

REMOVE
ON THE SHIP

CANNES

1. BEACHES: There are no restrictions on bathing in this area. The sea-water in Golfe Juan Bay cannot be considered hygienically clean. The excellent sandy beach along the Rade de Cannes provides good swimming for ship personnel in Golfe Juan and Cannes. There is one small beach at Golfe Juan, and a long strip of beach extending from a short way out of Golfe Juan to Juan les Pins. The Municipal Bath House and Ruban Beach at Juan les Pins offer use of snack bar, cabins, showers, and the fine beach at a small charge.

2. TRANSPORTATION: Taxis to Cannes and Nice are available but expensive. Buses and trains maintain regular schedules to both Nice and Cannes at a nominal cost. All trains stop in Cannes, and a regular bus departs from the Customs House to Nice, via Golfe Juan and Antibes at regular intervals. There are no transportation difficulties within this area prior to 2000, but after that hour, transportation difficulties increase, due to the expense and non-availability of return transportation.

3. SHOPPING: Perfume and gloves are excellent buys for ship stores and recommended dealers are: Kleinman, Villefranche, and Florian Vinas and D. H. Elito, Grasse.

4. CURRENCY: The national currency is the French Franc. Naval personnel may land U.S. currency in accordance with existing instructions. U.S. currency may be exchanged for the French franc at legal exchange facilities. The currency market is fairly stable, but personnel should exchange only the number of U.S. dollars required for the visit to avoid suffering unnecessary losses due to unexpected fluctuations of the open currency market rate. Re-conversion of francs by disbursing officers is not authorized, however, the American Express Company, 11 Promenade des Anglais, Nice, telephone 859-75 and 859-79, for the small handling fee, will buy back surplus francs at the end of the visit.

5. Restaurants, Food, Beverages: In general, meats, fruits, and vegetables are satisfactory, but the drinking of milk is prohibited by COMSIXTHFLT instructions, and a cheese on the local market called "Brousse" is confirmed to be a carrier of Malta Fever. Human excreta is prohibited as a fertilizer, but is nevertheless used, and fruits and raw vegetables should be thoroughly washed before eating. Generally wines and champagne are good, but whiskey is expensive.

There are two deluxe restaurants in Cannes: The Ambassadeurs, 2 Blvd Croisette; Casino Municipal, telephone 934.66 and the Drap d'Or (usually closed from 15 OCT to 15 DEC), 61 Blvd Croisette, telephone 931-79. Other notable restaurants in Cannes include: Jeteé, Alleg de la Liberte, telephone 939.21; the Brasserie Lamour, 33 rue Antibes, telephone 901.49; Cafe de Paris, 7 Blvd Croisette, telephone 914.51; Voile au Vent, 17 quai St. Pierre, telephone 927.84; La Caravelle, 8 Plage Garo; Robert's, rue J. Jaures, telephone 909.00; Berthon, 12 rue Mace, telephone 932.56; and Marjolaine, Plage Midi, telephone 928.26. There is one recommended cafe in Golfe Juan, Marcel, opposite the boat landing, Gustaou, rue Marshal Joffre, telephone 411.39 and La Poularde, Blvd Wilson, telephone 404.73, both in Juan les Pins, are medium-class restaurants.

A deluxe restaurant, 4 kilometers from Antibes, La Bonne Auberge (Baudoin), telephone 406.65, is one of the finest in the area, but extremely expensive. Others, in the area are: Taverne Provence (Paseró), 8 ave. Soleau, telephone 406.73; Antibes and Chez Felox (Le Men), 50 Blvd. Aguilon, telephone 401.64, Antibes.

6. GOLFE JUAN: With the exception of a small bathing beach, another large beach on the way to Juan les Pins, a very small business district, and a few cafes and bars, Golfe Juan offers few facilities for recreation for large liberty parties, and personnel are encouraged to proceed to Cannes, on intermediate trips. The Juan led Provençal Tennis Club extends

CANNES - GOLFE JUAN AREA, FRANCE

7. GENERAL INFORMATION: The city of Cannes, located at 43°33'N, 7°01'E, with the neighboring towns of Golfe Juan, Juan les Pins, Antibes, Grasse, and other small villages along the coast between Cannes and Nice, form the major portion of the winter resort known as the French Riviera. The population, fluctuates with the seasons and years, and no accurate determination of the actual population may be made. Previous to 1834, when the city of Cannes with its beauty and healthy climate first attracted the attention of Lord Brougham, it was an ancient little hill-town built on Mont Chevalier, which projects seaward and is crowned by the church (mainly 17th century, with a Romanesque chapel) and chateau (1070-1385). Of its early history little is known, save that it was destroyed by the Saracens in the eighth and tenth centuries, but was recolonized from Genoa. It is now one of the most fashionable resorts of the Riviera. A beautiful promenade runs along the beach.

Opposite the town is the island of Ste. Marguerite (one of the Lerins), where, in the Citadel the Man with the Iron Mask was confined from 1687 to 1698, and which acquired notoriety as the prison whence Marshal Bazaine escaped in Aug. 1874. On the other chief island (St. Honorat) of the Lerins, is the famous monastery (fifth century to 1788) which rose to great fame in the sixth century. The monastery is now occupied by Cistercians.

Cannes is considered one of the best ports in the Mediterranean for liberty, on a par with Nice, or slightly better. Golfe Juan is not considered as a good liberty port itself, but due to the fact that personnel may visit the two major centers of Cannes and Nice, via transportation that is readily available on frequent schedules and at inexpensive rates, it also is considered desirable. The major problem is that of returning to Golfe Juan after 2200 as regular transportation along the coast ceases after that hour. Taxi service is available at all ports, but is expensive. Some commands are of the opinion that in spite of the transportation difficulties, Nice is the better liberty city due to the lack of inexpensive recreation facilities in Cannes.