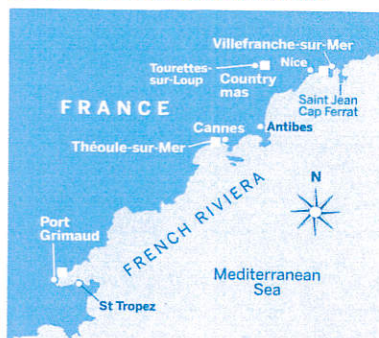


The market for €10-million-plus homes has survived remarkably and vendors are realistic about value

FRENCH RIVIERA BUY BEFORE TAX SWING



"Despite worldwide economic turmoil and strong tax reforms implemented by Francois Hollande, the French Riviera is still seen as a safe haven with buyers of all nationalities," says Roddy Aris of Winkworth International. "They are attracted by the climate, easy international travel, timezone and sophistication of Saint Jean Cap Ferrat, Nice, Villefranche and around." The market for €10-million-plus homes has survived remarkably, he adds, and sales happen at reasonable prices as vendors stay realistic. "It's commonly perceived that the reforms are unsustainable in the long term and this is having an effect on prices today," says Aris. "It is a good market to buy in, as predictions are that once tax reforms swing the other way prices will shoot up again."

A large, modern villa with a stone and white facade, featuring a large arched window and a balcony. In the foreground, a long, rectangular infinity pool stretches towards the sea. The background shows a coastal town and the Mediterranean Sea under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

**CONTEMPORARY VILLA
VILLEFRANCHE-SUR-MER**

Guide price: on application
Contact: Winkworth International. Tel: +44 (0)20 7870 7181
Website: www.winkworth-international.com

This recently-completed house comes with mesmerising views of Saint Jean Cap Ferrat. Its vertiginous position on the edge of the hill means that every room offers different glimpses of the sea, the Cap, Nice and the Esterel Mountains. The house is laid out over four floors connected by a lift, and has four bedrooms. Outside is an infinity pool.



COUNTRY MAS TOURETTES-SUR-LOUP

Guide price: €9 million

Contact: Michael Zingraff, Christie's International Real Estate. Tel: +33 493 397 777.

Website: www.christiesrealestate.com

This newly built bastide-style house has a dual aspect over the Med and hills behind. It is laid out as three houses, the main house and two guest houses, one with four bedrooms and its own pool.



PORT GRIMAUD GRIMAUD

Guide price: €11 million

Contact: Knight Frank. Tel: +44 (0)20 7629 8171.
Website: www.knightfrank.com

This recently renovated five-bedroom property overlooks Grimaud harbour. It comes with its own mooring, garden, two garages, teak-decked terrace and pool. The master suite sits on the top floor while four further bedrooms lie on the floor below.



THÉOULE SUR MER CANNES

Guide price: €12.5 million

Contact: Home Hunts. Tel: +44 (0)20 8144 5
Website: www.home-hunts.com

This contemporary six-bedroom villa, which is air conditioned, sits right on the water's edge, has easy access to the port and local shops of Théoule-sur-Mer. There is a three-quarter-acre landscaped garden and a large pool surrounded by sun terrace.