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## The independent and sovereign Principality of Monaco



The Principality of Monaco is a neutral state that foiled the forces of dissolution thanks to its strategic location and shrewd Princes. For 710 years, the latter have taken advantage of quarrels between their neighbours, or benefited from their protection, whilst etching out plans to foster the development of the Principality.

natural harbour since Antiquity, sheltered by a sheer cliff, Monaco was initially occupied by the Ligurians, and then by the Romans followed by the Barbarians. The Genoese Grimaldi family settled here definitively in 1297. Its descendents, Lords and Princes, have been reigning for over 700 years!

After gaining its independence back in 1489, Monaco entered into a protectorate relationship with Spain in 1524, then with France in 1641, and subsequently with Sardinia from 1815 to 1860. Once "Monte-Carlo" was founded on the Plateau des Spélugues in 1860, and the railway lines were opened in 1868, the Principality really took off.

In **1906**, Prince Albert I founded the Oceanographic Institute devoted to sciences

of the sea. The Prince, whose scientific explorations were ground breaking, also had the world-famous Oceanographic Museum constructed.

In 1949, H.S.H. Prince Rainier III acceded to the throne. He married Miss Grace Patricia Kelly in 1956, Prince Rainier then went on to change the face of the Principality: whilst developing his country's relations with the international community, he also gave a new lease of life to Monaco's economy by instigating a policy of investments and major construction projects.

This dual challenge was subsequently embraced by Prince Albert II. Today, in its unfailing commitment to sustainable development and biodiversity around the planet, Monaco has well and truly entered the 21st century.





Monaco Palace in 1732. Painting by Dominique-Joseph Bressan. Statue of Rainier 1, known as "Malizia" Located on the Place du Palais

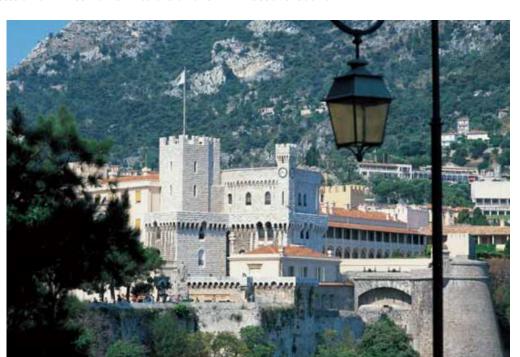
#### Some key dates:

- **1215** The Ghibellines constructed a château on the site of the current Palace.
- **1297 -** The Guelph, François Grimaldi, disguised as a monk, wiled his way into Monaco.
- **1525 -** Monaco entered into the protection of Spain.
- **1641 -** Honoré II and Louis XIII, King of France, signed the Treaty of Péronne.
- **1814 -** The Paris Treaty of 30 May fully re-established the Grimaldis' rights.
- **1861 -** The rights to Menton and Roquebrune were abandoned to the benefit of France. The Principality became totally independent once more.
- 1865 Customs agreement with France.
- **1866 -** Charles III laid the first brick of a new casino on the Plateau des Spélugues (that he went on to name "Monte-Carlo").
- **1911 -** The Principality adopted its first Constitution.
- **1918** Treaty with France. The latter pledged to defend the independence and territorial sovereignty of the Principality.
- 1949 Accession of Prince Rainier III to the throne.

- **1954 -** Convention between neighbours with France, including mutual administrative assistance.
- **1962 -** A new Constitution became the Fundamental Law of the State.
- **1976 -** RA.MO.GE agreement pertaining to the protection of waters along the Mediterranean coastline signed in Monaco by France, Italy and Monaco.
- **1993** The Principality of Monaco became a fully-fledged member of the United Nations.
- 1999 Jubilee of H.S.H. Prince Rainier III.
- **2002 -** Treaty to adapt and strengthen the relationship of friendship and cooperation between Monaco and France.
- **2004 -** The Principality of Monaco became the 46th Member-State of the Council of Europe.
- **2005 -** Death of Prince Rainier III. H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco succeeded his father.
- **2006 -** Prince Albert II announced the creation of the Foundation bearing his name: the "Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation".
- **2009** Principality elected onto the UNESCO Executive Council.



Albert I of Monaco, the "Sailor Prince" 1848-1922.



## The Principality on the international stage

The Principality's international role takes the form of diplomatic activities, international commitments and a communications policy that opens Monaco to the world.

The Principality of Monaco is represented around the globe by embassies and consulates, fostering regular cooperation with the relevant national authorities.

Today, in 2010, Monaco has a total of 9 embassies. They are accredited by 20 States, mainly in Europe and the United States of America. Monaco also has two "non-resident" embassies: located in Monaco, they are accredited by Australia, China, India, Japan and Portugal. Monaco also boasts 124 consulates operating in 72 States plus 4 permanent representations with international organisations.

Monaco is thus an active player in New York, within the United Nations; in Geneva, within UN international organisations; in Strasbourg, at the Council of Europe; and in Belgium, as part of the European Community.

Furthermore, **65 States have an accredited embassy in Monaco**, not to mention **75 consular representations**, illustrating the Principality's commitment to international diplomacy.

As the 183rd Member-State of the United Nations, the Principality is very involved in projects set up by various UN organizations such as, for example, UNESCO, the WHO, UNEP and UNDP. On a European scale, Monaco has been a member of the Council of Europe since 2004. The Principality sets aside Public Aid for Development, which it dispenses in the form of donations to cooperation projects with developing countries, to ensure that culture, development and the environment receive the necessary attention. In keeping with H.S.H. Albert II's determination to make Monaco a model of international solidarity, such funds are devoted to development or to humanitarian aid. In terms of international cooperation, Monaco is active in the fields of health and social issues, education, combating poverty and the environment, not to mention the initiatives launched by the Albert II Foundation.

