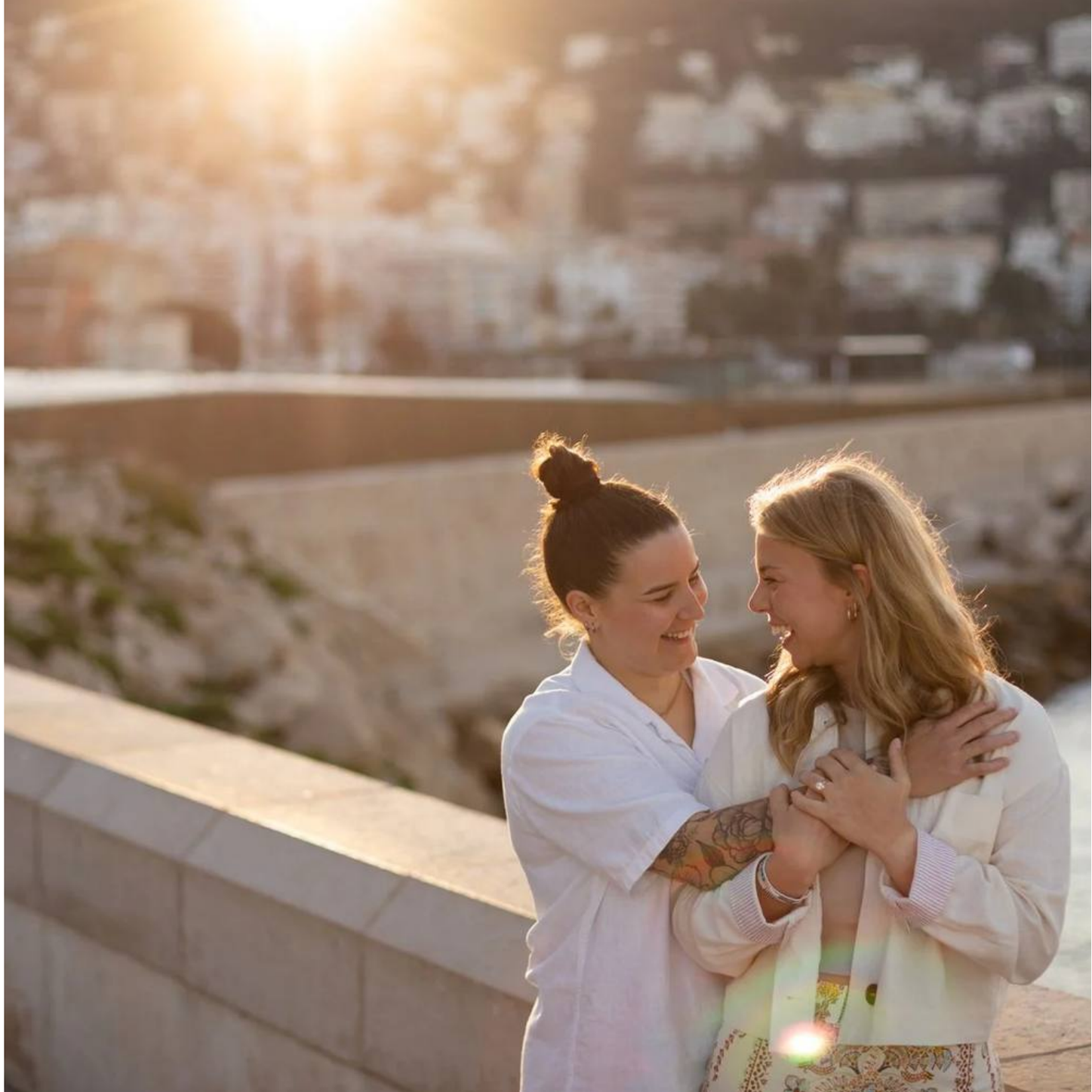

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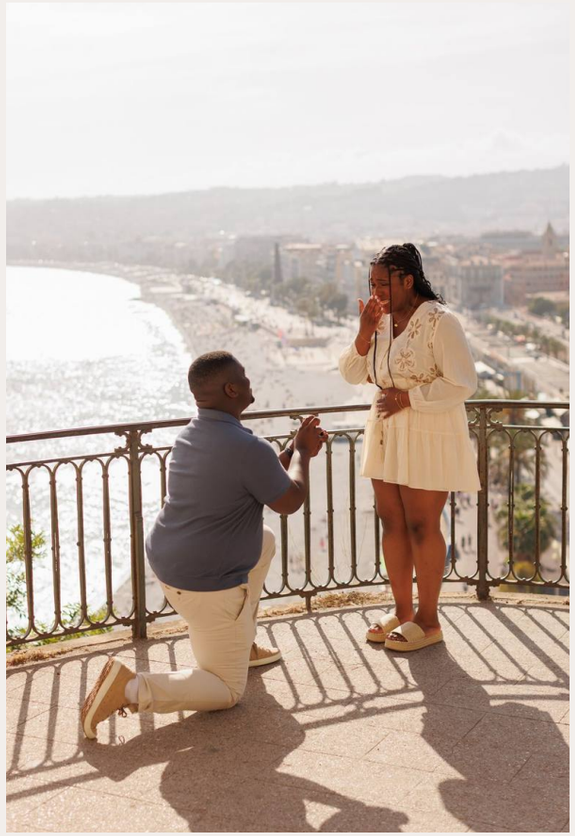
1. NICE

Nice is a special town to have a photoshoot as it provides a diverse variety of backdrops to work with, including coastal Mediterranean waters, historic architecture of the old town and a panoramic hilltop viewpoint, all within walking distance as well! Some of our favourite photo spots are:

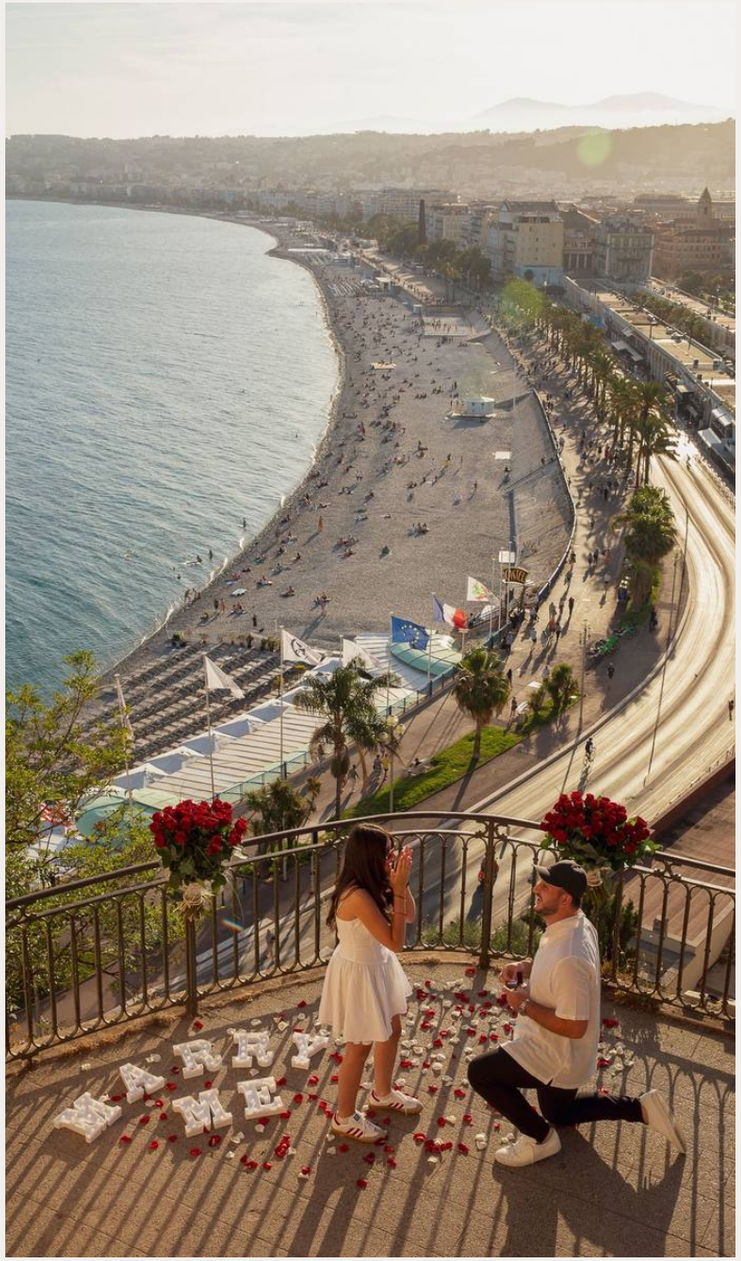
- Colline du Château
- #iLoveNice viewpoint
- Promenade des Anglais
- old town
- the beach
- Place Masséna
- Port Lympia
- CoCo Beach









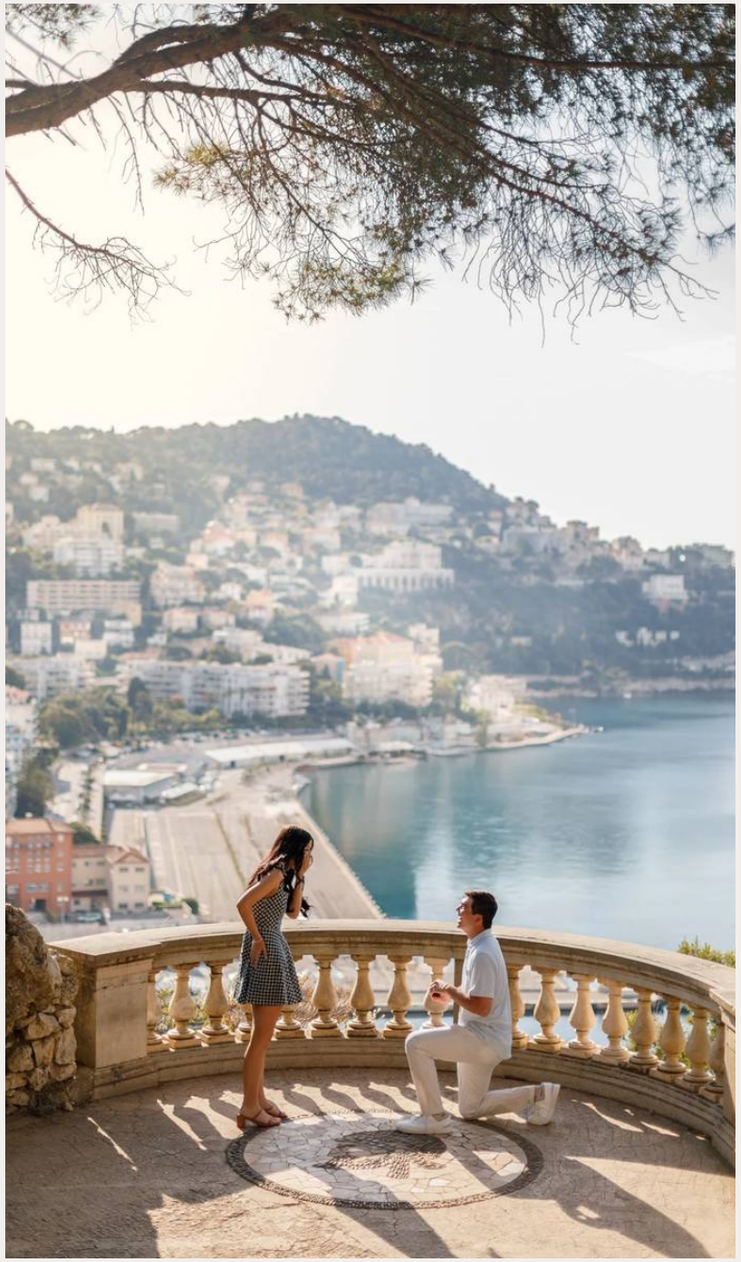


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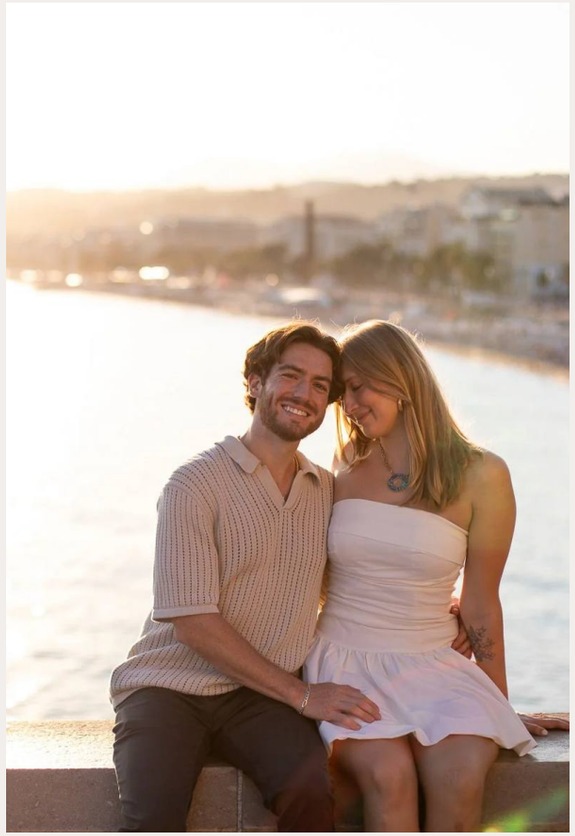


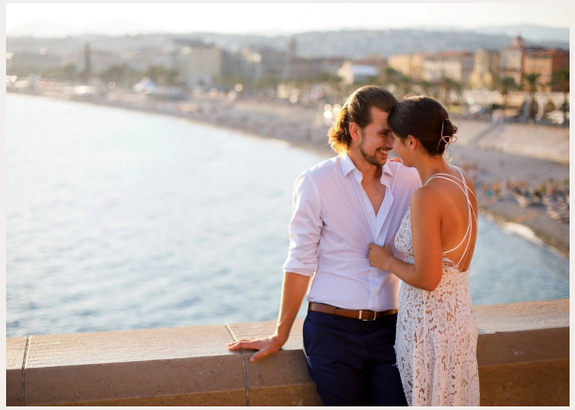


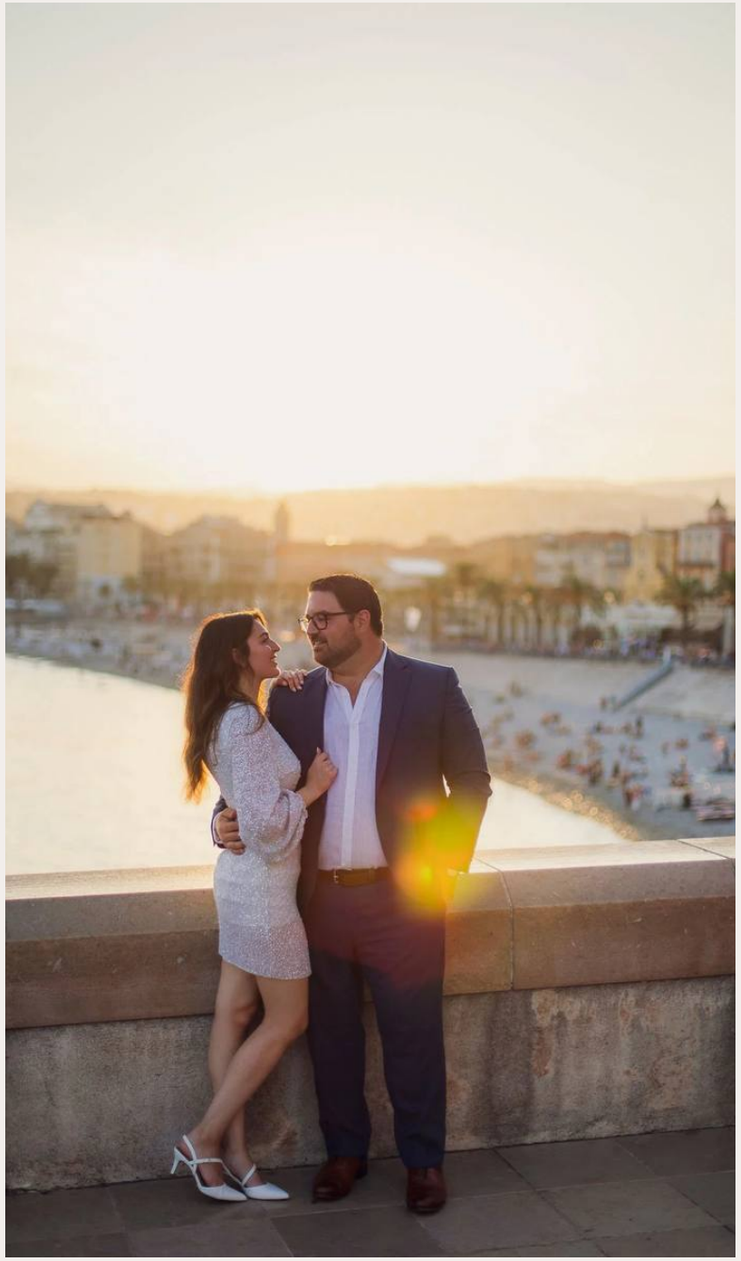


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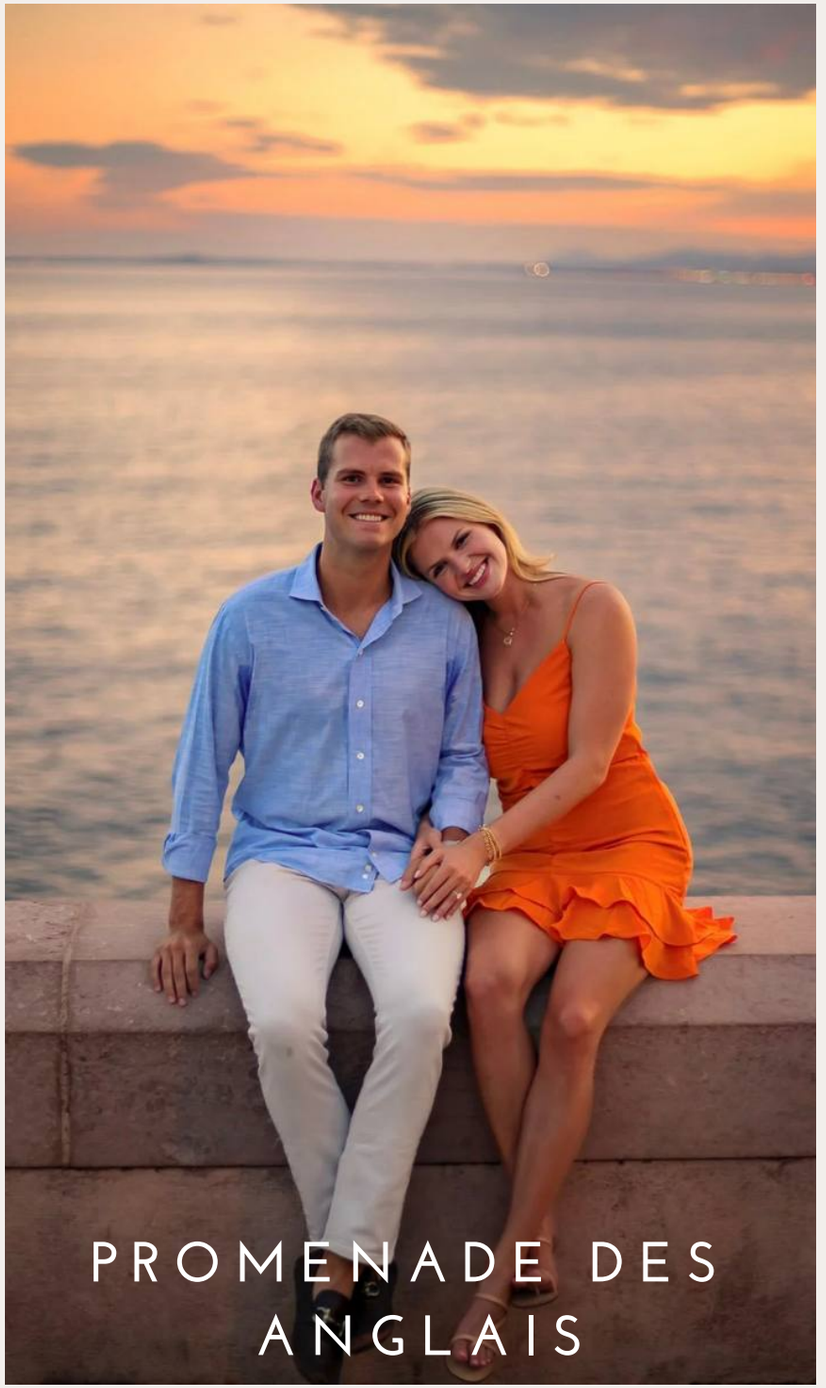




