

# Latest News, Discoveries and Must-sees...

# Hotel news...

# The 5 star establishments

Antibes Juan-les-Pins is fortunate enough to be home to **five of the 5 star hotels** of the Côte d'Azur since the creation of this category, new in France:

### - Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel

#### The number of rooms has grown from 27 to 35 in 2016!

Beach restaurant Le Cap and the new bar also have a new look. Contact : Julie Duhez - tel. +33 (0)4 92 93 13 30 / commercial@ca-beachhotel.com

#### - Hôtel Juana & Hôtel Belles Rives

**Restaurant La Passagère gets a new look in 2016! Works expected to cost over 500.000€.** The decorator Olivier Antoine, who designed the Thermes Marins in Monaco, has worked in close partnership with his friend Marianne Estène-Chauvin, owner of the establishment. The goal could be described as, "Everything must change so that nothing changes." Contact: François Gelly, tel. :+33 (0)4 93 61 02 79 / info@brj-hotels.com

#### - Hôtel Impérial Garoupe

Contact: Coralie Markiewicz, tel. +33 (0)4 92 93 31 61 / cap@imperial-garoupe.com

# - Hôtel du Cap Eden Roc

The hotel was also awarded a fourth star by Forbes Travel Guide in 2016. Contact: Valérie Muller, tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 39 01 / vmuller@hdcer.com

# A new 4 star hotel in Cap d'Antibes - Villa Fabulite

This hotel, located by the sea in Cap d'Antibes, offers comfortable and modern rooms. The restaurant

serves regional Provencal dishes for a feel of immersion in this idyllic setting. It is close to the botanical garden and villa Thuret, which was awarded the title "Arbre remarquable" (remarkable tree) on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and offers visitors the chance to see exceptional vegetation covering 3.5 hectares.

150 Traverse des Nielles, 06160 Antibes

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### Garden Beach Hôtel - new ownership, renovation forthcoming...

Major works are planned by the new owners of the **4**\*\*\*\* **Garden Beach** which has now become the property of the Chetrit group. - www.hotel-gardenbeach.com Contact: Christophe Ferir, tel. +33 (0)4 92 93 57 57 / cferir@hotel-gardenbeach.com

# Clarion Sophia Country Club 4\*\*\*\* - Resort Hotel in Sophia-Antipolis



Tennis is in full swing at Sophia Antipolis with the opening of the tennis academy Mouratoglou (to be inaugurated in summer 2016) at the Clarion Hotel Sophia Country Club. The Sophia Country Club is much more than a hotel: it is a Resort in the heart of a 13 hectare park, equipped with a  $700m^2$  Spa in partnership with the brands Cinq Mondes<sup>TM</sup> and LPG<sup>TM</sup>.

Fancy some action? The Sophia Country Club is home to one of the best tennis academies in Europe **La Mouratoglou Tennis Academy**<sup>TM</sup> (34 tennis courts including 8 indoor, with both clay and « fast » surfaces), 4 courts being accessible free of charge to customers of the hotel; there are 4 Padel courts and two swimming pools (one heated and the famous pool in the shape of a tennis racket, well known in the region).

Sophia Country Club Antibes, 3550 Route des Dolines, Antibes - Sophia-Antipolis - 06410 Biot Contact: Simon Manoukian, tel. : +33 (0)4 92 96 68 78 simon.manoukian@sophiacountryclub.com

#### - AC hôtel Ambassadeur

**The latest buzz:** this hotel is sponsoring a hive in Val de Chavalgne, to help protect bees! Contact: Cécile Poulain, tel. +33 (0)4 92 99 70 75 / cecile.loirat@marriotthotels.com

# "ENJOY!"

Offering the intimacy of an apartment combined with the services of a hotel: this is the concept of **La Maison Blanche Résidence Hôtel 3**\* located in Juan-les-Pins, whose services make all the difference! After one year of building work, the residence has opened its new rooms and apartments in a well thought out decor to provide residents with all the comforts essential to their stay. 6, avenue Alexandre III, 06160 Juan-les-Pins – Tel. : +33 (0)4 22 13 55 61 Contact : Frédéric Esbrayat - fred@maisonblancheresort.com

#### A 3<sup>rd</sup> star for Hôtel Téranga and Hôtel Eden !

www.hotelteranga.com / www.edenhoteljuan.com

A **3 star hotel** with 15 rooms, all equipped with kitchens: **Hôtel « La Villa d'Elsa »** is decidedly in keeping with modern times... www.villadelsa.com

# Sea-water therapy and Spa news...

# Thalazur - Hôtel Baie des Anges (4 stars)

www.thalazur.fr

This brand new establishment features 164 rooms, a restaurant and a lounge bar as well as a sea-water therapy institute and marine SPA.