As far as communications are concerned, all of Monaco's news is conveyed throughout the





▶ land and also abroad by the Press Centre. The Principality has radio stations and TV channels. RMC Info, a descendant of Radio Monte-Carlo, a famous Mediterranean Basin radio station, broadcasts local information nationally and internationally on a daily basis. Radio Ethic, an independent, French-language web radio, analyses news from Monaco and around the world from an ethical angle, defending the environment, quality of life and sustainable development. A more cultural radio station is MC One, a Monegasque music station broadcasting a varied and progressive range of

programmes covering all musical currents. RMC Network, an Italian-speaking radio station, broadcasts all local and international music and news programmes. Its English-language equivalent is Riviera Radio, which broadcasts local information as well as news from the BBC. Télé Monte-Carlo (TMC) is a TV channel that has been broadcasting programmes in French and Italian since 1954, according to French and European standards. Monaco Info, the Press Centre's cable channel, is broadcast over the web, reporting all of the news from the Principality.









Council of Europe in Strasbourg





H.S.H. Prince Albert II's visit in 2003 to Father Pedro, founder of the village of Akamasoa in Madagascar, created for the extremely poor and to which the Principality is a major donator.

# Monaco's economy: the five pillars of prosperity



In the 1860s, fortune smiled upon the Principality when it opted to focus on spas and gaming. But those days are long gone. In 2009, gaming generated only slightly under 211 million euros, representing less than 3% of the State's revenue for a GDP of over 4.5 billion euros. Monaco has successfully embraced modernity, diversifying its economic activities. Every day, 40,000 people travel into the Principality from neighbouring communes to work - almost as many as the number of Monegasque residents.

#### Trade

Trade activity is divided into retail trade, which perpetuates a top-of-the-range tradition thanks to luxury brands and big shopping malls, and wholesale trade on a larger scale. The most famous haute couture, jewellery and leatherwear brands gather in Monaco's "Carré d'Or", its Golden Square, near to the Monte-Carlo Casino, continuing to fuel Monaco's sophisticated image around the globe. With growth of 23%, retail trade accounted for 8% of GDP in 2008. Wholesale trade is expanding at a rapid rate, registering an increase of over 30%. It now accounts for 8.5% of GDP.

#### Banks and Finance

Thanks to the efforts deployed by the Prince's Government to sign fiscal transparency agreements with fifteen countries around the world, banking and financial activities in the Principality are looked up to once again.

Monaco now features on the OECD's white list. Its banking and financial sector is in good health, occupying a position of choice in the economy: it accounts for almost 16% of GDP. Monaco's financial sector comprises 37 banks and over 40 management companies, that are responsible for almost 75 billion euros.





Major economic sectors in the Principality of Monaco: property, tourism and the organisation of congresses.

#### Property

In a location where verticality is the axis of growth, property has always been a major issue for the Sovereign Princes. H.S.H. Prince Rainier III, in particular, was known as the "Prince of Construction" for the policy of major building projects launched under his reign. The Principality has reclaimed almost 20% of its surface area from the sea, to house the Monegasques and accommodate private businesses.

H.S.H. Prince Albert II has continued this tradition. Major construction projects are underway, including the reorganization of the harbour, Port Hercule, where a new Yacht Club is being built; placing several roads underground; and improving access to the

Fontvieille neighbourhood. Other projects

are on the drawing board, such as the new

The small scale of Monaco drives innovation.

Princess Grace Hospital. All of these projects scrupulously **respect environmental standards** in order to improve the quality of urban life, in the same way as Monaco has always reserved pride of place for parks and green spaces.

#### Hotels

From 2 stars to 5 stars, Monaco totals **15 hotels** that accommodate over **300,000 visitors per year**. The Hôtel de Paris, the Hermitage and the Métropole, luxury hotels that have played a priceless role in the history of the Principality, contribute to making Monaco a paragon of luxury and sophistication. Further flagship hotels offer a warm welcome, as the range of hotels in Monaco grows more diversified, beyond niche tourism.

Business tourism in the Principality has expanded well as events and infrastructures have been added, and cruise tourism is proving to be more dynamic than ever. The Tourism Board has also defined a new policy of responsible and sustainable tourism.

#### Industry

Heavy industry in the usual sense no longer has its place in the Principality; the country prefers businesses with high added value that do not pollute. This is the case of the "chemical-pharmacology-cosmetology" sector that is the most prevalent, along with industries that process plastic materials and industries that manufacture electrical and electronic equipment.





Industry, banking & finance: two major economic sectors in the Principality of Monaco.



## Focus on Health and Medical Infrastructures of the Principality of Monaco

The Principality of Monaco is home to Health and Medical Infrastructures renowned for quality of teams and level of equipment in many specialist fields. Given the reputation of health hub and the attractiveness of the Principality (in terms of travel, accommodation, congress centres and specialist teams of organisers), Monaco is the perfect destination for congresses and seminars on the subject of health.

#### An ultra-modern public hospital

The Princess Grace Hospital Complex (Centre Hospitalier Princesse Grace – or CHPG) is a reference in matters of healthcare. It possesses all the characteristics of an ultramodern hospital.

Founded over a century ago by H.S.H. Prince Albert I, the Principality's only public hospital totals **160 doctors and surgeons**, plus 1,600 other highly professional members of staff, and top-class technical facilities and equipment.

A centre for innovation and research, the hospital gained the seal of approval for its Quality from France's High Authority for Healthcare. Under the impetus of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, a project to build **a new hospital** equipped with the latest information and communication technologies, is currently on the drawing board. Delivery of the new building is said to be scheduled for **2018-2020**.

#### Efficient private facilities

The Principality also prides itself on the performance and the professionalism of private, cutting-edge structures in the healthcare field. Monaco's Cardiothoracic Centre, is directed by Professor Gilles Dreyfus. This medicosurgical centre is structured to make technical resources for exploration, invasive operations and reanimation permanently available to patients and doctors. Since it opened in 1987,







Princess Grace Hospital

this autonomous hospital has treated over 50,000 patients and performed over 48,000 operations on adults, children and infants. Every year, approximately 700 patients undergo openheart surgery.

The Cardiothoracic Centre's next-door neighbour is the Monaco Institute of Sports Medicine and Surgery (IM2S), which opened in 2006. This centre is devoted to osteoarticular pathologies; it mainly treats sports injuries, in particular. IM2S has several specialities, such as computer-

aided knee arthroplasty. At the avant-garde of innovation, the institute is working on creating biomechanical simulation software that will reproduce a patient's foot on a screen, in three dimensions and in real time, to facilitate optimal treatment.