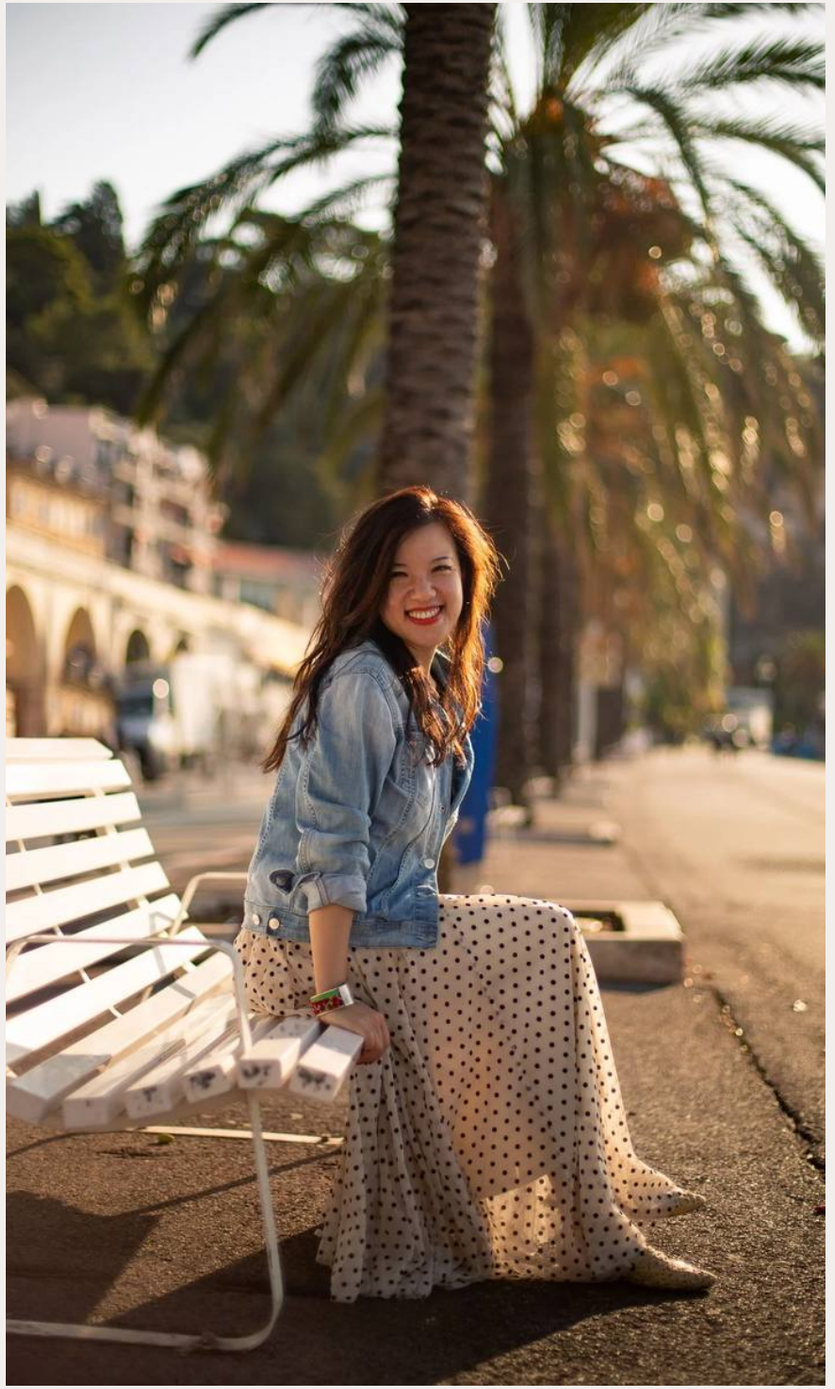


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PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS











OLD TOWN









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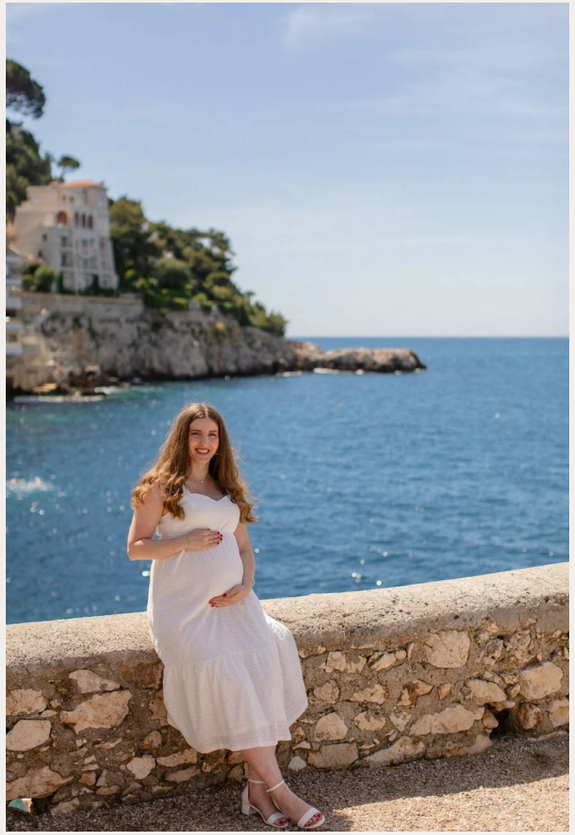






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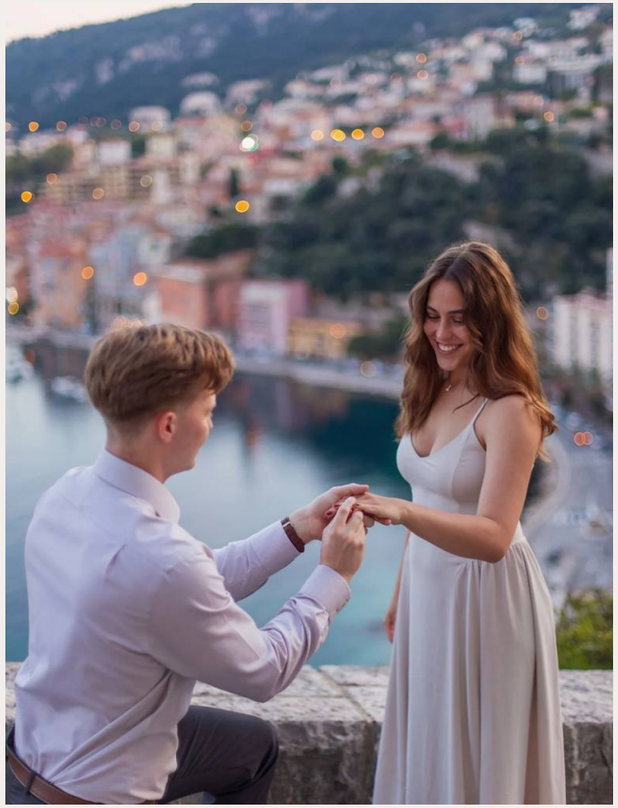
2. VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER

This is one of our favourite towns in the Riviera that's just a 7-minute train ride from the Nice train station or 20-minute drive. The town is filled with beautiful cobblestone streets and picturesque alleyways. It also has a vibrant harbour and colourful buildings. During our shoot, we can visit any of the following spots:

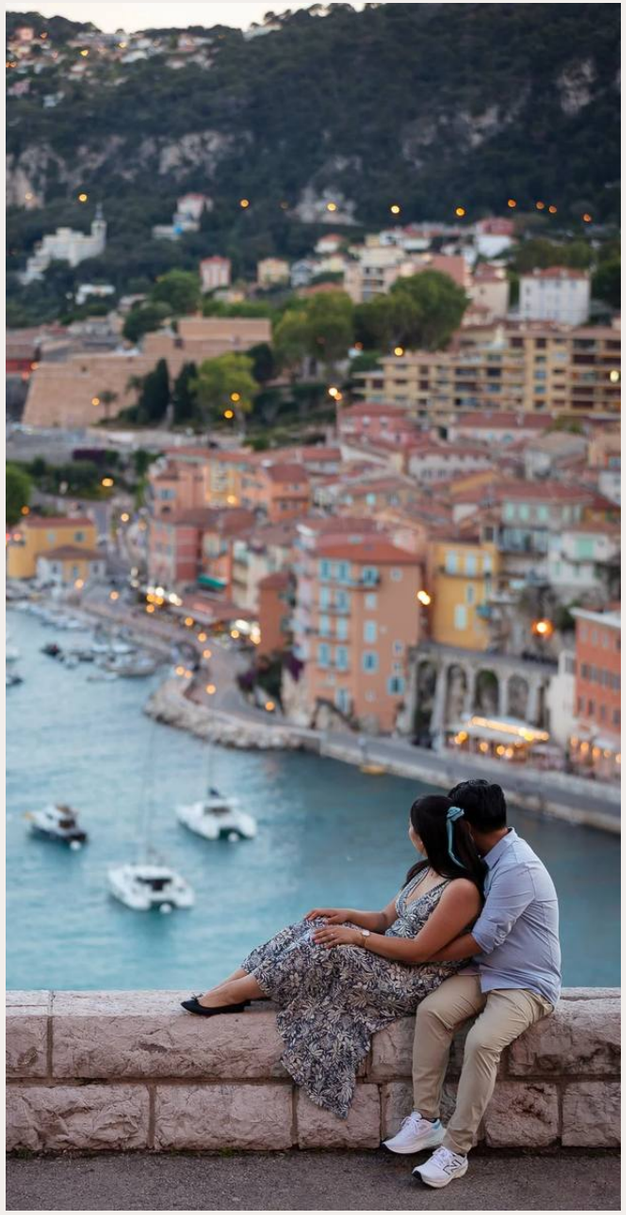
- Villefranche harbour panoramic viewpoint— this is about a 10-minute uphill walk from the train station
- waterfront
- old town
- Plage des Marinières









