

## The Magic of Monaco

Focal points in the Principality:

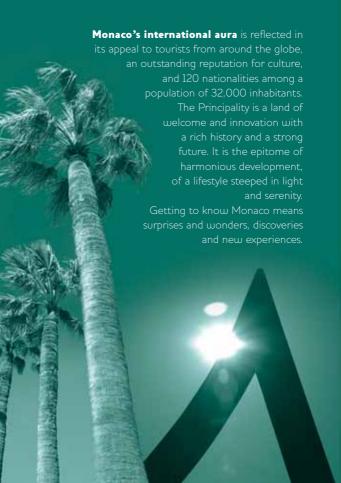
- museums and tourist attractions.
- · promenades and escapades

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t the heart of the Principality, on the site of a fortress constructed by the Genoese in 1215, stands the Prince's Palace. It harbours splendours tracing out seven centuries of uninterrupted sovereignty.



Portrait of Rainier I Lord of Monaco (1267-1314) by E. Charpentier.



The Palace Courtyard with its monumental staircase leading to the Gallery of Hercules.



Touring the Palace is synonymous with journeying through the centuries from the Renaissance to the Napoleonic period. The Palace Courtyard's impressive double staircase leads to the Gallery of Hercules and the State Apartments, where sumptuous frescoes from the 16th century adom the Mazarin Salon, the York Room and the imposing Throne Room.

A Location on the map of Monaco on page 40



on the square in front of the Palace, the traditional ritual of the Changing of the Guard – the Carabiniers du Prince – attracts and delights thousands of spectators.



In the State Apartments, the furnishings, frescoes and gilding recreate the glory and the nobility of the Grimaldi Princes.

The Changing of the Guard outside the Prince's Palace.



The Prince's Palace (State Apartments) Place du Palais Tel. +377 93 25 18 31 Fax +377 93 50 81 73 or +377 97 77 58 91 www.palais.mc

## Open every day

between 2 April and 31 Oct. from 10am to 6pm (last tour 5.30pm).

## **Duration of tour:**

30 minutes.

**2012 prices:** Adults: €8 Children from 8 to 14: €3.50.

## Audioguide

in 11 languages included in the entrance fee (French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese, Russian, Greek, Polish, Chinese).

Twin ticket: State Apartments + Napoleonic Museum

(information: +377 93 25 18 31).

Establishment not accessible to the disabled.

## Museum of Napoleonic Memorabilia & The Palace's Collection of Historical Archives

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ocated in the South Wing of the Prince's Palace, this museum harbours a rich collection of objects, documents, engravings, medals and decorations, as well as paintings and other valuable pieces. Some are rare, most are moving (busts of Napoleon by Canova and Houdon, the flag of the Island of Elba, the famous crib of the King of Rome), and together they map out Monaco's journey across the centuries, particularly the period of the First Empire.



Place du Palais Tel. +377 93 25 18 31 Fax +377 93 50 81 73 or +377 97 77 58 91 www.palais.mc

## Open every day

- between 2 January and 1 April from 10.30am to 5pm
- between 2 April and 31 October visit combined with a tour of the State Apartments from 10am to 6.15pm
- between 1 and 31 December from 10.30am to 5pm

## Annual closure

November, 25 December, 1 January.

Duration of tour: 20 minutes.

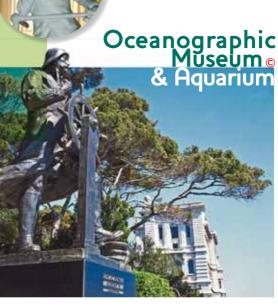
**2012 prices:** Adults: €4 Children from 8 to 14: €2

## Audioguide:

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Twin ticket: State Apartments + Napoleonic Museum (information: +377 93 25 18 31).

Establishment not accessible to the disabled.



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Mediterranean like a
ship anchored to the Rock
of the Grimaldis, the
Oceanographic Museum
keeps its eyes firmly on the
sea to which it is entirely
and exclusively dedicated.
Born of the passion and
commitment of a "Scholarly
Prince", Albert I of Monaco

(1848-1922), it is a place for remembering and for history, a venue for learning and for exhibitions, and a centre for research and observation.

A visit to this outstanding and world-renowned museum is always an unforgettable experience.

