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PARIS

★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Paris

Time: May 12th- May 16th 2019

Rating: ★★★★★

What I liked the most: The Eiffel tour at sunset, sitting next to the river bank at sunset, Versailles!

Things I would have changed: Spend more time in the Gardens at Versailles, planned ahead and visited more Museums.

Traveler's comments: There is so much to explore in Paris; so much to see. I had heard it was a very dirty city but I did not think it was dirty. The subway system was kind of over whelming to figure out, but once I figured it out it was easy. I wish we would've stayed a little bit closer to the center of the city so it was easier to get to and from the hotel for a quick rest, change of shoes, or a bathroom break!



MARSEILLE

★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Marseille

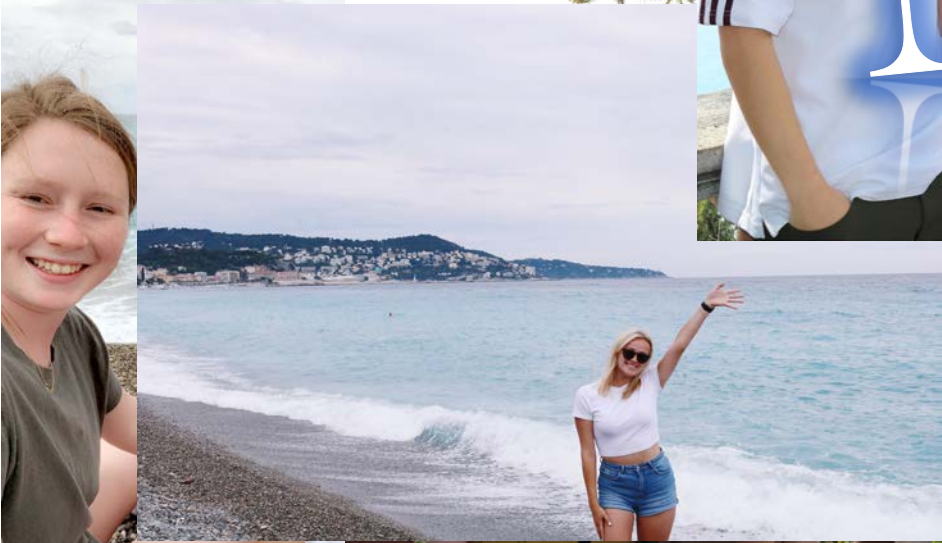
Time: May 19th 2019

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

What I liked the most: Very blue water, the churches were pretty to look at, its proximity to Aix and the town's history!

Things I would have changed: I would have checked the weather before going because it was very windy. I would have liked to spend more time near the water in Marseille.

Traveler's comments: Marseille was not my favorite city I visited in Paris. But, all of the trips I went on I had to take a train to Marseille and for that reason, I am thankful for Marseille and how close it is to Aix. I most likely will not go back.



★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Nice

Time: May 23rd –May 26th 2019

Rating: ★★★★★

What I liked the most: The stony beaches and clear blue water! Nice has an awesome vibe and lots of sight seeing! Would recommend hiking up castle hill to see a beautiful waterfall and breath taking panoramic views.

Things I would have changed: I would have planned a day just to spend on the beach swimming, and brought water shoes!

Traveler's comments: I really hope I can make it back to Nice one day. The beaches were beautiful, I would've loved to have rented a sail boat for the day! Nice also had great night life...it is very close to Aix so perfect vacay spot for one of the shorter weekends, in my opinion.



★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Geneva

Time: May 30th 2019

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

What I liked the most: Lake Geneva. It is beautiful; it is really cool to be boating on the clear blue water and look up to see snow capped mountains as the backdrop for the city. Also, lots of expensive watch stores.

Things I would have changed: I would not go on Ascension day, and due prior research because everything is closed on this bank holiday; even the watch museum.

Traveler's comments: I would go back to Geneva one day if I ever have enough money to stay in Geneva and buy a Rolex. Also, my favorite gelato I had was in Geneva...I liked it so much I got it twice the one day we were in Geneva. I give 4 stars only because everything was closed.