In Fontvieille, Monaco's Medical Imaging

Centre (CIMM) constitutes a fine example of
the complementarity that exists between the
public and private sectors. Equipped with the
best medical imaging technologies, this Centre







Monaco's Cardiothoracic Centre: the building, a room and the operating theatre.

has been at the service of the population of Monaco since 1984. Above and beyond providing innovative, latest-generation instruments, the Centre also strives to develop new diagnostic approaches - such as virtual colonoscopy, which is non-invasive and fast.

Two further, and very progressive, specialist centres complete this unique cluster. Monaco's International Medical Centre, covers a host of disciplines including ENT, ophthalmology, balance disorders and language disorders in children. On the preventive medicine front, Monaco can count on Dr Michael MacNamara's Monte Carlo Life Check. Since it was founded in 2004, it has detected many medical anomalies. A veritable preventive diagnosis centre, it was the first in Europe to practice a thorough health check-up in one hour thanks to its high-tech facilities. Finally, in 1988, the Principality was equipped with a structure specialising in the treatment of terminal chronic kidney failure. The Haemodialysis Centre is headed by Professor Henri Fitte. Every year, it performs 15,000 haemodialysis sessions.

### Research drives Monaco's Health and Medical Infrastructures

The services offered by the Health and Medical

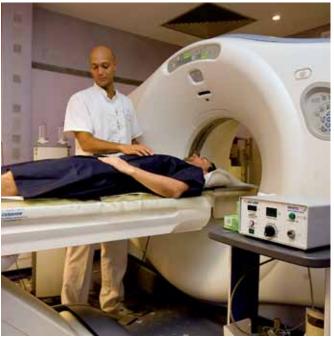
Infrastructures confer upon the Principality a reputation that extends well beyond the 2 km<sup>2</sup> of its own territory. Public and private structures in Monaco attract an international "patientele", with every confidence in the technologies at its disposal.

All of Monaco's medical centres wish to perpetuate medical excellence in the Principality: research and innovation are therefore at the heart of every single forthcoming project. In this vein, Monaco's Scientific Centre, which mainly focuses on research in the field of marine biology, is also engaged in medical research. These parallel activities are under the authority of Professor Patrick Rampal, in the wake of a call for tenders for "Clinical Research". Another ambitious project that underscores Monaco's role as a specialist cluster is the Virtual Medical School of Monaco. (UMVM). It was launched in February 2008 by Professor Philippe Evrard, Head of the Paediatric Neurology Department at Robert Debré Hospital, with the support of the Princess Grace Foundation. The objective of this project is to provide advanced training for doctors and researchers. Teaching and research also involve seminars and congresses, which are rapidly developing in the

Principality. The reputation of the health and



Diagnosis of a mammogram at Monaco's Medical Imaging Centre.



MRI at Monte-Carlo Life Check.

▶ medical infrastructures is further enhanced by all of the advantages Monaco has to offer in this field. It is easy to travel to the Principality, and the accommodation is of outstanding quality. There are countless venues and efficient teams of organisers. Medical, paramedical, pharmaceutical and cosmetic congresses have therefore quite naturally found fertile ground here. Medical congresses enjoy a special status, whether organised at the initiative of doctors practicing in Monaco or whether the Principality has been selected by decision-makers responsible for national, European or worldwide congresses.

Finally, the Principality is also active on the international stage in missions that combine the medical with the social, namely humanitarian projects. Many members of Monaco's medical and paramedical corps, notably from the Princess Grace Hospital, participate in initiatives out in the field, in cooperation with several Monegasque NGOs and in coordination with the Foreign Affairs Department. Spurred on by H.S.H. Prince Albert II, Monaco's humanitarian efforts are mainly channelled into Africa: Niger, for orthopaedic and ophthalmological missions; Madagascar, for radiotherapy; and Morocco for cardiology.









 $Operating\ the atre\ and\ physiotherapy\ room\ at\ IM2S,\ Monaco's\ Institute\ of\ Sports\ Medicine\ and\ Surgery.$ 

## Protecting the environment: a priority



The Principality's commitment to sustainable development is one of the pillars of H.S.H. Prince Albert II's accession to the crown. In his speech when acceding to the throne in November 2005, the Sovereign set the tone for the coming years: "I am an ardent defender of the environment. I continue a tradition staked out by my ancestors, who implemented it in many ways. Monaco has to be a model country in its respect for nature".

This mindset is reflected in all the Prince does, and in the overall policy of the Monegasque government, both in the Principality and throughout the entire world.

#### A line of environmentally active Princes

Following the example of his great-grandfather, Prince Albert I, known as "the scholarly Prince" and famous for his many Polar exploration trips, H.S.H. Prince Albert II has developed a real commitment to protecting the planet. H.S.H. Prince Albert II, too, has led expeditions to the Poles. He first went to the North Pole in 2006 then to the Antarctic in 2009, where he was able to visit international bases and observe the effects of global warming on the ice fields. Since that time, in an effort to promote scientific research and alert the international community, the Sovereign has constantly spoken out in favour of environment protection, notably during conferences under the aegis of the United

Nations, of which Monaco has been a **member** since 1993: "The time has come to take action. We now know that the future of humanity is at stake. This is our collective responsibility."

#### Conviction translated into action

Prince Albert II's actions correspond to the stands he takes. He ensures that Monaco is a player on the world stage of international cooperation through the Principality's Foreign Affairs

Department in partnership with Monegasque

NGOs. Monaco's International Cooperation

Department has at its disposal a fund of Public

Development Aid that finances 85 projects
in approximately twenty countries. 30% of
projects out in the field concern environmental



H.S.H. Prince Albert II speaking before the United Nations.

Prince Albert II reaching the South Pole in January 2009



▶ initiatives. Monaco is involved in studying and safeguarding the environment. It makes sure that international conventions and agreements are signed and implemented. Monaco signed the Kyoto Protocol, and the RA.MO.GE Agreement with France and Italy to combat pollution and the emission of pollutants into the sea, and to protect marine environments. The Principality implements Barcelona Convention directives within the United Nations Environment Programme, particularly the action plan for the Mediterranean.