#### Oceanographic Museum & Aquarium (continued)

The museum's impressive architecture provides a unique setting on three levels for exploring the sea world.

On the ground floor, the public steps off the street and directly into the heart of the matter. Points of interest include live presentations by scientists, temporary exhibitions and film screenings.

During the summer season,

the public is treated to the unusual sight of "The Aquarium's Nursery"!

On the first floor, an exhibition entitled "The Career of a Sailor" follows the unique trail of the Prince who founded the museum. Following in his wake, we witness the emergence of the major themes of modern oceanography, the field that he pioneered.



Activities organised by the museum.

#### **FOCAL POINTS: THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS**



Models and huge skeletons of marine mammals spring to life in spacious rooms housing inestimable collections of marine fauna

A 20-metre rorqual hangs in a pool of bright light, seemingly floating in invisible waters...

## The basement harbours

The whaler used in Prince Albert I's campaians.

the most spectacular part of the tour. The famous Aquarium is a sumptuous and fascinating sight, alive with rare species of fish in unimaginable colours and shapes. The glorious spectacle continues in the Shark Lagoon, a giant pool of 450 m³, whose inhabitants are quite at home in its coral reefs. The museum celebrated its centenary in 2010.

#### Oceanographic Museum & Aquarium (continued)





The Shark Lagoon: a giant pool containing 400,000 litres of water, with a depth of 6 metres and glass walls 30 centimetres thick.

Avenue Saint-Martin Tel. +377 93 15 36 00 Fax +377 93 50 52 97 musee@oceano.mc

### Open all year

(except on Grand Prix day):

- April, May and June from 9.30am to 7pm
- July and August from 9.30am to 7.30pm
- September from 9.30am to 7pm
- Oct. to March from 10am to 6pm

## Duration of tour:

1.30 to 2 hours

## Foreign languages spoken: Italian. English

**2012 prices:** Adults: €14 Students and young people (age 13 to 18): €10 - Children (age 4 to 12): €7.

Twin ticket: State Apartments + Oceanographic Museum (information: +377 93 25 18 31).

Establishment partially accessible to the disabled.

#### **FOCAL POINTS: OTHER MUSEUMS**

useums and other attractions are dotted all over the Principality. Their themes are varied and original, reflecting the huge importance that Monaco attaches to the arts and history.



Transformed into a museum, this baroque chapel dates from the 17th century. It houses part of Mrs Piasecka Johnson's remarkable collection of religious art, which features masterpieces by Rubens, Zurbaran, Ribera and great Italian baroque painters.

## Visitation Chapel Museum Barbara Piasecka Johnson Collection ©

Place de la Visitation Tel. +377 93 500 700 Fax +377 97 77 57 69 museevisitation@gouv.mc

## Open every day

(except Monday) from 10am to 4pm. Closed on 1 January, 1 & 2 May, during the Grand Prix, 19 November and 25 December.

## **Duration of tour:**

20 minutes.

## Foreign languages spoken:

English, Italian, Arabic and Spanish

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €3

Students, senior citizens: €1.50 Free for children under 12.

Establishment not accessible to the disabled.

## New National Museum of Monaco Villa Sauber (E)

#### Art & Entertainment

Villa Sauber, a magnificent Belle Époque residence, hosts temporary exhibitions featuring contemporary creations alongside the Principality's historical collections.









## Villa Sauber

17, avenue Princesse-Grace Tel. +377 98 98 91 26 www.nmnm.mc

## Open every day

Open every day: 10am to 6pm in winter, 11am to 7pm in summer. Closed on 19 November, 25 December, 1 January and during the F1 Grand Prix.

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €6 Free for people under 26.

## Villa Paloma

56, boulevard du Jardin-Exotique Tél. +377 98 98 48 60 www.nmnm.mc

## Open every day

Open every day: 10am to 6pm in winter, 11am to 7pm in summer. Closed on 19 November, 25 December, 1 January and during the F1 Grand Prix.

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €6 Free for people under 26.



## New National Museum of Monaco Villa Paloma (F)

## **Art & Territory**

Nestling in a magnificent Italian garden, Villa Paloma holds temporary exhibitions featuring modern and contemporary art, architecture and design.

# Monte-Carlo Story © presents "Si Monaco m'était conté"

This theatre screens a multivision documentary film relating the authentic and thrilling story of the Princes and Princesses of Monaco.

