

Princesse Grace

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See Monaco in a different light.



08 Place de la Mairie
The Old Town's narrow medieval streets hide a number of surprises, including the picturesque Place Saint Nicolas, Placette Bosio, the Cathedral and the Church of Mercy.



09 Place de la Visitation
Set in a 17th century baroque chapel, the Museum of the Chapel of the Visitation houses works by Rubens, Zurbaran and Ribera, taken from the Barbara Prisaeca-Johnson collection.



10 Chemin des Pêcheurs
Visit 18th century Fort Antoine, now an open-air theatre. The "Monte-Carlo Story", a multivision show retracing the complete history of Monaco up to the present day, can be found at the Chemin des Pêcheurs car park.



11 Square Théodore Gastaud
Just a stone's throw from the charming Rue Caroline pedestrian area, Square Théodore Gastaud and its bandstand provide a hub for relaxation and public entertainment in summer. Don't miss the fountain with its entwining dolphins by Ange Zagoni (1913-1995).



12 Quai Albert I^{er}
Site of the original colony of Monoikos, Port Hercule is now the setting for business and sporting events such as the F1 Grand Prix, the Monaco International Showjumping Competition and the Monaco Yacht Show.



13 Church of St Dévote
Dedicated to the Patron Saint of the Principality and its Royal Family, the church was built in the shelter of the Gaumates Valley, near the spot where the tiny boat carrying the body of Corsican martyr St Dévote ran ashore in the 4th century.



14 Avenue J.F. Kennedy
Formerly Quai du Commerce, the thoroughfare was split in two to create what is now Quai des Etats Unis, on the port side, and Avenue J.F. Kennedy, on the road side.



15 Avenue d'Ostende
The lower section of this sharp climb is home to some of the oldest villas built in Monte Carlo in the 19th century. The nearby Princess Grace Theatre provides year-round performances on a par with the best Paris has to offer.



16 Casino Terraces
Built on land owned by Société des Bains de Mer, created by François Blanc in 1863 and dating back to the origins of Monte Carlo, this superb promenade shelters the majestic Monte-Carlo Casino and theatre, designed by renowned architect Charles Garnier.



17 Spélugues District
Built on piles overlooking the sea, this architectural complex with its hotel and residences includes the Rainier III Auditorium, whose terraced roof features the multi-coloured "Hexa Grace" mosaic by Victor Vasarely.



18 Japanese Garden
In accordance with the wishes of Princess Grace, the Garden, designed by the architect Yasuo Beppu, was opened in 1994. It offers a real haven of calm through a perfect blend of stone, water and plant features.



19 The "Golden Foot" Promenade
Near the Grimaldi Forum, the Champions Promenade is a tribute to footballing legends. Further along, on Avenue Princesse Grace, Villa Sauber houses an art exhibition every summer showcasing the fascinating world of automatons and dolls of yesteryear.



20 Larvotto District
With its resolutely modern architecture, the Larvotto coastal district, built in the 1970s, has significantly boosted the attraction of Monaco both in terms of tourism and real estate.



21 Sporting Monte-Carlo
Renowned for its famous 'soirées', such as the Rose Ball and the Red Cross Gala, the Salle des Etoiles hosts an unparalleled calendar of events during the Summer Sporting Festival.



22 Boulevard des Moulins
Now a residential area with a number of shops, this major thoroughfare takes its name from the three oil mills and four flour mills that were for the most part operational up until the end of the 19th century.



23 Avenue de la Costa
In 1875, Avenue de la Costa provided access to the Casino and the various hotels of Monte Carlo. The Princess Grace Academy of Classical Dance, founded in 1975, lies half way along the street.



24 Exotic Garden
Opened in 1933, the Garden contains an impressive collection of 7,000 specimens of cacti and succulents from Africa and Latin America, and houses the Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology and Observatory Cave, 60 metres below.



25 Avenue Pasteur and Boulevard de Belgique
The former Albert I Hospital, founded in 1902, underwent a series of transformations that turned it into a state-of-the-art care unit. A little further along, on Boulevard de Belgique, Princess Antoinette Park has a mini-golf course and games for children amid hundred-year-old olive trees.



01 Louis II Stadium
Opened in 1985, the stadium seats up to 20,000 spectators for French Ligue 1 football matches and UEFA cup games. Other highlights on the stadium's sporting calendar include international athletics and swim meetings.



02 Princess Grace Rose Garden
A tribute to Princess Grace's favourite flower, this landscaped park contains 4,000 rose bushes featuring some 180 different varieties, all nestled within the 57-acre Fontvieille district, built on land reclaimed from the sea.



03 Fontvieille Shopping Centre
In addition to its shops, Fontvieille's terraces are a showcase for HSH Prince Rainier III's Collection of Classic Cars, the Stamp and Coin Museum, the Naval Museum and the Zoological Garden.



04 Place d'Armes
For a taste of traditional Monaco, visit the Condamine Market, filled with Mediterranean flavour and open every day from 6am to 2pm. Enjoy the eye-catching façades of the surrounding houses.



05 Palace Square
Changing of the Guard every day at five minutes before noon. The State Apartments are open to visitors from April to October. The southern wing houses the Museum of Napoleonic Memorabilia and the Palace's Collection of Historical Archives.



