

## Senior Softball International Tours

# *Italian and French Riviera* *Tour*

Visit the breathtaking cities and towns of the fabled Riviera by land and sea and play ball in Genoa, Italy and Nice, France!

May 2nd - 14th, 2019

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Join Senior Softball-USA International Tours as we head to the scenic *Italian and French Riviera* through the historic towns of **Genoa** and **Nice**. Experience the rich history and breathtaking landscapes these southern Italian and French territories offer, while getting to play softball

tournaments in both cities!

We will spend our first six nights in **Genoa**. While there, we will embark on some of the most famous sightseeing the city has to offer including the Spianata Castelletto, Doge Palace and Piazza De Ferrari. We will board a cruise ship to visit the legendary - and charming - "Five Lands" towns of the Italian Riviera only accessible by water. Our USA teams will compete against Italian teams during a two-day tournament on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th.

From there we will travel by motor-coach to **Nice**. Players will get to experience a full city tour with local guides, the Promenade des Anglais and Castle Park. We will also tour the famous towns of Cannes, Grasse, Monaco, Monte Carlo and St. Tropez, visiting Pampelonne beach, the world famous Grasse perfume factory and many other sights. USA teams will compete against French clubs in a one-day tournament on Saturday, May 11th.

In addition to our planned tours, ample free time will be available to players who wish to explore southern Italy and France on their own.

Don't miss out on this exciting *Italian and French Riviera* tour with Senior Softball-USA!

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## Genoa - Nice

### 2019 *Italian and French Riviera* Itinerary

**Day 1: Thursday, May 2nd**

Arrive into **Genoa's International Airport, (GOA)** clear Immigration and customs and meet your tour representative in the arrivals hall.

Free time for bathroom and currency exchange before transferring to the hotel in **Genoa** and check in for the next **6 nights.**

Remainder of the day is free at leisure until group welcome dinner in the hotel.

Meals Included: **Dinner**

### **Day 2: Friday, May 3rd**

Breakfast in Hotel.

Morning free at leisure in Genoa.

After an independent lunch, teams will transfer to the field for an afternoon practice.

Evening free at leisure with dinner at the hotel.

Meals Included: **Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 3: Saturday, May 4th**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Today we compete in the **Italian Riviera Open**, playing Italian teams in a full day tournament.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**



Starhotels President, Genoa



Carlinetto Field

#### Day 4: Sunday, May 5th

Breakfast in the hotel.

Transfer to the field for the second day of the **Italian Riviera Open**.

We will return to the hotel after the tournament for an evening free at leisure.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**



Team USA presents awards during last year's Stockholm Shootout

#### Day 5: Monday, May 6th

Breakfast in the hotel.

Today a full day city tour of Genoa is planned with our local guide. We will see all the historical sights Genoa has to offer.

The view point of Spianata Castelletto, the Palaces of Via Garibaldi, a walk in the beautiful old town, the Cathedral of Saint Lawrence, the Doge Palace and Piazza De Ferrari to name a few sights.



Spianata Castelletto

The 6th most populated city in Italy as well as its largest port, Genoa earned the appellation of Unesco World Heritage site due to its stunning 16th and 17th century aristocratic mansions. For 700 years Genoa was one of Italy's most powerful city-states and earned the name of "la Superba": the "Superb" but also the "Proud" city.

Late afternoon return to your hotel.

Dinner in the hotel.

Meals Included: **Breakfast, Dinner**

### **Day 6: Tuesday, May 7th**

Breakfast in Hotel.

Morning transfer to the cruise boat terminal. Here we board our boat for a full day of cruising between several towns commonly called the "Cinque Terre" and in most cases only accessible by water.

The "Cinque Terre" meaning "Five Lands" is a rugged portion of coast on the Italian Riviera. It is in the region Liguria, in the northwest of Italy, to the west of the city of La Spezia, and comprises five villages. Our cruise will take us to Portofino, San Margherita Ligure, Lavagne, and Rapallo.

On arrival at each port we can disembark for some free time before we catch the next boat to the next location.



Portofino, Italy

Return transfer back to your hotel by late afternoon.

Evening free at leisure.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**

### **Day 7: Wednesday, May 8th**

Breakfast in hotel.

San Remo is a city and comune on the Mediterranean coast of Liguria, in north-western Italy. Founded in Roman times, it has a population of 57,000. It hosts numerous cultural events, such as the Sanremo Music Festival and the Milan-San Remo cycling classic.



Hotel Massena

We will stop for a short visit and lunch break in this beautiful Italian Riviera resort, before continuing to Nice lying directly on the French Riviera.

On arrival in Nice, check into your hotel for the next 6 nights. Our hotels in Nice are in the city and easy walking distance to the Mediterranean.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**



Hotel Nice Riviera

### Day 8: Thursday, May 9th

Breakfast in the hotel.

Full Day sightseeing tour of Nice with local guide.

Nice is the fifth most populous city in France and the capital of the Alpes - Maritimes département. The metropolitan area of Nice extends beyond the administrative city limits, with a population of about 1 million on an area of 278 sq miles. Located in the French Riviera, on the south east coast of France on the Mediterranean Sea, at the foot of the Alps, Nice is the second-largest French city on the Mediterranean coast and the second-largest city in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region after Marseille. Nice is about 8 miles from the principality of Monaco, and its airport is a gateway to the principality as well.



Castle Park

During our city tour we will tour Promenade des Anglais, Castle & Castle Park, Area of Cimiez and more.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**

**Day 9: Friday, May 10th**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Morning free time in Nice.

Afternoon, teams will transfer to the field for an afternoon practice.