Terrasses du Parking du Chemin-des-Pêcheurs Tel. +377 93 25 32 33 Fax +377 93 50 27 91 www.monaco-memory.com

## Screenings every day:

- January to June, September to November: 2pm, 3pm, 4pm and 5pm
- July & August: 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm and 6pm

## Annual closure:

From 1 to 25 December.



#### **Duration of film:**

30 minutes (subject to change)

Simultaneous translation into 8 languages (French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese).

#### 2012 prices:

Adults: €8 Students: €5.50 Children from 6 to 14: €3.50.

Establishment accessible to the disabled

Several interesting attractions are grouped together on "Les Terrasses de Fontvieille", forming a "Cultural Triangle".

# HSH the Prince's Collection of Vintage Cars (H)

A hundred or so prestigious vehicles are on show, ranging from a De Dion Bouton 1903 to a Lamborghini Countach 1986, via a Citroën Torpedo from the Yellow Cruise and six horse-drawn coaches, all cared for with tender loving care and ready to hit the road again!



## Zoological Garden ①

Located on the southern flank of the Rock of the Grimaldis, the garden overlooks Fontvieille Harbour. It is home to some two hundred and fifty animals representing over fifty different species including exotic birds, hippopotamuses, reptiles, primates and lemurs.



Les Terrasses de Fontvieille Tel. +377 92 05 28 56 Fax +377 92 05 96 09 www.palais.mc

Open every day from 10am to 6pm (except 25 December)

No guided tour

2012 prices:

Adults: €6 Children from 8 to 14: €3

Establishment accessible to the disabled

Les Terrasses de Fontvieille Tel. +377 93 50 40 30 Fax +377 93 50 81 73 www.palais.mc

## Open every day

- between 1 October and 28 February, from 10am to midday and from 2pm to 5pm
- between 1 March and 31 May from 10am to midday and from 2pm to 6pm
- between 1 June and 30 Sept. from 9am to midday and from 2pm to 7pm

### 2012 prices:

Adults: €5 - Children from 8 to 14 and students: €2.50.

Establishment accessible to the disabled with assistance.





## Stamp and Coin Museum ③

From the first coins minted in Monaco in 1641 and the first Monegasque stamps produced in 1885, the museum relates the entire history of the postal service in the Principality. The philatelic and numismatic collections of HSH Prince Rainier III and the Rare Stamp Room are of particular interest.

## Naval Museum (R)

With over 250 model boats, paintings and marine items, the museum brings to life the fabulous history of the sea. Outstanding models include a funeral barge found in an Egyptian tomb, legendary ships such as the liners. Titanic and France.

and the aircraft carrier Nimitz, measuring over 5 metres in length. There's even a human torpedo from the Second World Warl Les Terrasses de Fontvieille Tel. +377 98 98 41 50 Fax +377 98 98 41 45 www.oetp-monaco.com

## Open every day

9:30am to 6pm in summer 9:30am to 5pm the rest of the year

Duration of tour: 30 minutes

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €3

Children from 12 to 18 students and senior citizens: €1.50 Children under 12: free

Establishment accessible to the disabled

Les Terrasses de Fontvieille Tel. +377 92 05 28 48 Fax +377 92 16 05 84 www.musee-naval.mc

## Open every day

from 10am to 6pm Closed on 1 January and 25 December

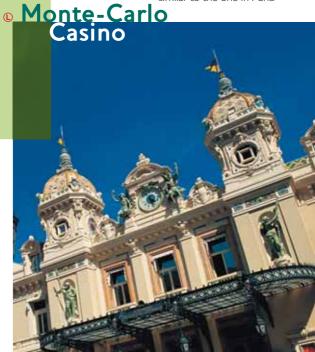
Duration of tour: 1 hour

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €4 Children from 8 to 18 and students: €2.50

Establishment accessible to the disabled

uropean Roulette earned its legendary status in this Belle-Époque jewel, inaugurated in 1863. The building was reconstructed in 1878 by Charles Garnier, who extended it by adding an Opera House similar to the one in Paris.



The Atrium, with its marble flooring and 28 lonic columns in onyx, is open to visitors. It gives into the Theatre, called the "Salle Garnier", which has been entirely renovated to stage breathtaking operas, concerts and ballets.

