Rooftop Bars

Nice, France

Nice, the jewel of the Côte d'Azur, offers some of the most spectacular rooftop bars on the French Riviera. Elevated above the Promenade des Anglais, these venues combine panoramic Mediterranean views with sophisticated cocktails, Mediterranean cuisine, and the legendary art de vivre of the South of France.

Introduction



Best Time to Visit a Rooftop Bar: Sunset is universally recommended across all venues — the light over the Baie des Anges at dusk is considered unmissable. Most rooftop bars are open from late spring through early autumn, though some operate year-round.



Seasonal note: Not all rooftop bars are open year-round. Always check opening hours before visiting, especially outside the May–September peak season. [1)]

Nice's rooftop scene has grown considerably, with venues ranging from budget-friendly terraces to exclusive five-star hotel bars. The city's Mediterranean climate means rooftop terraces enjoy exceptional sunshine hours, making them viable well beyond the summer months.

Featured Rooftop Bars

1. Elaïo — Le Méridien Nice

Location	1 Promenade des Anglais, 06000 Nice
Floor	10th floor (one of the highest in Nice)
Views	Panoramic Mediterranean, Baie des Anges
Highlights	Pool (hotel guests), seasonal Mediterranean menu, sunset cocktails
Price range	€€€€

One of the most celebrated rooftops in Nice. [2)] The terrace pays tribute to the olive — an emblem of the Mediterranean — through a creative seasonal menu. The bar offers signature cocktails including the Bourbon-based *Carmen* and the Prosecco *Jasmine Royal*. [3)]



Insider tip: Access via the hotel lobby with confidence. Dress smartly. The heated



plunge pool is open to non-guests on most evenings.

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2. SEEN by Olivier — Anantara Plaza Nice

Location	12 Avenue de Verdun, 06000 Nice
Floor	6th floor
Views	Sea view, Baie des Anges
Highlights	DJ sets, caviar tasting, international tapas, creative cocktails
Price range	€€€€

[4] A sophisticated venue blending maritime elegance with DJs and global flavours. The concept centres on tasting from around the world, with Caviar Prunier Tradition available as a signature experience. Contemporary decor and an inspiring atmosphere make this a standout on the Nice rooftop circuit.

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3. Le Moon Bar — Hôtel Aston La Scala

Location	12 Avenue Félix Faure, 06000 Nice
Floor	8th floor
Views	Promenade du Paillon, Vieux-Nice, Colline du Château
Highlights	Live concerts weekends, pool (hotel guests), year-round operation
Price range	€€€

[5] Known locally as *the* rooftop to be seen at on the Côte d'Azur. The 7th-floor Aston Club with panoramic windows is open in winter, providing prime views of the Nice Carnival parade and the Christmas Ferris Wheel. A rare rooftop that functions impressively year-round.

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4. Calade Rooftop Restaurant — Radisson Blu Hotel

Location	Promenade des Anglais (airport end)
Views	Mediterranean Sea, Baie des Anges, 700m² of terrace space
Highlights	Largest rooftop in Nice, pool, seafood-focused Mediterranean menu
Price range	€€€

[6] With panoramic oceanside views and an enormous terrace, Calade is described as floating between sky and sea. The Pool Bar & Lounge operates during summer, serving cocktails and tapas. Ideal for both pre-dinner drinks and full evening meals.

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5. Bella Ciela — Mercure Nice Centre Notre Dame

Location	28 Avenue Notre Dame, 06000 Nice

Floor	8th floor
Views	Nice rooftops, Notre Dame Basilica, mountains
Highlights	Refurbished 2022–2023, quirky colourful decor, instagrammable mirrors
Price range	€€

[7] Formerly Skylounge, this refurbished venue now offers a colourful, chic aesthetic with some of the most photogenic decor on the Nice rooftop circuit. Prosecco at around €9 a glass makes it notably more accessible than its five-star competitors. Opens early and closes late.

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6. Farago on the Roof — AC Hotel by Marriott Nice

Location	59 Promenade des Anglais, 06000 Nice
Views	600m², from Nice airport to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat
Highlights	Live music, Mediterranean tapas, signature “Sparkling Sangrilla”
Season	Approximately May–September
Price range	€€€

[8] A trendy yet relaxed venue with a loyal local following. The 360° views spanning the full coastline are considered among the best in Nice. Executive Chef Vincenzo Tuccillo brings quality Mediterranean cuisine with fresh seasonal ingredients.

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7. Mama Shelter Nice Rooftop

Location	Near the Port, east of Nice
Highlights	Lush greenery, Mediterranean decor, Al Taglio pizza from 18:00, pool
Price range	€€

[9] A newer addition east of the city, in keeping with the Mama Shelter brand's warm and social philosophy. The “Drink on the Top” menu covers cocktails, wine and Champagne. From 18:00, home-made Al Taglio pizza by the slice is served alongside aperitifs.

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8. Bocca Nissa — Vieux-Nice

Location	Near Cours Saleya, Vieux-Nice
Views	Old Town rooftops, Mediterranean
Highlights	Green rooftop terrace, natural charm, popular with locals
Price range	€€

[10] Nestled in the heart of the old town, Bocca Nissa offers rooftop dining with an authentic, unpretentious Mediterranean character. Popular equally with locals and visitors, it is celebrated for warm service and lush green decor.

Practical Information

Price Guide

Symbol	Approximate spend per person
€	Under €10
€€	€10–25
€€€	€25–50
€€€€	€50+

Seasonal Opening Overview

Venue	Year-round	Summer only	Notes
Elaïo (Le Méridien)	Partial	Peak season	Indoor restaurant in winter
SEEN by Olivier (Anantara)	✓		DJs most evenings
Le Moon Bar (Aston)	✓		Indoor Aston Club in winter
Calade (Radisson Blu)	Partial	Pool only	Restaurant open more widely
Bella Ciela (Mercure)	✓		Opens early, closes late
Farago on the Roof		✓	May–September approx.
Mama Shelter	Partial		Pool for hotel guests only
Bocca Nissa	✓		Popular with locals year-round

Tips for Visitors



Reservations strongly recommended for rooftop restaurants, especially in July and August. Bar areas often do not require reservations but can fill quickly at sunset (19:00–21:00).

- **Dress code:** Most hotel rooftops expect *smart casual*. Avoid sportswear.
- **Happy hours:** Several venues offer reduced prices 18:00–20:00 — notably Le Moon Bar and Bella Ciela.
- **Getting there:** Nice city centre venues are easily reached on foot or by tram (Line 1 and Line 2).
- **Photography:** Early evening light (the *golden hour*) provides the best conditions for photographs of the Baie des Anges.
- **Budget option:** Bella Ciela and Bocca Nissa offer the most accessible prices on the circuit.
- **Splurge option:** Elaïo at Le Méridien and SEEN by Olivier at Anantara are the premium choices.

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Bocca Nissa Super Casual

Pros

Good for kids & Crowds. Yeah, everybody. No worries about spills and large orders (just let them know beforehand). Located in Vielle Ville; everyone knows the location

Cons

Rooftop, yes. View, no. The verrrrry top of the second floor. Very casual, including the chairs and tables that tip and wobble because of the uneven wooden flooring. Open air restaurant, meaning smoking is A-OK You might be seated with another group of diners and a common table

Super Lux Pros

Cons

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