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View of Nafplio
from the steps of
Palamidi Castle



SEASIDE *splendor*

Experience the elegance of Nafplio,
Greece's most enchanting port town

Just a two-hour drive from Athens, Nafplio is the perfect day trip for travelers craving a mix of history, charm, and coastal beauty. Once the first capital of modern Greece, this picturesque town blends neoclassical architecture, Venetian fortresses, and turquoise waters into a postcard-perfect escape. Climb the 999 steps to Palamidi Fortress for sweeping views, stroll the marble-paved streets of the Old Town, and sip coffee by the sea as the sun dips behind Bourtzi Castle. In Nafplio, every corner whispers a story — and every view steals your breath. Beyond its beauty, Nafplio is a gateway to the Peloponnese. It's the perfect base for exploring

nearby archaeological treasures like Mycenae and Epidauros, both less than an hour away. Return in the evening to a quiet waterfront dinner and a golden-lit stroll through town. For travelers seeking both culture and calm, Nafplio delivers — with effortless style. Boutique hotels tucked into restored mansions offer a cozy, elegant stay, while family-run tavernas serve up warm hospitality alongside traditional Greek dishes. Whether you're wandering through local shops, enjoying a gelato in Syntagma Square, or dipping your toes into the Aegean at Arvanitia Beach, Nafplio feels like a timeless escape — intimate, authentic, and unforgettable.

TOP SEVEN *things you don't want to miss*

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PALAMIDI CASTLE

Standing above Nafplio, Palamidi Castle is a must-see for its views and history. Built in the early 1700s, it's one of Greece's best-preserved fortresses. Visitors can climb the 999 steps from the Old Town or drive up.

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EXPLORE OLD TOWN

Nafplio's Old Town is a mix of cobbled streets, colorful facades, and blooming balconies. Venetian and neoclassical architecture line the winding alleys, where you'll find shops, cafés, and hidden courtyards.

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BOURTZI FORTRESS

Just off the harbor, Bourtzi Fortress is one of the town's most iconic sights. Built in the 15th century to protect the port, you can take a short boat ride to explore its walls and enjoy views back toward the town.

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ACRONAFPLIA CASTLE

The oldest of Nafplio's fortresses, Acronafplia offers sweeping views and centuries of history. Perched on a rocky hill above the Old Town, it was once a key stronghold for Byzantines, Venetians, and Ottomans.

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ARVANITIA PROMENADE

This scenic coastal path hugs the cliffs beneath Acronafplia, offering breathtaking views of the Argolic Gulf. The paved walkway connects Nafplio's harbor to Arvanitia Beach.

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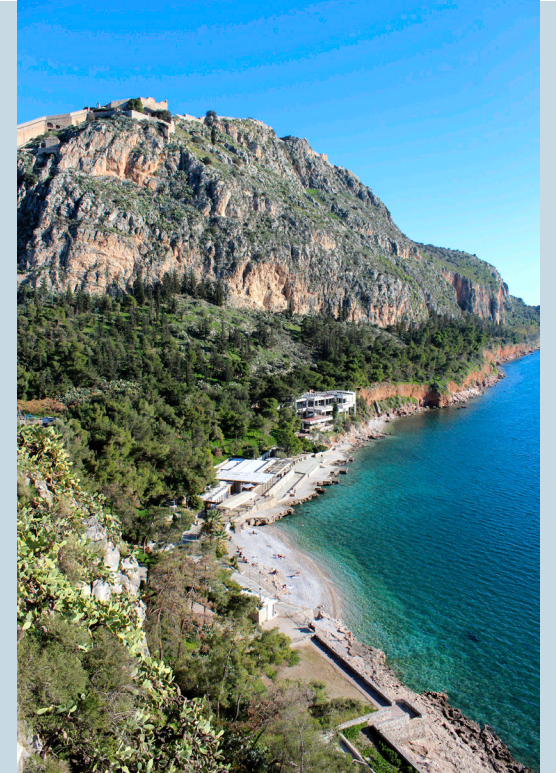
ARVANITIA BEACH

Tucked beneath the cliffs of Acronafplia, Arvanitia Beach is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. This small, pebbled cove offers crystal-clear waters perfect for a refreshing swim.

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SEAFRONT WALK

A leisurely stroll along the harbor, lined with palm trees, charming cafés, and views of the Argolic Gulf. The path offers picturesque sights of Bourtzi Fortress perched offshore and the surrounding mountains.





A Dinner to Remember

Experience fine dining along the French Riviera in Nice at Le Plongeur

Perched on a rock above the shimmering waters of the Mediterranean, Le Plongeur in Nice is more than just a restaurant — it's a destination. With its unique setting on a historic diving platform once topped by a fishing boat, the venue blends Belle Époque charm with Riviera elegance. Guests arrive to find themselves suspended between sea and sky, with panoramic views that make every meal feel like a special occasion.

The menu at Le Plongeur celebrates Mediterranean flavors with a modern touch, spotlighting seasonal produce and fresh seafood sourced from local markets. Diners can choose from refined spaces

like “Le Rocher” or sip cocktails at “Le Vivier,” the overwater lounge bar. With its breezy blue-and-white décor and the sound of waves below, every detail is crafted to create a sense of effortless sophistication — a perfect backdrop for a dinner to remember.

Whether you're visiting for a romantic evening, a special celebration, or simply to soak in the Riviera magic, Le Plongeur delivers an experience that lingers long after the last bite. As the sun dips below the horizon and the coastline glows with golden light, there's a sense that time slows down — letting you savor not just the food, but the moment itself.



ORDER UP

drink

Nice's cocktail scene is as vibrant as its coastline, with drinks infused with local flavors like citrus, lavender, and herbs. Sip a limoncello spritz by the sea or try creative concoctions in cozy spots like Bar des Oiseaux. For dinner, local favorites like La Merenda and Peixes serve fresh, Mediterranean dishes that pair perfectly with regional wines and aperitifs — a true taste of the Riviera lifestyle.



eat

Nice is a paradise for food lovers, especially when it comes to local bites that capture the spirit of the region. Stroll through markets and find socca, a crispy chickpea pancake served hot and lightly salted, perfect for a quick snack. A favorite is pan bagnat, a sandwich version of the Niçoise salad, with tuna, olives, anchovies, and vegetables in olive oil-soaked bread. From savory pissaladière, a caramelized onion and anchovy tart, to tourte de blettes made with Swiss chard and pine nuts, these dishes are a delicious introduction to the culinary heart of Nice.



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