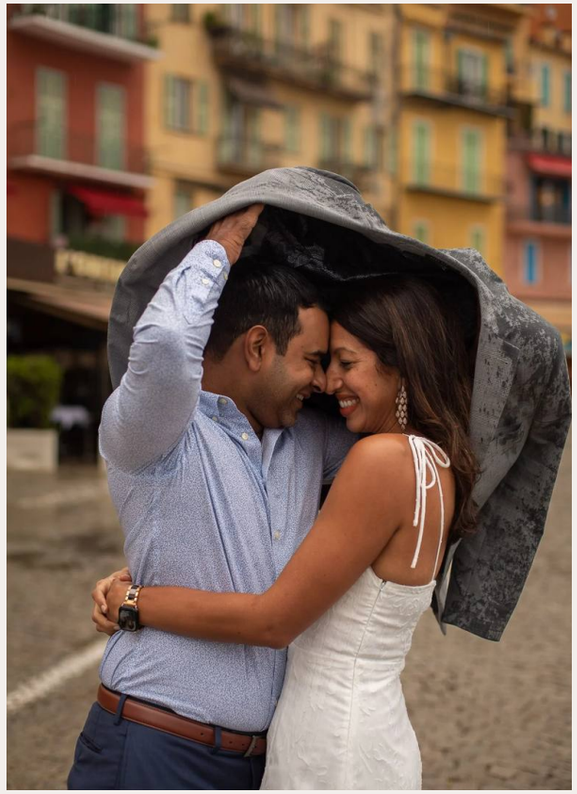


VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER PANORAMA

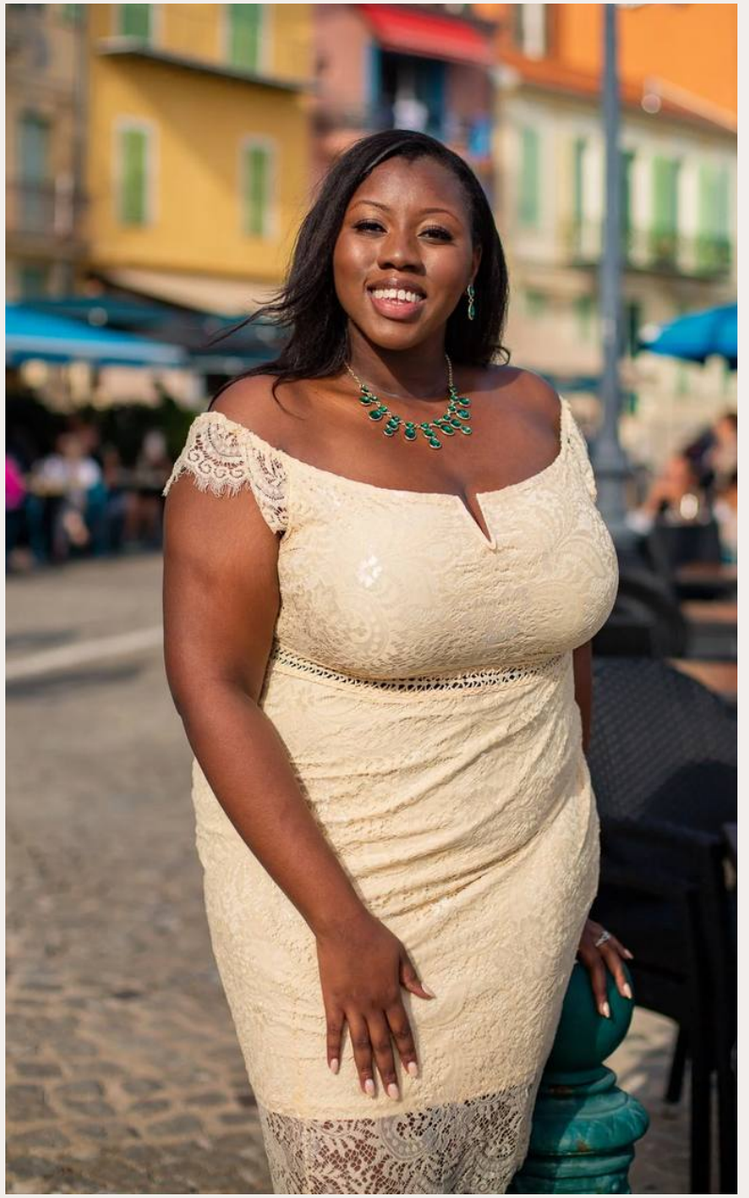

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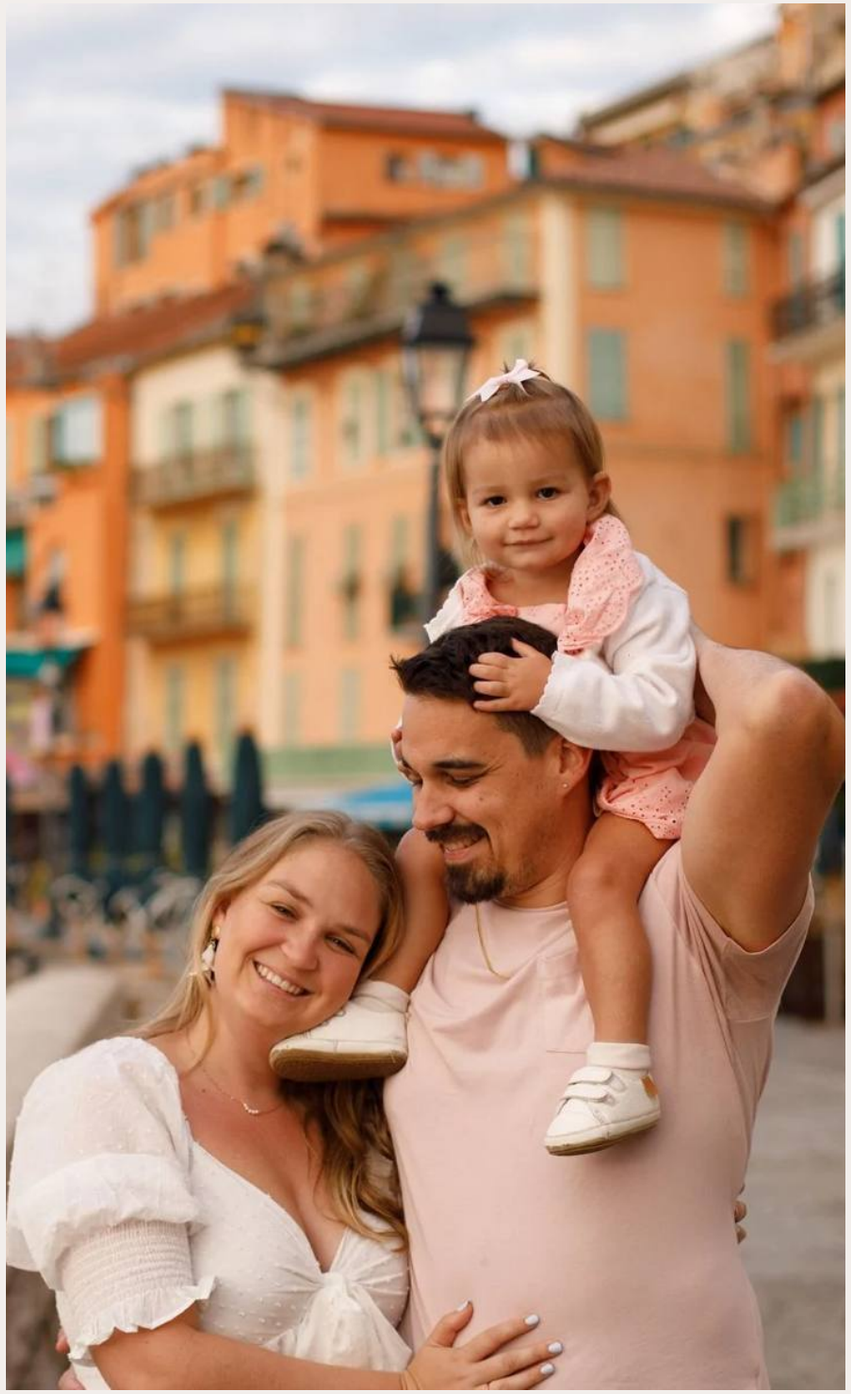
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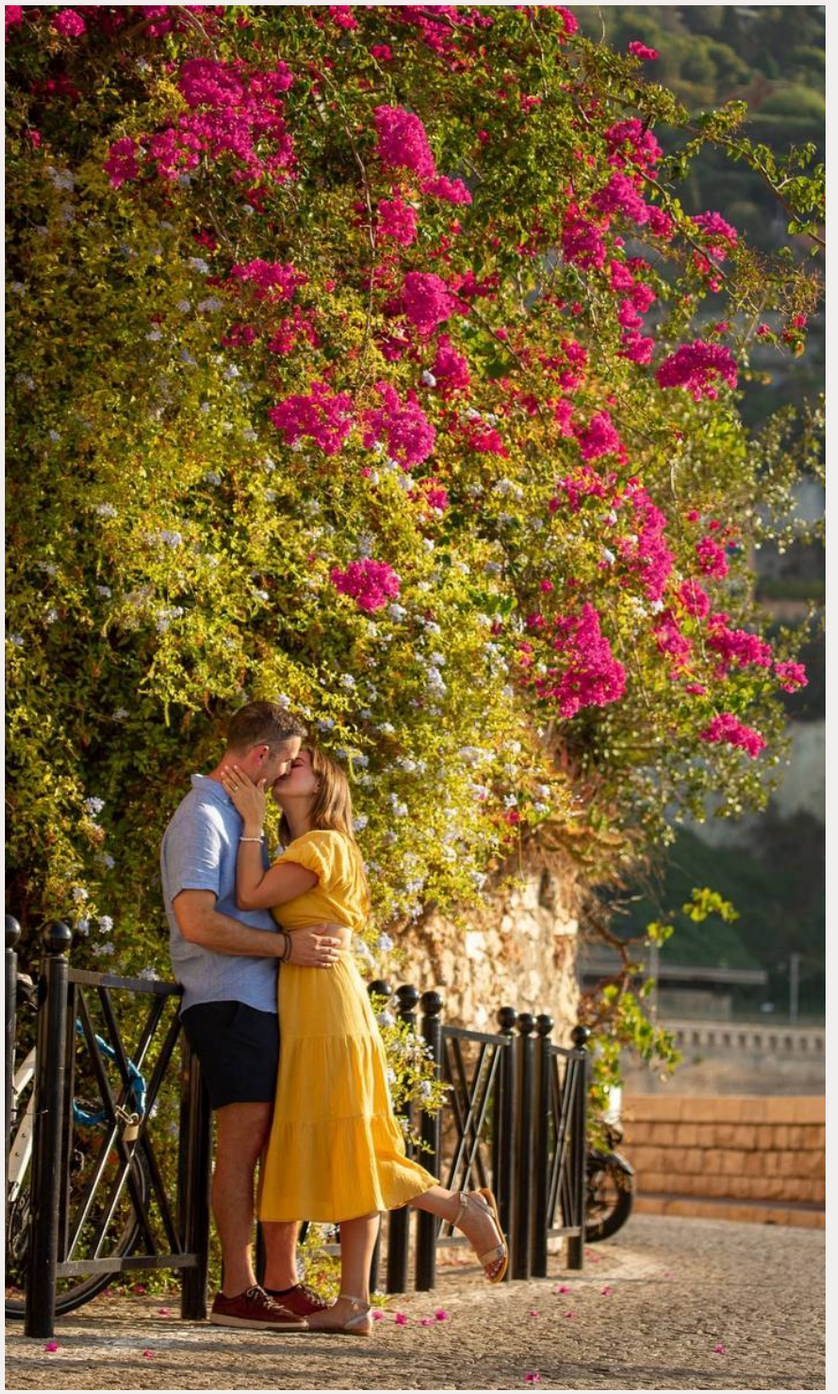






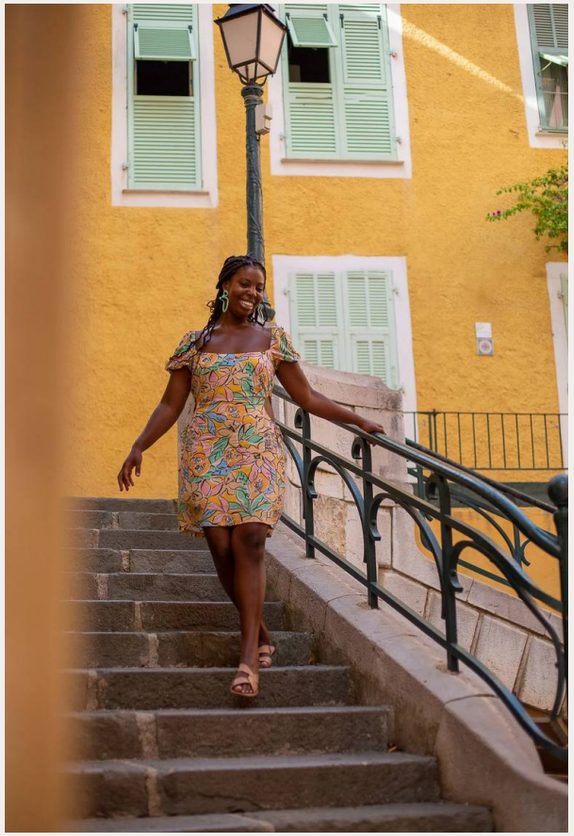




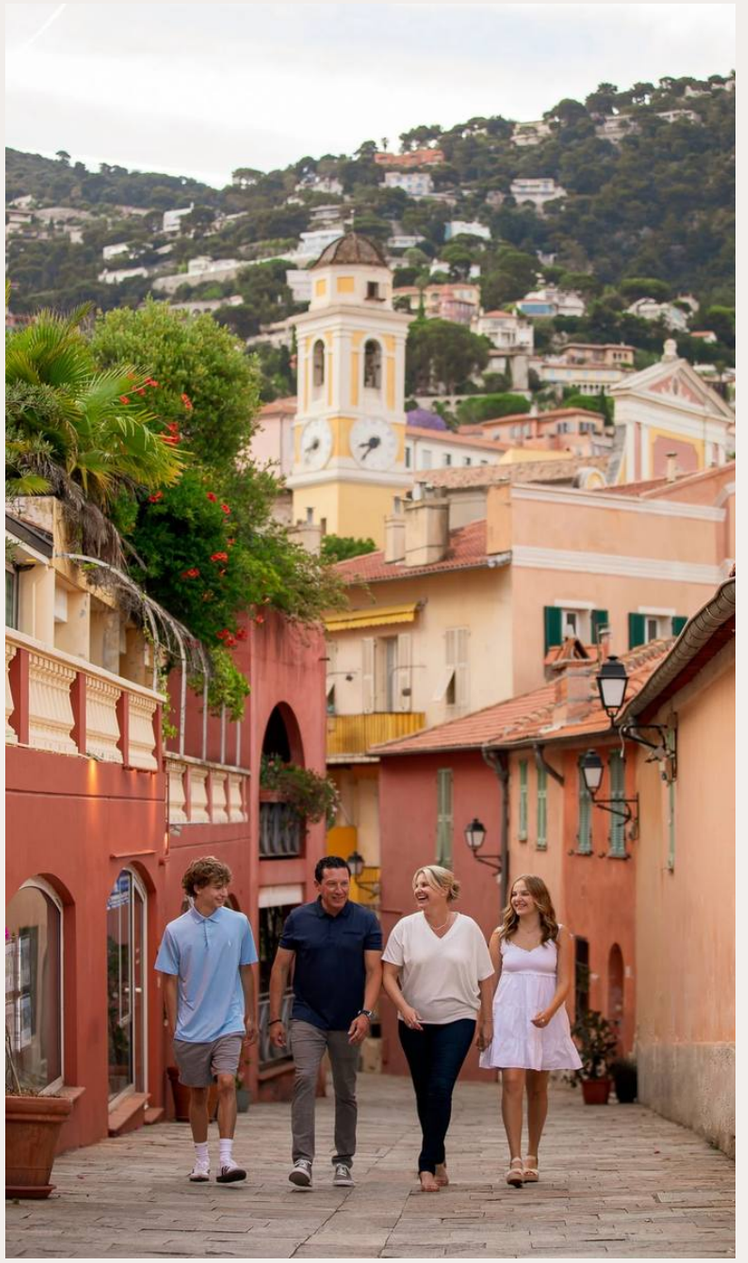


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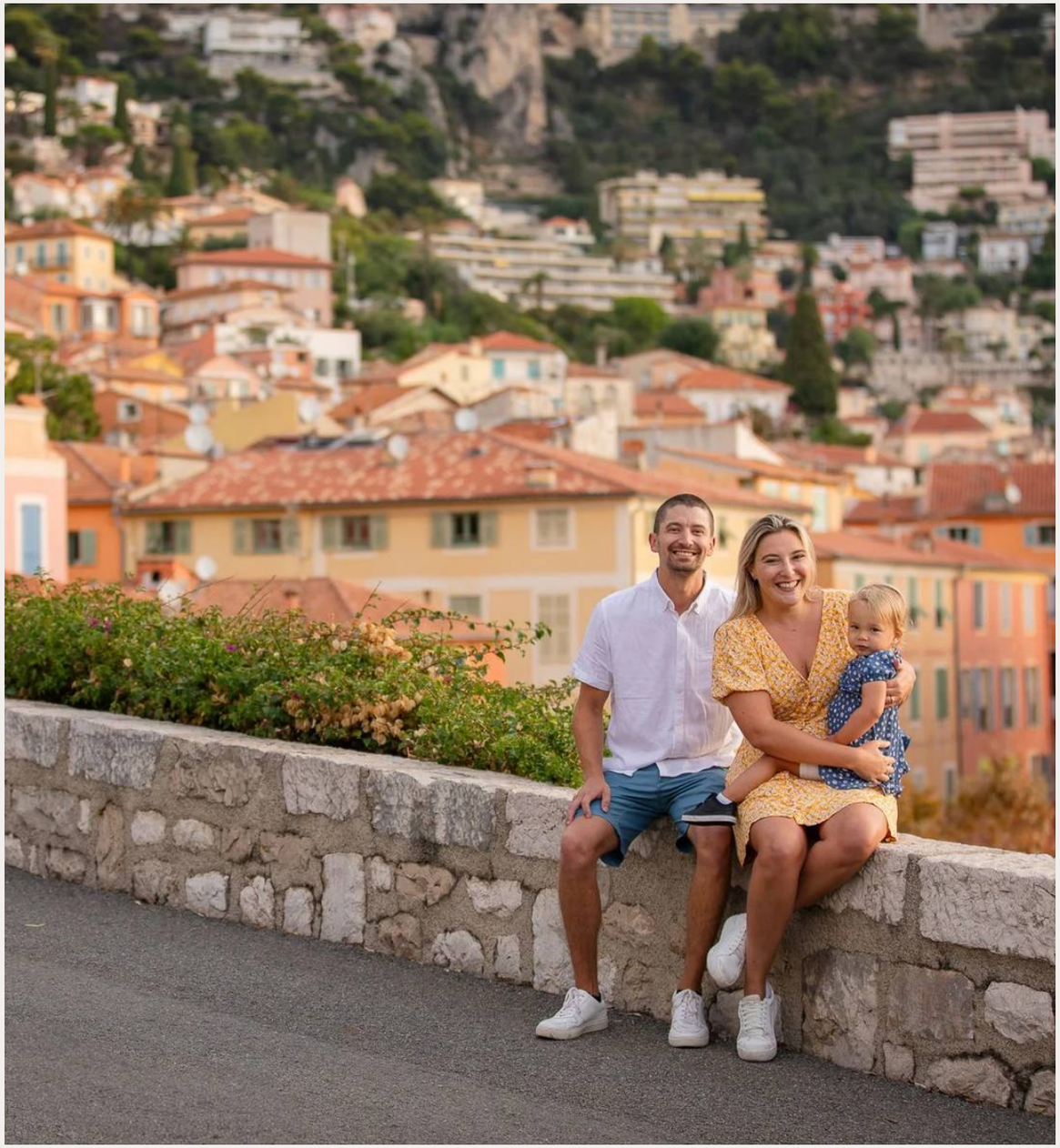


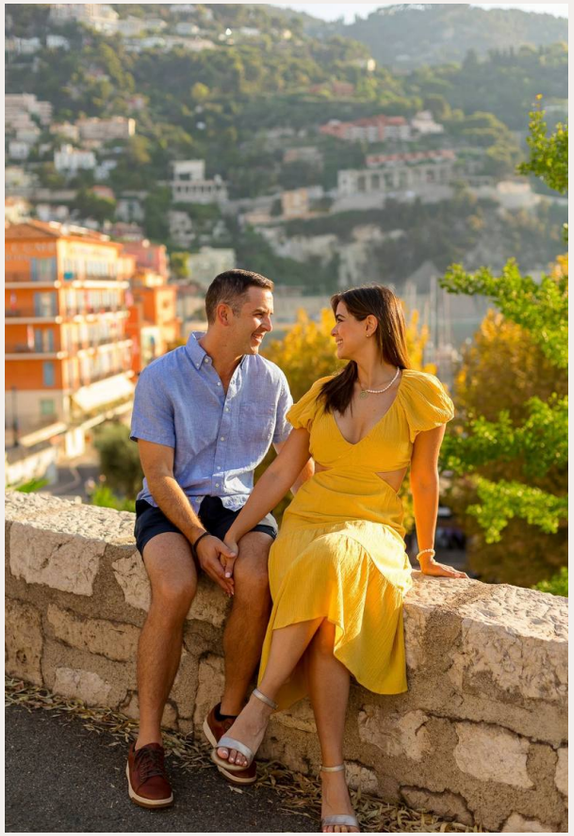




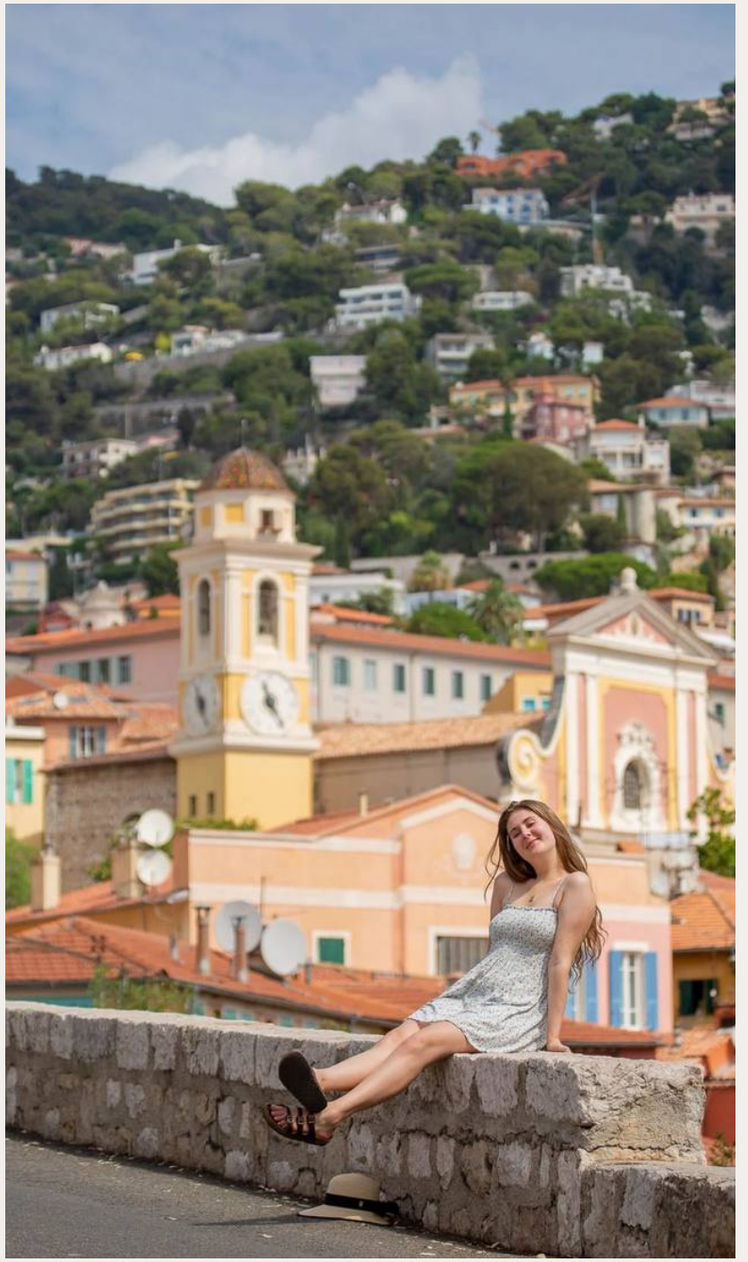


OLD TOWN VIEWPOINT





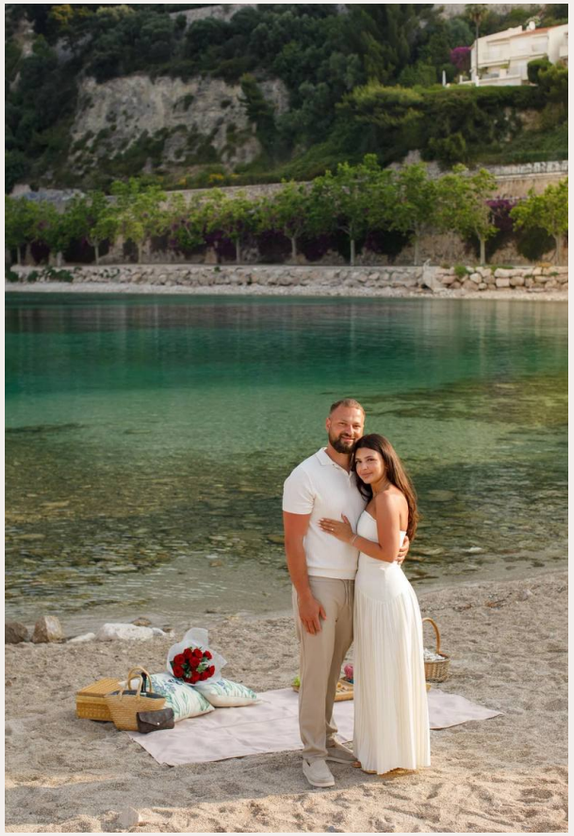





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3. ÈZE VILLAGE

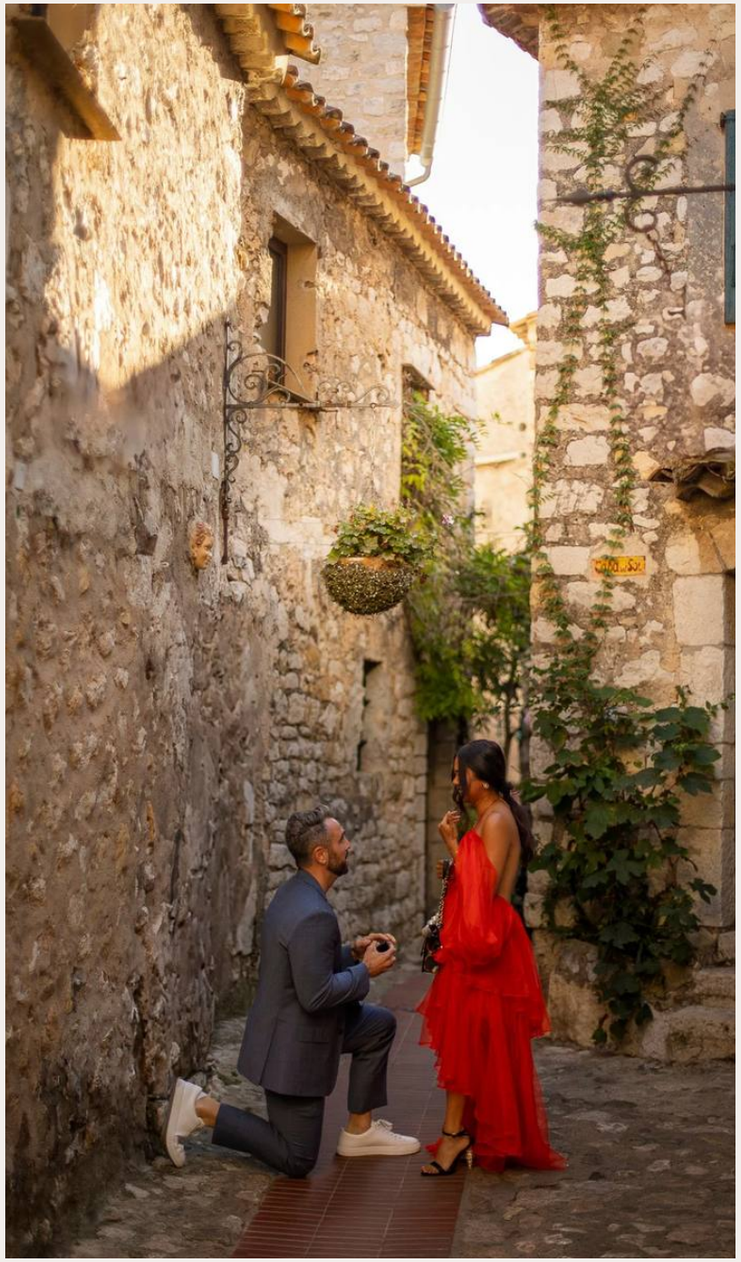
Èze is a medieval village perched on a hilltop overlooking the entire coast of the Côte d'Azur. A shoot here can be spent wandering around the beautiful corners and alleyways of this town. We will meet at the entrance of the town and walk up towards the exotic gardens, stopping at multiple photo spots along the way. The Jardin Exotique is a gorgeous place to shoot, as it's at the top of the village and offers a panoramic view of the Riviera. On a sunny day, you can see down the coast all the way until Saint-Tropez. As of 2024, there is a 200€ entry fee for photography.