Thalazur offers stays from 1 to 5 days as well as treatments lasting 6 days. Contact presse : Laurène LeNorcy tel. +33 (0)1 46 05 98 16 mobile (0)6 18 68 33 32 laurene@obraz-conseil.com



# Le Royal Spa - Hôtel Royal Antibes (4 stars)

www.royal-antibes.com

Facing the sea and Cap d'Antibes, the Royal Antibes has opened its **spa**, in partnership with the brand Cinq Mondes<sup>TM</sup>.

Discover 150m<sup>2</sup> entirely devoted to physical well-being with 3 treatment rooms including a cabin for two, relaxation area with sauna, hammam, jacuzzi, a relaxation room and a fitness studio.

Contact presse : Céline Risso

tel. +33 (0)4 83 61 91 94 / crisso@royal-antibes.com

#### Spa Evasion -Clarion Sophia Country Club Antibes (4 stars)

www.sophiacountryclub.fr/spa/ Resort hotel in Sophia-Antipolis.

Let go of your body and mind... The greatest wellness traditions from all over the world: hammam, steam baths, relaxation on a Waff, infrared sauna, fitness...

The spa is open 7 days a week, 10am to 8pm. 3550 route des Dolines, 06410 Biot www.sophiacountryclub.com

Contact: Sophie Mezemmeroune

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# Restaurant news...

The four restaurants with a Michelin star:

### La Passagère has been awarded a Michelin star in 2016!

And gourmet guidebook Gault & Millau 2016 names **Yoric Tièche "Grand Chef of Tomorrow"** and **Steve Moracchini "Pastry Chef of the Year**" (Rating: 3 chef's hats – "grande table" - 15/20) • **La Passagère**, hôtel Belles Rives, 33 boulevard Edouard Baudoin, 06160 Juan-les-Pins Contact : François Gelly, tél. :+33 (0)4 93 61 02 79 / info@brj-hotels.com



• De Bacon (1 Michelin star since 2013) - www.restaurantdebacon.com

In this internationally famous fish restaurant, the Sordello family has been welcoming visitors for two generations and offers impeccable service in an idyllic setting, providing outstanding Mediterranean family cuisine.

Press contact: Eve Sordello / tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 50 02 / contact@restaurantdebacon.com

• Le Figuier de Saint-Esprit (1 Michelin star since 2010) - www.christianmorisset.fr In a landscape of haute cuisine together with his close family, this chef and confectioner Christian Morisset takes great care in the quality, taste and freshness of his dishes. He is assisted by chef Christophe Griss as well as his youngest son, Matthias, who is also a qualified pastry chef. Press contact: Josiane & Christian Morisset, tél. +33 (0)4 93 34 50 12 / lefiguier@christianmorisset.fr

• Les Pêcheurs (1 Michelin star since 2009) - Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel\*\*\*\*\* www.lespecheurs-juan.com

Created in 1954, this address became a must for the stars: taken over in 2003 by the Ferrante family and fully renovated, this gourmet restaurant became part of the Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel\*\*\*\*\* when the latter opened in 2009. Chef **Nicolas Rondinelli** joined the team in 2016 and he navigates expertly between French gastronomic tradition and authentic Mediterranean cuisine.

