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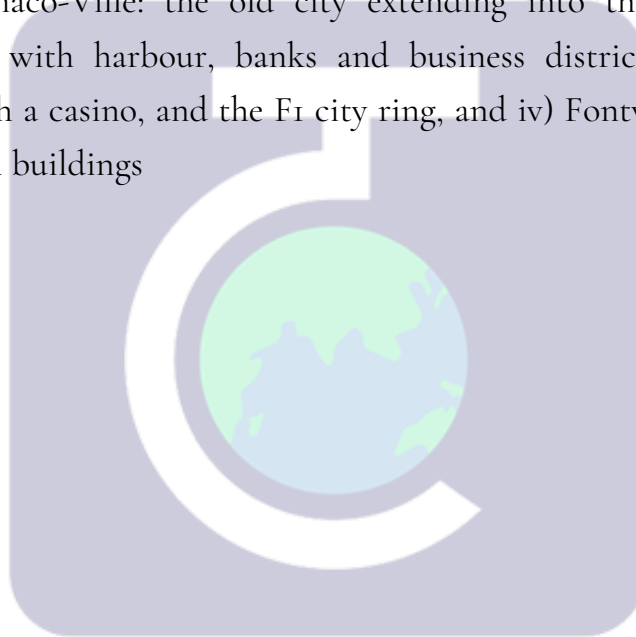
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1. Geographical location

With a total area of barely 2 square kilometers, Monaco is the second smallest independent state in the world (after the Vatican). The tiny country lies in Western Europe on France's southeastern coast. France borders the country on three sides while one side borders the Mediterranean Sea. It is also very close to the Italian border. The terrain of this primarily urban country is mostly rocky and rises from the coast to the mountain range. The country is divided into four areas: i) Monaco-Ville: the old city extending into the Mediterranean; ii) La Condamine: new town with harbour, banks and business district; iii) Monte-Carlo: the principal resort area with a casino, and the F1 city ring, and iv) Fontvieille: newly constructed residential and industrial buildings



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Cities/ Towns Lying Closest To Monaco Are Cantaron (9 Kms), Menton (9.6 Kms), Nice (13 Kms), Alpes-Maritimes (30 Kms), Antibes (49 Kms), Cannes (54 Kms), Saint Tropez (133 Kms), Genoa (140 Kms) And Genoa, Italy (180 Kms) To Name A Few.



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3. Significance

Monaco is specially noted for its amazing natural scenery and mild, sunny climate. It is also world renowned for its annual Formula 1 Grand Prix, which is held every year in the month of May since 1929 and attracts visitors from farthest corners of the world. The region is also home to numerous large marinas for luxury yachts, gorgeous sandy beaches and renowned eateries specializing in French and Italian cuisine.



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4. History

The Ligurians were the first ancient people who settled in Monaco at the end of the Paleolithic period, evidence of which has been found in a cave in St. Martin's Gardens. At the end of the 12th century B.C., the Romans occupied the region. During this time, Phoenician and Carthaginian sailors also brought prosperity to Monaco. After the fall of the Roman Empire in the 5th century A.D., the region was regularly sacked by different barbarian populations. The coast slowly started to repopulate after the expulsion of the Sarrasins.



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5. Cultural identity

The culture of Monaco is strongly influenced by its neighbors - France, Italy and Spain. It has a national museum of contemporary visual art, an opera house, a symphony orchestra, a classical ballet company as well as numerous works of public art, statues, and memorials etc. The region is also known to have an amazing array of world-class galleries. Festivals and music performances span throughout the year. The Grand Prix de Monaco, a Formula 1 car race held in the streets of Monte Carlo in the month of May, is one of the principality's most famous cultural events and attracts thousands of spectators.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Monaco's only natural resource is fishing. With almost the entire country being an urban area, Monaco lacks any form of commercial agriculture industry.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Nouveau Musée National de Monaco

A museum of contemporary visual art, the Nouveau Musée National de Monaco or the New National Museum of Monaco sheds light on the cultural, historical and artistic heritage of the Principality of Monaco. It holds 2 exhibitions annually.

Address : 17 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7442741, 7.4307483000000005

Contact : +377 98 98 91 26

Website : <https://www.nmmn.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Full price NMNM ticket (Villa Paloma + Villa Sauber): €6 Group of minimum 15: €4 Free entrance on the first Sunday of each month

Open & Close Timing : June to September: Daily 11:00hrs-19:00hrs October to May: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

Also known as the Jacques Cousteau Museum, Oceanographic Museum Of Monaco is a masterpiece of the country's identity. It is a museum of marine sciences with collections of marine fauna collected by Prince Albert I. It is located on Le Rocher, almost 90 meters above sea level and consists of 3 aquariums: the Tropical Aquarium, Mediterranean Aquarium, and Shark Lagoon.