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals Included: **Breakfast, Dinner**

**Day 10: Saturday, May 11th**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Teams will transfer to the fields in the morning for the **French Royale Classic**, a full day tournament.

Evening free at leisure.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**



USA Teams during last year's Copenhagen Challenge Cup

### Day 11: Sunday, May 12th

Breakfast in the hotel.

The Principality of Monaco is a sovereign city-state country and microstate on the French Riviera in Western Europe. France borders the country on three sides while the other side borders the Mediterranean Sea. Monaco is also located close to Italy, although it has no direct border.

Monaco has an area of 0.780 sq miles and a population of about 38,400, according to the last census of 2016. It is the second-smallest and most densely-populated sovereign state in the world.



Monaco

Monte Carlo is host to most of the Circuit de Monaco, on which the Formula One Monaco Grand Prix takes place. It also hosts

championship boxing bouts, the European Poker Tour Grand Final and the World Backgammon Championships, fashion shows and other events. Monte Carlo has been visited by royalty as well as the public and movie stars for decades. The Monte Carlo Rally is one of the longest running and most respected car rallies as is the Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix.

Our city tour will show us many of the highlights for which Monte Carlo is world renowned. Monte Carlo Harbor, Casino, Royal Prince's Palace, Changing of the guard, plus many more things in your free time.

Return to the hotel by late afternoon.



Casino de Monte Carlo

Meals Included: **Breakfast**

### **Day 12: Monday, May 13th**

Breakfast in Hotel.

We will visit the famous towns of St. Tropez, Cannes and Grasse by motor-coach.



Pampelonne Beach

St. Tropez is one of the most glamorous tourist destinations in the world. It is an ancient fishing village that the rich and famous discovered and made their own. Its magnificent beaches range from the famous celebrity-spotting Pampelonne to the small, quaint, and secluded Plages la Glaye or la Ponche.

Cannes is a city located on the French Riviera. It is a commune located in the Alpes-Maritimes department, and host city of the annual Cannes Film Festival, Midem, and Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity. The city is known for its association with the rich and famous, its luxury hotels and restaurants, and for several conferences.



Cannes Film Festival Entrance

Grasse has had a prospering perfume industry since the end of the 18th century. Grasse is the center of the French perfume industry and is known as the world's perfume capital. Many "noses" are trained or have spent time in Grasse to distinguish over 2,000 kinds of scent. Grasse produces over two-thirds of France's natural aromas for perfume and for food flavorings. This industry turns over more than 600 million euros a year. Grasse's particular microclimate encouraged the flower farming industry. It is warm and sufficiently inland to be sheltered from the sea air. There is an abundance of water, thanks to its situation in the hills and the 1860 construction of the Siagne Canal for irrigation purposes. Jasmine, a key ingredient of many perfumes, was brought to southern France by the Moors in the 16th century. Twenty-seven tons of jasmine are now harvested in Grasse annually. There are numerous old 'perfumeries' in Grasse, such as Galimard, Molinard and Fragonard, each with tours and a museum.



Grasse Perfume Factory

Return to hotel by early evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant (4 courses with wine included).

Meals Included: **Breakfast, Dinner**

**Day 13: Tuesday, May 14th**

Breakfast in the hotel.

Group transfer to **Nice's International Airport (NCE)**.

Individual check-in for flight.

Meals Included: **Breakfast**

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### Tour Highlights:

- Welcome Dinner
  - Two day softball tournament in Genoa: Italian Riviera Open
  - Full day cruise on the Italian Riviera
  - Full day city tour in Nice
  - One 1/2 day practice in Nice
  - Full day tour and city tour of Monaco and Monte Carlo
  - Visit the world-renowned Grasse perfume factory
  - One 1/2 day practice in Genoa
  - Full day city tour in Genoa
  - Visit San Remo
  - Full day tour of the Cote D'Azure region
  - One day softball tournament in Nice: French Royale Classic
  - Visit St. Tropez and Cannes
  - Farewell dinner at a local Nice restaurant
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**What is included:**

- 12 Nights in 4 Star Tourist Superior Category Hotels
- 12 Hot / Cold Buffet Breakfasts
- 1 Welcome Dinner (3 courses excluding beverages)
- 4 Dinners (3 courses excluding beverages)
- 1 Farewell Dinner (4 courses including wine)
- Full USA Uniform for players, including jersey, pants, belt and cap; jersey and cap for non players
- Entry into Italian Invitational
- Entry into French Royale Classic
- Softballs for Tournaments
- All Awards for Tournaments
- All Excursions, Guided Tours & Sightseeing as per the Itinerary
- Services of a Professional Tour Manager / Escort Throughout
- Land Transportation by Luxury Coach with W.C. & A/C
- All Road Tolls, Road Taxes and Parking Fees
- All Entrance Fees as per the Itinerary
- All Rooms with En-suite Facilities
- All City Permits Where Required
- Driver's & T/M's Accommodation
- All Group Tipping
- Any city Tourist taxes payable to the hotels directly (Tourist Taxes)

**What is not included:**

- Round trip airfare to and from the US Gateway / Europe
  - All meals not specified in the itinerary
  - All private excursions not specified in the itinerary
  - Luggage handling at the airport
  - Luggage handling at the hotels
  - All items of a personal nature i.e., telephone calls, laundry, pay TV, hotel mini bars, etc.
  - All entrances to museums, art galleries, etc. not specified in the itinerary
  - Any public transport, taxi, local bus, rail or flights not specified in the itinerary
  - Travel Insurance (medical & travel delays and lost baggage)
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