#### The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

After returning from his expedition to the Arctic, the Sovereign Prince decided to create his own Foundation in June **2006** in order to help protect the environment.

The Prince Albert II Foundation has three major fields of action:

- protecting biodiversity: this includes preserving ecosystems and combating deforestation;
- water: improving access to water for populations, but also curbing desertification;
- combating climate change in three priority zones: the Poles, the Mediterranean and underdeveloped countries. Aid for these zones takes the form of increased use of renewable energies to combat climate change.

The Foundation has rendered possible projects such as: harnessing drinking water in the mountains in the north of **Mali**; managing water in the **Sahelian** environment; and planting trees in a region of **Chile** in partnership with Mapuche communities.

As far as renewable energies are concerned, the Prince's Foundation is involved in furthering research into 2nd-generation bio fuels and in promoting the production of biodiesel in Kenya. The Prince Albert II Foundation has also adopted an official stance alongside WWF International to protect red tuna in the Mediterranean. It has demonstrated its support of the United Nations Foundation. And it works in partnership with the Canadian foundation One Drop to protect water resources.

Finally, the Foundation has defined a methodology for organising eco-efficient events in the Principality.

#### Monaco sets an example

The Sovereign Prince's international activism would make no sense if it was not rigorously applied within the Principality, where, day after day, the urban environment tends towards a healthier quality of life.

In terms of waste management, the population was invited to **sort its waste** back in 2008.





Combating desertification in Mali and H.S.H. Prince Albert II in Siberut, Indonesia, for a project to protect forest ecosystems.

► To make the task easier, a host of drop-off points were set up. Furthermore, 6 million euros have been invested in modernising Monaco's wastewater treatment station with a view to increasing the volume of water processed and improving the quality of that water. In terms of transport, Monaco is aiming for "zero CO2 emissions" and thus promotes newsoft transport solutions. The Principality's policy to foster clean vehicles includes strong incentives to choose vehicles that run on renewable energies: residents are offered a bonus on the purchase price of 2- and 4-wheeled electric and hybrid vehicles. They also come with car tax, a special registration plate, and the possibility of recharging the batteries at no cost in public car parks. The Principality is at the cutting edge of progress in matters of sustainable development thanks to EVER, an annual exhibition at the Grimaldi Forum. Car manufacturers showcase their latest ecological treasures, and clean vehicles

vie with each other in terms of elegance and performance. The Fétish, by Monegasque car constructor Venturi, beat the world speed record, clocking up 487 km/hr on the speedometer, and Tesla presented a totally electric sports cars.

Public companies, such as Monaco's Water and Gas Company and Post Office, set a good example in the field of ecology. **38%** of the fleet of public cars is made up of electric vehicles. **50 electric bicycles** are also in service in public car parks.

In this eco-responsible frame of mind, Monaco encourages the use of public transport, charging competitive fares on Monaco's buses. A policy to develop rail travel was also implemented, with the introduction at the end of 2008 of **two new-generation Regional Express Trains**. They are part of an order for 5 trains intended to increase services between Nice and Cannes on the one hand, and between Italy and Nice on the other.



Electric vehicles exhibited at the EVER trade show at the Grimaldi Forum Monaco. Self-service rental of electric bicycles in Monaco's car parks. The MIEV by Mitsubishi, used in several company fleets in the Principality.





For those who simply cannot do without their cars, a car-sharing policy has been introduced and is starting to bear its fruits. The operation is paired with special subscription rates in public car parks, cutting the usual cost by 4.

In Monaco's very dynamic construction sector, building work is now always carried out with the strictest respect to High Environmental Quality measures set up with a view to reconciling construction activities and quality of life. On building sites, reducing noise pollution and air pollution are a priority. Progress has been made

in sawing and terracing techniques thanks to the "top and down" method, which makes it possible to carry out terracing work from the shelter of a provisional cover. Another advance has been to concoct a "self-compacting concrete"; it does not need to be vibrated when put in place.

On the fringes of public initiatives, a host of private firms in the Principality, in all business sectors, have taken a stand alongside H.S.H. Prince Albert II in favour of sustainable development.





EVER trade show at the Grimaldi Forum Monaco. The Eclectic Concept by Venturi: the first energyautonomous vehicle.

The Astrolab: an electro-solar hybrid vehicle.





### Monaco on your doorstep

Located in the far south-east of France, the Principality of Monaco stretches along a narrow coastal band, measuring 4.4 kilometres in length, on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea and at the foot of the Southern Alps. Its particularly mild, temperate climate and outstanding score of over 300 days of sunshine a year, make Monaco a holiday destination by vocation. The entire world can get to the Principality of Monaco thanks to fast onward connections from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport - either by air or by land. The airport is located only 25 km away (7 minutes by helicopter shuttle). And the Principality is on the E80 Barcelona-Milan motorway.

#### By plane

Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, France's second airport, offers flights to all main cities in France, to Southern Europe, the Middle East and North America. It thus puts the Principality within reach of key international routes. It takes approximately half an hour to reach the airport by car on the motorway, or 7 minutes by helicopter with Héli Air operating 70 flights a day seven days a week, connecting with all national and international flights between 8.30am and 7.30pm.

A scheduled bus service runs every day of the

year between Nice Airport and Monaco. The journey lasts approximately 50 minutes; **ten buses** operate between 6am and 8pm.

#### By road

The European motorway network passes only 8 km from the centre of Monte-Carlo, which can be reached via the Monaco/Cap-d'Ail/ Beausoleil exit (when travelling from Nice) or the Monaco/Roquebrune-Cap-Martin exit (when travelling from Menton). It links the Principality with France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Benelux, Austria and England.





▶ A scheduled bus service links Nice to Monaco and Menton to Nice every day of the year from 6am to 8pm, except bank holidays. On some evenings, a night bus called the "Noctambus" provides a shuttle service between Nice and Menton via Monaco until 2.30am.