ÈZE VILLAGE



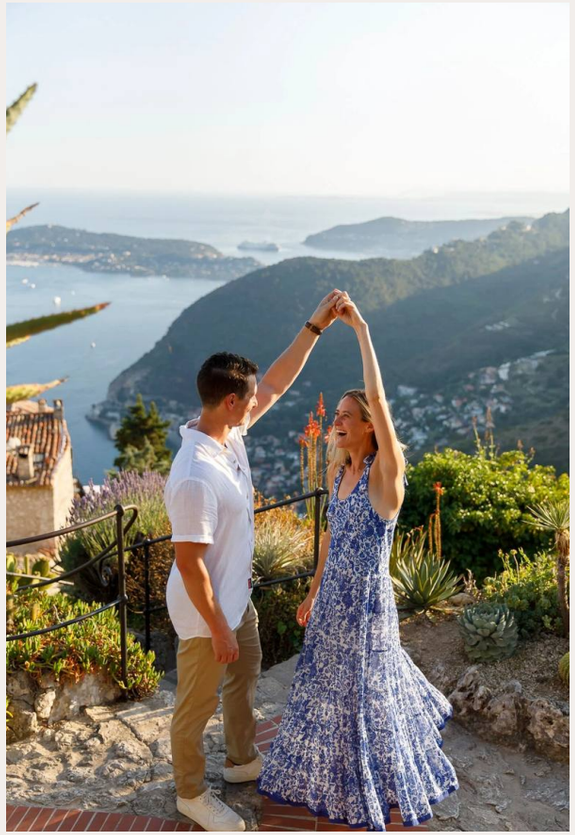






ÈZE VILLAGE









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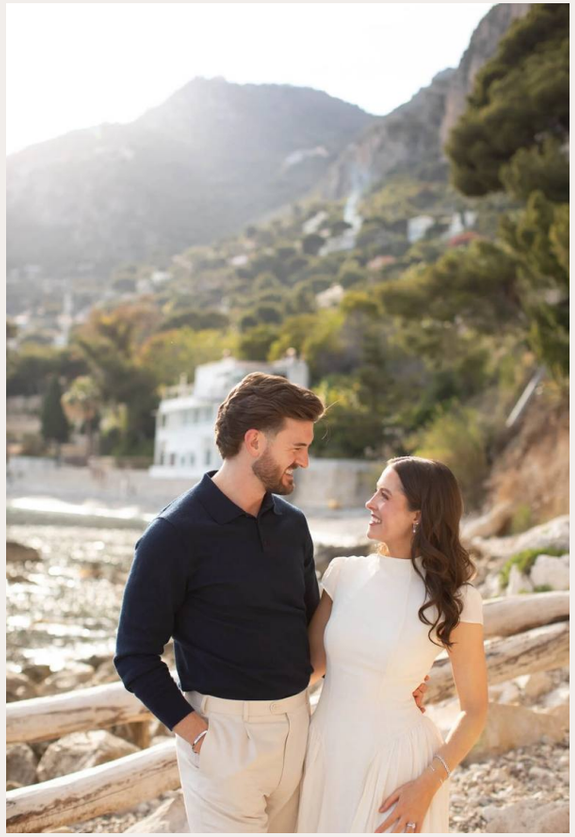
JARDIN EXOTIQUE

4. ÈZE-SUR-MER

Èze-sur-Mer is the coastal section of the commune of Èze, sitting at sea level between Nice and Monaco on the French Riviera. The TER train line stops here directly, making it one of the more accessible points along this stretch of the coast. The beach is pebbly, the bay sheltered, and the water is generally calm and clear.



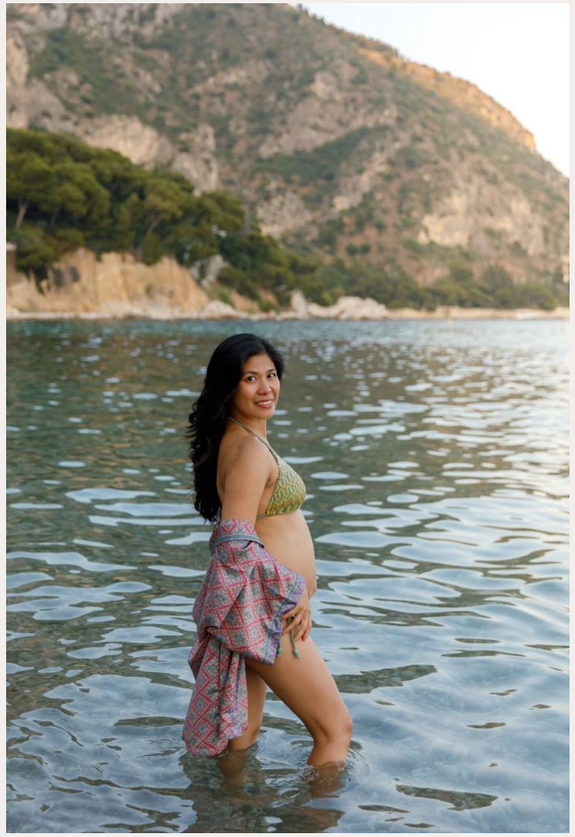




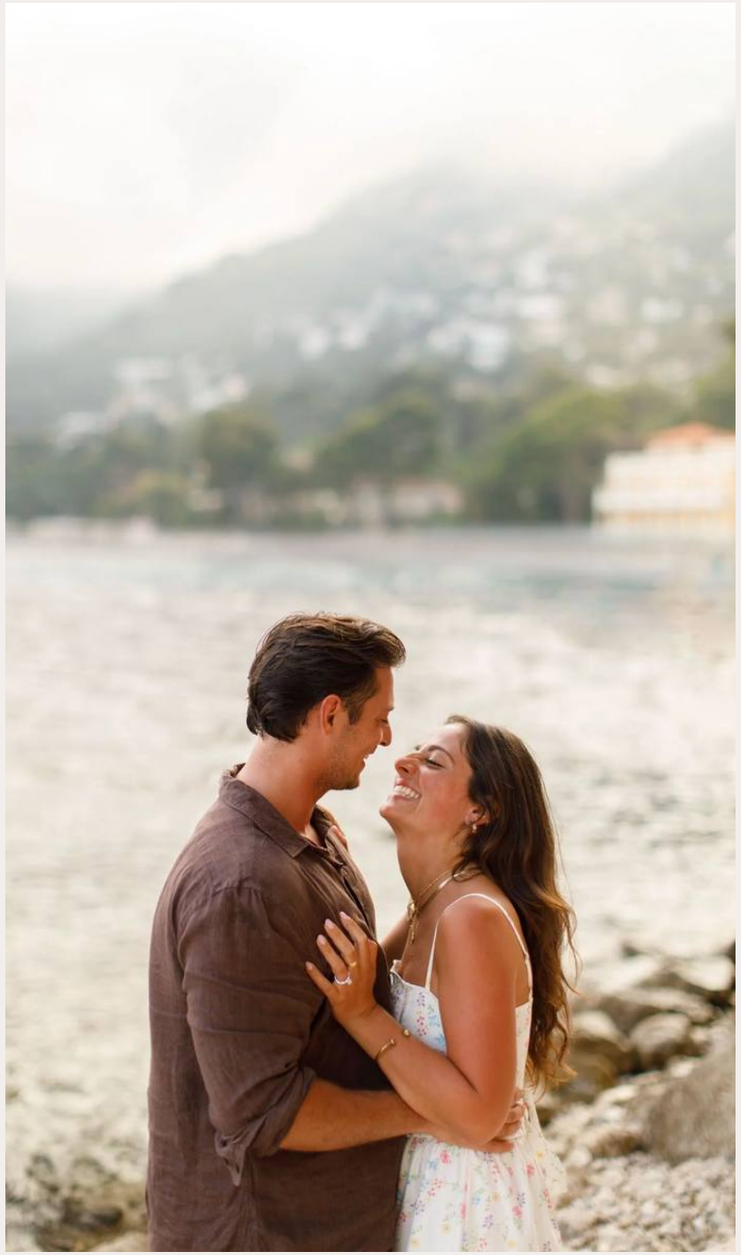








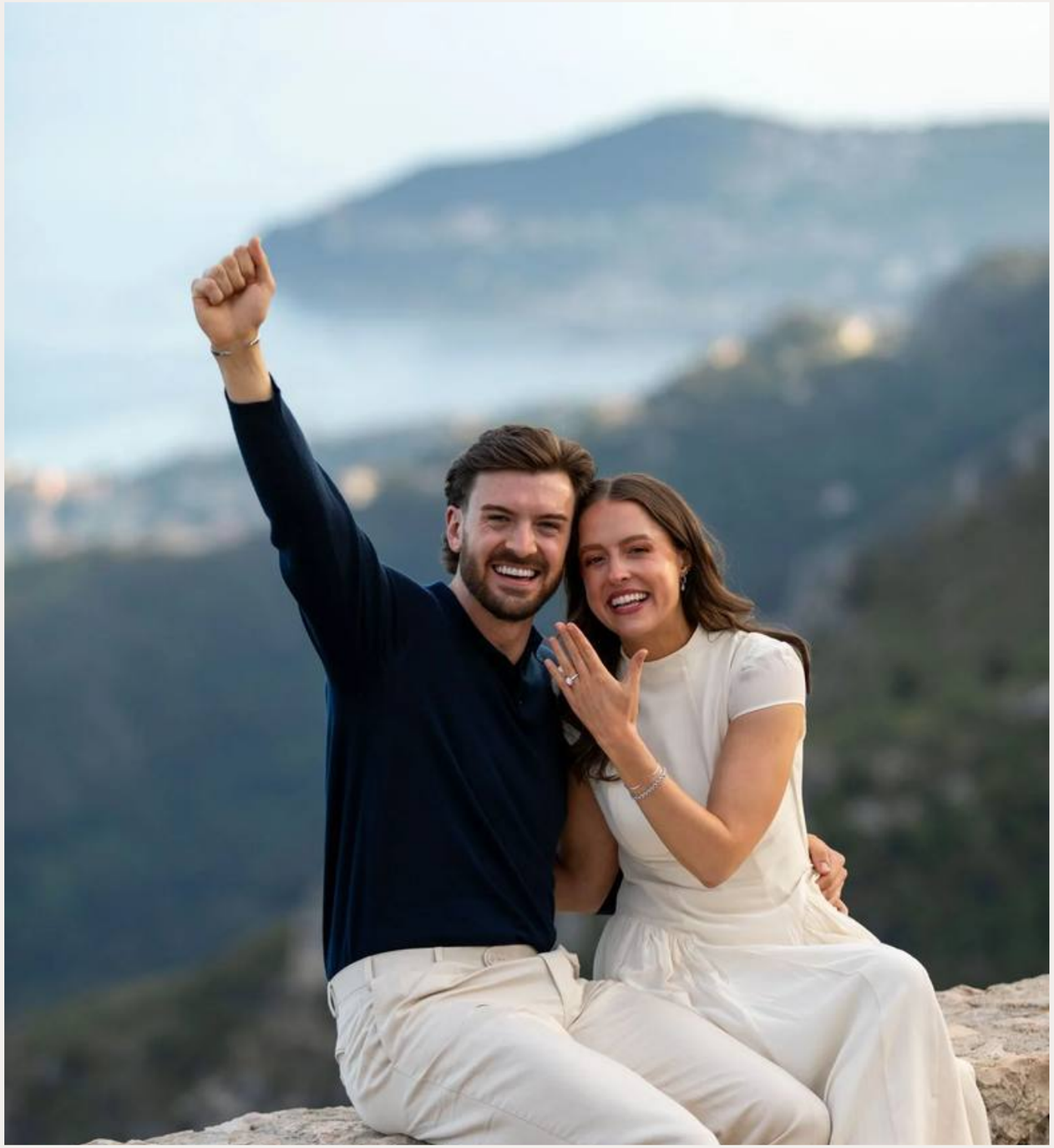


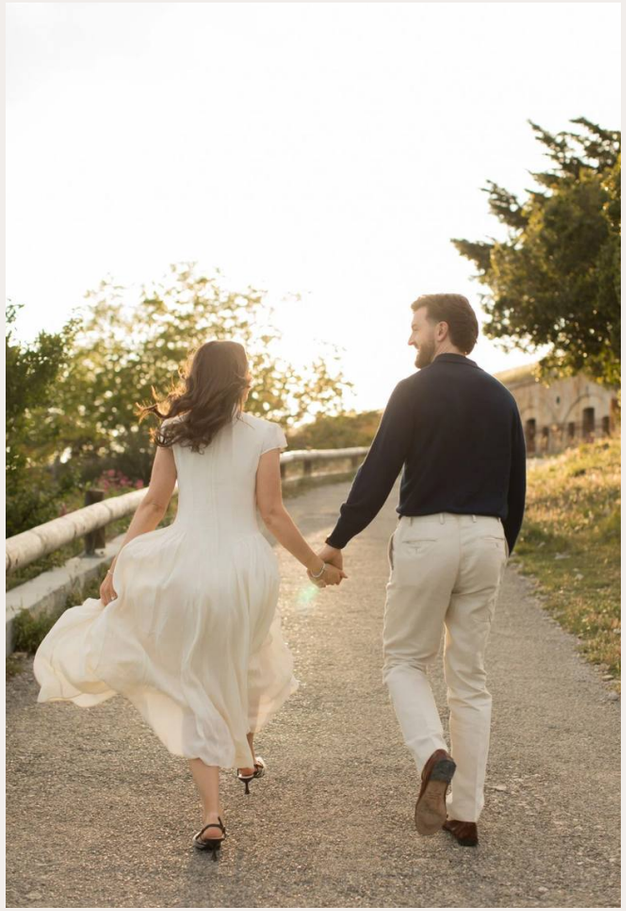


5. FORT DE LA REVÈRE

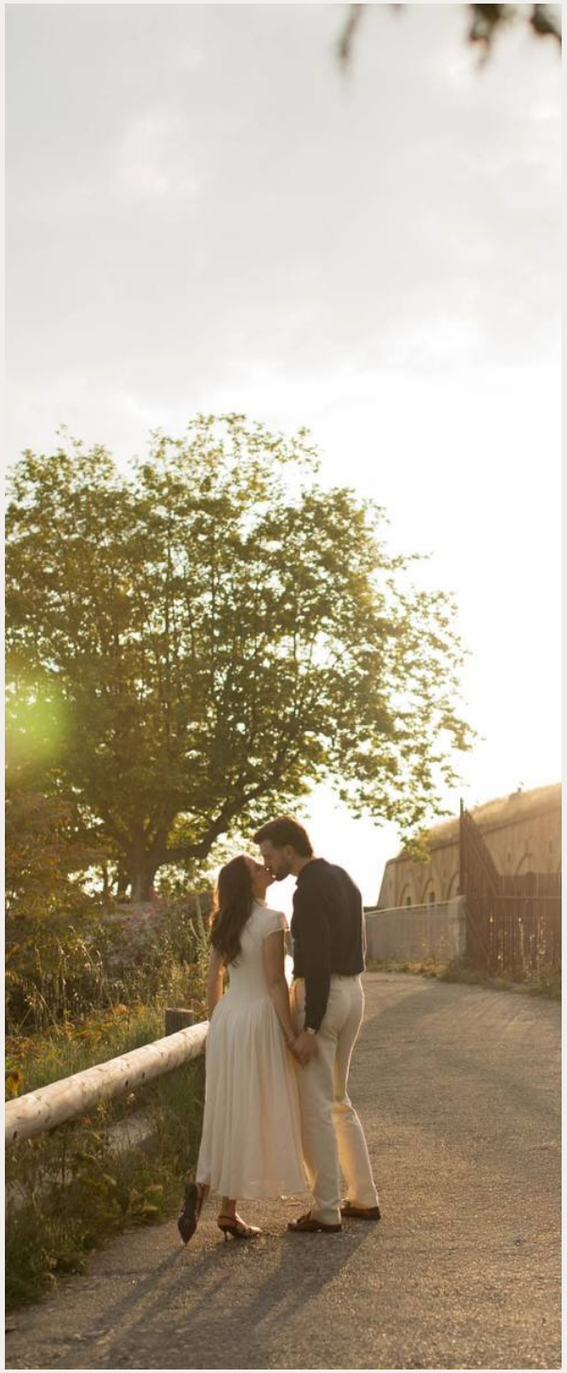
Perched at 696 metres on the Grande Corniche above Èze, Fort de la Revère is one of the Riviera's quietest and most rewarding viewpoints. The panorama here is genuinely sweeping— on a clear day you can see the coastline stretching from Saint-Tropez all the way to the Italian border, with Cap Ferrat, Villefranche-sur-Mer, and the Alps as your backdrop. It's an unhurried, elevated escape from the bustle below, where the views quietly steal the show.













