

NICE UNCOVERED
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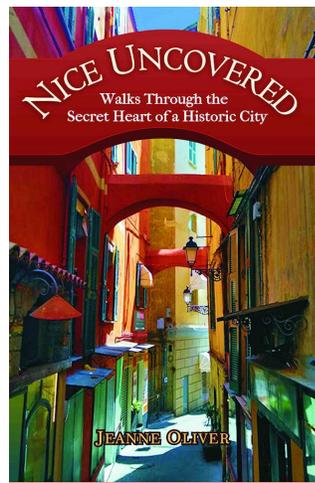
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Author Bio

Jeanne is a professional travel writer who has authored dozens of guidebooks for Lonely Planet, Frommer's and Insight. Her travel articles have appeared in the Miami Herald, San Francisco Chronicle, St Petersburg Times, the Denver Post and National Geographic Traveler.



After graduating from SUNY Stony Brook, Jeanne moved to New York City to work at the Village Voice as a copy editor. She then attended New York Law School and worked as a criminal lawyer.

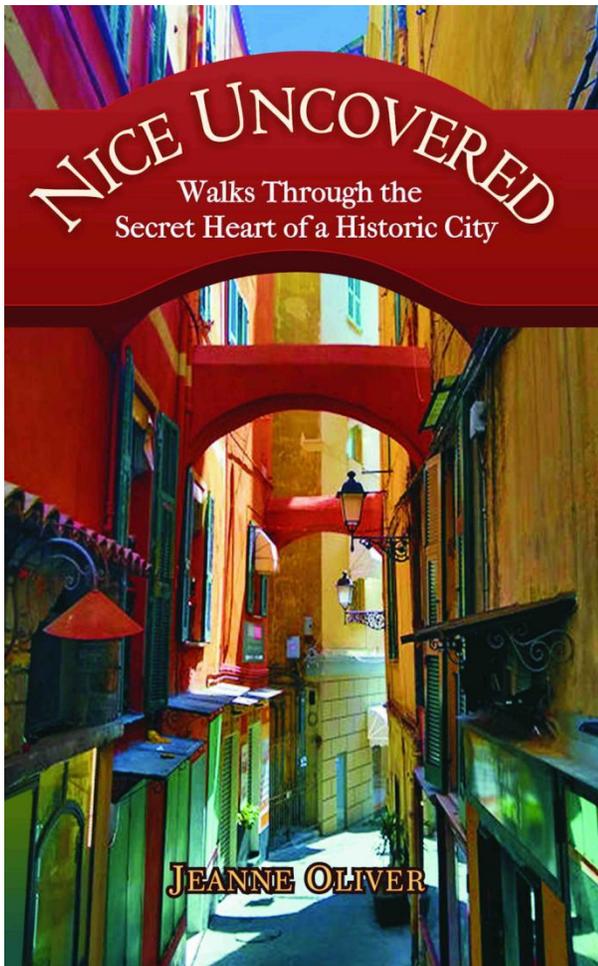
Her love of travel propelled her to Europe where she worked as a tour guide before becoming a guidebook author. For Lonely Planet she wrote the first editions of *Croatia*, *Crete*, *Normandy* and *Best of Dubrovnik*. For Frommer's she wrote *Memorable Walks in Paris*.

She has also published *Dalmatia: Split to Dubrovnik, Zagreb and Plitvice Lakes, Dubrovnik and Beyond*, all available on Amazon.

Jeanne has resided in Nice for 22 years.

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Book Details



- Seven numbered maps
- Step-by-step directions
- Tour highlights
- Estimated times
- Recommended refreshment stops
- 21 photos and drawings of old Nice

Seven Walks

- the **Old Town**, the vibrant heart of Nice with its crooked streets, cosy squares, baroque churches, and bustling markets;
- **Castle Hill**, a scenic park overlooking the sea with reminders of Nice's earliest settlement and **Port Lympia** with stately 18th-century buildings around a harbor;
- **Cimiez**, the hilltop neighborhood where gladiators fought, Romans bathed, the Franciscans built a monastery and Queen Victoria held court;
- the **Promenade des Anglais**, the seaside walk lined with elegant hotels reflecting the British influence on Nice;
- **West Nice**, the little-known neighborhood that was once a country outpost and aristocratic hideaway;
- the **Promenade du Paillon** a lush, watery landscape built over the Paillon river;
- the **Quartier des Musiciens** with landmark Belle Epoque and Art Deco masterpieces

Q & A



What makes Nice Uncovered special?

