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Ideally located on the French Riviera between Cannes and Antibes, Vallauris Golfe-Juan combines the charms of a village of ceramic tradition with the appeal of a sea resort of sandy beaches. Let us show you the sea and tradition, a discovery awaits you with every outing.

In the heart of Vallauris, the castle-museum, an outstanding example of Renaissance architecture, boasts the Picasso National Museum "War and Peace" in the Romanesque chapel, a monumental work created in 1952. It also houses the Magnelli Museum and the Ceramics Museum where a wealth of interesting ceramic collections are shown.

A Renaissance staircase will lead you to the rooms dedicated to the works of the Italian painter Alberto Magnelli.

Leaving the castle and before plunging into the narrow streets of the old Vallauris, do not miss the bronze statue "Man with a Sheep", one of the rare sculptures of Picasso installed in a public square.

When talking about Vallauris, you have to evoke Picasso, its most famous ambassador. The master attracted by the local craftsmen's know-how moved to the city of potters in 1948 and dedicated himself to ceramics. The popularity of the painter in turn brought in a crowd of visitors, famous people gathered here, artists settled down to learn in turn about ceramics, so contributing to the revival of this activity.

Today still, artists and craftsmen work side by side and Vallauris enjoys the label "Town of arts and crafts".

To discover the town's many treasures, take the avenue Georges Clemenceau where you will find pottery shops, artists workshops and art galleries. To find out more about local crafts, open the door of a traditional workshop where you will be able to watch the different manufacturing techniques : throwing, decoration, firing...

Do not forget to stop at the Nérolium, the agricultural cooperative, to taste the famous bitter orange marmelade and sample many local products.

At the bottom of avenue Clemenceau, visit the Espace Jean Marais where you will discover the life and work of the artist who had chosen to express his creativity in Vallauris.

When strolling on the marinas in Golfe-Juan set between fine sandy beaches, Napoléon will spring to mind. On 1st March 1815, the emperor landed there, making what was only a small fishing hamlet a part of French history. Do not miss the re-enactment of this event which takes place every year in March on the beaches of Golfe-Juan.