels and tips for seeing the easily missed sights of Provence and the Côte d'Azur. As I plan a trip there in a couple months, from this book I am making lists of places to see, drives to take, and museums to visit. And, if you want a curated presentation of the most charming and sublime boutique hotels of the region, this could very well be the only book you need (if that's your thing). While drives and hikes are free, Lonely Planet or Rough Guide it is not. Still, I found a few fundamental aspects any guide book should contain to be missing, as well as a few annoying errors in the details. Unfortunately these things can distract and detract from

wringing out full and seamless potential of the wealth of contents within. First off, if you might use this book as a reference, the very physical publication of the book is a nuisance. It is very stiff and rigidly bound, requiring some effort to hold open, and making it difficult to explore while simultaneously consulting a map. Secondly, while the descriptions of sites (hotels, drives, hikes, museums) are articulately written, there is little useful information for actually locating these places, other than the name of a town. Maybe this only matters for things like hikes. But then, there will be the name of a town, and a phone number. Am I going to phone the town in France? Often there were website addresses too, this is useful. I just never understood the inclusion of phone numbers for foreign locations (other than hotels perhaps) in the internet age. What makes this book so great is the photography and visuals. Yet, on each gorgeous full page photo, there is no caption. Where is this place exactly? This lovely little street? In the back, there is a section with miniature snapshots of the full page spreads which attempts to provide this information. Yet, some page spreads are oddly missing. There are numerous gaps which leave you scratching your head. I can't figure out if this was some kind of arrogant design decision, or just a slew of unintended omissions. There is a beautiful photo of a little street - I think it's in Arles. But this spread is missing from the back. I want to go to this street. Where is it? Who knows. The authors may say the intention of the book is not a reference map. But, when you include inspiring and gorgeous photos, people want to go right there. You have to say where it is. Otherwise it's a frustration. I also found a typo in web address. (it's fondation-maeght.com, not foundation-maeght.com). This book is excellent for what it is, but poor for what you might think it is (but is not). In design, it is almost a coffee table book. It's not a travel reference guide book. Perhaps obvious, just sayin. Use it for ideas, but you will have to then research details thoroughly elsewhere. Still, I recommend it highly. It is fully inspiring, which is an element often lacking in travel reference books. The book just drools Provence, and inspires a fire within to go there and explore with elegance.

Beautiful photos and nice concise descriptions of some of the "must see" places in Provence and Cote d'Azur. My friends and I used this book to plan our trip to the South of France this fall. Compared to many guide books, this book describes the towns, villages, and key places to visit without all the details on travel and lodging. In my mind, the book made us want to visit these regions of France. We will now use a more typical guidebook for all the details. This book will join several others on my bookshelf that display some of the most interesting and beautiful places in Western Europe.

I love this book! It's worth buying it just for the gorgeous photography! I have been to Provence and the French Riviera and this book was able to beautifully capture its charm and beauty and it took me back to my travels in France. There are also interesting tidbits throughout this book on some of the most famous past residents. For instance the legendary Charlie Chaplin used to own a vacation home at one time on the French Riviera in which he then sold it to the British actor David Niven who lived there until the end of his life. It's known as the "Pink House" for its obvious reason and it's located right on the water (even the patio is pink) and it's even more charming in person, as I was fortunate enough to see it in person. This book is saturated in lots of bold colors and the pages are pretty thick. This is certainly not a travel guide to carry with you in your travels (although it gives you ideas) since it's too big and heavy, but it's the perfect book for daydreaming!

Wonderful book full of photos, similar to the even better Paris book. I just wish it had concentrated equally to the Provence area instead of mostly focusing on the Riviera, but I would still recommend this book. Marseille could also have been given a more prominent writeup considering it is the eldest, most diverse and second largest city in France that is vastly improving over the past few years. Beautiful gift, coffee table book for anybody who loves the South of France.

Beautiful photography and very enthusiastic descriptions of the area. It may be more of a book that describes pleasant experiences in Provence than a resource to plan a trip. Not all photos were labeled next to the picture, and some of the pictures may be dated although they were lovely.

Ah this book makes me pine for Provence, beautiful cover to cover. Informative on the towns, unique design (love the page edges), lovely photography throughout. I loved her Paris book and this one is just as fun. Wonderful gift idea.

Beautifully produced

Good overview of many places

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