

Rubies on the Rue *Nice*

Keely Barrett shares some of her favourite finds with you.

Rue Pairolière, Vieux Nice

Rue Pairolière is a typical, narrow, bustling Old Town street. It has long been the home of many local shopkeepers and the multitude of products available makes it an interesting street to meander.

Starting at Place Garibaldi and working its way all the way up to Place St-François and its renowned fish market, Rue Pairolière is the epitome of the Old Town's quirky and down to earth identity.

Girofle et Cannelle

2/4 Rue Pairolière



With a long-standing family history of selling an array of herbs and a rainbow of aromatic spices at the region's markets, public demand lead to Girofle et Cannelle's installation on Rue Pairolière. The shop is a treat to browse. It is an Aladdin's cave filled with specially selected oils, vinegars, jams, and teas. You'll be spoiled for choice with their unique selection of salts, peppers, and sugars, which are also sold in gift packs. Overflowing into the shop next door, you'll find more treats, such as speciality bath products, luxurious creams, soaps and more to pamper your skin after a long day at the beach.

Open 9:30am-7pm daily.



Brûlerie des Cafés Indiens

35 Rue Pairolière

Most passersby are lured in by the tempting wafts of brewing coffee, so give in and indulge in one of their speciality drinks. There's no better place for a freshly ground cup of coffee; there are plenty of varieties to choose from along with refreshing teas and delicious hot chocolates. In the summer, they offer delicious iced coffees and frozen cappuccinos. If you enjoyed the coffee in your Pebbles apartment, you can pick up more of the speciality Niçois blend we give to our guests.

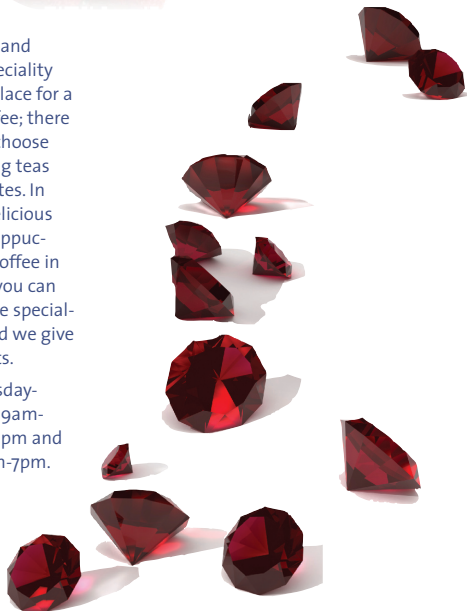
Open Tuesday-Saturday 9am-12:30pm and 3pm-7pm.

Froody

8 Rue Pairolière

If all the traditional ice cream so readily available in Nice isn't for you, Froody offers a refreshing alternative for those sweltering summer days. Everyone can succumb to temptation, as the frozen yogurt on offer here is low fat and can be served up with a variety of fruits, and even blended to make a delicious smoothie. If you want a treat, go for the chocolate sauce or smarties sprinkled over the top. A refreshingly different guilt-free snack, ideal if you want to feel virtuous after overindulging!

Open 9:30am-11pm (summer), 1pm-6pm (winter)



St-Paul-de-Vence

Descente de la Castre/ Place de la Fontaine

The historic village of St-Paul is a winding maze of cobbled streets huddled within ancient ramparts. The quaint little village is home to many local artists and artisans. Life doesn't get much better than an afternoon spent idly wandering the paths and hidden side streets of St-Paul.

At the heart of the village you'll find the Place de la Fontaine, a picturesque little spot featuring a Provençal style fountain dating back to 1850. The fountain is now a listed monument and a favourite post card shot.

Angels by Saint-Paul

41 Rue Grande, Place de la Fontaine (at the bottom of Descente de la Castre)

An adorable little shop. Pristine pastels line the racks and shelves, and children from newborn to toddlers are catered for. Gifts of cuddly animals, aprons for mini cooks, and toasty warm slippers can all be found here along with a range of quality children's clothing.

The owner Catherine and her staff are happy to help and are proud to offer designer children's wear from new, lesser-known designers with great promise.

Little angels and their parents should certainly put this on their shopping list when visiting the Riviera.

Open daily 11am-6pm.

www.angelsbystpaul.com



Les Trois Étoiles de St-Paul

9 Descente de la Castre/Place de la Fontaine

A quirky little shop that intrigues most passersby. It blends perfectly into the traditional, cobbled street like it's been there forever, tucked away in its basement hideout.

The original shop of what has now become a small chain, Les Trois Etoiles de St-Paul invites you into its cosy but sombre basement location to explore its luxury oils, liqueurs, and vinegars traditionally hand drawn from large barrels.

Quality products are on offer including extra virgin olive oils, along with flavoured oils (garlic and truffle are favourites) and handmade vinegars, ideal for the adventurous chef.

Cocktail makers will love the choice of speciality liqueurs in a wide selection of flavours.

Take a step back in time and treat yourself to some unusual oils to flavour your own cooking or take a bottle of a fine liqueur for a friend. Les Trois Étoiles is a treasure trove of flavourful gifts not to be missed.

Open daily 10am-6pm.



L'Herbier en Provence

7 Descente de la Castre/Place de la Fontaine

In days gone by, this was the village pharmacy; it now shares the best of the region's products with both locals and tourists. Visitors can expect to find herbs and spices aplenty along with dried flowers and the signature Provençal scent of lavender. The herboriste has now introduced more local products, including fragrances for the home, handmade soaps, honey, teas, and preserves.

The owners are also proud to now stock one of Provence's most famous exports—l'Occitane en Provence bath products. Offering much more than the countless tourist shops in the area, l'Herbier en Provence is a shop with a story and is well worth a visit.

Open daily 10am-6pm.

www.herbierenprovence.com

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