Transport

Nice has a well-connected and efficient transportation system, offering multiple options for navigating the city and surrounding areas. Here is a detailed guide on using various modes of transport, including safety tips and how to avoid fines.

Watch the videos and / or follow the text after.

- How to use Nice, France Public Transportation
- Nice Bus and Tramway Systems

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1. Tram and Bus

- **Tram System:**
    1. Nice has an extensive tram network with 3 main lines:
        1. **Line 1:** Connects the northern suburbs to the city center (e.g., Gare Thiers to Pasteur).
        2. **Line 2:** Links Nice Airport to the Port and city center.
        3. **Line 3:** Serves the airport and western suburbs.
    2. Tickets: A single trip costs €1.50. Purchase tickets at vending machines located at tram stops or via the Lignes d'Azur mobile app.
- **Bus System:**
    1. The Lignes d’Azur bus network covers the city and surrounding areas, including destinations like Monaco and Antibes.
    2. Important routes:
        1. **Bus 100:** Nice to Monaco (€1.50).
        2. **Bus 200:** Nice to Cannes (€1.50).
    3. Tickets must be validated upon boarding.
- **Safety and Fines:**
    1. Always validate your ticket in the machine to avoid fines (€50-€150 if caught without a valid ticket).
    2. Keep your belongings secure to prevent pickpocketing, especially during peak hours.

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2. Taxis and Ride-Sharing

- **Taxis:**
    1. Official taxis can be hailed at taxi stands or booked via apps like **Taxi Riviera Nice**.
    2. Fares: Starting at €7, with additional charges for luggage or nighttime rides.
    3. Ensure the taxi uses a meter to avoid overcharging.
- **Ride-Sharing Apps:**
    1. Popular options include **Uber** and **Bolt**, often cheaper than traditional taxis.

3. Train

- **Regional Trains (TER):**
  1. The TER network connects Nice to nearby cities such as Monaco, Antibes, and Cannes.
  2. Tickets can be purchased at stations or online via the SNCF Connect app.
  3. Ensure your ticket is validated in the machines before boarding.
- **Main Train Station:** Gare de Nice-Ville is the central hub for regional and national train services.

4. Bikes and Scooters

- **Bike Rentals:**
  1. **Bike Rentals**: a comprehensive list of Bike rentals in Nice
  2. **Vélo Bleu:** Nice's public bike-sharing system. Stations are located throughout the city. Prices start at €1.50 for 30 minutes.
  3. Bikes can be rented from private companies for longer duration.
- **Electric Scooters:**
  1. Available through apps like Lime and Dott.
  2. Ensure you park scooters in designated areas to avoid fines.
- **Safety Tip:**
  1. Wear a helmet and use bike lanes where available. Fines can be issued for riding on sidewalks or improper parking.

5. Car Rentals

- Numerous rental agencies operate in Nice, including Hertz, Avis, and Sixt.
- Parking can be challenging and expensive in the city center. Consider using public transport for shorter trips.
- **Toll Roads:** Many highways in the region are toll roads. Keep coins or a credit card handy.

6. Walking

- Nice is very pedestrian-friendly, especially in areas like Vieux Nice (Old Town) and the Promenade des Anglais.
- Use crosswalks and obey pedestrian signals to avoid fines or accidents.

Safety Tips

- Always validate tickets for public transport.
- Avoid using scooters or bikes on sidewalks.
- Be mindful of pickpockets, particularly in crowded areas and on public transport.
- Keep your ID or passport on you at all times, as police may request identification.

Getting around Nice is convenient and affordable, with a variety of transportation options to suit all needs. Familiarize yourself with the rules of each mode of transport and enjoy exploring the beautiful city and its surroundings!

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