The gaming lounges occupy an impressive string of rooms, all admirably embellished with stained glass, sculptures, allegorical paintings and bronze light fittings.

The range of games on offer is unrivalled anywhere else in the world:

- Salon Europe: 30/40, English and European Roulette, Punto Banco.
- Private Lounges: European Roulette, Black Jack, Poker Texas Hold'em Ultimate, Punto Banco.
- Salle des Amériques : Slot machines.
- Salle Blanche: European Roulette, Black Jack.



Place du Casino
Tel. +377 98 06 21 75 or 22 92
Fax +377 98 06 57 17
www.montecarlocasinos.com

Restricted access to the Casino (minimum age 18).

ID must be carried. Smart dress in the gaming rooms.

## Open every day

from 2pm (ask for the opening hours of the gaming rooms)

## Duration of tour:

Approximately 30 minutes

## 2012 prices:

Salon Europe: €10 Supplement for access to private lounges (jacket and tie compulsory): €10.

\* Subject to change.

Establishment accessible to the disabled.

## Ni Box M

n a contemporary architectural setting, Ni Box is an innovative creative venue on several floors. Many activities and workshops, athletic tournaments, Zumba and Salsa classes, photo gallery and activities and organisation of private events in the discotheque open on the sea...

Around the Sports Bar. bowling, video games, billiards, table foot all, rooftop ice rink!
For young people: graffiti workshops, creation of accessories, Manga/Comics workshops and DJ

35, boulevard Louis-II Rond-Point du Portier Tel. +377 97 98 77 77 www.nibox.mc

Ni Box is open Tuesday, 2pm to midnight Wednesday, 12pm to midnight Thursday, 2pm to 1am Friday, 2pm to 2am Saturday, 12pm to 2am

Establishment accessible to the disabled.

Sunday, 10am to midnight.

Loyalty card for regular patrons offering 5% credit for future purchases!.



## Louis II Stadium ®

his magnificent sports complex is easy to spot, thanks to its bold yet elegant architecture. The range of infrastructures (football pitch, athletics track, multi-sports hall, Olympic pool) and the quality of the facilities make it a favourite venue for international competitions.

3, avenue des Castelans Fontvieille

Tel. +377 92 05 40 11 Fax +377 92 05 94 37 stadelouis2@gouv.mc

Guided tours (except when in use) in French, English, Italian and Spanish: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 10.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm, 4pm (5pm from 1 July to 15 Sept.) and on Wednesday at 10.30am and 11.30am.

**Duration of tour:** 1 hour

2012 prices: Adults: €5

Children (under 12) and senior citizens: €2 50

Establishment accessible to the disabled.



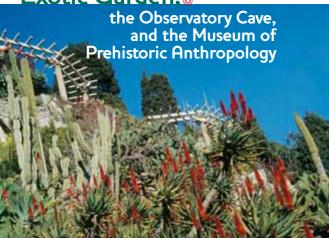
## PARKS AND GARDENS IN MONACO

Ecology, environmental protection and sustainable development are certainly not new concepts to Monaco. The Principality has always applied very high and caring standards wherever nature is concerned. Monaco boasts an outstanding variety of parks and gardens. The Principality embraces the art of the garden in all its forms, from all epochs.





Exotic Garden.



veritable Garden of Eden studded with astonishing plants nestles in an amazing setting on a rocky cliff. The biggest rock garden of succulent plants in the world was inaugurated in 1933 by Prince Louis II.

Bridges and arches cut a trail among unusual succulents with unlikely shapes and exuberant blooms.

## Exotic Garden, the Observatory Cave, and the Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology (continued)

Paths lined with a constant parade of spectacular plants are set against the backdrop of a breathtaking panorama, taking in the Principality and the French and Italian Rivieras.



The itinerary continues towards a cave nestling in the cliffside – the Observatory Cave, a cave filled with wonders!

60 meters below ground, the mineral world takes over from the plant world.
Shaped by the millennia, stalactites and stalagmites, draperies and concretions, literally blossom all around.



The tour ends with a visit to the Prehistoric Anthropology Museum, featuring the key milestones in the history of humanity: a journey through time that will thrill young and old.