6. MENTON

Menton is the easternmost town along the coast of the South of France, directly bordering the Italian border. From Nice, both the train ride and drive are about 40 minutes. For a shoot in Menton, we would meet at the Basilica of Saint-Michel Archangel. From there, we can make our way through the old town streets, stopping for photos along the way. Afterwards, we can walk to the port and along the beach towards Plage des Sablettes. The area near this beach offers beautiful views of the town. Since Menton is so close to the Italian border (it's only 15 minutes away by train to Ventimiglia), you could even have dinner in Italy after our shoot!

















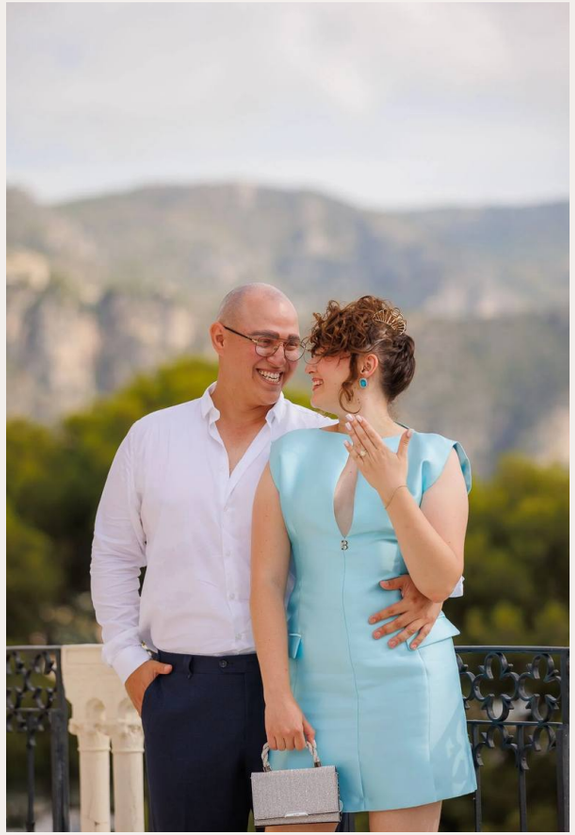


7. VILLA EPHRUSSI

Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is a beautiful villa located in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. It features nine different gardens inspired by different cultures. Between the clean lines, fountains, and terraces looking out over the sea, it’s easy to mix architecture and nature in one session. The villa charges a 600 € entry fee for photographers.



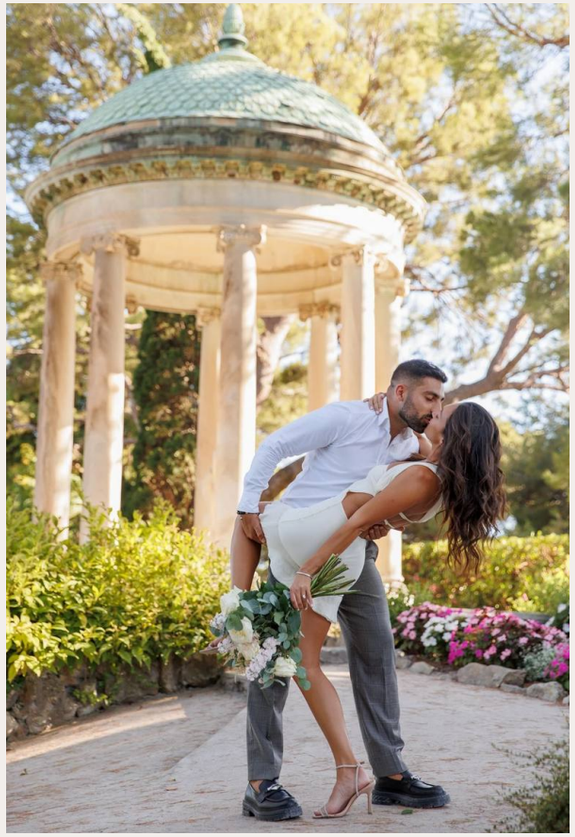
















8. SENTIER DU LITTORAL AT SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

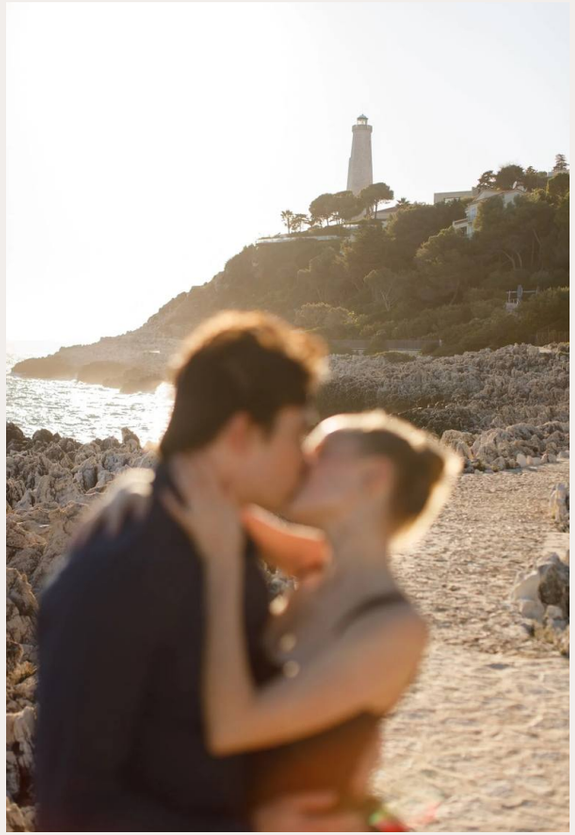
The Sentier du Littoral is a coastal footpath that winds around the entire Cap Ferrat peninsula, quite separate from the village itself.

A narrow path hugs the water, lined with jagged white rock and open sea, ending at a lighthouse that feels untouched. It is a romantic spot, ideal for couples who enjoy being outdoors and want a photoshoot that feels natural and calm.

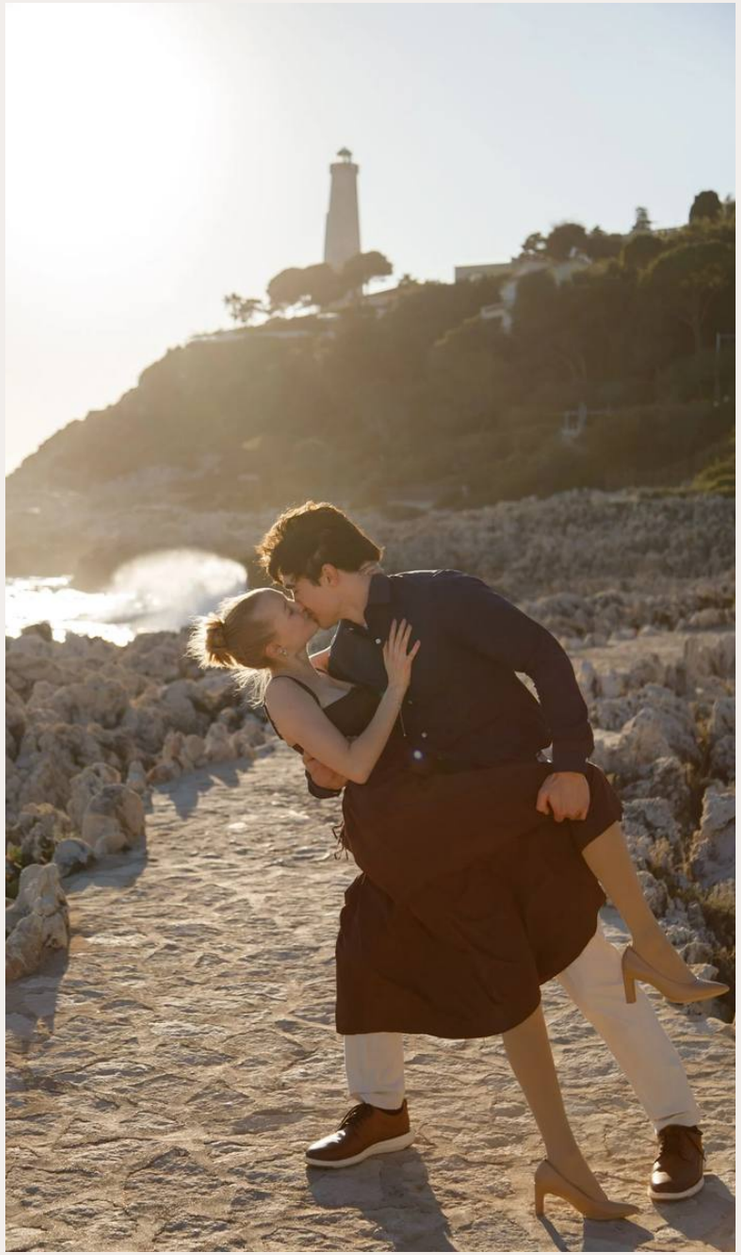


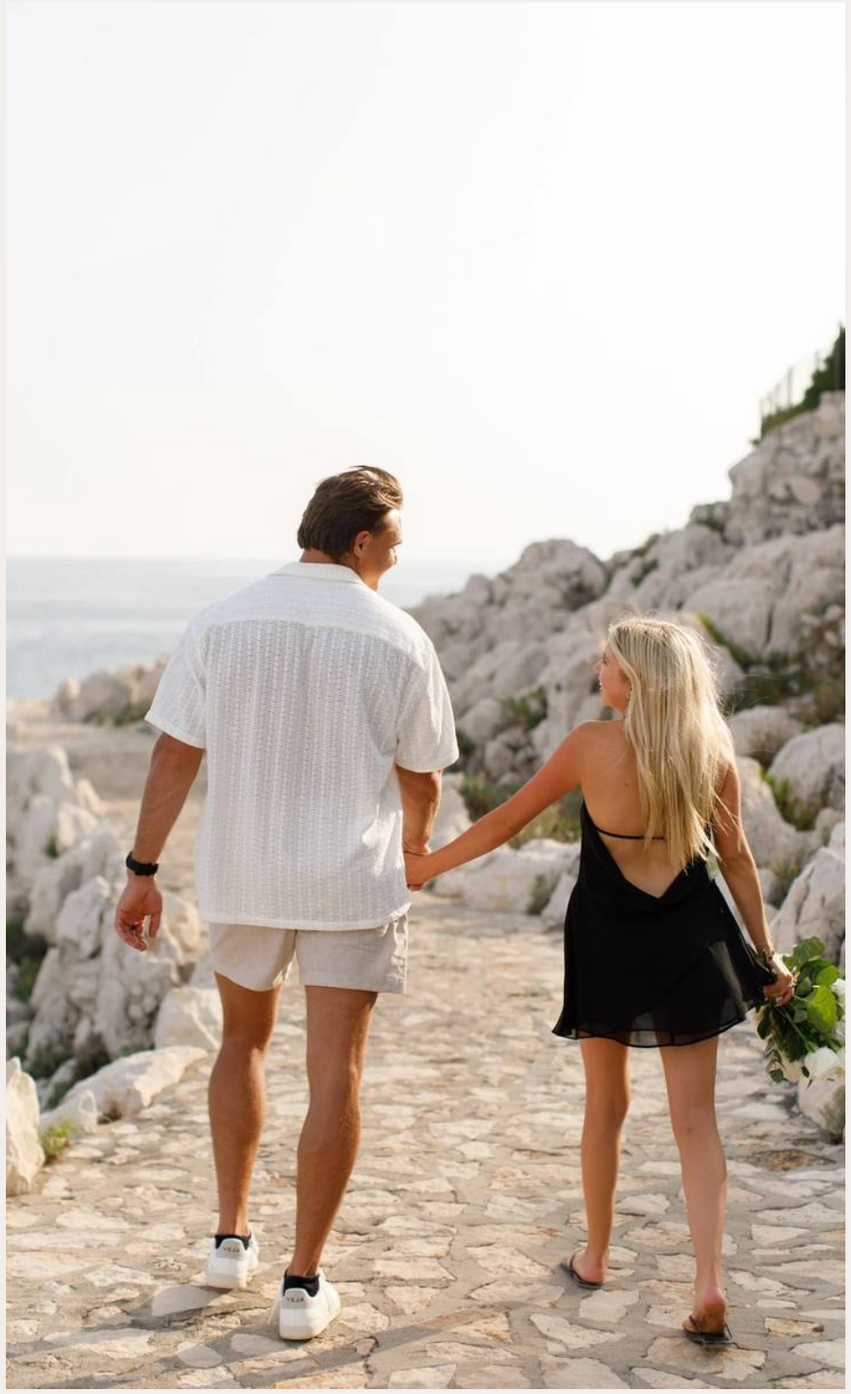
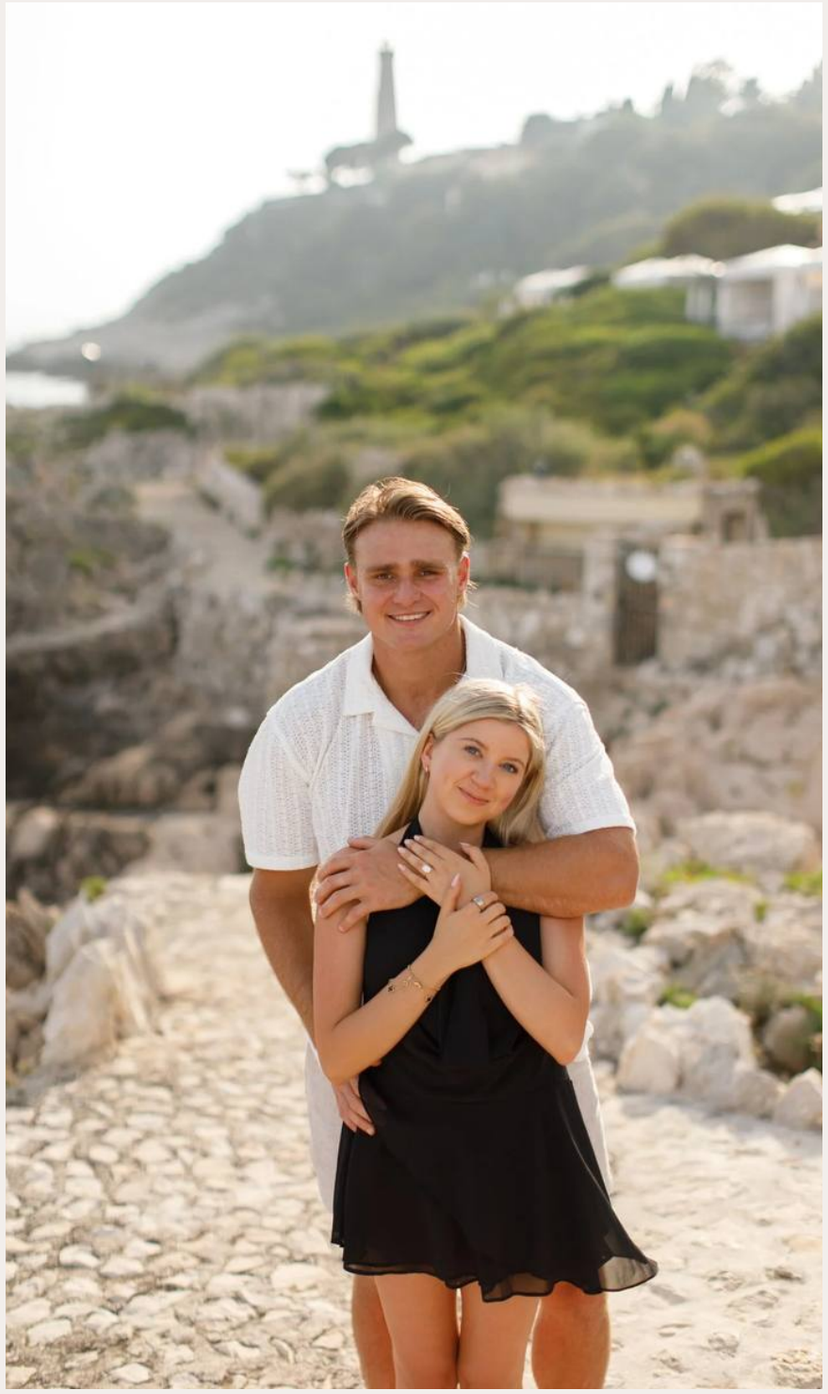
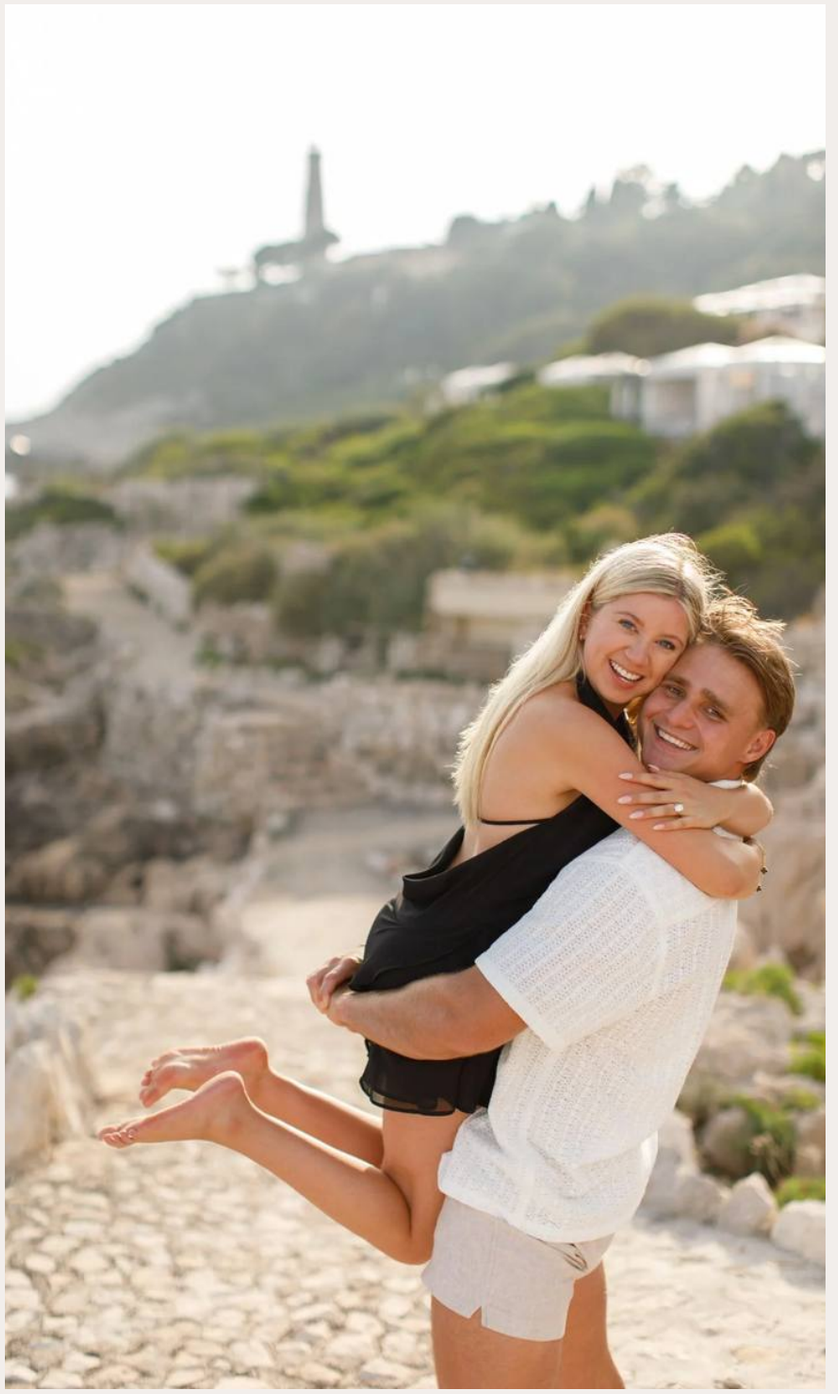








