



Coffee to Cork is here to inspire taking trips without the burden of the complete unknown. From your morning coffee to your evening glass of wine, I've got you covered! Whether you are a planner or spontaneous traveler, you can find peace in having recommendations available to you in an organized fashion. By organized, I'm referring to how I order events by location, in a manner that is travel efficient, with realistic expectations for how long activities, sightseeing and meals last. I pride myself on the extensive thought that goes into each itinerary to help make trips more effective and enjoyable!

As you may have gathered, I have a desire to plan anything and everything. Whether it is in my home city of Chicago or an international trip, you better bet I am researching, experiencing and recording. Although I am not a travel agent, for years, my itineraries have been distributed to friends and families to enhance their trips. Why not share something I love with other eager travelers?

My itineraries are made with a focus on doing, eating & drinking, which leads to seeing! Make plans easier — the editable excel templates allow you to add in your own personality, interests and adventures. Or simply download the PDF for a ready to go version. Enjoy! I am eager to hear from you!

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MORNING TO EVENING ITINERARIES WITH A FOCUS ON DOING, EATING & DRINKING, WHICH LEADS TO SEEING.

The Luxury Trip // Barcelona & Southern France

Date	Location	Time	Activity	Location	Price Range	Notes
Friday, September 13, 2019	Barcelona	10:00AM	Arrive in Barcelona	Barcelona Airport (BCN), El Prat de Llobregat, Spain	\$\$\$\$	Easy to grab a taxi to get to the city. It's nice to have cash on hand, but most cabs in Barcelona take credit card. Just check with the driver when you get in to confirm.
		12:00PM	Request early check in at lodging of choice (or just drop off bags)	Hotel Ciutadella Barcelona, Av. Marques de l'Argentera, 4, 08003Barcelona	\$\$\$\$	Our hotel review: Nice hotel, perfectly located, easy walk to everything except for La Sagrada Familia. Called a cab for us to get back to the airport. Other Options: Airbnb, VRBO, Homeaway
		1:00PM	Eat lunch at La Boqueria - largest vendor site	Mercado de La Boqueria, La Rambla, 91, 08001 Barcelona, Spain	\$	Very cute market, with all the spanish feels. If you spend an hour shopping around/trying different things, you'll end up eating a full lunch. You'll find empanadas, cheeses, meats, fruits, candies, nuts, fish, etc.
		2:30PM	Take cab to La Sagrada Familia	Carrer de Mallorca, 401, 08013 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Get a Skip-the-Line ticket for fast track entrance: https://www.getyourguide.com/sagrada-familia-l2699/sagrada-familia-skip-the-line-ticket-t50027/?partner_id=AS1RATG&cmp=barcelonasagradafamilia
		5:30PM	Old Fashioned Gin Tonic & Cocktail Bar	Carrer de Santa Teresa, 1, 08012 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Opens at 4pm. We didn't end up stopping in because we were so tired but this was a cozy, speakeasy type of cocktail bar highly recommended to us.
		8:00PM	Dinner @ Pepito	Passatge de Domingo, 3, 08007 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Opens at 8pm. We didn't end up eating here because we were so tired but this was a Catalanian tapas restaurant highly recommended to us. We grabbed a sandwich from the grocer and went to bed.
Saturday, September 14, 2019	Barcelona	11:30AM	Aire Ancient Bath	Passeig de Picasso, 22, 08003 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$\$	Ancient bath house. So relaxing, part of the historic culture, and great after a long flight and day of walking around. We booked the 45 min massage and then spent 1.5 hours in the baths.
		1:30PM	Lunch at El Pacifico on the Beach	El Pacifico, Carrer de la Vila Joiosa, 52, 08003 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Sit outside to enjoy the boardwalk! Favorites: Calamari, caesar salad, salmon
		2:30PM	Spend time at the beach	Playa De Barcelona		Keep your belongings close! Make sure someone is watching them if you go into the water or they could be snatched.
		5:30PM	Showers, relax, free time	Hotel Ciutadella Barcelona, Av. Marques de l'Argentera, 4, 08003Barcelona	\$\$	Regroup and recharge.
