

11-Day Alpine and Riviera Road Trip

11 days · 11 stops · 2026-08-24

Embark on an unforgettable 11-day road trip starting and ending in Milan, weaving through the breathtaking landscapes of Lake Garda, the Swiss Alps, and the Austrian Tyrol before indulging in the glamour of Monaco and the French Riviera, including a special day in Cannes on August 5th. Experience a perfect balance of scenic drives, cultural treasures, and seaside relaxation, all while staying within a budget-friendly plan featuring cozy hotels and charming local experiences. This journey promises a blend of **majestic alpine vistas**, **historic towns**, and the **sparkling Mediterranean coast**

Milan → Milan → Lake Garda → Lucerne → Innsbruck → Monaco → Cannes → Nice → Forte dei Marmi → Milan → Milan

Milan

DAY 1-1

Milan, Italy

DAY 1-2

Milan is Italy's fashion and design capital, offering a vibrant mix of historic landmarks like the Duomo Cathedral, world-class shopping, and a buzzing cultural scene. It's the perfect starting and ending point for your road trip, with excellent transport links and plenty of budget-friendly dining and accommodation options. Don't miss the chance to explore the art-filled streets and lively piazzas

ARRIVE · CAR

Milan → Milan

STAY

Hotel Emmy

Via Frà Galgario 4, 20146 Milan · 8.2

ITINERARY

Day 1 · Discover Milan's Iconic Landmarks · 3 experiences: Milan: Duomo & Last Supper Private Tour with Gelato Tasting, Brera, Ratanà
Day 2 · Morning in Milan and Departure to Lake Garda · 2 experiences: Sforza Castle (Castello Sforzesco), Pavé

Lake Garda, Italy

DAY 2–4

Lake Garda is Italy's largest lake, renowned for its stunning alpine scenery, charming lakeside towns, and a plethora of outdoor activities like sailing, hiking, and cycling. It's a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the blend of natural beauty and Italian culture. The lake's mild climate and picturesque views make it a highlight on any Northern Italy itinerary.

ARRIVE · CAR

Milan → Lake Garda

1h 35m

STAY

Hotel La Passeggiata

Viale Andreis 100, 25015 Desenzano del Garda · 7.9

ITINERARY

Day 2 · Arrival and Relaxing Exploration of Lake Garda · 1 experiences: Trattoria Alessi

Day 3 · Vineyard Tour and Lakeside Leisure · 1 experiences: Osteria La Contrada

Day 4 · Packing and Departure to Lucerne · 1 experiences: Caffè Centrale

Lucerne, Switzerland

DAY 4–5

Lucerne is a charming Swiss city known for its stunning lake views and the iconic Chapel Bridge. It's a perfect stop to enjoy the blend of medieval architecture and modern Swiss culture. The city offers beautiful walking paths along Lake Lucerne and great opportunities for day trips into the nearby Swiss Alps.

ARRIVE · CAR

Lake Garda → Lucerne

3h 46m

STAY

Barabas Luzern

18 Löwengraben, CH-6004 Luzern · 7.9

ITINERARY

Day 4 · Arrival and Evening Stroll in Lucerne · 3 experiences: Chapel Bridge (Kapellbrücke), Lion Monument, Wirtshaus Galliker

Day 5 · Mt. Pilatus Adventure and Departure · 1 experiences: Lucerne: Mt. Pilatus Cable Car, Cogwheel Train & Lake Cruise

Innsbruck, Austria

DAY 5–6

Innsbruck, nestled in the heart of the Alps, is a stunning destination known for its breathtaking mountain views and rich history. It's a perfect stop for those who appreciate alpine culture, outdoor activities, and charming old town streets. The city offers a unique blend of natural beauty and urban charm, making it a memorable part of your road trip through Austria.

ARRIVE · CAR

Lucerne → Innsbruck

3h 24m

STAY

Hotel Gruberhof Innsbruck Igls B&B

Heiligwasserweg 12, 6080 Innsbruck · 7.8

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Innsbruck · 2 experiences: Innsbruck Old Town (Altstadt), Die Wilderin

Day 6 · Explore Innsbruck and Departure · 3 experiences: Golden Roof (Goldenes Dachl), Top of Innsbruck: Roundtrip Cable Car Ticket, Imperial Palace (Hofburg)

