

Mini-moons

French

Hop across the Channel to one of these romantic



TIARA MIRAMAR BEACH HOTEL & SPA Côte d'Azur

The vibe Private paradise. The Miramar sits in a secluded cove, with pine-covered hills behind and the water lapping at its own beach. With vast terraces from each of the sea-facing rooms, it's every bit the luxury hideaway. The chic, spacious suites feature Moroccan-inspired décor, and the huge beds will give you the best night's sleep.

Best for Just-the-two-of-you time in beautiful surroundings – think long, sun-soaked days by the pool, tailor-made spa treatments and romantic evenings watching the sun set. It's the perfect spot for mountain walks, cycling and watersports, while Cannes is about 30 minutes away by car. The Miramar's sister hotel, Tiara Yachts, is nearby along the coast. Guests are encouraged to share the facilities, and its lush gardens are an incredible place to recharge.

What to do We loved long lunches with divine local rosé at The MoYa. For dinner, we took the five-minute buggy ride to L'Or Bleu at Yachts, where an evening of gastronomic heaven was rounded off with delicate desserts made with honey from the hotel's apiary. For stunning Riviera views, take a morning stroll in the Estérel hills, finishing with a brunch of fresh seafood with lashings of aioli at La Marine. And if you're making the trip to Cannes or historic Antibes, stop for lunch on the decked seaside terrace at Cap d'Antibes Beach Hotel.

Pièce de résistance The hotel's position – cut into the hillside – is idyllic, with natural beauty in every direction. We never tired of the sight of the bright blue Med a few metres away, and even slept with the terrace door ajar, nodding off to the sounds of the sea rippling below. Bliss.

Bon voyage From £390 per night for a Junior Suite on a B&B basis, miramar-beachspa.tiara-hotels.com

CHÂTEAU ST PIERRE DE SERJAC Languedoc

The vibe Laid-back luxury surrounded by 200 acres of lush vineyards. This 19th century estate was spectacularly renovated in 2016 to include everything you could wish for from a mini-moon – there's a gourmet restaurant, speakeasy-style bar, a state-of-the-art winery, spa with aromatic gardens, infinity pool, tennis courts and bikes to explore the grounds.

Best for Food, wine and downtime in the sun. You can start your day with an al fresco breakfast buffet overlooking Serjac's beautiful heated swimming pool and then spend the afternoon at its on-site spa. There's no need to leave the estate come evening either: after a few cocktails at the bar, locally sourced French cuisine awaits at The Restaurant.

What to do If you do fancy venturing beyond the idyllic borders of the estate, then the small town of Pézenas makes an excellent day trip. On Saturday mornings, a delicious food market takes over the whole town centre. Make sure to take a stroll through Pézenas' back streets, where you will find quirky little artisan shops.

If you're a fan of dry martinis, take a trip to Marseillan, where you can have a tour of La Maison Noilly Prat and see for yourself how France's famous vermouth is made – virtually unchanged since the 1850s.

Pièce de résistance

Newlyweds should book themselves into the La Chapelle suite, which is a show-stopping one-of-a-kind former chapel-turned-hotel room covered in Art-Deco paintings and hand-painted wallpaper. It also has an in-room bateau bath – *très romantique!*



Bon voyage The estate offers both hotel rooms and luxury self-catering properties. From €220 per night in a Château hotel room including breakfast, serjac.com