62, bd du Jardin-Exotique Tel. +377 93 15 29 80 Fax +377 93 15 29 81 www.jardin-exotique.mc

#### Open all year

(except 19 November and 25 December):

- between 15 May and 15
   September from 9am to 7pm
- between 16 September and 14 May from 9am to 6pm or nightfall

#### Duration of tour:

2 hours

## Foreign languages spoken: English, Italian.

### 2012 prices:

Adults: €7

Children from 6 to 18, students: €3.70

Free for children under 6 Senior citizens (over 65): €5.40

## 3 shops for visitors:

- · Souvenirs.
- · Snack bar.
- Sale of seasonal plants.

Establishment accessible to the disabled: restricted access for wheelchairs.

# Monte-Carlo Casino Gardens (P)

Sumptuous flowerbeds embellished with water features create a festive and sophisticated atmosphere on Place du Casino.
On the other side of the Casino, by the sea, contemporary sculptures nestle on sun-drenched

terraces from where a gigantic geometric work of art by Vasarely can also be admired - an amazing multicoloured mosaic topping the Rainier III Auditorium.

Free admission.





## Japanese Garden @

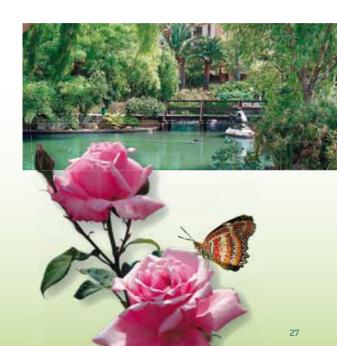
A stylised and allegorical reproduction of nature with a mountain, a waterfall and a stream. This 7,000 sq.m. authentic work of art is inspired by Zen Buddhism.

Stone, water, plants and architecture strike a harmonious chord to the beat of a gentle rhythm. Free admission from 9am to sunset.

# Fontvieille Landscaped Gardens and The Princess Grace Rose Garden ®

Palm trees, olive trees and plants from all over the globe edge a small lake in exquisitely peaceful gardens covering four hectares of land. Four thousand rose bushes create a riot of colour and scent in the Princess Grace Rose Garden, enveloping strollers in the fragrance of 150 different varieties.

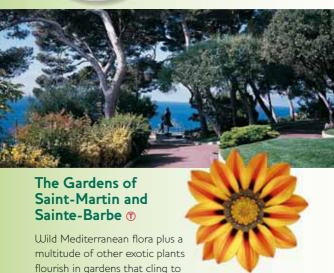
Free admission from sunrise to sunset.





# Princess Antoinette Park (§

Created in Les Moneghetti to safeguard the Principality's olive-growing tradition, this pleasantly laid-out park features olive trees that are several centuries old, a mini-golf course and a playpark for children. Free admission from 8.30am to sunset.



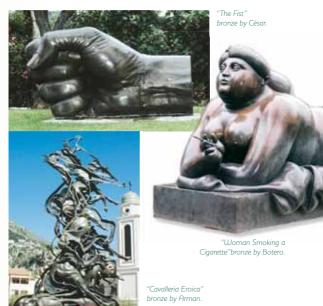
the south-eastern flank of the

Rock Free admission.

## Sculpture Trail

As if to illustrate the extent to which nature inspires art, over one hundred sculptures (including "The Fist" by César, "Adam & Eve" by Botero, and many others) adorn the parks and gardens of the Principality, particularly in Fontvieille.

Like Ariadne's thread, a "Sculpture Trail" guides us through the works of major contemporary artists from all over the world.



## Walks through the Principality

Multi-faceted Monaco can be broached from many angles, thanks to original itineraries that focus on one aspect, one specific characteristic of the Principality.

# In Princess Grace's Footsteps

An itinerary comprising 25 stages. Photos and texts in 5 languages map out initiatives undertaken by Princess Grace and pay tribute to the woman who made Monaco a world-renowned destination.

Information: Tourism and Congress Board 2a, bd des Moulins, Monte-Carlo Tel. +377 92 166 166 www.visitmonaco.com

## 

The footprints of the world's greatest footballers are symbolically moulded into the pavement along a promenade edging the sea. Located in a pleasant setting near the Japanese Gardens and the Grimaldi Forum Monaco.