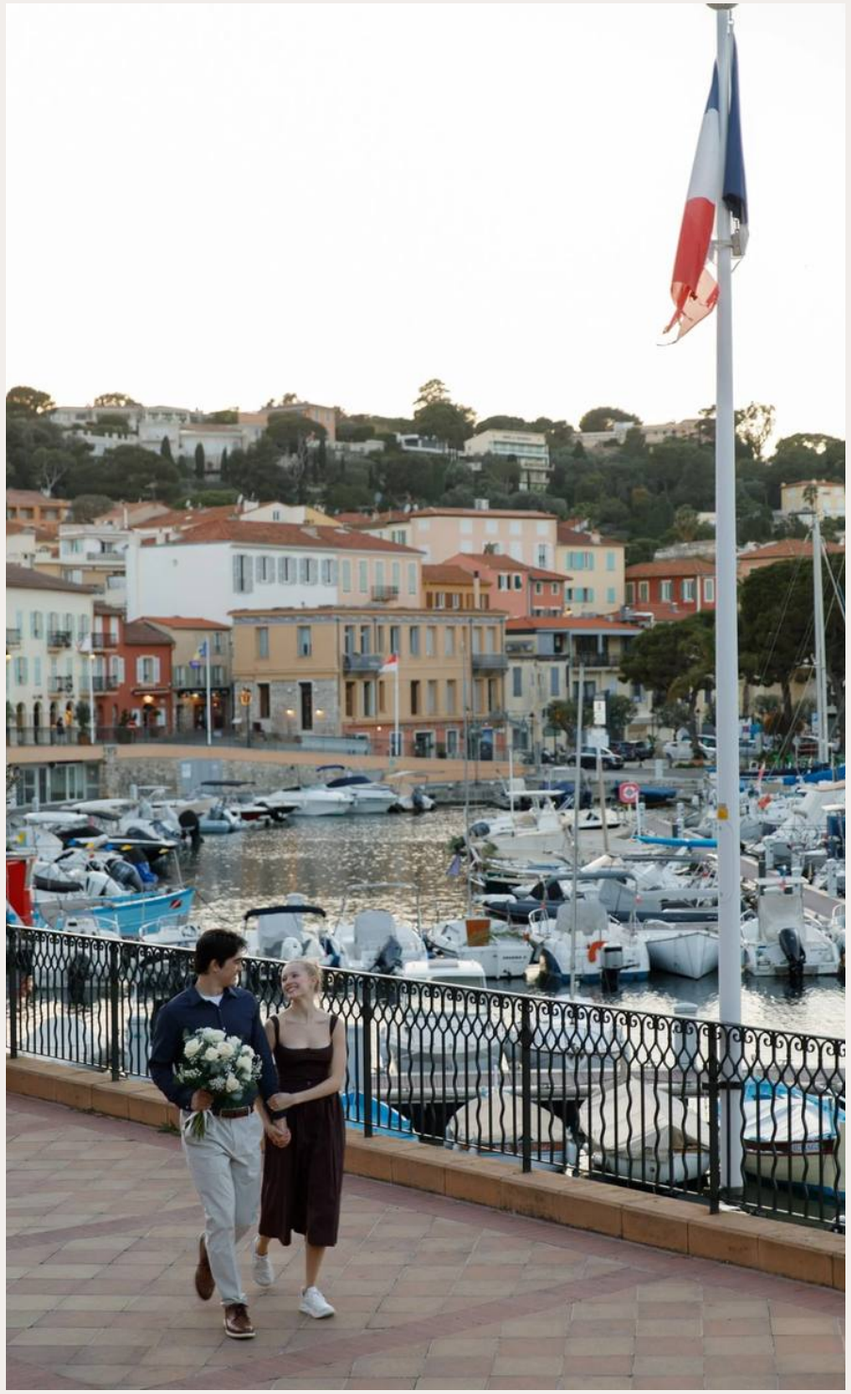


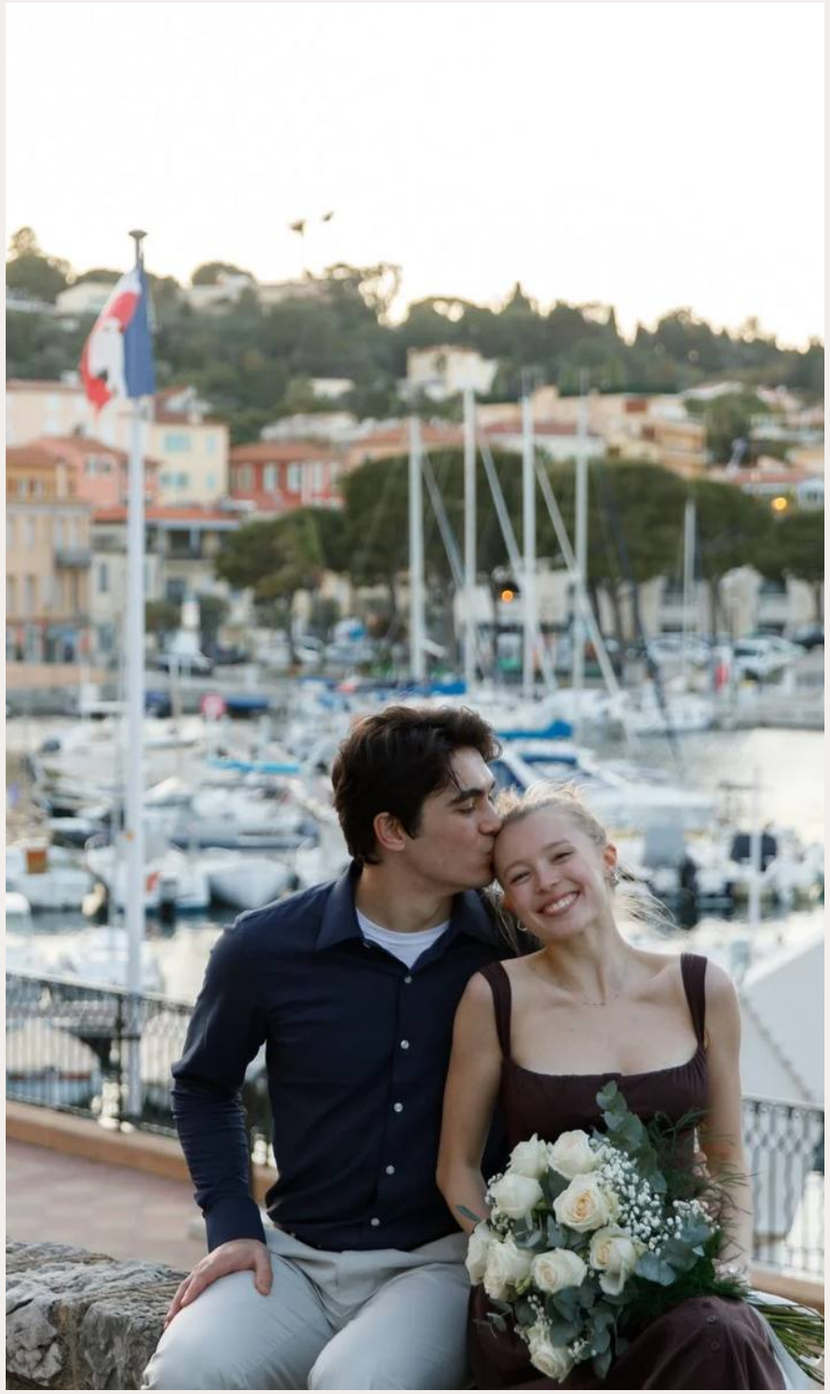




9. TOWN OF SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

The village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat itself is small and unhurried, with a handful of cafés, restaurants and a marina. It makes a convenient starting point for the coastal path, and an easy place to stop for a coffee before or after the shoot.









10. LA BOCCA, CANNES

La Bocca is reachable by regional train, and the journey from Nice takes around 30 minutes. La Bocca has a quieter, more open beach that feels removed from the busy parts of the Riviera. Our favourite time to shoot is here at sunset. The natural setting and soft light make it ideal for an easy, relaxed shoot by the sea. It’s all about a calm, coastal mood.









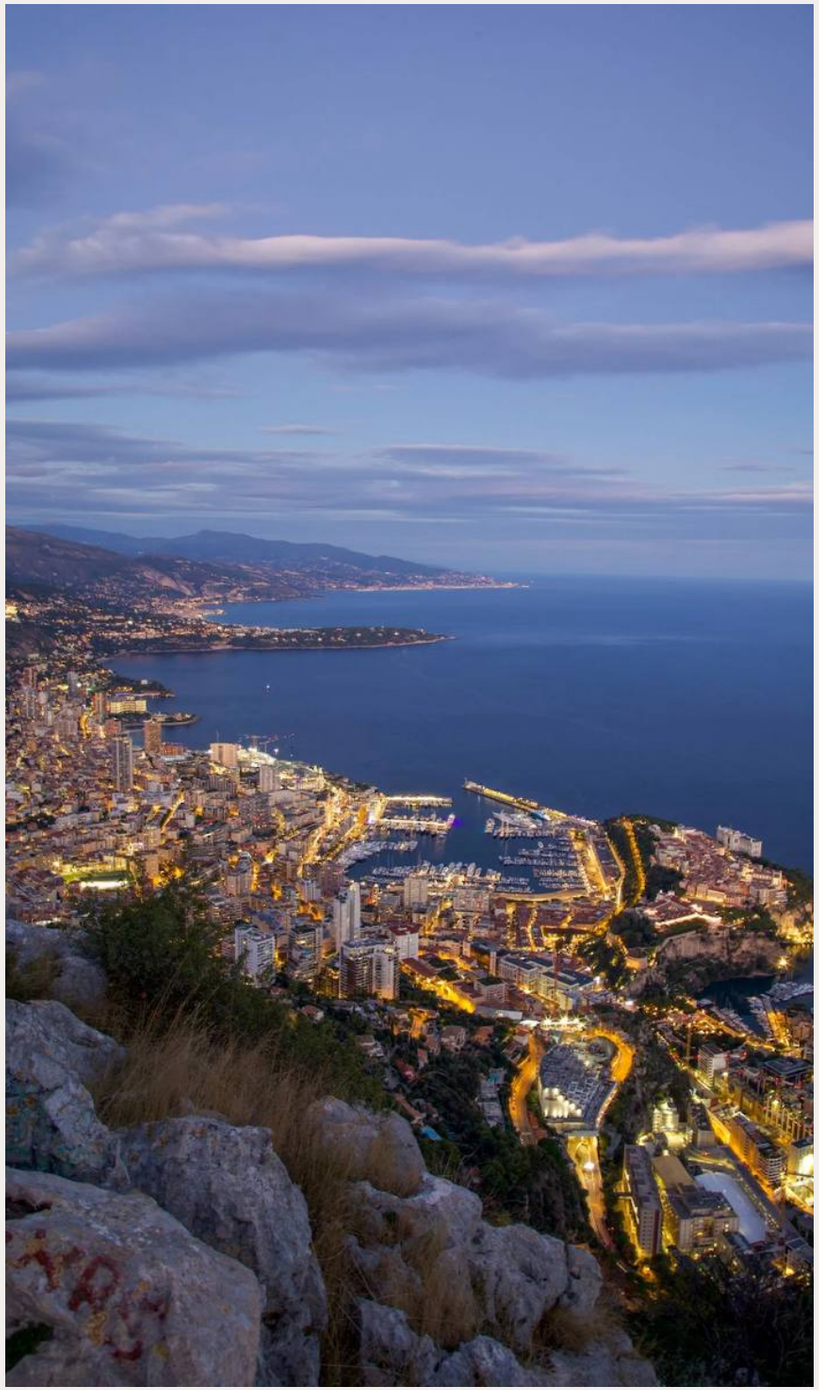
11. TÊTE DE CHIEN

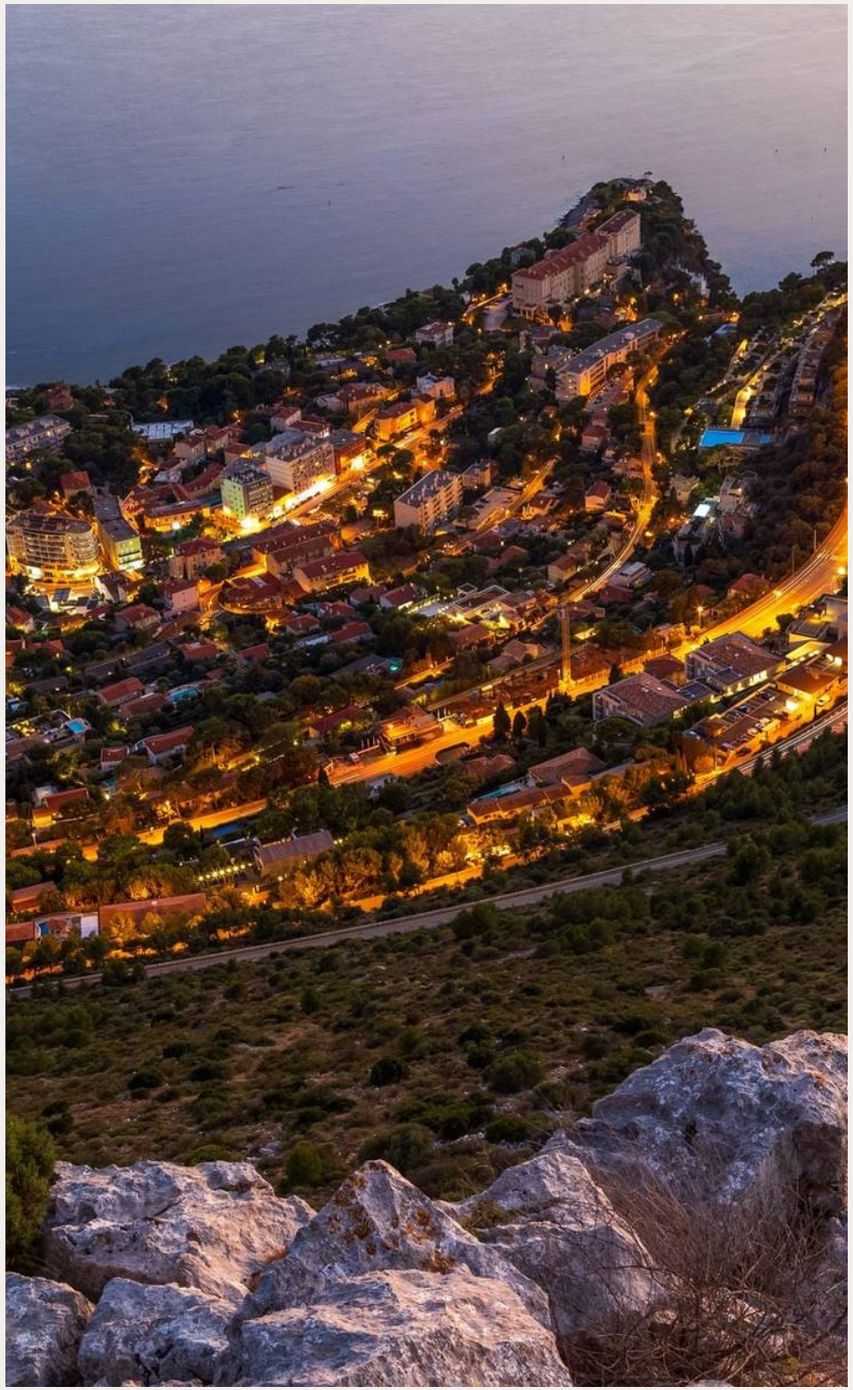
Tête de Chien is perched high above Monaco and offers some of the most breathtaking panoramic views on the entire Riviera. It's a wonderful spot throughout the day, but our favourite time is sunset, it's absolutely magical!

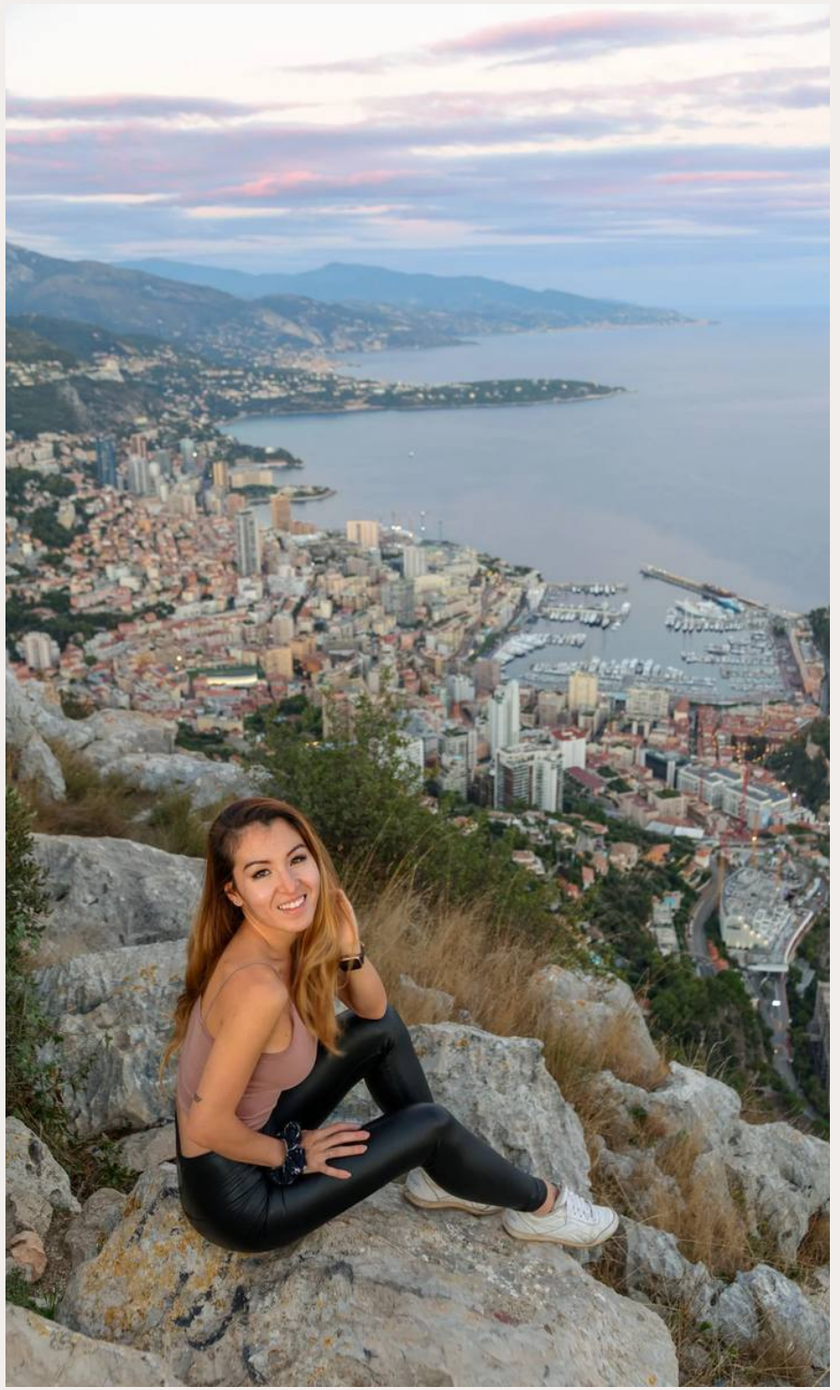
It's perfect for adventurous, nature-inspired shots since getting there requires a 15–20 minute walk along a trail, so we'd recommend wearing comfortable shoes and bringing a layer for the breeze at the top if we're there in the evening. The effort is well worth it, and the dramatic landscape makes for a truly memorable and adventurous set of images.