Address : Avenue Saint Martin, Monte-Carlo 98000, Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.730705, 7.425447999999996

Contact : +377 93 15 36 00

Website : <http://www.oceano.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults (19yrs and above): €11- €16 (depending upon the season)
Teenagers (13-18 years old and students): €7 - €12 (Depending upon the season)
Children 4-12 years old: €7 - €8 (Depending upon the season)
Open & Close Timing : October to March: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs April to June:
10:00hrs-19:00hrs July and August: 09:30hrs-20:00hrs September: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs
Time Required : 2
Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Prince's Palace of Monaco

Built in 1191, Prince's Palace is the official residence of the Prince of Monaco. It has been bombarded and besieged by many foreign powers and later rebuilt to its present-day glory. The palace is worth a visit for its architecture, especially for its Italian-style gallery, imposing Throne Room and 15th-century frescoes.

Address : Place du Palais, Monaco-Ville 98015, Monaco

Zipcode : 98015

Location : 43.7314751, 7.419862700000067

Contact : +377 93 25 18 31

Website : <http://www.palais.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Children (8-14 years) and students: €4 Paired ticket with Classic Car Collection: Adults: €11.50 Children (8-14yrs) and students: €5

Open & Close Timing : April, May, June, September and October:
10:00hrs-18:00hrs July and August: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Closed from 1st November to 1st April

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Casino Monte Carlo

They say there is no casino more exuberant and famous than the Casino de Monte Carlo in Monaco. Essentially a gambling and entertainment complex, this casino has a wide range of table games and over 1,000 slot machines. Spin your wheel of fortune and try your luck and this mecca of gambling. Note: Proper attire is

required for entry in the casino (No shorts, sports shoes or flip flops). Jackets are recommended after 8 pm.

Address : Casino de Monte-Carlo - Place du Casino - MC 98000 Principality of Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.73943250000001, 7.428552200000013

Contact : +377 98 06 21 21

Website : <http://www.casinomontecarlo.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Free entry for Cercle Monte-Carlo Players Club cardholders (Photo ID required)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-12:00hrs (For tours) Casino: 14:00hrs-02:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Stade Louis II

Stade Louis II is the long-standing home of both AS Monaco and the Monaco National Football Team. It has a capacity of more than 18,000 and also offers a 30-minute guided tour of the facilities of the stadium.

Address : 7 Avenue des Castelans, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.72758830000001, 7.415495899999996

Contact : +377 92 05 40 11

Website : <http://www.stadelouis2.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €5 Reduced rate (Children under 12 and people above 65): €2.50

Open & Close Timing : September to June: Monday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs Tuesday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs Wednesday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs Thursday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs Friday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs July to August: Monday – 10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs-17:00hrs Tuesday –

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10:00hrs-11:30hrs-14:30hrs-16:00hrs-17:00hrs		
Time Required : 2		
Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes		
Buy Ticket : Yes		

7.1.6. Opéra de Monte-Carlo

Monaco's opera house - Opéra de Monte-Carlo, is essentially a part of the Monte Carlo Casino. It was built by architect Charles Garnier in 1870. If you are a fan of architecture and design, the opera is a must-see. Note: The opera season runs from January through March. Tickets go on sale in November.

Address : Casino Monte-Carlo, Place du Casino, 98000 Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.73897439999999, 7.428082799999997

Contact : +377 98 06 28 00

Website : <http://www.opera.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Free entry for Cercle Monte-Carlo Players Club cardholders (Photo ID required)

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Monaco Top Cars Collection

Exhibition of HSH The Prince of Monaco's Vintage Car Collection is an automobile museum in the Fontvieille district on the Terraces de Fontvieille of Monaco. The remarkable collection contains around 100 classic cars from carriages to Formula 1 race cars made in Europe and the United States of America. The exhibition is a must visit for every automobile enthusiast.