Promenade du Larvotto Tel. +377 93 30 57 17 info@ipcsam.com



# Architectural Heritage

#### in Monte-Carlo

**The Casino.** Redesigned by Charles Garnier in 1878 along with the Opéra House, in the same spirit as the Paris Opéra.

## The Hôtel de Paris.

Having undergone many transformations and re-fittings since it was inaugurated in 1864, it now combines modern comfort with the charm of a grand 19th-century palace hotel.

## The Hôtel Hermitage.

Erected in 1900 in the purest Belle-Époque style, it features a banqueting hall with pink marble columns and a frescoed ceiling.

## Saint Charles' Church.

Constructed in the French Renaissance style with a 30-metre bell-tower.

Villa Sauber. Constructed at the end of the 19th century by Charles Garnier, now home to part of Monaco's New National Museum.





Architectural Heritage (continued)

## in Monaco-Ville

**The Prince's Palace.** Constructed on the site of a fortress built by the Genoese in 1215. Remodelled during the Renaissance.

**The Cathedral.** Neo-Romanesque in style, it was built in white stone from La Turbie between 1875 and 1884, under the reign of Charles III.

The Oceanographic Museum. Also built in white stone from La Turbie. Inaugurated in 1910 by its founder, Prince Albert I.

## The Law Courts.

Built in solid tufa, a porous grey stone also used to construct the ramparts.

## Chapelle de la Miséricorde

(Chapel of Divine Mercy). Consists in a single nave. The first stone was blessed in 1639, under the reign of Prince Honoré I.

Fort Antoine. Constructed at the beginning of the 18th century, destroyed in 1944 and rebuilt in 1953 at the initiative of Prince Rainier III. Today, it is an open-air theatre.

## in La Condamine

#### Sainte-Dévote Church.

Dating from the 11th century, it is dedicated to the Patron Saint of the Principality and of the royal family.

## Sightseeing Tours

Officially approved service providers offer tours and different types of visits, tailored to your expectations and your wishes.

## 

The little red and white train will show you around the Principality with commentary in twelve languages. The circuit takes you from Place d'Armes to Port Hercule, around the Formula 1 Grand Prix track, to Monte-Carlo with its casino and luxury hotels, and to the Old Town featuring the Prince's Palace and the cathedral.

The tour starts and ends opposite the Oceanographic Museum.

**Duration of the tour:** 30 minutes Tel./fax +377 92 05 64 38

## Every day (weather permitting):

- in summer from 10am to 5pm
- in winter from 10.30am to 5pm except from mid November to February

## 2012 prices:

Adults: €8 Children from 2 to 8: €4.

## Grand Tour of Monaco (W)

Discover the Principality's tourist attractions on board an open-top bus. With an all-day pass you can hop on and hop off at the 12 stops on the tour. A running commentary is provided in your language thanks to single-use, individual headsets. Starts on Quai Kennedy, boat-bus stop.

Tel. +377 97 70 26 36 info@monacolegrandtour.com

#### Every day

(except during special events):

- from 10am to 6pm.
- frequency: every 15 mn in summer until October, and every 30 mn in winter.

Prices: • Adults: €18

• Children from 4 to 11: €7.

## Limousine tours

Limousines and cars with chauffeurs who speak French, English and Italian, for excursions and evenings out.

## Monaco Prestige Limousines

Tel. 06 07 77 35 37

contact@mpl.mc

Typical price:

€130 per hour between 8am and 8pm €156 per hour between 8pm and 8am.

## **Monte-Carlo Limousines**

• at the heliport on Avenue des Ligures Tel. +377 92 05 66 00 Fax +377 92 05 28 39 • at the Fairmont Monte Carlo on avenue des Spélugues Tel. +377 93 50 82 65 Fax +377 93 50 82 75 reservation@montecarlolimousine.mc

Typical price:

Guided tour of Monaco in a Mercedes "E" class lasting one hour: €90.

## Tours in minivans

Private sightseeing tours of Monaco and the French and Italian Rivieras in a minibus with a multi-lingual chauffeur. All passenger transport. Special tours for cruise passengers.

#### **Dream Tours**

Tel. +377 97 77 87 70 or 06 11 35 92 92 Fax +09 58 60 60 11 www.dream-tours.com

## Prices for passenger transport and excursions (from 2 to 8 people):

- half day: €300
- full day: €600.