CHAMONIA

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★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Chamonix

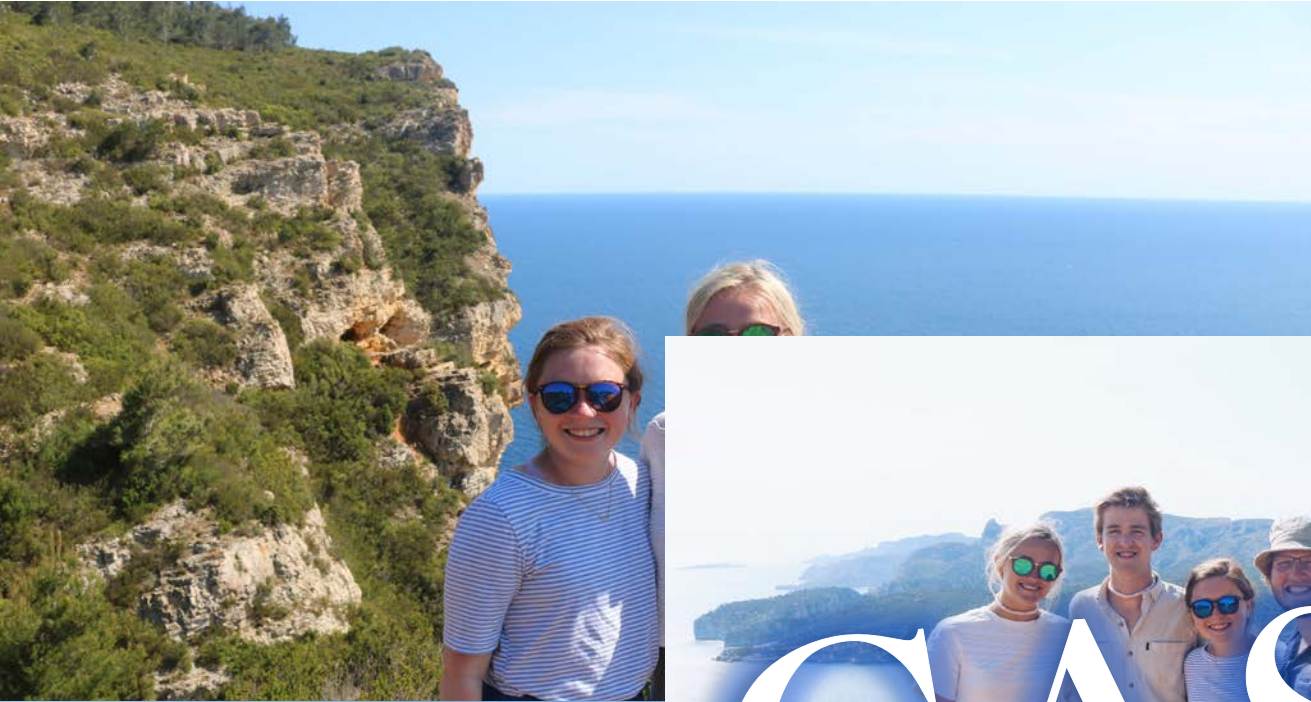
Time: May 31st – June 3rd 2019

Rating: ★★★★★

What I liked the most: EVERYTHING! Chamonix was my favorite place I visited while in France. The best of Chamonix would be all the nature and lots of active things to do...like paragliding!

Things I would have changed: I would have allocated more time to staying in Chamonix, and invested in hiking boots.

Traveler's comments: Hiking is hard...but so fun and rewarding 😊 ...Collin wore a hole in his jeans while hiking lol This time of year is a great time to visit Chamonix for hiking because most of the snow has melted so the hiking trails are open and the temperatures are still bearable for outdoor activities, and it's the off season so the town was surprisingly not very crowded/busy.



★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Cassis

Time: June 6th 2019

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

What I liked the most: The calanques; they were beautiful. The beach in Cassis was also very nice.

Things I would have changed: I would have liked it more if I had brought a sweater, next to the beach, with the wind, it was very cold.

Traveler's comments: Cassis' beauty earned it 4 stars. I don't have much more to say about Cassis because all I did was ride the boat for the calanques tour and then nap on the beach; both of which were very enjoyable.



VERDON GORGE

★ City Review ★

Setting:

City: Verdon Gorge

Time: June 10th 2019

Rating: ★★★★★

What I liked the most: Paddle boating! Best way to experience the Verdon Gorge!

Things I would have changed: Overall, more time near and in the water. I would have also liked to have stayed in the nearby town for dinner.

Traveler's comments: The water at the Gorge is freezing but it is definitely worth swimming in it. The intense blue/green of the water is almost mesmerizing. The Verdon Gorge is a must see attraction, it is the Grand Canyon of Europe. Cash is required to rent the paddle boats and canoes which is helpful info to have before going.

Thanks and Gig'em

*Disclosure: I did not include a few cities; Aix en Provence, Annemasse, Monaco, and Roussillon, because I did not have pictures other than landscapes and buildings from these places