		7:30PM	Dinner @ Restaurante somoRrostro	Carrer de Sant Carles, 11, 08003 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Must make a reservation at this quaint restaurant. The food is local and particular. The chalkboard menu is vast of unique tapas that go in and out of being available throughout the night depending on what ingredients are available. The Paella is the best we've ever had; very heavy on the seafood.
Sunday, September 15, 2019	Barcelona	10:00AM	Get Your Guide Sail & Winery Tour	Port Olímpic: Moll de Mestral 2841, 08005 Port Olímpic, Barcelona	\$\$\$	Fantastic excursion that allows you to see the Barca countryside. We bussed to the winery, did a wine tour and then had a light lunch & the wine tasting on the balcony overlooking the vineyards and town. When done, we boarded a sail boat back with booze available. If you get sea sick, it is VERY wavy. I brought sea sickness medicine and was fine, but another girl was throwing up. https://www.getyourguide.com/barcelona-l45/from-barcelona-sailing-cruise-vineyard-visit-with-tasting-t220329/?referrer_view_id=f1a66bf43b915814a991f8d623211e9d&referrer_view_position=2
		3:00PM	Lunch at Costa Pacifico	Plaça de Sant Agustí Vell, 13, 08003 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Trendy local restaurant with great margs and the BEST fish tacos. These and Paia Fish Market in Hawaii are my top fish taco places in the world.
		4:30PM	Shop in El Born & Gothic Quarter	El Born & Gothic Quarter	\$\$	Window shop or visit the boutique shops. So cute and reasonable prices!
		5:30PM	Pastries & tea @ Caelum	Caelum, Carrer de la Palla, 8, 08002 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	The most adorable little pastry shop with tables available for ordering cakes, cookies, pastries and tea! A nice afternoon pick me up, especially to break up shopping.
		6:30PM	Showers, relax, free time	Hotel Ciutadella Barcelona, Av. Marques de l'Argentera, 4, 08003Barcelona		Regroup and recharge.
		8:00PM	Dinner @ Tapeo	Carrer de Montcada, 29, 08003 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	A gem. We randomly walked in and waited about 20 minutes for a spot at the bar. They have tables too, but we sometimes enjoy the company of the bartenders. The Iberian Pork Ribs were amazing. Get wine. Get dessert.
Monday, September 16, 2019	Barcelona/ Nice	11:00AM	Check out of lodging	Hotel Ciutadella Barcelona, Av. Marques de l'Argentera, 4, 08003Barcelona		If your flight is not until later, request that the hotel/home rental holds your bags until later in the day. This eliminates lugging them around while you still have sights to see!
		11:30AM	Brunch at Cerveseria Catalana	Carrer de Mallorca, 236, 08008 Barcelona Spain	\$\$	SUPER popular tapas restaurant and gets very crowded, so go at an off time/day to get in quicker. A wide variety menu of shared plates with delicious sangria. Bright and lively atmosphere!
		1:00PM	Hotel 1898 Rooftop	Hotel 1898, La Rambla, 109, 08002 Barcelona, Spain	\$\$	Check out 1898 Rooftop for amazing views; it gets booked on the weekends so try to either make a reservation or go on a weekday/night.
		2:00PM	Get taxi to BCN airport	Barcelona Airport (BCN), El Prat de Llobregat, Spain	\$\$	Grab your bags and head to the airport.
		5:00PM	Flight to Nice, France	Barcelona Airport (BCN), El Prat de Llobregat, Spain	\$\$\$	
		7:00PM	Arrive in Nice, France	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE), Rue Costes et Bellonte, Nice, France		We learned that Uber is much cheaper than taking cabs here!
		8:00PM	Check in at lodging	Near Old Nice or Jean-Médecin neighborhoods	\$\$\$	Book hotel, Airbnb, VRBO, Homeaway in Old Nice or Jean-Médecin.
		8:30PM	Dinner @ La Rossetisserie	8 Rue Mascoinat, 06300 Nice, France	\$\$	Traditional French country bistro decor and the most succulent roasts in town, all at very reasonable prices. The cozy interior, including a cellar-like dining room downstairs. Make a reservation.
		11:00AM	Trip to Èze, France	Èze, France	\$	25 minute drive. Make sure you Uber! The taxis are super expensive.
		11:30AM	Explore Chateau Eza	Rue de la Pise 06360, Èze, France	\$	This 5 star tourist hotel is gorgeous, historic, quaint, expansive and expensive. Check out the Botanic Gardens and a view of the ocean and mountains for a small fee.