Press contact: Julie Duhez, tel. +33 (0)4 92 93 13 30 / commercial@ca-beachhotel.com

# They've made headlines!

List of the establishments which have earned the title <b>"Maître Restaurateur"</b> *
• Le Figuier de Saint Esprit - chef : Christian Morisset 14 rue Saint Esprit, 06600 Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 93 34 50 12 - www.christianmorisset.fr
• Le Bistrot Terrasse, hôtel Juana - chef : Yoric Tieche 19 avenue Gallice, 06160 Juan-les-Pins, tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 08 70 - www.hotel-juana.com
• Le Pavillon, hôtel Impérial Garoupe - chef : Jean-Paul Cudennec 770 chemin de la Garoupe, 06600 Cap d'Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 92 93 31 61 - www.imperial-garoupe.com
• La Cafetière Félée - chef : Julien Fiengo 18 rue du Marc, 06600 Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 93 34 51 86 - www.lacafetierefelee.com
• Le Don Juan - chef : Florent Corsini 17 rue Thuret, 06600 Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 93 34 58 63 - www.restaurantledonjuan.fr
• Le Vauban - chef : Raymond Cornelissens 7 bis rue Thuret, 06600 Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 04 93 34 33 05 - www.levauban.fr
• <b>Cap Riviera</b> - chef : <b>Bertrand Blain</b> 13 boulevard Edouard Baudoin, 06160 Juan-les-Pins, tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 22 30 - www.cap-riviera.fr
• <b>Bijou Plage</b> (label Qualité Tourisme) - chef : <b>Dominique Dayot</b> Boulevard du Littoral, 06160 Juan-les-Pins, tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 39 07 - www.bijouplage.com
• Le Perroquet - chef : Serge Baboulin 3 avenue Gallice, 06160 Juan-les-Pins, tel. +33 (0)4 93 61 02 20 - www.restaurantleperroquet.fr
*The <b>"Maître restaurateur"</b> award is the only independent label granted by the State through its prefects, taking into account strict specifications and an audit made by an independent organization. These specifications, which every professional must respect, consist of five main themes: quality of the products, customer service, interior design and installations, the environment and the exterior, safety and hygiene.

#### Not to be missed!

Restaurant Le Grill (Hôtel du Cap Eden Roc\*\*\*\*) – chef : **Arnaud Poëtte** Restaurant Le César, Plage Keller – chef : **Olivier Condat** Restaurant Le Michelangelo « Mamo » - chef : **Michel Tran** Opening in **NEW YORK** of the restaurant « Mamo » run by Mike, Mamo's son.

# Sweet surprises...

Good news: **Etienne Leroy**, assistant pastry chef at the Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, has qualified for the next **Pastry World Cup** in his discipline, the sugar category ("classe sucre"). This prestigious event, created in 1989 by Gabriel Paillasson, Founder President and famous French pastry chef, will take place in Lyon in **January 2017**. This competition, organised every two years, brings together 22 teams composed of young pastry chefs from all over the world, who number among the most promising of their generation.

# Discover without further delay the temples of sweetness in Antibes!

#### A new address...

**Lilian Bonnefoi**, Head Pastry Chef at the Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc has opened a new boutique in Antibes at 7 avenue Robert Soleau, 06600 Antibes – tel.: +33 (0)4 93 33 90 74 - www.lilianbonnefoi.com

La Closerie, is a pastry shop and restaurant entirely dedicated to those with a sweet tooth.

**France's confectionery champion** has risen to the challenge! This establishment has opened in the city centre of Antibes, a few metres from the square Place De Gaulle. After 25 years in the old town of Antibes, Christian Cottard and his wife Andréa have renovated a beautiful house surrounded by a pretty terraced garden. On the upper floor, a **cake-making school** opened in April 2015.

La Closerie, 8 boulevard Dugommier, 06600 Antibes tel. +33(0)4 93 34 09 92 / www.patisserie-cottard-antibes.fr

#### Jean Luc Pelé - Pâtissier Chocolatier

The three specialities which have made him famous: macaroons, chocolates and pastry.



A shop where you can see the pastry chefs at work. A well designed place contributing to an upmarket feel in Old Antibes. Funnily enough, it was after his time as a martial arts teacher that Jean-Luc Pelé switched to a career in pastrymaking, when he was to launch a chain of shops starting in Meudon, then Cannes.