Monaco, Monaco

DAY 6–7

Monaco, a glamorous city-state on the French Riviera, is famed for its luxury casinos, yacht-lined harbor, and the prestigious Formula 1 Grand Prix. It's a perfect blend of opulence and Mediterranean charm, offering stunning views, upscale dining, and vibrant nightlife. Visiting Monaco promises an unforgettable experience of glamour and excitement.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

INN → NCE

3h 32m · 1 stop

\$645.09

STAY

ibis budget Menton Bord de Mer

57 Porte de France, 06500 Menton · 7.6

ITINERARY

Day 6 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Monaco · 2 experiences: Hercules Port (Port d'Hercule), Le Quai des Artistes

Day 7 · Explore Monaco and Departure to Cannes · 4 experiences: Prince's Palace (Palais Princier de Monaco), Oceanographic Museum of Monaco Ticket, Old Town of Monaco, Larvotto Beach

Cannes, France

DAY 7–8

Cannes is a glamorous city on the French Riviera, famous for its world-renowned film festival, luxurious beaches, and vibrant nightlife. Visiting Cannes on August 5th means you can enjoy the bustling summer atmosphere, beautiful Mediterranean coastline, and chic shopping and dining experiences. It's a perfect spot to soak up the sun and indulge in the Riviera's charm during your road trip.

ARRIVE · CAR

Monaco → Cannes

48m

STAY

ibis budget Cannes Mougins

245 chemin du Belvédère, 06250 Mougins · 8.0

ITINERARY

Day 7 · Explore Cannes and Vintage Bus Tour · 5 experiences: Cannes: City Tour in a Vintage Bus, Le Suquet, Marché Forville, La Croisette Boulevard, Astoux et Brun

Day 8 · Leisurely Morning and Departure to Nice · 3 experiences: Castre Museum (Musée de la Castre), Port of Cannes, Café de la Plage

Nice, France

DAY 8–9

Nice, France, is a stunning jewel on the French Riviera known for its beautiful Mediterranean beaches, vibrant old town with colorful markets, and the famous Promenade des Anglais. It's a perfect blend of culture, cuisine, and seaside relaxation, offering charming cafes, art museums, and lively festivals. Visiting Nice will give you a taste of the luxurious yet laid-back Riviera lifestyle.

ARRIVE · CAR

Cannes → Nice

37m

STAY

Hotel Ibis Budget Nice Palais Nikaia

8 avenue Pierre Isnard, 06200 Nice · 6.8

ITINERARY

Day 8 · Explore Nice's Historic Old Town and Castle Hill · 5 experiences: Nice Old Town and Castle Hill: Guided Cultural Walking Tour, Nice Old Town (Vieux Nice), Castle Hill (Colline du Château), Promenade des Anglais, Le Safari
Day 9 · Departure Day and Leisurely Morning · 2 experiences: Massena Square (Place Masséna), Café de Turin

Forte dei Marmi, Italy

DAY 9–11

Forte dei Marmi is a chic seaside town on the Tuscan coast, known for its luxurious beaches, stylish boutiques, and vibrant nightlife. It's a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the Italian Riviera's charm after your road trip. The town offers a blend of beautiful sandy shores and upscale dining experiences, making it a great place to unwind before heading back to Milan.

ARRIVE · CAR

Nice → Forte dei Marmi

3h 8m

STAY

Hotel Miramare

Via Francesco Donati 34, 55042 Forte dei Marmi · 9.0

ITINERARY

Day 9 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Forte dei Marmi · 1 experiences: La Barca
Day 10 · Explore Forte dei Marmi by E-Bike · 1 experiences: Osteria del Mare
Day 11 · Departure Day and Leisurely Morning

Milan, Italy

DAY 11–12

Milan is Italy's fashion and design capital, known for its world-class shopping, stunning Gothic cathedral (Duomo di Milano), and vibrant cultural scene. It's a perfect starting and ending point for your road trip, offering easy access to Lake Garda and the Alps. Enjoy the blend of historic charm and modern energy before you hit the road.

ARRIVE · CAR

Forte dei Marmi → Milan

2h 34m

STAY

Residenza Cenisio

Via Giovanni Calvino 21, 20154 Milan · 7.1

ITINERARY

Day 11 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Milan · 2 experiences: Piazza Fontana, Osteria del Binari
Day 12 · Milan Highlights and Departure · 5 experiences: Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano), Royal Palace of Milan (Palazzo Reale di Milano), Brera, Ratanà, From Milan: Small Group Como, Bellagio, Varenna, Boat Cruise

Milan

DAY 12–12

ARRIVE · CAR

Milan → Milan