

What's New On The French Riviera For Summer 2026

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Antibes, Juan-les-Pins



The historic center of Antibes. GETTY

The legendary seaside havens of **Antibes** and **Juan-les-Pins**, which have been favored spots over the last hundred years for glamorous scribes (Fitzgerald and Hemingway), jet-setters (Aly Khan), world leaders (Winston Churchill) and royals with and without their crowns (e.g, the Duke of Windsor), will celebrate a number of significant milestones this year. Juan-les-Pins marks 100 years as a Riviera resort and will celebrate with a new seafront consisting of a refurbished promenade, revitalized beaches and an additional 8500 square meters of public beach areas.



The seafront facade of the Hotel Belles Rives.

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The **Hotel Belles Rives**, an historic property where F Scott Fitzgerald once lived (when it was still a private villa). started writing *Tender is the Night* here. The hotel has kept its literary connections through the annual Prix Fitzgerald (June 12), an award given to the writer of a Riviera-themed short story. (Past winners include Quentin Tarantino and Joyce Carol Oates). Another notable Belles Rives happening is Le Bal des Rêves (September 12), one of the Cote d'Azur's notable charity gatherings. This year the hotel will offer movie screenings on the beach.