It's the first book of walking tours around Nice and one of the very few books to focus exclusively on Nice. I've brought quirky facts and wild legends out from obscurity ready to entertain.

Why now?

Nice has just been named a Unesco world heritage site. My deep dive into Nice's remarkable cultural, historical and architectural heritage makes it clear why the city is special. I'm also committed to sustainable travel and what's more sustainable than walking?

Where did you get the idea?

I had written a book of walking tours of Paris for Frommer's many years ago and had a lot of fun doing it. I love telling stories that illuminate a city's history and culture.

Why did you decide to self-publish?

Because of the precarious state of guidebook publishing, it seemed unlikely that a publisher would take a chance on a new concept, especially during a pandemic. I also like the total creative control that self-publishing offers.

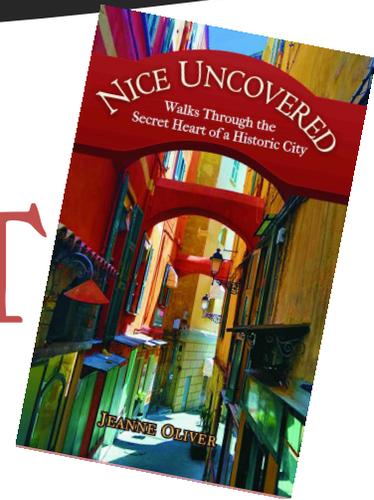
Who is your target audience?

All the major sights are included which appeals to first-time visitors. Regular visitors and residents will appreciate a more in depth discussion of the town's history and rediscovering neighborhoods they thought they knew .

What were some of the challenges you faced writing this book?

Researching the book during a pandemic presented obstacles. Museums, churches and libraries would suddenly close and then unexpectedly open. For a mercifully short while we were barely allowed to leave the house which is a serious obstacle to planning a walking tour! Yet as travel to other lands was curtailed, I found that doing a deep dive into my home town gave me the sense of discovery and excitement that I would normally get from foreign travel.

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About This Book

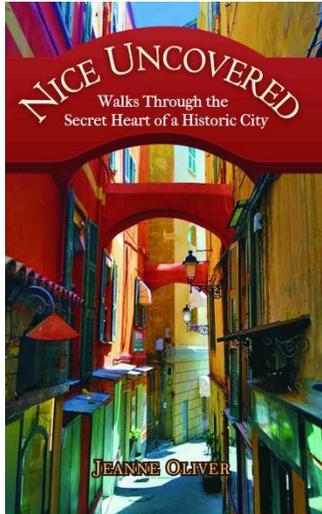
Like most newcomers to Nice, I was initially so enchanted by the seaside, it was hard to pull myself away and explore the city beyond the Promenade des Anglais. Over the years a different, subtler beauty emerged. The sun-dappled streets of Vieux Nice seemed to whisper secrets of a tangled past. Exquisite Belle Epoque palaces along the boulevards of Cimiez conjured up an era of balls and horse-drawn carriages. Majestic Art Deco buildings heralded a new age of ease and elegance as Nice gracefully adjusted to modernity.

As I wandered Nice's neighborhoods, I wondered how and why Nice developed as it did. What are the stories behind the many parks and monuments, churches and landmarks? In researching this book, I learned to see the city in a new way and that is what I hope to share with readers.

These seven essential walks cover all the sights of interest to first-time visitors as well as previously obscure sights that will surprise even long-term residents. Which walks you decide to take and in what order depends on your time and interest, but they're organized more or less chronologically to trace Nice's urban development. Each walk takes from 1 ½ to 3 ½ hours, possibly longer if museum visits are included.

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