## Guided tours on foot

From the Jardins des Boulingrins and the famous "Carré d'Or", continuing on to the harbour and the famous "Rock" with the Changing of the Guard on Place du Palais.

#### Monte-Carlo Accueil

Tel. +377 97 70 89 12 Fax +377 97 70 68 44 www.montecarloaccueil.org

## Typical price:

€40 per person (mini. 2 people).

# Sightseeing tour in a helicopter

Special flights offering a bird's eye view of the Principality, La Turbie with its famous Trophy of the Alps (aka Trophy of Augustus), Villefranche-sur-Mer in the most beautiful bay on the Mediterranean, and Menton.

#### Héli Air Monaco

Tel. +377 92 05 00 50 Fax +377 92 05 00 51 www.heliairmonaco.com

## Typical price:

Sightseeing flights from €60 per person based on a minimum of 4 people.

# Excursions on the French and Italian Rivieras

Half-day and full-day excursions in a minibus for eight with a multilingual chauffeur/guide. Covering the French Riviera, Monaco, Nice, Cannes, St-Paul-de-Vence, St-Tropez, Antibes, Èze and Italy.

## Liven Up

Reservations: 06 11 540 999 Tel. +377 97 97 17 16 www.greattours.livenup.fr

## Typical price:

Tour of Cannes, Antibes and Saint-Paul-de-Vence: €65 per person.



As an international destination renowned for its lifestyle, panache and sophistication, Monaco obviously hosts all of the major luxury brands. But the Principality also exerts its irresistible powers of attraction on new designers...

## in Monte-Carlo

Prestigious brand names line the streets around the casino in the Cercle d'Or and the Galerie du Park Palace. A FNAC and over 80 boutiques are to be found in the Métropole shopping mall, opposite the Casino Gardens. Further luxury shops and restaurants are located nearby, on Boulevard des Moulins, Boulevard d'Italie, Avenue Saint-Charles and Avenue Princesse Grace.

## in Monaco-Ville

Over fifty shops dotted around Monaco's Old Town offer a wide range of Monegasque souvenirs.

## in La Condamine

Just a stone's throw from Port Hercule, in a typical neighbourhood, the shopping zone of La Condamine boasts over 200 shops, arranged around a market, Rue Grimaldi and Rue Princesse Caroline.

#### in Fontvieille

36 shops are grouped together with a Carrefour hypermarket and a McDonald's in the Fontvieille shopping mall. The quaysides in the port are also lined with restaurants and boutiques.

## Markets

You will find all the charm and brightly coloured stalls of traditional Mediterranean markets at La Condamine market and Saint Charles market, every day from 6am to 2pm.

- La Condamine market Place d'Armes
- Saint-Charles market Avenue Saint-Charles

# Escapades around Monaco

The Principality's location makes it a wonderful starting point for trips brimming with charm, colour, tastes and fragrances in the hinterland, the French Riviera and Italy.



## Walks

- From the Monte-Carlo Beach to Cap Martin, along the Promenade Le Corbusier. An extremely picturesque path along the sea front. Duration (there and back): 3 hours. Good for jogging.
- From the Monte-Carlo Beach to Monaco harbour along the sea front. On the esplanade overlooking the beaches of Le Larvotto, the gardens stretch from Boulevard Louis-II to the Grimaldi Forum. Don't miss the footprints of the world's best footballers.

Duration: approximately 40 min.

- From Fontvieille to Cap-d'Ail (Mala Beach). The path, barely above the sea, is edged with a rich display of flora and dotted with residences steeped in the aura of the Belle Époque.

  Duration (there and back): 3 hours. Good for jogging.
- La Via Alpina is a network of paths that link the Principality of Monaco at one end, to the town of Trieste in Italy at the other. In Monaco, the main itinerary starts and ends on Place du Palais. The trail, which is clearly signposted, continues on French soil to La Turbie.



## Half-day excursions

Location on the map of the Monaco region at the end of the brochure.

- ① Beausoleil: The Riviera
  Palace with its elegant frontage
  bears witness to Belle-Époque
  architecture. Just a stone's
  throw from Monaco, it affords a
  panoramic view of the Principality.
  Viewing of the glass veranda
  designed by Eiffel on request. 3 km.
- ② Roquebrune-Village: Former Monegasque territory. At an altitude of 300m, this medieval village, topped with a 10thcentury fortress, offers a splendid panorama of the Principality and Cap Martin. 6 km.
- **3 La Turbie:** The Trophy of the Alps dating from 6-7 BC is a masterpiece of Roman art. 8 km.
- (a) Exe-Village: A fortified village crowned by the ruins of its fortress overlooking the peninsula of St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat. 10 km.