The craftsman has gone one step further in Antibes: he has created a convivial area greatly inspired from the atmosphere in Tim Burton films. "I had an unused corridor, intended for leading to the upper floor via a hidden door. I had the idea of coating the walls and ceiling in edible chocolate. I created a framework, and threw chocolate onto the walls so that it formed a sort of edible wallpaper. For the chocolate to stay in place without melting, I maintain the room temperature at 20 degrees with a humidity control system. The room has a delicious chocolate smell and will develop over the coming months with the creation of stalagmites, in chocolate too, like in a real cave." Tel. +33 (0)492 957821 / www.jeanlucpele.com





A landmark for savoury snacks: Since 1924, the Veziano family has been keeping tradition, from father to daughter, for bread but also local specialities: pissaladière (onion pizza), tourte aux blettes (chard pie) and fougassette à la fleur d'oranger (flat bread shapes flavoured with orange blossom). Contact: Jean-Paul Veziano, 2 Rue de la Pompe, 06600 Antibes tel.: +33(0)4 93 34 05 46 / www.lepain-jpv.com



#### A spoon, a sugar cube and a little iced water!

All you need to know about absinthe: its history, the reasons why it was banned, its return to favour...

The Absinthe bar "Balade en Provence"

Contact : Frédéric Rosenfelder / balade@free.fr 25 bis cours Masséna, Antibes, tel.: +33 (0)4 93 34 93 00. Open daily from 9am to 7pm (the shop), and 9am to midnight (the bar).

### Happy View - Come and enjoy!

New restaurant **The View** is located on the terrace of the Conference centre in Juan-les-Pins. After dinner, the place transforms itself into a modern cabaret for a multi-faceted artistic show; the night continues in a festive way until 5am. The View, 7 passage Georges Gallice, 06160 Juan-les-Pins tel. +33 (0)9 82 27 77 71 / +33 (0)6 98 38 77 21 contact@theview-restaurant-club.com



### La Suite

Eric Dulac, former director of Hôtel Juana<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, and his partner, Géraldine Walter opened this **wine bar** in the new neighbourhood around the Conference centre. The place is perfectly suited to the long summer nights, for enjoying a relaxing moment as a couple or among friends. In a stylish and

welcoming decor, La Suite offers a three-colour wine menu. Visitors can choose between classic standards and pleasing discoveries, all carefully selected. The wine can be accompanied by a plate of elegant appetisers or a platter of cooked meats or cheese fresh from Italy. La Suite also offers a lunch menu, a highend snack comprising a salad or a sandwich and a drink.

12 Bd Ardisson, 06160 Juan-les-Pins, tel. +33 (0)4 93 67 40 75 / info@lasuite.bar



Open from Monday to Saturday from 6pm to 12:30am / Happy Food Hour from 6pm to 7:30pm.

# The "cosmopolitans"

- Froggy Gourmet: fine food grocery, delivering to yachts www.froggygourmet.fr
- Geoffrey's of London: British supermarket www.geoffreysoflondon.com
- Moscow Market: Russian supermarket www.moscowmarket.fr
- Antibes Books: new English bookshop in rue Clemenceau! www.antibesbooks.com
- Nordic Temptations: Scandinavian fine food grocery www.nordictemptations.com

# **Quality Tourism...**

# The label "Qualité Tourisme" has been awarded, valid until 24th August 2017.

Since 2005, the National Federation of French Tourist Offices has been granted authority by the Ministry for the awarding of the "Qualité Tourisme™" label to participating Tourist Offices.

The Antibes Juan-les-Pins Tourist Office began applying the guidelines as early as June 2006. The Qualité Tourisme label was obtained on 17th January 2008 for a three-year period: it was renewed for three more years after a second audit in 2011, then renewed again following the audit in 2014. This national label makes it possible to:

- Communicate with reference to a recognized and rewarded policy
- Strengthen the Tourist Office's image as a tourism professional in its dealings with tourist service providers and establishments
- Position the Tourist Office as a quality landmark for its partners
- Improve the interface between the region and its visitors
- Strengthen the network of Tourist Offices

### The Tourist Offices which have obtained the Qualité Tourisme<sup>™</sup> label commit to:

- Quality of the welcome
- Comfort of the premises
- Information and communication
- Skilled staff
- Promoting local resources
- Customer satisfaction

# Tourism and Handicap...

The Antibes Juan-les-Pins Tourist Office, very keen to ensure the best possible conditions for welcoming disabled tourists, decided to take all necessary measures to obtain one or several "Tourisme et Handicap" labels.

During the first quarter of 2015, all 4 Tourisme & Handicap labels were awarded to the Tourist Office in Antibes and in Juan-les-Pins:

Visual Handicap Hearing Handicap Mental Handicap Motor Handicap (new in 2015 for both offices) (The first 3 labels were already obtained in 2008.)



