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STYLE FILE



Clockwise from top left: Rae Rossetti, Nice; ceramics at Cannes' Maison Callaloo; floral doorway in St-Tropez; bag from Mana Saint-Tropez. Opposite: Promenade des Anglais, Nice



SHOPPING IN

THE FRENCH RIVIERA

WITH ITS CERAMISTS, SANDAL MAKERS AND BOUTIQUE PERFUMERS, THE CÔTE D'AZUR IS THE IDEAL PLACE TO FIND ARTISAN PRODUCE, SAYS LANIE GOODMAN



Top row, from left: L'Œslier Français, Venice, La Boulisserie in Nice, Maison Callaloo. Middle row, from left: perfume from M. Micallef, Mitron Bakery, Martigny, exterior of L'Œslier Français. Bottom row, from left: K. Jacques sandals, Mitron Bakery storefront, inside L'Œslier Français.

FIRED UP

After working as a fashion and interior designer, Anne Sophie Eyssaletier returned to her native Cannes and shifted her focus to homeware. Her store, **Maison Callahan**, a 15-minute stroll from La Croisette, sells an assortment of clay pottery with original, nautical, hand-painted designs inspired by sun-drenched Riviera landscapes. The joie de vivre theme continues into colourful glazed plates, vases and salad bowls with straw handles, as well as hand-embroidered napkins, cushions and raffia lamps. maison-callahan.com

BURNING WITH PASSION

Set back on a quiet residential street, **Atelier Ben Sen** bears little resemblance to a standard Cannes boutique – it's more of a home workshop, in which fragrance expert Hélène Janin creates a whimsical variety of bespoke scented candles that she pours into upcycled vintage finds, such as painted china teacups and silver champagne buckets. There's also a colourful array of contemporary earthenware from nearby Vallauris, and hand-painted porcelain pieces by artist BÉAYATO that serve as bold containers for Janin's transportative orange blossom or pine-scented wax creations. atelierben.com

CANDY MAN

Across from the Opera in Old Town, **Maison Anser** is Nice's longest-standing traditional coniserie – a family affair since 1820 and a one-of-a-kind spot known for its exquisite local candied fruit, made on the premises. Current owner Thierry Anser, who is also a master chocolatier, swears by his great-grandparents' recipes. Sugary strips of lemon and orange, gossy glazed chestnuts, Provençal almonds, homemade fruit jams and seriously addictive dark chocolate truffles are all pretty packaged in vintage-style boxes. maison-anser.com

HAUTE CONCEPT

On a tree-shaded, cobbled square across from contemporary art museum Musée de Villefrances **L'Atelier François**, a concept store and versatile treasure trove of upscale local savoir faire, Anselme Serri, a former buyer for big fashion labels, has brought together more than 150 eye-catching products – rattan furnishings,

light fixtures made with rope, dyed linens, beauty products, silky T-shirts, baby clothes and organic cotton jeans – in a sprawling, stone-vaulted former wine cellar. Highlights include creamy '70s-inspired women's clothing from Marseille-based company La Truffe Maison Ensoleillée and delicate stone earrings and bracelets by local brand Les Mistingsettes. The shop's tea salon next door serves organic coffee and luscious pastries. atelierfrancois.com

DRIZZLE KICKS

On the corner of an unassuming lane near Menton's Basilique de Saint-Michel Archange and the Jean Cocteau Museum is **Halbierie St Michel**, maker of the region's best olive oil. Ground out, extracted and filtered, the oil is then packaged in pretty black canisters or square glass containers like fine liquor. A family-run enterprise since 1896, it's now headed by Karine Djokhar, who will offer endless tastes. The shop is stocked with flavours for every palate, including blends created by starry Riviera chefs: garriguan, algue (called "lettuce of the sea") or fragrant wild elderflower. A drizzle of the velvety matured black olive oil is a must. halbierie-saint-michel.com

HOUSE OF PAIN

Hidden away in Menton's Old Town, the tiny **Mitron Bakery** was created by Mauro Colagreco, chef of nearby three-Michelin-starred restaurant Misonar, as a hub for bread-lovers. The concept: organic flours from varieties of rustic wheats (including a range of low-gluten ones), milled locally and baked in a wood oven. And, to celebrate Menton's famed citrus production, there's also an unmissable selection of lemon tarts, traditional cakes (the revisited focaccia with almonds, raisins and pine nuts is well worth a try) and sublime citrusy gold squares, called lingot aux agrumes, made with candied oranges and almond flour. mitronbakery.com

ROLLING NEWS

A shopping centre may be an unlikely location to stock up for a leisurely game of boules, but **La Bouleterie** in Nice's Cap3000 mall is a tricolour concept store with a consciousness of made-in-France throwbacks. The brainchild of pétanque aficionado Sébastien Pandolfi and

Guillaume Licteur, it houses everything from state-of-the-art shiny steel balls in luxe faux-leather cases to custom-designed T-shirts with silhouetted words in the local Nissart dialect. Visitors can also pick up 1900s pastis glasses and pitchers, Menton lemon lollipops, Nîmois-brewed socca beer and a terrific selection of books on the South of France. laBouleterie.com

SOLE TRADER

Back in 1933, when St-Tropez was still a poky little fisherman's village, American-born couple Jacques and Elise Keklikian opened their small atelier boutique, **K Jacques**, near the port and began crafting simple leather sandals for their clients. These were a massive hit (Picasso drew a design for his custom sandals) and the generational care in dresses. Generation later, the operation is still a family affair but the shop now features about 200 types of elegant Tropicziennes, ranging from Spartan-style and cork wedges to flat-soled variations with coloured raffia and shimmering rhinestone, plus a new line of bandana sandals in collaboration with French call label Call It By Your Name. kjacques.fr

FLOWER SACS

Born and raised in St-Tropez, fashion stylist sisters Sabrina and Marie de la Cruz created hippie-chic accessory label **Mama Saint-Tropez**, which launched online five years ago. Its newly opened boutique on the historical Rue de la Citadelle is a joyous jumble of bags of every shape and size. Bestsellers include handmade straw versions strewn with daisies and embroidered flower-child phrases that can be customized. mamaintropez.com

GOOD SCENTS

When artist Martine Micallef co-founded the exclusive fragrance company **M Micallef** in 1996, there was nothing quite like it on the Riviera: it offered a home-grown mix of precious oils and European and Middle Eastern scents in stunning hand-painted, jewel-encrusted flasks. These days, visitors can go to its headquarters in the perfume capital of Grasse to try scents such as Spritz Red Colorado, a sun-baked earthy note topped with bergamot, cypress and pine, or Gel'onic, a heady mix of minty citrus – followed by a stroll through the nearby tuberose or jasmine fields. micallef.com