#### FLIGHT TIMES between Nice Côte d'Azur Airport and some major cities around the world

<u>Amsterdam</u>	1 hr 40
Athens	
Atlanta	11 hrs 05
Auckland	28 hrs 00
Barcelona	1 hr 30
<u>Berlin</u>	
Beirut	3 hrs 40
Brussels	
Copenhagen	2 hrs 20
Dallas	13 hrs 15
Dubai	
Dusseldorf	1 hr 40
Frankfurt	1 hr 40
Geneva	0 hr 50
Libreville	4 hrs 50
Lisbon	2 hrs 20
London	2 hrs 00
Los Angeles	13 hrs 15
Luxembourg	
Madrid	1 hr 40
Milan	0 hr 55
Montreal	10 hrs 10
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#### DISTANCES between Monaco and some major cities around the world

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<u>Amsterdam</u>	<u>1,480 km</u>
Barcelona	750 km
<u>Berlin</u>	1,580 km
Berne	608 km
Bonn	1,180 km
Bordeaux	842 km
Brest	1,462 km
Brussels	1,270 km
Frankfurt	1,050 km
Genoa	171 km
Geneva	510 km
Grenoble	351 km
Le Havre	1,147 km
Lille	1,167 km
Lisbon	1,900 km
Luxembourg	1,074 km
Lyon	489 km
Madrid	1,313 km
Marseille	206 km
Milan	300 km
Montpellier	341 km
Munich	890 km
Paris	951 km
Rome	678 km
Strasbourg	817 km
Toulouse	592 km
Vienna	1,164 km
Zurich	631 km

#### By rail

All international trains stop in the Principality:

- Day trains such as "The Ligurian" linking
   Marseille to Milan; the "Train Bleu" from Paris
   to Ventimiglia; and trains travelling to Genoa
   and Basel.
- Night trains to Paris, Strasbourg, Nantes, Toulouse; Irun and Port-Bou for Spain; and Milan, Venice, Pisa and Rome in Italy.
- **High-speed trains** (TGVs) linking Monaco to Paris in less than six hours.
- **Regional express trains**, (TERs), serving the main towns on the French Riviera.

Monaco's underground railway station is located in the very centre of the urban landscape.

Travellers enjoy easy access to the different neighbourhoods of the Principality thanks to four pedestrian exits equipped with lifts, escalators and moving walkways.

#### By sea

Monaco boasts **two deep-water harbours** located on either side of the Rock.

Port Hercule part of the town itself, is a mooring spot for boats up to 110 metres. Its semi-floating sea wall offers quality shelter in all weather. This harbour also hosts the many visiting cruise boats measuring up to 300 metres in length.

Fontvieille Harbour can accommodate approximately 280 pleasure boats on its surface area of 5.5 ha. ■





### Monaco: an exceptional destination

The Principality of Monaco symbolises fine living and the art of welcoming visitors. Its choice of hotels and congress infrastructures is unrivalled. It can offer individual tourists and groups of tourists an array of hotels spanning the entire range - from luxury hotels to two-star hotels. On top of this, Monaco can also offer large-scale, structured and secure logistics for the organisation of events.

onaco has embarked on a policy of excellence in matters of hotels and congresses. The Principality is seen as a benchmark for the perfect hosting of visitors in the fields of individual tourism, incentive and corporate travel, international business tourism events and key regional and cultural events. The Principality offers a particularly varied range of 15 hotels, open all year round.

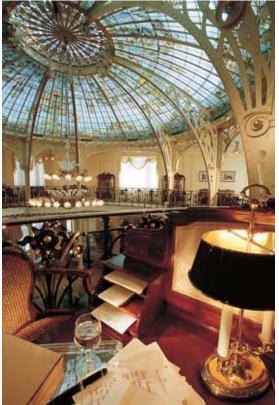
Since August 2010, a new hotel rating system has been put in place. The 4-star-luxury category has been abolished, now replaced by the **5-star category**. There are four establishments in this most luxurious category, offering the height of comfort: the **Hôtel Hermitage**, the **Hôtel de** 

Paris, the Hôtel Métropole Monte-Carlo and the Monte-Carlo Beach Hotel.

The Fairmont Monte Carlo and the Méridien Beach Plaza are rated in the 4-star category, along with the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort and the Port Palace.

Apart from these internationally reputed luxury hotels, the Principality boasts five 3-star hotels: (the Ambassador, the Columbus, the Miramar, the Ni Hôtel and the Novotel), and two 2-star hotels. Over 2,400 rooms and suites are thus made available to a clientele that visits from all over the globe, but mostly from Italy, France, Great Britain, the United States and Germany.





► Monaco is a natural Mecca for gourmet cuisine, thanks to the talent and the international reputations of the great chefs who work in the Principality. The only 3-star establishment in the firmament of this art of the ephemeral is Alain Ducasse's Louis XV, the most famous and the most luxurious restaurant at the Hôtel de Paris. Chef Franck Cerutti reinterprets the essence of Mediterranean cuisine in a subtle balance of tradition, evolution and modernity. Another landmark in the landscape of fine gastronomy is the Restaurant Joël Robuchon Monte-Carlo, in the Hotel Le Metropole Monte-Carlo. Joël Robuchon and Christophe Cussac prepare their benchmark cuisine in this 2-star restaurant. 1 star sparkles above three other restaurants in the Michelin guide: Le Mandarine with Patrick Raingeard in the Port Palace, the most recent addition; le Grill at the Hôtel de Paris, overlooking Monte-Carlo from the height of the eighth floor; and Yoshi at the Hotel Le Métropole Monte-Carlo, launched by Takeo Yamazaki and Joël Robuchon as an initiation into Japanese cuisine.

Monaco is unique in grouping together within its limited perimeter a whole range of hotels and congress centres. The complete scope of the services provided by these structures - in terms of volume, capacity, locations and styles - means that events of all types can be accommodated simultaneously, each in a perfectly fitting setting.

In 2009, the Principality hosted **495 events** for the most part congresses. Business tourism accounted for **60%** of new clients and almost **146,000 hotel nights**. Almost 78% of these hotel nights corresponded to clients stemming from the medical, automobile, financial, IT and sports sectors.