Furthermore, in summer the town of Antibes Juan-les-Pins has two beaches (Ponteil and Salis) specially equipped to enable the physically handicapped or visually impaired to enjoy all the pleasures of bathing, 7 days a week from 9:30am to 6:30pm, from mid-June to mid-September.

Through the methods instituted and a quality welcome, the Tourist Advisers of the Antibes and Juanles-Pins Tourist Office are specially trained and their awareness raised so they can receive all people affected by a handicap. In order to improve the welcome of these disabled tourists, changes have been made to the installations, and pictograms added to all the display stands.



# The facilities...

#### • Esplanade "Pré des Pêcheurs"

A new esplanade beside the Antibes harbour. This hectare of open space between port Vauban and the ramparts in fact covers the recently completed underground car park, comprising 3 levels and 600 parking spaces.

# • A Conference Centre on a human scale

#### www.antibesjuanlespins-congres.com

The new conference centre, opened in September 2013, consists of multi-purpose areas covering 6,500m<sup>2</sup>, an auditorium with 500 seats, 1,600m<sup>2</sup> for exhibitions and catering, 12 meeting rooms,



reception areas with panoramic view as well as a welcome area. The building houses a shopping also gallery consisting of different boutiques (ready-to-wear clothing, services, а restaurant, luxury items and a fitness centre), as well as a supermarket.

An underground car park of 376 slots complements the existing neighbouring car park of 350 spaces.

# A high-level multisports hall - Azur Arena Antibes

This new building of 13,864 m<sup>2</sup> houses a dojo, a trampoline pit and a gymnasium capable of welcoming 5,000 spectators. The sports centre is able to receive any discipline (handball, tennis, boxing...) but it is especially dedicated to the Antibes basketball team, the Sharks. This complex also houses a restaurant, two refreshment rooms, a shop and a car park with 600 spaces.



# Community Theatre of Antibes - Anthéa - www.anthea-antibes.fr



An outstanding programme all year round! Anthéa contains two auditoriums: a large one with 1,200 seats and a smaller one with 200 seats. An underground car park is available on performance evenings.

The Community Theatre of Antibes also has a bar restaurant on the ground floor and a terrace with a panoramic view stretching from Nice to Cap d'Antibes. Press contact: Vincent Brochier, tel. + 33 (0)6 69 42 00 24 / v.brochier@tca-theatre.fr



# Leisure and culture...

Tripadvisor recently awarded three Certificates of Excellence for "things to see and do" in Antibes: firstly the **coastal path** Cap d'Antibes, then the **Garoupe lighthouse** and the **Picasso Museum**.



After several months of closure for restoration, **the park Marineland, the Hôtel and restaurant Red d'Hippo, Kid's Island and Adventure Golf have reopened in March 2016**. The teams at Marineland have developed new and educational programmes based on sharing their enthusiasm. Press contact: Delphine Dutoit, tel. +33 (0)613 951517 / d.dutoit@marineland.fr

#### A new school dedicated to the art of gliding on the water...

French Champion of Stand-up paddle, Céline Guesdon has opened her own school in Cap d'Antibes. Both beginners and experienced paddlers can enjoy the pleasures of an escapade at sea. Contact: "Supdreams" - https://www.facebook.com/**supdreams**chool

The public gallery, **Les Bains Douches** located in boulevard d'Aguillon at the heart of Old Antibes, has begun its transformation into artists' workshops, present all year round: painters, ceramicists and also master glass-blowers like Didier Saba; more details to be announced...

### The Jacques Audiberti Literary Prize 2015 - town of Antibes

This prize rewards works reflecting the spirit of those by the Antibes writer Audiberti and aspects of Mediterranean culture. In November 2015 the prize was awarded to Daniel Rondeau, writer, editor, journalist for Libération and French diplomat, for the integrality of his work. Press contact: Ville d'Antibes, tel. +33 (0)4 92 90 50 / communication@ville-antibes.fr

#### The Fitzgerald Prize 2015 - hôtel Belles Rives\*\*\*\*

Founded in 2011 by Marianne Estène-Chauvin to honour the American writer Francis Scott Fitzgerald, for the 5th edition the prize has been awarded to Robert Goolrick for his novel "La Chute des Princes" (Publishing house : Anne Carrière).

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