12. CAP D'AIL

Cap d'Ail sits just moments from Monaco yet feels like a world away. It's a beautiful stretch of coastline that most visitors simply drive past without a second glance. That's precisely what makes it so special. Tucked between the glamour of Monaco and the charm of Èze-sur-Mer, it's the perfect complement to a Monaco shoot. It's an easy stop before or after that swaps the glitz for something altogether more serene. Think rocky shorelines, clear turquoise water, and the soft Mediterranean light bouncing off the cliffs. It's understated in the best possible way.



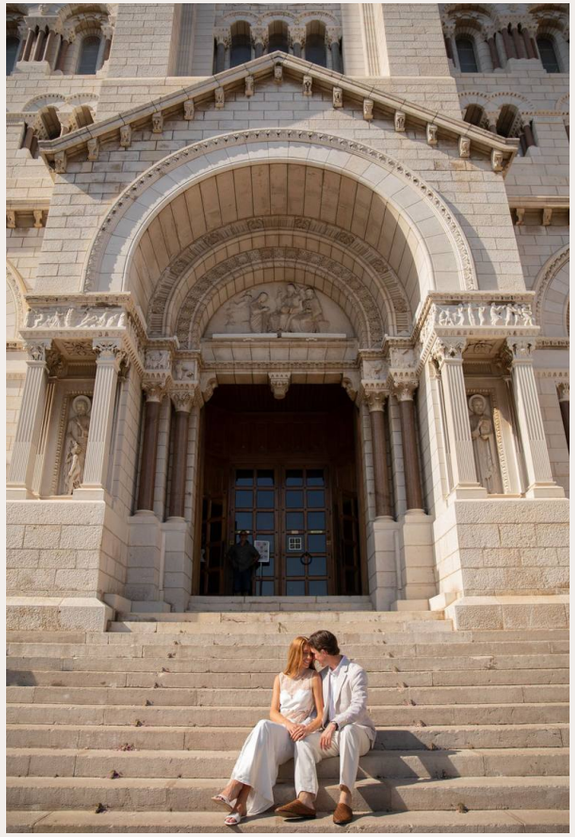


13. MONACO

Monaco is just a 30-minute drive or train ride from Nice (20 kilometres) and is the perfect location for a sophisticated photoshoot. With its stunning architecture, luxury yachts, and glamorous streets, it offers endless opportunities for capturing elegant moments.

















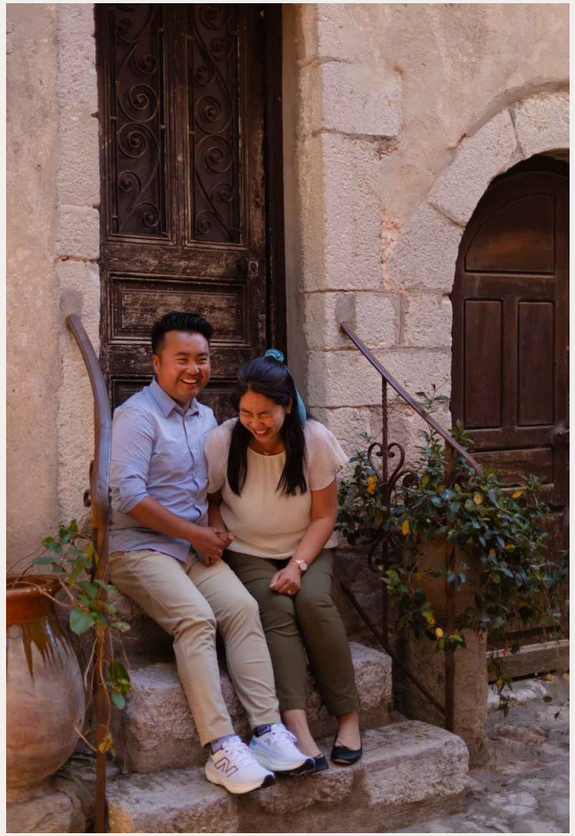


14. LA TURBIE

A photoshoot in La Turbie offers stunning views of the French Riviera, historic charm, and unique landscapes. It's also a very "off the beaten path" destination, so it'll be a quieter shoot than some of the busier towns of the Riviera. Just 15 kilometres from Nice, it’s a 30-minute drive through scenic mountain roads or accessible by bus. The nearby Tête de Chien hike offers panoramic views perfect for adventurous, nature-inspired shots, it's also a beautiful place to watch sunset!











15. ANTIBES

A photoshoot in Antibes combines the charm of its historic old town, the luxury of Port Vauban's yachts, and the natural beauty of its beaches and coastal paths. Located just 20 kilometres from Nice, it's an easy 30-minute drive or train ride, making it convenient for a day trip. The best time for a shoot is early morning or late afternoon when the light is soft, highlighting the town's vibrant streets, iconic ramparts, and Mediterranean views. You can even take a ride on the Grande Roue (Ferris Wheel) after the shoot!









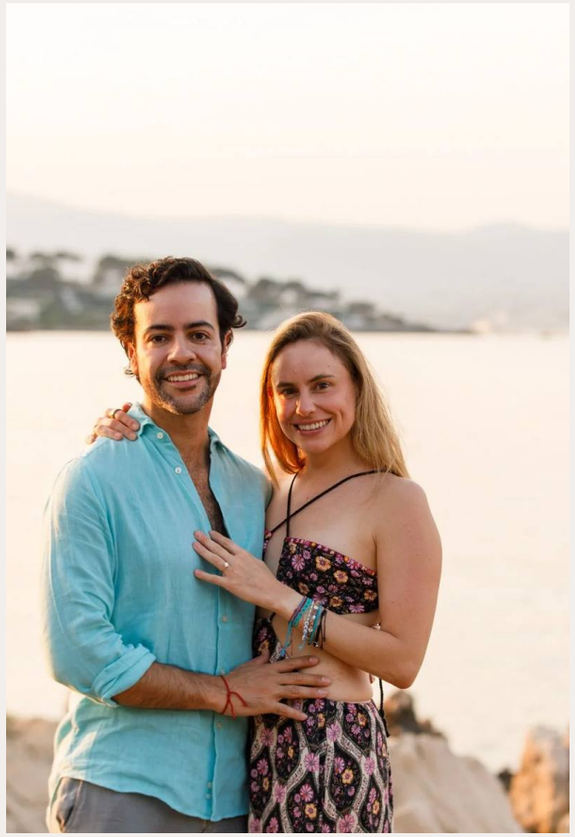


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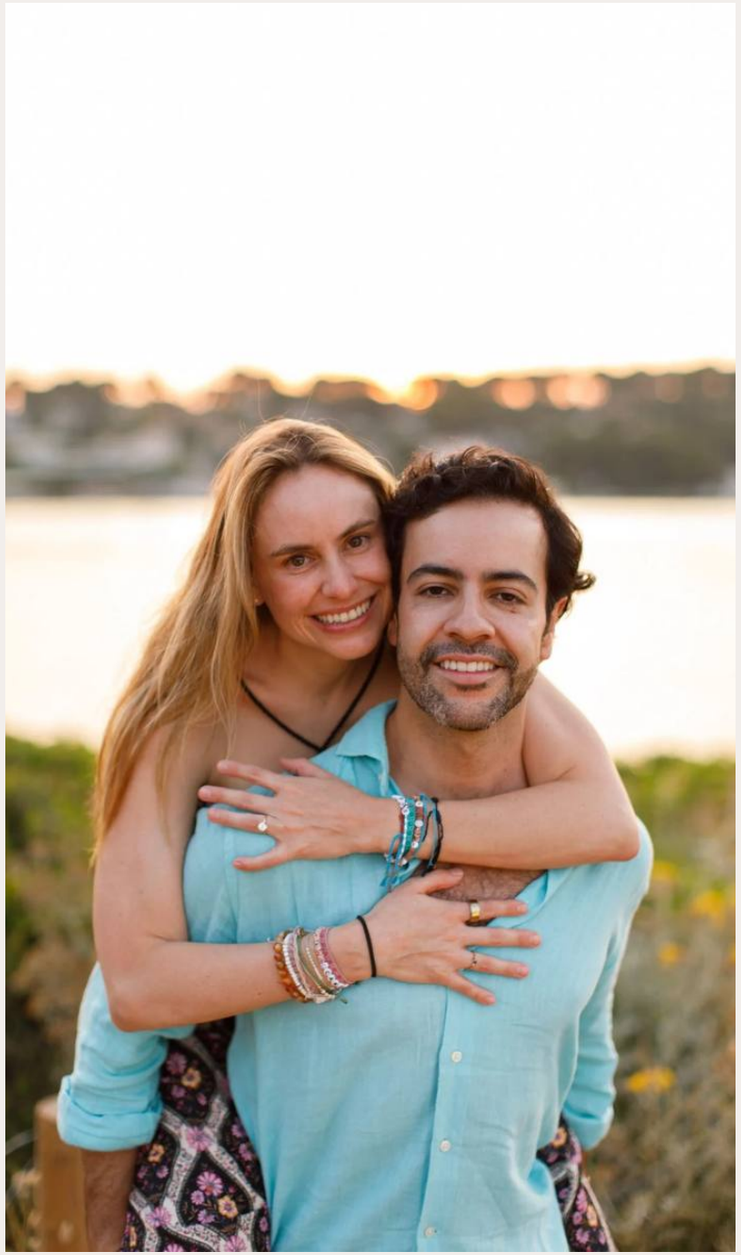
A public coastal path runs along Antibes, giving access to the shoreline without passing through any of the residential areas. The path is rocky underfoot and sees relatively little traffic. Views stretch out toward the Alps on a clear day. It is a straightforward drive from Nice or Cannes and has decent parking near the trailhead. We love it here at sunset.









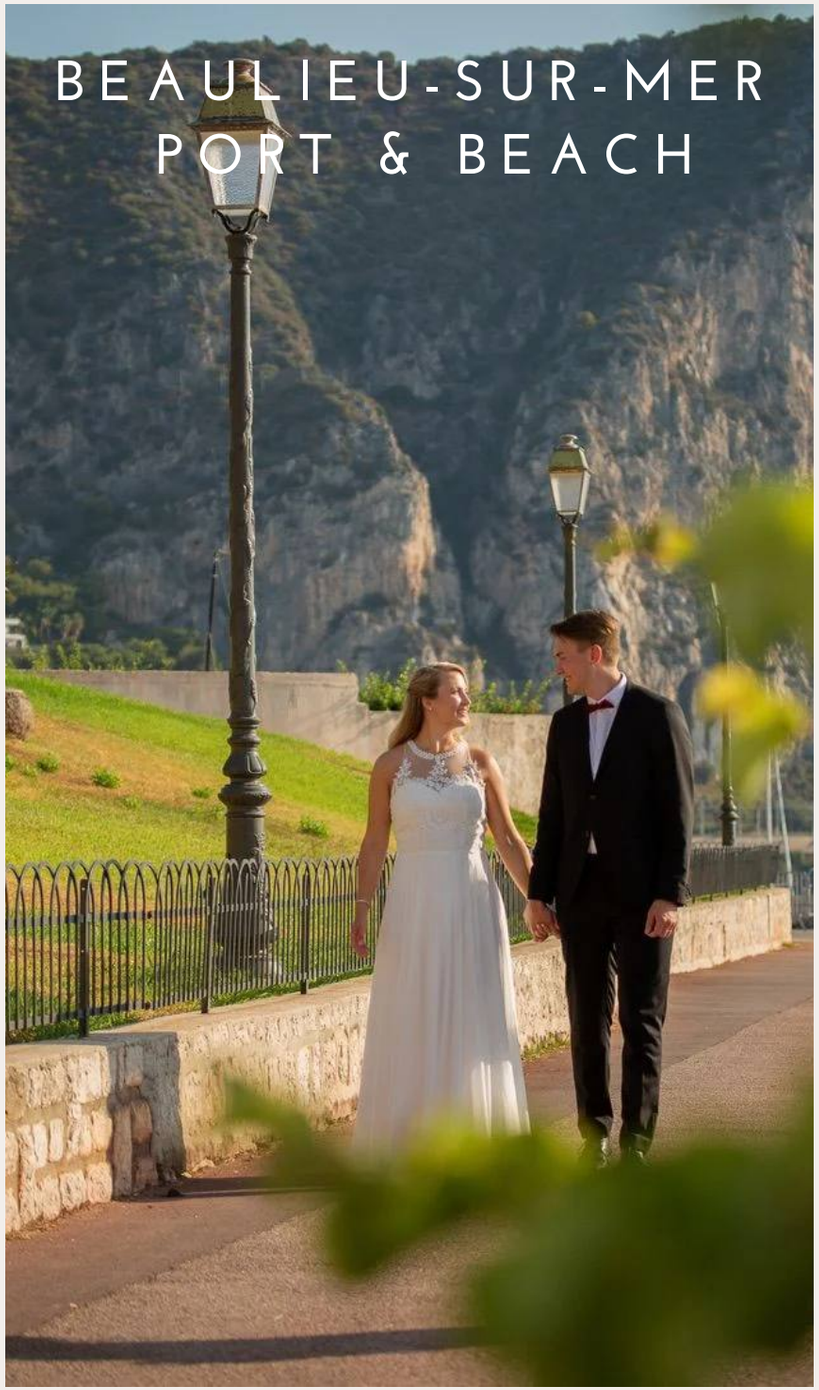


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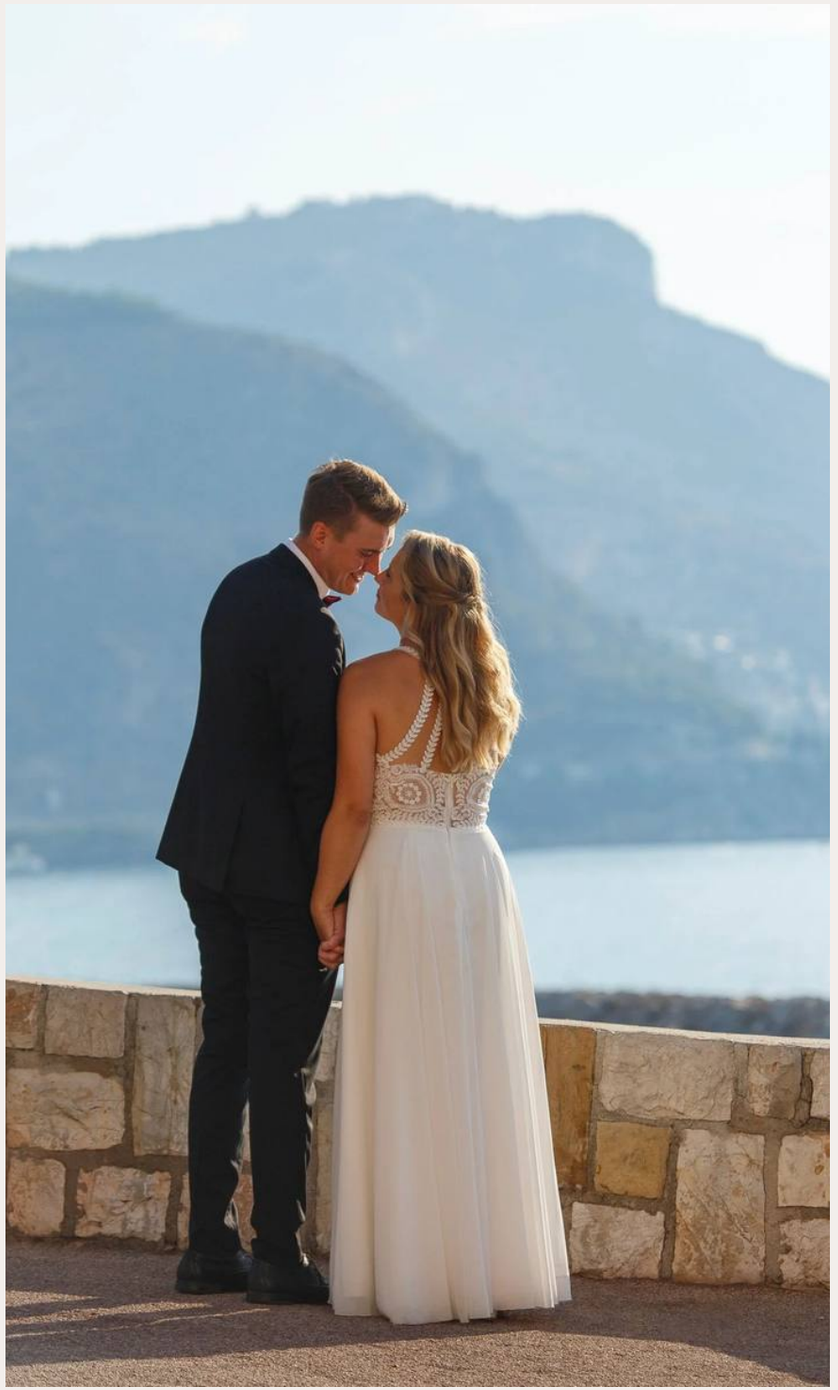
Beaulieu-sur-Mer, one of the tiniest villages in Alpes-Maritimes, is a 10-minute train ride from the Nice train station or a 15-20 minute drive. It's a quieter and lesser-known town, making it a great choice for shoots for busy summer days in the Riviera. For this town, we like to meet by the port, then walk through the town passing the Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, and then finish with some shots at Plage des Fourmis.



BEAULIEU-SUR-MER
PORT & BEACH







18. SAINT-PAUL-DE-VENCE

Saint-Paul-de-Vence is an artistic hill town 20 minutes from Nice with a strong creative presence. Walking through the old streets reveals painters, small artsy shops, and narrow paved streets that create a variety of strong photo backdrops. It is a good option for those who enjoy art and want a photoshoot that feels quiet, quaint, and less known.







