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Welcome to the October edition of the Via Nissa newsletter.

Here is a snapshot to what Via Nissa has been up to over the past month.



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Visit to Grasse, Perfume Capital of the World



Grasse, perhaps the best smelling town in the world in 2018, was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for its cultivation of perfume plants, the knowledge of processing natural raw materials and the art of perfume composition. Via Nissa brings you deep into the Perfume Capital of the World, its fields of flowers, perfumeries and its *Art de Vivre*, during full day visit to this town's perfume and artistic center. The visit will include a two hour private master class with a professional perfumer, a private "nose", skilled in the art of raw material composition to create perfume. The class will focus on natural raw materials from Grasse and the

Mediterranean region, with a theme on flowers and hesperide notes, such as bergamot, which will allow the creation of a simple eau de cologne. Do not expect that in two hours you will become a perfumer and create your own perfume as that only occurs in movies and tourism of mass. Following the master class, you will spend time with a professional artisan perfumer who will update you on the world of perfume, what the new perfume models are post-niche brands and a discovery of some of the unusual products that are being created, often with unusual raw materials. Lunch will be held in Grasse with a historian of the perfume industry in Grasse, a recent doctorate whose award winning thesis was on this topic. The afternoon involves a visit to the Musée International de la Parfumerie, followed by an authentic and generational producer of raw materials such as jasmine and tuberose, and distiller, who will share with you their knowledge in the growing and processing of raw materials. This visit is designed for perfume lovers and those who desire to learn as much as possible about the world of perfume. It is not designed for the expert, nor it is for the casual tourist.

Find out more about Grasse and our visit [here](#) or [contact us](#) to organise your visit.



The Studies which Produce the Knowledge

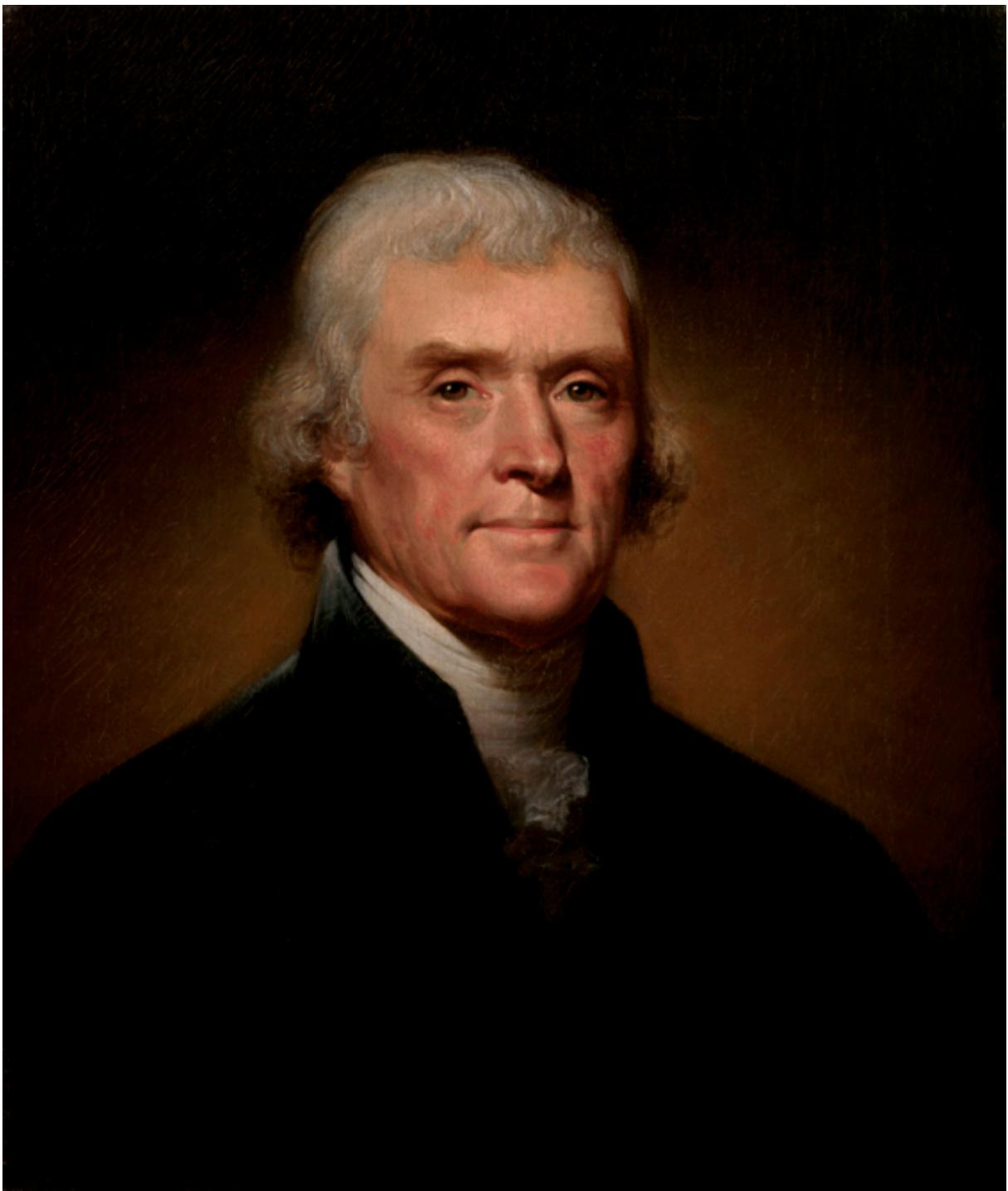
We speak often about our visits and excursions during the primary seasonal months of March through October, yet all year round Via Nissa prepares historical studies, primarily studies on private homes and villas. We research the history of these homes or we do analyses for legal support. Depending on their age, we can focus on the builder and architect or the production of their mills powered by water (Moulins) during the late Middle Ages or the biographies