- (5) Menton: A town of gardens, where superb plants prosper in sumptuous settings (Palais Carnolès, Le Val Rameh, Villa Maria Serena, Fontana Rosa, etc). Jean Cocteau Museum. The Wedding Hall at the Mairie 10 km
- (a) Sainte-Agnès: The highest coastal perched village in Europe (altitude of 780m) dominating the Bay of Menton and ranked among the most beautiful villages in France. Tour of the Maginot Fort. 21 km.
- **Beaulieu-sur-Mer:** Villa Kerylos, a villa built in 1902 to recreate the atmosphere of an ancient Greek home: frescoes, mosaics, reproductions of works of art, valuable furniture, etc. 11 km.
- Willefranche-sur-Mer:
  Overlooking the bay, the Saint-Elme citadel dates from the

Elme citadel dates from the 16th century. The Chapel of Saint Peter (Saint-Pierre) decorated by Jean Cocteau. 14 km.

- 9 Le Cap Ferrat: Ephrussi de Rothschild Museum. 13 km.
- (1) Nice: La Promenade des Anglais; the Old Town with its flower market; the castel hill; Marc Chagall Museum; the Roman Arena in Cimiez; Matisse Museum; Phoenix Flower Park with its giant greenhouse; Asian Arts Museum... 18 km.





## Full-day excursions

- (1) The Italian Riviera: Tour of the typical market in Ventimiglia on Fridays, continuing on to San Remo, capital of the "Riviera dei Fiori". 22 km.
- (2) Roya-Bevera Valley: A key stage on the Baroque itinerary, harbouring over a dozen religious monuments between Sospel, Breil-sur-Roya, Saorge, Fontan, La Brigue and Tende. 30-50 km.
- (3) Hauts-de-Cagnes:

A medieval town with its Grimaldi Château-Museum (L4th century) hemmed in by ramparts. The Renoir Museum (Renoir's house "Les Colettes" and its 2.3-hectare olive grove). 30 km.

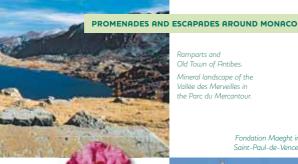
(4) Vence and Saint-Paulde-Vence: The Maeght Foundation; Château Notre-Dame des Fleurs (botanical gardens for perfumes); Perfume and Liqueur Museum (11th century). 40 km.

- (6) Antibes: Stroll along the ramparts designed by Vauban; visit the Picasso Museum (over 200 works); marine attractions and show at Marineland. 40 km.
- (6) **Biot:** Fernand Léger Museum; traditional glass studios. 42 km.
- (7) Cannes: La Croisette and the Palais des Festivals; the Old Port; the Old Town, called Le Suquet, with its museum (Musée de la Castre).

## Sail to the Isles of Lérins:

Sainte-Marguerite with the Royal Fort where the Man in the Iron Mask was imprisoned; and Saint-Honorat with its monastery. 50 km.

- (18) Vallauris: National Picasso Museum; pottery and ceramics workshops. 51 km.
- (9) Grasse: Explore the city of perfumes, its museum dedicated to the Art and History of Provence, and Villa Fragonard. Visit a perfumery. 56 km



Ramparts and Old Town of Antibes.

Mineral landscape of the Vallée des Merveilles in the Parc du Mercantour.

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## **Mountains** and Nature

- 20 The Gorges du Loup lead up to the village of Gourdon, an eagle's nest perched at an altitude of 758m (17th-century château, history museum, naive art museum), 70 km.
- 21 The Caves at Saint-Cezaire in the Gorges de la Siagne. 70 km
- 22 Vallée des Merveilles.
- 23 Vésubie Valley.
- 24 Tinée Valley... (for hikers). 80 to 100 km.
- 25 Gorges du Verdon: canoeing, rafting, fly fishing in season, 100 km.
- 26 Visit Côtes de Provence vineyards in the Var. 80 to 120 km





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