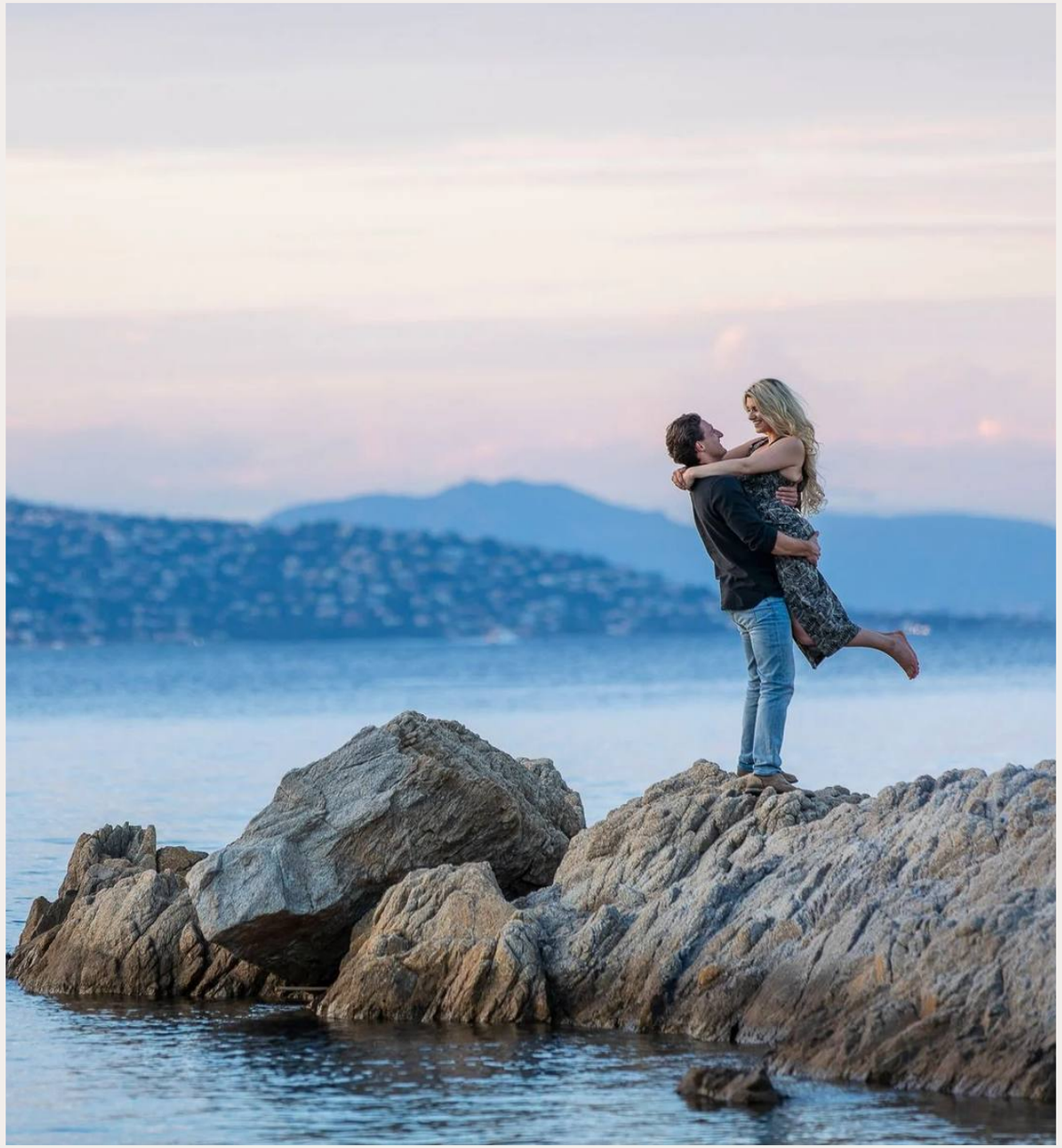



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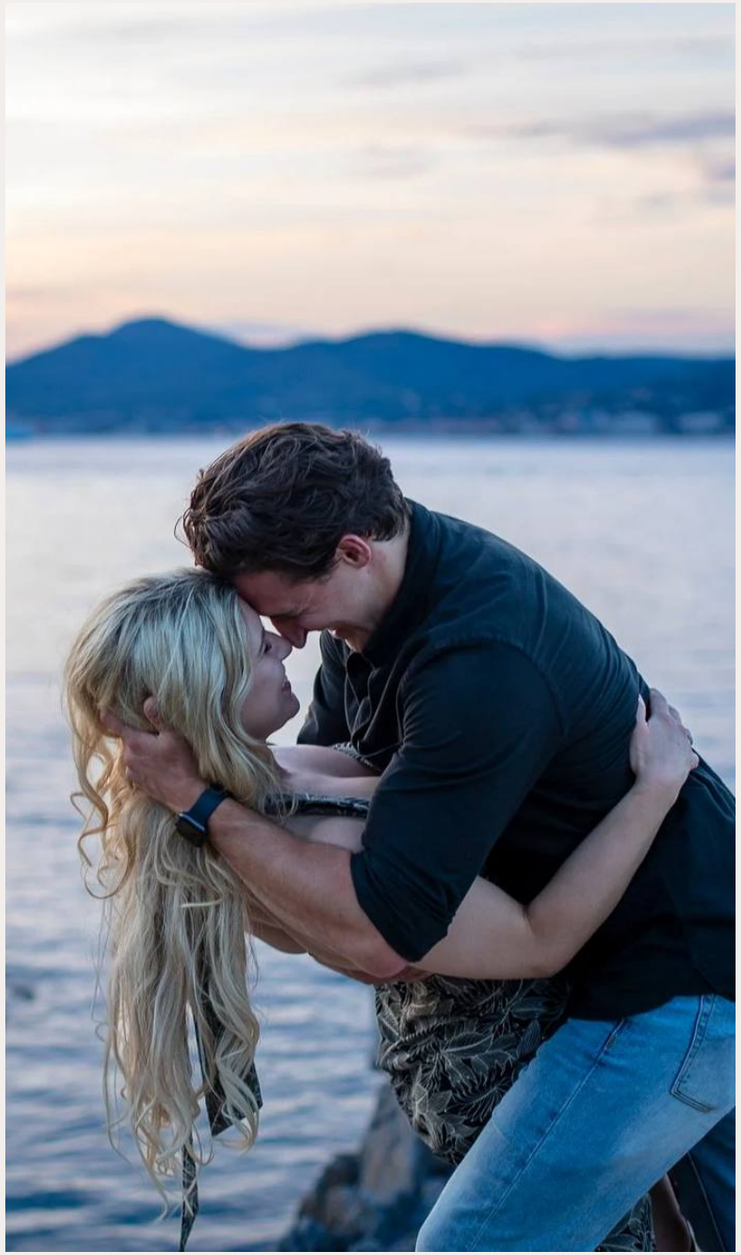
A photoshoot in Saint-Tropez offers charming streets, picturesque beaches, and a glamorous marina. Located about 100 kilometres from Nice, it’s accessible via a two-hour drive or ferry along the coast. The vibrant atmosphere and varied backdrops make it a versatile location to capture stunning moments on the French Riviera.






GALERIE
Henri Sié





20. VALENSOLE LAVENDER FIELDS

Although this is not in the French Riviera, I wanted to add this option for those who are visiting the region in June or July when the lavender fields are in bloom in Provence! Our favourite fields are in Valensole, which is a two-hour drive away from the Riviera— making it a perfect day trip or short getaway!

A photoshoot in Valensole's lavender fields offers unique compositions with rows of blooming lavender and scenic landscapes. The fields provide an iconic setting for capturing timeless moments in Provence's countryside.

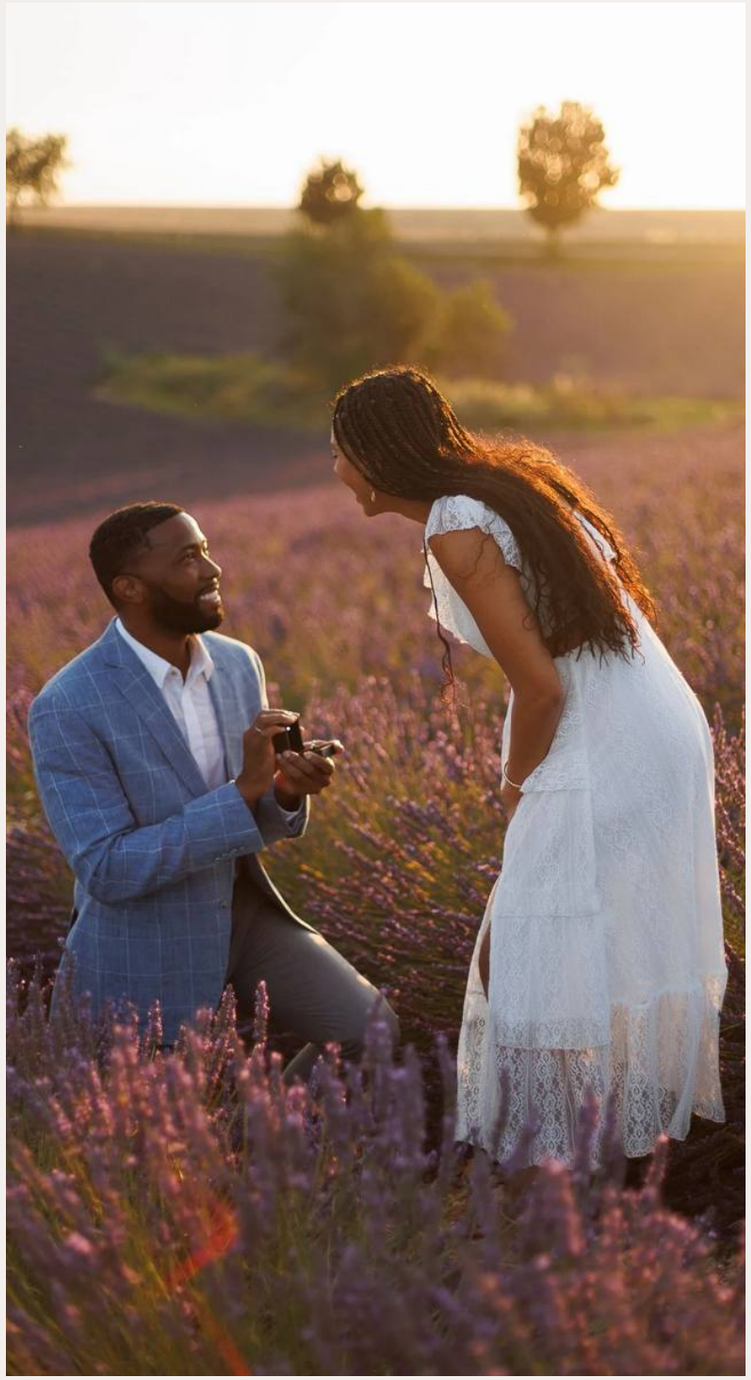
There are also sunflower & sage fields too!







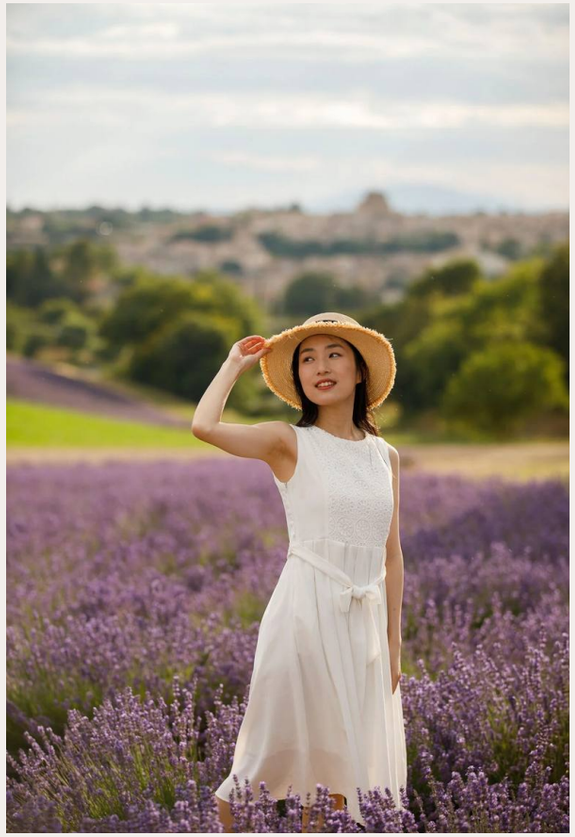




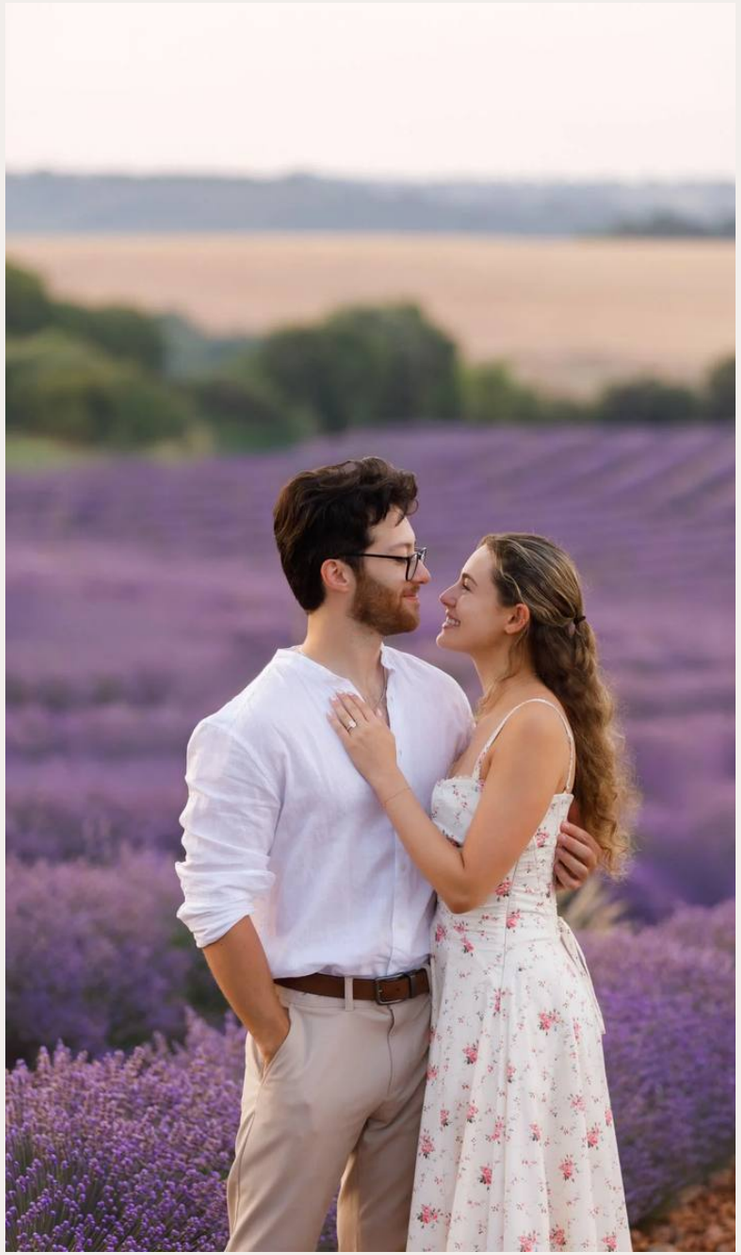




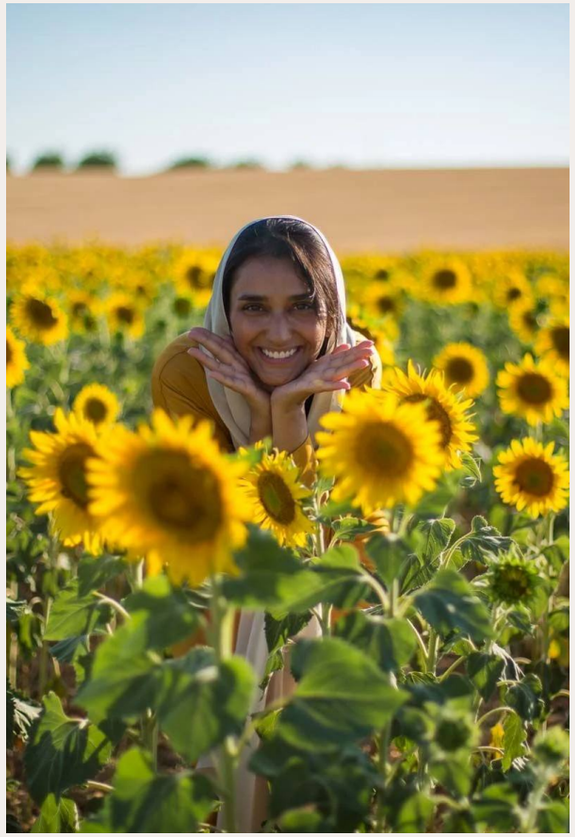
















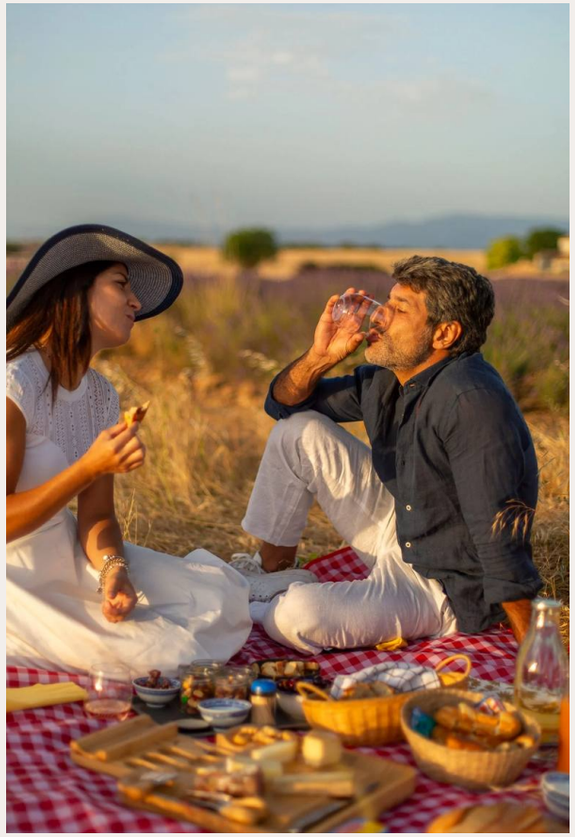
21. PICNIC & PHOTO SESSION

This session can be done in any town that you choose! This picnic includes an assortment of fresh snacks and refreshments that are locally sourced. We will provide a photo session after your picnic to capture you in whichever beautiful setting you choose.

For the picnic, we'll provide you with:
+ fresh bread and pastries from a local boulangerie (bakery)
+ a small assortment of cheese from a local fromagerie (cheese shop)
+ a small bowl of fruit
+ water, juice and wine











22. CLASSIC CAR SESSION

This isn’t a specific location, but just an idea for a fun shoot! It’s a chance to dress up in classic outfits and capture moments that make you feel like you're stepping back in time. Props like old suitcases, hats, or retro accessories can add an extra layer of fun, while the right backdrop helps tie it all together. Since the car rental is for a full 24 hours, you can take it with you for the day to explore the Riviera, and we can meet you somewhere to take some pictures with it or incorporate it into a portion of the shoot.

Our favourite locations for a vintage car shoot is Villefranche-sur-Mer, Èze and Nice.








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