06 Cathedral
Devoted to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Monaco Cathedral is the burial place of the Grimaldi Princes and features a superb retablo created by Nice painter Louis Bréa in 1500.



07 Oceanographic Museum
Founded in 1910 by Prince Albert I, the building houses marine flora and fauna collected by the Prince through his exploratory work. The building's aquarium, famous for the variety and rarity of its fish, sits below the museum and features an outstanding shark lagoon.



01 September 24: HSH Princess Grace visits children at the Notre Dame de Fatima day nursery, set up at Her behest to care for children between the ages 3 and 6 whose parents work during the day.



02 December 26-30: 1st Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival: prizes awarded by Their Serene Highnesses Prince Rainier III, Princess Grace and Princess Stéphanie.



03 November 19: National Holiday: French League Championship football match between Monaco and Reims at the former Louis II Stadium.



04 October 4: Their Serene Highnesses Princess Grace and Crown Prince Albert leave for Paris.



05 April 18: Civil marriage ceremony between Their Serene Highnesses Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace of Monaco.



06 April 19: Official church wedding between Their Serene Highnesses Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace at Monaco Cathedral.



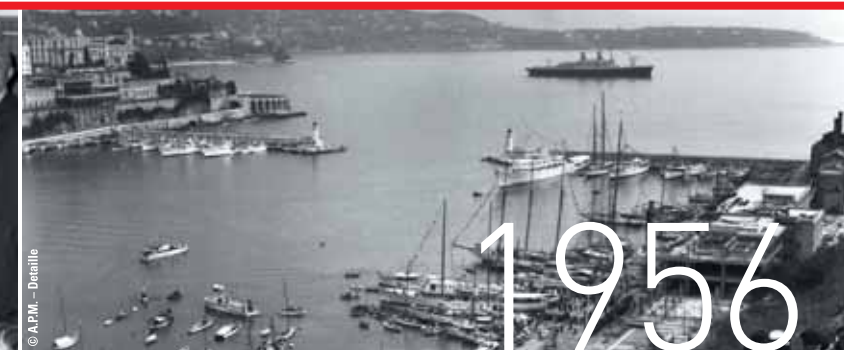
07 April 14: Inauguration of the Homme sous la mer (Man below the sea) exhibition at the Oceanographic Museum. Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Director of the Oceanographic Museum, greets Their Serene Highnesses.



08 HSH Princess Grace takes HSH Princess Stéphanie to school, rue Comte Félix Gastaldi.



09 January 12: Their Serene Highnesses Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace visit a primary school for boys in Monaco-Ville.



10 April 12: Ms Grace Patricia Kelly arrives in Monaco harbour aboard the "Constitution". A huge crowd surrounds the port to greet the future Princess of Monaco.



11 January 22: Inauguration of the new building for Public Safety. HSH Princess Grace, the organisation's figurehead, cuts the symbolic ribbon.



12 April 12: The Sovereign Prince takes His yacht, the Deo Juvante II, out to meet His fiancée, Ms Grace Patricia Kelly.



13 January 27: Feast of St Dévote, patron saint of Monaco: traditional burning of the boat decorated in the colours of Monaco.



14 March 15: Inauguration of Avenue John F. Kennedy, in memory of the late US President.



15 December 17: Inauguration of the Princess Grace Theatre: HSH Princess Grace initiated the renovation of the former Salle des Beaux Arts, unused since 1956, which was reopened as the Princess Grace Theatre.



16 December 29: Gala evening in Salle Garnier to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Les Ballets Russes: HSH Princess Grace and Serge Lifar after a performance of Claude Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun".



17 November 22: The Loews Monte Carlo Hotel (now the Fairmont Monte Carlo Hotel) opens its doors on the site of the former Monte-Carlo railway station.



18 November 26: Planting cherry trees – a gift from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture – in the new Larvotto gardens, developed on land reclaimed from the sea.



19 December 2: Inauguration of Avenue Princesse Grace, which runs along the length of the Larvotto district from Portier to the Monte-Carlo Beach.



20 June 28: Inauguration of the new Maona and Jimmy's de la Mer nightspots at the Monte-Carlo Sporting Club d'Été: HSH Princess Grace dances with Plácido Domingo.



21 September 27: Visit to the site of the future Monte-Carlo Sporting Club d'Été, opened in 1974.



22 December 20: Recording of an appeal broadcast in aid of the World Association of Children's Friends (Association Mondiale des Amis de l'Enfance – AMADE) at the Prince's Palace. Founded in 1963 by HSH Princess Grace, AMADE aims to help and support underprivileged children and improve living conditions for children all over the world.



23 November 17: Inauguration of the new Monaco Red Cross headquarters at 27 boulevard de Suisse. HSH Princess Grace became president of the association in 1958.



24 June 6: Accompanied by their three children and guided by Exotic Garden Director Marcel Kroenlein, Their Serene Highnesses Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace unveil the Monaco Pavilion at the Floralies Internationales de Paris.



25 September 6: Visit to new buildings housing the Princesse Grace Hospital Centre and inauguration of the Telecobaltherapy Unit run by the Monaco Red Cross.