of the individuals who lived or stayed in the homes from inception to the present. It is this intensive research effort which ends up differentiating Via Nissa from those whose knowledge comes only from memorizing scripts or even reading books. The personalities come alive when they have been in your living room. This cannot be more clearly seen than in recent archival research we conducted for a home in Menton. We found these photos of Charles de Gaulle, the French general who led the resistance during World War II, holding a political rally in this individual's very home. It is the rare insight we gain from looking deeply into a period that produces the best insights that we can use to tell the story of the Côte d'Azur or the Italian Riviera.

While we can't predict whether Charles de Gaulle was in your house, there can be little doubt that many other interesting stories will surface that will make for fascinating reading. And beginning in January, the region for our studies will extend to the entire Country of France (yes, that includes Paris).

We can prepare a historical report for you, you just need to [send us an email](#).

The first Robert Levitt's article in Nice Matin blog was published. And we are very happy to share it with you!



Why has Nice forgotten the American President Thomas Jefferson?

Jefferson loved France and supported the French revolution. He was a Francophile in every sense of the word. The local ties between Nice and America have always been very strong and it was a man, from nearby Le Bar-sur-Loup, the French admiral Comte de Grasse at the Battle of Chesapeake during the American Revolution in 1781 who defeated the English Rear Admiral Thomas Graves in what has been called “the most important naval engagement in the history of the world” and De Grasse as “largely responsible for the independence of the United States.”

Nice was where Thomas Jefferson came for three nights beginning April 10, 1787, before Nice was reattached to France, staying at the Hotel d'York, better known now as Le Palais Spitalieri de Cessole (3A Place du Palais du Justice).

Find out more about Thomas Jefferson in Nice and his favorite wine in our [blog](#) or in [Nice Matin](#).



Via Nissa annual Bellet Wine tasting and Niçois lunch

Via Nissa annual Bellet Wine tasting and Provençal lunch was held on the 22nd of September 2019. A wonderful event was had by all.

For those who could not attend due to the event being filled quickly, we invite you to sign up early for next year. You can [contact](#) us to get any additional information. This is a true opportunity to become integrated into a side of Niçois life which is rare for foreigners to see.



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