Monaco's key congress and exhibition centre is the **Grimaldi Forum**. In 2008, it became one of the first congress centres in Europe to be awarded the **ISO 14001/2004 environmental certificate** Then in 2010, it received the ultimate accolade when it was elected **best conference centre** at the M&IT Awards. The Grimaldi Forur comprises **35,000 m**<sup>2</sup> of modular floor space





that can accommodate approximately 3000 people, plus the latest technological equipment placed at the service of major international businesses and event organisers.

#### Other congress centres are also available:

- A multi-purpose facility at the Salle du Canton Totalling 1,714m<sup>2</sup>, it can be used for a banquet for up to 750 diners, a show for a seated audience of over a thousand, or a standing cocktail reception for 1,500 people.
- At the Sporting Monte-Carlo, the Salle des Etoiles and the Salle des Palmiers can accommodate a total of up to 1,500 people.
   950 guests can be seated in the famous Salle des Étoiles alone, designed for shows and events.
- The **Sporting d'Hiver**, just a stone's throw from Monte-Carlo Casino, offers art deco architecture and 1,200m² of floor area in 5 outstanding rooms with ceilings up to ten metres high.

Practically all of the hotels in the Principality offer conference facilities that correspond to the requirements of their business clientele. The most reputed include: the Fairmont Monte Carlo, with a total of 3,000m² divided into 18 modular conference rooms; the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel and Resort, which can provide ten modular meeting rooms and a business centre; and the Sea Club at the Meridien Beach Plaza, a true





➤ conference centre embracing the Mediterranean Sea and comprising 14 modular rooms totalling 3,500m².

Finally, in the Fontvieille business quarter, a circular big top with a diameter of 58 metres provides the backdrop for the most varied events, such as the Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival and the host of trade fairs organised in it each year. Espace Fontvieille can be extended to accommodate 200 stands and several thousand visitors each day.







### Gourmet Restaurants in the Principality

Monaco is a choice destination for the discerning palate. Not only have the world's most talented – and for some, most famous - chefs elected to demonstrate their genius in the Principality, but the best restaurants offering international cuisine are also to be found here.

or a small territory, the Principality is packed with talent as well as Michelin stars! Monaco has no fewer than five star-rated restaurants, including Alain Ducasse's prestigious Louis XV and the very sophisticate Joël Robuchon Monte-Carlo, both housed in luxury hotels. Monaco's restaurants are inspiring and elevating. In delightful settings, they serve delicate and inventive cuisine based on Mediterranean produce and French and Italian traditions. Le Grill, a panoramic restaurant overlooking Monaco and embracing the sky, serves outstanding cuisine. Mandarine plays on its cool, candy-coloured décor, offering contemporary cuisine that is audacious and tasty. The exotic Yoshi restaurant serves sushi and other Japanese specialities in a calm and contemplative setting. The Maya Bay an equally exotic address, specialises in subtle sweet & savoury combinations.

If fish-lovers prefer cooked to raw dishes, they will be perfectly happy at **Quai des Artistes** highly reputed for its seafood; or at the **Vistamar**, where the menu is directly inspired by the catch of the day; or on the sunny terrace of the **Saint-Benoît**, serving fragrant sea dishes. Another terrace overlooking the sea is to be found at the **Blue Bay** welcoming you to a revitalising atmosphere for subtle and original - some might say out of the ordinary - cuisine.

Fans of good meat also have plenty of choice. They can enjoy specialities from the grill at the **Argentin**, a top-class restaurant with a hushed atmosphere offering a breathtaking view of the bay, or at the **Beef Bar**, by the port in Fontvieille, which serves meat from the best regions in the world. Geographical proximity to Italy ensures very generous fare. Southern cooking sings out at **La Trattoria**, a seasonal restaurant dreamt up by





▶ Alain Ducasse, where tradition and good food capture the flavour of Tuscany. The tastiest Italian recipes are reinterpreted and served above the Mediterranean and the gardens at Jimmy'z. In the centre of town, La Crémaillère is a risotto restaurant with twenty or so different risottos on the menu!

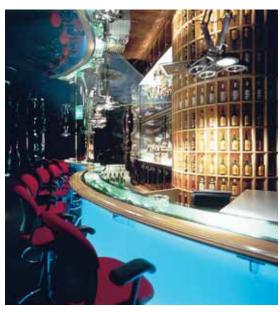
Finally, for those who intend to make the most of every minute in the Principality, Intempo, at the Méridien Beach Plaza is a contemporary restaurant that serves 24/7 and is known for its Live Cooking. Monaco really is a gourmet destination that caters for all tastes and all budgets!

#### After dark

Most major hotels in the Principality have a bar that is reputed for its cocktails and a hushed, elegant ambiance that is conducive to relaxation. This is the case of the American Bar at the Hôtel de Paris, the Bar at the Columbus Monte-Carlo, the Bar at the Hôtel Métropole and Saphir at the Fairmont. For those who prefer beer to cocktails, the Principality now boasts a brasserie, the Brasserie de Monaco, in Port Hercule where pale ale, red ale, white beer and seasonal beers are brewed on the spot.

For a more English atmosphere there is Gerhard's, a friendly pub in the Fontvieille neighbourhood. Another pub, but this time Irish, is Mc Carthy's, serving authentic Guinness. There is a family atmosphere at Stars'n Bars an American-style restaurant; it has an impressive photo gallery featuring famous people and exhibits items that belonged to artists or to international sports stars. The Buddha Bar lounge concept moved into the Principality recently, providing an opportunity for enjoyable times before heading on to Monaco's nightclubs, such as the highly reputed Jimmy'z, the Sass Café, the Rascasse or the Black Legend where you can dance the night away to Motown classics. Fans of live music will enjoy the string of groups playing on stage at Moods.









### A host of wonderful leisure activities

Leisure time in the Principality is particularly accentuated because the possibilities are so varied – above and beyond the major events organised throughout the year!

ighly prized as a well-being destination, the Principality is unrivalled for getting away from it all. It offers a huge choice of spas, beauty institutes and indoor and outdoor sporting activities.