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Tuesday, September 17, 2019	Nice	12:30PM	Italian lunch on the Chateau Eza pathway	Outside of the Chateau Eza Hotel Restaurant	\$\$	There was an outdoor, Italian restaurant right outside the Hotel Restaurant that was delicious! And less expensive than eating inside the Hotel Restaurant. We sat here and played cards and people watched.
		2:00PM	Chateau Eza Hotel Restaurant	Rue de la Pise 06360, Èze, France	\$\$\$	You must splurge for at least one of the hotel restaurant's \$20 cocktails. They SO good and very creative leading to a phenomenal photo opp. Request to sit on the patio for a view of the mountains and ocean.
		3:00PM	Head back to lodging to relax and shower	Nice, France		Regroup and recharge.
		6:00PM	Cave de la Tour for drinks	3 Rue de la Tour in Vieux Nice	\$\$	Favorite spot in Nice! It's a real local's bar and you can sit outside around one of the vintage wine barrels and order a bottle to share. The best selection of local wine in the city can be found here. And the staff is so lovely.
		8:00PM	Dinner @ Restaurant Jan	Jan, 12 Rue Lascaris, 06300 Nice, France	\$\$\$	Michealin Star 1 restaurant. Expensive but worth it! Amazing display of food and taste. The staff is very attentive. We did the spread of 7 courses with 7 wine pairings. I even bought Jan's cookbook!
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	Nice/ Cannes	11:00AM	Train from Nice to Cannes	Gare de Nice-Ville	\$	Just show up at the train station and buy tickets
		12:30PM	Lunch on Cannes beach: L'Ondine Plage	64 Boulevard de la Croisette, 06400 Cannes, France	\$\$\$	This beautiful seaside restaurant offers tables, lounge seating or lounge chairs on the beach. It is pricey but you are also paying for the luxurious digs and views.
		2:00PM	Walk the Boulevard de La Croisette			Stroll on this famous street where the Cannes Film Festival main attractions occur.
		3:00PM	Drinks & Apps on Radisson Blu rooftop	1835 Hotel & Thalasso, 2 Boulevard du Midi Jean Hibert, 06400 Cannes	\$\$	Best view of city and ocean on the rooftop; right next to the Port.
		5:00PM	Train from Cannes to Nice	4 Place de la Gare, 06400 Cannes, France	\$	Just show up at the train station and buy tickets
		7:30PM	Dinner @ Chez Acchiardo	38 Rue Droite, 06300 Nice, France	\$\$	Family-run Acchiardo, at 38 rue Droite in Vieux Nice. Must make reservations. We did not and could not get in. Sad!! Let us know how it is!! We ended up popping over to the Thai restaurant down the street.
Thursday, September 19, 2019	Nice/ Provence	9:00AM	France Prestige Tour Pickup!	Nice, France	\$\$\$\$	Private sightseeing tour with driver through Provence and the French Riviera. Our guide, Jean, set up all of the wine tours per our request. You can adjust the plans but make sure he is prepared with your requests of places. We requested a very specific schedule. Search: Franceprestigetours.free.fr or Email: franceprestigetours@mac.com
			Wine tasting @ Chateau Sainte Roseline	1854 Route de Sainte-Roseline, 83460 Les Arcs, France	\$\$	Rose' for days in Southern France! And its not like the sugary rose' we get in the United States. It is smooth, crisp and very similar to white wine. We bought so many bottles because you just don't get this stuff at home! This winery was large, beautiful and upscale.
			Lunch in Aix en Provence	Aix en Provence, France	\$\$	Beautiful College town with shops and great food. Try the Aoille Cod wherever you go! It is a local favorite. Lunch was set up by Jean in a little square where we sat outside under cute umbrellas.
			Wine tasting @ Chateau La Coste	2750 Route De La Cride, 13610 Le Puy-Sainte-Reparate, France	\$\$	Something you don't see everyday! Very cool modern art and sculptures on a winery with harsh angles and concrete walls. Then you get to the tasting room and it is a little more traditional but just as cool. And the wine is so, so good.
		4:00PM	Drop off at Chateau de Fontenielle	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France	\$\$\$\$	Our gorgeous and luxurious chateaux for 3 days. Beautiful grounds with two restaurants onsite. Cute and cozy reading rooms and bedrooms. The pool is so glamorous (it was raining so we couldn't use) and bocci ball available as an activity. And there is a winery onsite! Got a REALLY good deal because we shared a room with 4 people, so make sure you look into the cost. Just be sure your expectations on price are documented in an email upon checkout.
		5:00PM	Wine Tasting at Fontenielle	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France	\$\$	We signed up for a winery tour with our room reservation. We saw where they make their wine and learned about the property. Then we did a tasting with 3 wines. They had syrups and honeys for purchase, which are so tasty.
		7:00PM	Dinner at Fontenielle	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France	\$\$\$	There is a Michelin Star restaurant onsite, and you can include this in your room rental rate as well. It was such a fun and boujee start to our Chateaux stay! We paired our courses with the wine selections too.
Friday, September 20, 2019	Provence	9:00AM	Breakfast	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France	\$\$	Breakfast is serve yourself in their cute kitchen area with tables set up on their patio overlooking the grounds. Again, make sure you add on breakfast to your room reservation.
		10:00AM	Enjoy the Chateau grounds	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France		You're paying for the experience at the Chateau, so take advantage! Pool, bacci ball, walks, winery, etc. Tip: Buy the bottles from the Fontenielle winery because they are cheaper than ordering from the restaurant onsite.
		3:00PM	France Prestige Tour Pickup!	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France		Our driver picked us up to go into the local town, or Lourmarin.
		3:30PM	Explore Lourmarin	Lourmarin, 84160, France		Voted one of the most beautiful towns in France and I see why. Cobblestone streets, with beautiful buildings, colorful doors, and winding paths. The people are so nice and the vibe is calm. Plenty of shops to pop in and out of. There is also a castle to check out but it was raining when we visited so we didnt go.
		5:00PM	Drinks at La Maison Café	2 montée du Galinier, 84160 Lourmarin, France	\$\$	Artistic, bookstore vibe, cocktail bar and café. We ordered the cheese plate to hold us over for dinner. The cocktail menu is tough to chose from! So many creative options. I went with the lavender and cucumber cocktails. We invited our tour guide to have drinks with us, and it was fun to hear his stories and experiences.
		7:00PM	Le Numero 9	Rue du Temple, 84160 Lourmarin, France	\$\$	One of my favorite meals of the trip: the risotto, filet, scallops, wine and comfy atmosphere. We sat on their covered patio with heat lamps and blankets. So lovely. Make a reservation
		10:00PM	Drop off at Chateau de Fontenielle	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France		Our driver dropped us off at the Chateau.
		9:30AM	Check out of Chateau de Fontenielle	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France	\$\$\$\$	We got a really great deal, so make sure you look into the cost. We shared a room which helped too. They tried to upcharge us upon checkout for having 2 extra people but we brought up the original email where they said it would only be charged as a regular room price. So just be sure your expectations on price are documented in an email.
10:00AM	France Prestige Tour Pickup!	Fontenielle - Route de Roquefraiche 84360 Lauris France		We were slightly hungover this morning, so the ride back was tough. Luckily we broke it up for lunch and a winery!		

