

The blue
Mediterranean
waters of Nice.



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AIR FRANCE JUST RETIRED THE BOEING 747. WHAT HAS THE 747 MEANT TO TRAVEL- ERS AND THE INDUSTRY?

Our Boeing 747 left the Air France fleet in January after nearly 50 years of history. It was a very emotional moment for our customers, who adored flying on this legendary aircraft with its famous “top deck,” and also for our pilots and cabin crew who all had a wonderful time working on this aircraft. But I want to emphasize that even if Air France will no longer operate the superjumbo, KLM continues to fly 26 Boeing 747 passenger and cargo aircraft.

Today, our ambition is to offer an ever more modern, comfortable and environmentally friendly fleet. I refer, of course, to the all-new Boeing 787, which in recent weeks has been flying in the colors of KLM, or our new Boeing 777 equipped with new travel cabins at both Air France and KLM and our biggest aircraft, the masterful Airbus A380.

FRANCE HAS FACED SOME DIFFICULT TIMES IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. WHAT HAVE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PARIS ATTACKS BEEN FOR AIR FRANCE? 2015 will

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NICE

MEDITERRANEAN CHIC

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With its omnipresent mix of big-city backbone, bygone-era opulence and year-round sunshine, Nice earns its stripes year after year as the place to play on the French Riviera. The recently opened belle époque **Villa Otero** in the residential Musicians Quarter is a perfect pied-à-terre, with 38 rooms splashed in hues to match the Mediterranean Sea.

First-timer in Nice? The city’s new GPS-guided three-wheelers from **NiceCar** putt

through the historic old town and past ornate squares. Or explore the Riviera’s rocky inlets and villa-encrusted coastline with **Tahitian Adventure**, a guided tour company now offering waterborne sojourns in outrigger-style canoes in nearby Antibes and Cannes. For adrenaline addicts, the 1.5-hour journey inland to **La Colmiane** in Mercantour National Park guarantees thrills thanks to the December opening of France’s longest zipline. On one stretch that is more than 6,000 feet long, thrill seekers fly at speeds close to 75 miles per hour.

Football (aka soccer) frenzy and fandom heat things up this summer at the **Allianz Riviera** stadium, which will host four matches of the UEFA Euro Cup in June. Can’t make a game? Footie fans can still cheer on tours, in English or French, that go turfside and peek into nooks and crannies normally reserved for VIPs and the players of the French national football team.

Off the field, food and drink are the all-stars. In neighboring Villefranche-sur-mer, the newly opened **Le Palm Anjuna** is a hot-weather hangout serving seafood and bistro favorites in its portside art deco-goes-to-Bali-themed dining room. Nice’s up-and-coming Port neighborhood buzzes with trendy tables such as **Restaurant Jan**, located in a former motorcycle repair shop and dishing out sophisticated comfort food from young South African chef Jan Hendrik van der Westhuizen. More casual but no less cool, **Café du Cycliste** is equal parts café, retail shop and clubhouse, inviting guests to roll in for coffee, use the locker room postride or chat with an onsite mechanic. High-end road bikes are available for rent, pumping new meaning into the term “one-stop shop” and confirming that joie de vivre really is the French Riviera’s favorite pastime.