Monaco's sea spa, the **Thermes Marins de Monte-Carlo**, is one of the ten most beautiful spas in Europe. It offers 6,600m² of luxury and serenity: thalassotherapy, Oriental wisdom, sea treatments and cutting-edge technology.

At Monte-Carlo Bay Hôtel & Resort's **Cinq Mondes Spa** 900m² are devoted to treatments combining ancestral traditions with an unrivalled sense of ceremony.

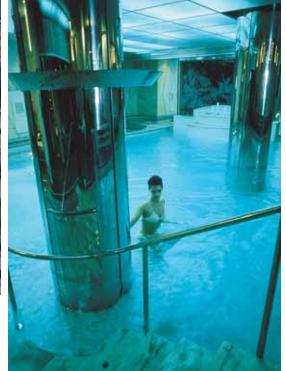
At the Monte-Carlo Beach, the **Spa Beach** provides draining massages and an outdoor gym. The **Willow Stream Spa and Fitness** occupies 900m<sup>2</sup> at the Fairmont Monte-Carlo. It offers 8 private areas and all the comfort and sophistication of specialist treatments. At the Métropole, the **Métropole ESPA Monte-Carlo** dispenses a range of personalised

consultations in its numerous treatment rooms and VIP suites.

For fans of outdoor sporting activities, the Monte-Carlo Country Club, is one of the most prestigious tennis clubs in the world. It stands a stone's throw from the Monte-Carlo Bay and the Méridien Beach Plaza.

One of the most attractive golf courses in the world is to be found twenty or so minutes by car from the centre of Monaco. Located on Mount Agel at an altitude of 810m, it offers an eighteenhole course floating between the sky and the sea. Many beach and water sports are to be enjoyed in the Principality, such as swimming, sailing, jet ski, parascending and beach volley. In winter, there are facilities at the Louis II Stadium: for squash, fencing, athletics and every other type of sport imaginable. Within a two-hour drive, there are the most attractive ski resorts and the best slopes in France (Auron, Valberg and Isola 2000) not to mention Limone in Italy.





► There are many tourist attractions for visitors to explore:

The Palais Princier is the guardian of centuries of tradition. Some of its splendours can be admired, such as the State Apartments, the Italian Gallery, the Main Courtyard, Salon Louis XV and the Throne Room. The Old Town is full of picturesque spots and houses glued closely together. On the Place du Palais every day, the Prince's Carabiniers execute the traditional Changing of the Guard.

"Salle Monte-Carlo Story" screens a documentary film tracing out the authentic history of the Princes and Princesses of Monaco from 1297 to today.

Monte-Carlo Casino, is an architectural jewel. It epitomises the arts of the Belle Époque. Highlights of a tour of the casino include the magnificent atrium leading into Salle Garnier named after the famous architect, and a series of marvellously decorated gaming rooms.

Monaco also boasts a wealth of museums. The most famous one is without contest the Oceanographic Museum with its imposing aquarium and spectacular shark lagoon. The Museum of Napoleonic Souvenirs and the Collection of Historical Archives from the Prince's Palace harbour thousands of First Empire memorabilia and documents.

The Museum of the Chapel of the Visitation exhibits masterpieces by Rubens, Zurbaran, Ribeira and Italian masters from the Baroque period.

The New National Museum of Monaco - Villa Sauber & Villa Paloma presents temporary themed exhibitions.

The Stamp and Coin Museum exhibits the stamp and coin collections of the Sovereign Princes.

H.S.H. the Prince of Monaco's Collection of

**Vintage Cars** features cars of varying ages. The **Naval Museum** showcases 250 models and items related to the navy.

The **Animal Park** is home to specimens of tropical and African fauna.

The privileged geographical location of the Principality has traditionally been conducive to

creating magnificent gardens featuring plants from distant lands, or, more recently, to adding rich greenery, rose gardens and flowered squares.

The Exotic Gardens offer a home to thousands of species of succulent plants. They also contain the Observatory Cave and the Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology.

The **Japanese Gardens** are a more recent addition, providing a haven of peace in a harmonious combination of stone, water and vegetation.

In Fontvieille Landscaped Gardens composed of a multitude of plant species from all over the globe, 150 varieties of rose bloom in the Princess Grace Rose Garden Nearby, a Sculpture Trail has been laid out for visitors to admire a large number of monumental works.

Finally, the pleasure and excitement of a shopping trip can round off a tour with commentary on the "Monaco Tours" sightseeing train. Driving away from the typical narrow streets of the Old Town, shopping malls and galleries, prestigious boutiques and restaurants all file by on the streets of the Principality...





## Prestigious Events of International Renown

Life in Monaco is extremely rich with a constant flow of cultural, sporting and festive events throughout the year, drawing an international crowd.

#### Pride of place for sport, all year round

Sport has always been a major part of Monegasque life.

A tradition since 1929, Monaco's Formula 1 Grand Prix is undisputedly one of the oldest and most prestigious car racing events in the world. The best pilots compete for a highly coveted trophy right in the city centre. Every two years since 1997, the Grand Prix has been preceded by a Vintage Grand Prix, vintage cars and the earliest F1 vehicles are exhibited and put back on the road for a vintage race.

Older still, the Monte-Carlo Rally was founded in 1911. Every January it attracts sixty or more teams for a high-level sports competition. The first clay court tennis tournament of the year is the Monte Carlo Rolex Masters In 2010, it celebrated a centenary of tennis in Monaco! 124,000 spectators saw 9 of the 10 best players in the world in action on the courts of the prestigious Monte Carlo Country Club. Monaco's year is studded with further sporting

events of a very high level, such as the final of the UEFA Super Cup, the Monaco International Show Jumping, event, the International Swim Meet, the IAAF world athletics finals, and professional football matches, not to mention, for lovers of old schooners, Monaco Classic Week.

#### Artistic excellence

Since the 19th century, the Principality has been a devoted patron of the arts. 1878 saw the birth of the Monte-Carlo Opera House, designed by Charles Garnier. It very quickly became a major player in new operatic performances, and so it remains. The Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra, and its great conductors perform concert after concert in Monaco and on world tours. The same applies to the Ballets de Monte-Carlo; choreographer and artistic director Jean-Christophe Maillot is to thank for the quality of the ballet company, recognised all over the world. In parallel, every year the Monaco Dance Forum harnesses the talents of the





best choreographers. The Spring Arts Festival celebrates art in all its forms. The Rose Ball, and Red Cross Gala, by invitation only, are favourites among the jet set. Finally, the spectacular International Firework Festival is always a resounding success.