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Saturday, September 21, 2019	Provence/ Nice		Winery tour @ Chateau de Saint Martin	Route des Arcs, 83460 Taradeau, France	\$\$	One of the coolest experiences! We went to this winery for a tour and tasting, but they happen to have a town holiday occurring onsite. It was a pig roast with vendors selling jams, breads, jewelry, etc. We were able to speak with locals and be a part of their celebration.
		3:00PM	France Prestige Tour Drop off in Nice	Nice, France		Jean from Prestige Tours was AMAZING. He was attentive, coordinated and personable. The days were planned out by the hour, but he easily made changes or adjustments based on our requests. He has a great relationship with wineries in the area so was able to make appointments easily. We felt safe in his 9 seater van. He knew when to converse and when we needed to rest our eyes. His stories and experiences were amazing to hear about as he meets people from all over the world. It is so special to experience other peoples' ways of life. And we are lucky to have the means to do so.
		3:00PM	Check into hotel	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE), Rue Costes et Bellonte, Nice, France	\$\$\$	We stayed in downtown Nice this night, but we should've just stayed at the airport hotel since we had an early flight.
		5:00PM	Free night!! We ordered a pizza! LOL		\$	We just ordered a pizza! We were SO exhausted. The trip was everything we could dream of and more, so just soaking it all in this last night was needed.
Sunday, September 22, 2019	Flight Home	9:15AM	Flight from Nice to home airport	Nice Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE), Rue Costes et Bellonte, Nice, France	\$\$\$	Set those early alarms if you have an early flight! You've been sleeping in late all trip, so your body isn't used to this wake up call. Travel safe! XOXO!