#### Festivals and trade shows

The Principality has always known how to keep its traditions alive. Proof thereof is the International Circus Festival, created in 1974 by Prince Rainier III. Each year, it continues to reveal extraordinary artists. The International Film and Literature Forum is an international event focusing on literary adaptations. For over 50 years, the Principality has also held its TV Festival, awarding a Golden Nymph to the best television programmes.

Television is also the focus during **Sportel**,

devoted to the best sports images broadcast during the year.

There is also a trade show in Monaco dedicated to digital imagery. Imagina is an international forum for showcasing the latest CGI innovations. The Grimaldi Forum remains a key centre for culture. Its glass pyramid, an amazing architectural achievement, celebrated its 10th birthday in 2010. A further purveyor of culture is the Princess Grace Theatre. Every 4 years it stages the World Festival of Amateur Dramatics.

There are countless other events that generate occasions for professionals and the general public to come together. The Monte-Carlo Travel Market, the Foire Internationale de Monaco, Batilux, Top Marques and the Monaco Yacht Show are just some of the events that have become synonymous with the Principality.

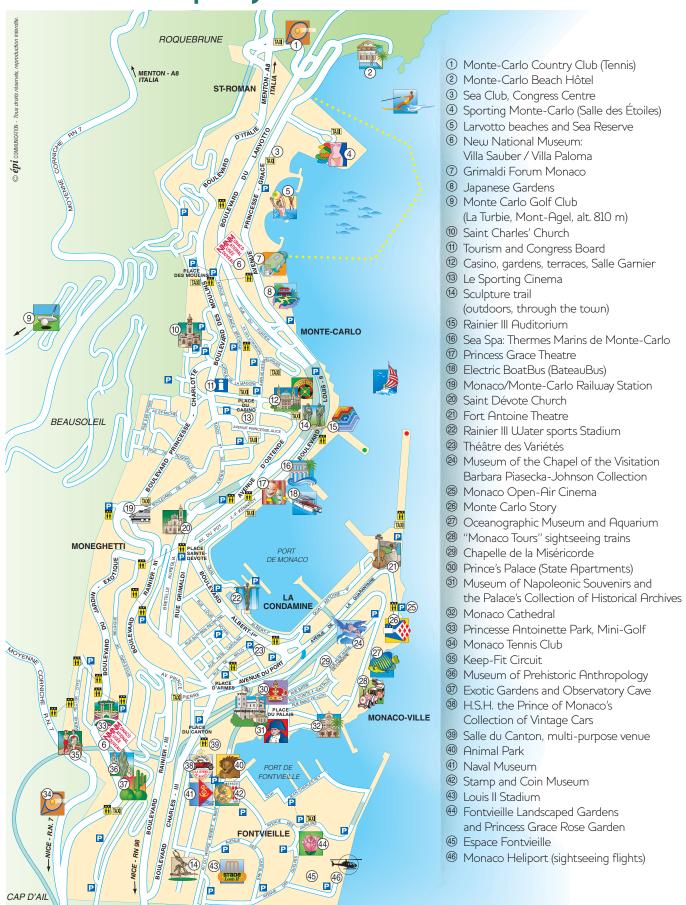








## Tourist Map of the Principality of Monaco



### Map of the Region





### **Escapades**

Cradled between the sea and the mountains, the Principality of Monaco can be the perfect base for delightful escapades into the hinterland, along the Côte d'Azur or on the Italian Riviera.

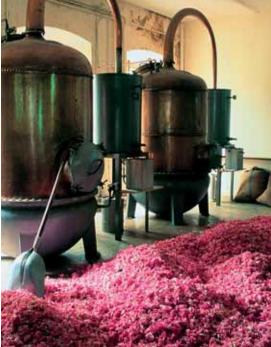
odged between the sea and the mountains, the Principality enjoys all the leisure activities that a seaside resort and a mountain landscape have to offer. The sporty and the curious will never tire of such exceptional resources. Be dazzled by the Mediterranean Sea, on board a helicopter for a sightseeing trip. Admire breathtaking panoramas of the French Riviera and the mountains in the hinterland from a completely different angle.

On foot from Fontvieille, take picturesque coastal paths. The customs path edging the sea and

heading towards Èze is lined with outstanding villas. The "Le Corbusier" trail offers an extremely agreeable stroll from the Principality to Cap-Martin and Menton in the direction of Italy. Each itinerary is peppered with interesting features: the Jean Cocteau Museum in Menton, home to many of the artist's creations; "Kerylos", in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, a unique replica of an Ancient Greek villa; Saint Elme citadel in Villefranche-sur-Mer with its amazing fortifications; the Ephrussi de Rothschild Museum, its prestigious Villa and magnificent





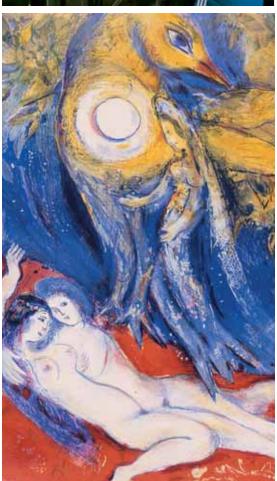


▶ gardens in Cap Ferrat; the Chagall Museum and famous flower market in Nice; Fondation Maeght in Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a showcase for modern and contemporary art; the magnificent arched ramparts designed by Vauban in Old Antibes and the show at Marineland; glass studios in Biot and ceramics in Vallauris; the most sophisticated perfume companies in Grasse, the world's

perfume capital, plus the elegant Fragonard Villa & Museum, containing works by the artist.

Those who wish to delve into the region's history can also visit the 10th-century Carolingian château in Roquebrune-Village, former Monegasque territory; or the village of La Turbie with its Trophy of the Alps, over two thousand years old!











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