Address : 5, Terrasses de Fontvieille, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7302591, 7.416735399999993

Contact : +377 92 05 28 56

Website : <https://palais.mc>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6.50 Children (8-14 years), Students: €3

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Last Admission at 17:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Marineland

Spread over a sprawling area of 26 hectares, Marineland is the largest theme park founded in 1970 in the French Riviera. Say hello to dolphins at the zoological park which is an abode to a dolphinarium. Whether you splash water at the amazing waterpark, let your kids entertain themselves at the play park, or try your hand at the mini golf, this land offers something for every age and you can even stay at the 3-star hotel here. The major highlights are the dolphin shows that keep the crowd entertained and a large shark tank to closely interact with the ferocious sea creature. Attracting 1.2 million visitors annually, Marineland should definitely be on your list while visiting Monaco.

Address : 306 Avenue Mozart, 06600 Antibes, France

Zipcode : 06600

Location : 43.61401199999999, 7.1262762999999972

Contact : +33 892 42 62 26

Website : <http://www.marineland.fr/fr>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Biot Train Station

Entry Fee : Combination tickets: Adult: €44.40 to €49.40 Children (3-12): €36 to €40 Free entry for children below 3 years of age on presentation of age proof

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The park usually opens at 10:00hrs and closes anywhere between 17:00hrs-22:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 12

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Saint Nicholas Cathedral

Popularly known as the Cathedral of Monaco, Saint Nicholas Cathedral is the national cathedral built in 1875 on the site of a 13th-century church. Dedicated to Saint Nicholas, this spiritual abode is the hub of the religious and cultural life in the beautiful city of Monaco and also a setting for many national events.

Address : 4 Rue Colonel Bellando de Castro, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7302901, 7.4226780000000019

Contact : +377 9330 8770

Website : <http://www.cathedrale.mc/>

Nearest Public Transport : Monaco-Ville Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Fort Antoine

Fort Antoine is an early 18th-century fort with stunning seascapes and a popular tourist destination in Monaco. It was destroyed during the Second World War and was rebuilt by Prince Rainier III in 1953. The fort is now home to open-air theatre performances in the summer with a seating capacity of over 350 people. Admission is free except for shows.

Address : Avenue de la Quarantaine, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7330974, 7.4280638000000018

Contact : +377 93 15 80 00

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Sainte Dévote Chapel

Sainte-Dévôte Chapel is a renowned 11th-century Catholic chapel dedicated to Saint Devota, the patron saint of Monaco. It is located close to the Monaco-Monte Carlo train station and as per the legend, in approximately the same place where the boat with the martyred body of the Saint was beached and where her cadaver was buried. The chapel is a key local attraction and offers scenic views of the surrounding area.

Address : 1 Rue Sainte-Dévôte, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7375768, 7.420878799999969

Contact : +377 93 50 52 60

Website : <https://www.saintedevotemonaco.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Monaco Fine Arts

Founded by the Formula 1 racing driver and British curator, Michael McKee in 1976, Monaco Fine Arts is a contemporary art gallery specializing in Renoirs and historical impressionist paintings. It exhibits paintings and sculptures from the 1800s till date. The gallery is conveniently located at the centre of Monte Carlo.

Address : Palais de la Scala, 4th Floor, Suite 1177, 1 Avenue Henry Dunant, Monaco

Zipcode : 1177

Location : 43.7388443, 7.424708300000002

Contact : +33 680 869 681

Website : <http://www.monacofinearts.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. St Paul's Anglican Church

St. Paul's Church is a must-see when visiting Monaco. This is where Princess Grace and Prince Rainier were married and then buried. The church is located just a short walk from the Oceanographic Museum and houses various statues including that of St. Charles and St. Anthony of Padua.

Address : 22 Avenue de Grande Bretagne, 98000 Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7432325, 7.429047500000024

Contact : +377 93 30 71 06

Website : <https://www.stpaulsmonaco.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Jardin Japonais

Jardin Japonais or the Japanese Garden gives you a taste of a mini-Japan in the middle of Monaco. Located very close to the Casino Square and the Larvotto Beach, the garden exudes tranquility and is definitely worth a casual evening stroll or an undisturbed conversation. It was set up by Yasuo Beppu, the winner of the Flower Exhibition of Osaka 1990.

Address : Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7423271, 7.430868299999929

Contact : +377 93 15 22 77

Website : <https://www.visitmonaco.com/fr/A-voir,-A-faire/Jardins>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:45hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Larvotto Beach

Larvotto is among the most beautiful and popular beaches of Monaco. A major highlighting feature of the beach is that it has pebbles rather than sand. Also noteworthy is that it stays packed with locals and tourists during peak months of July and August, so if you want to indulge in some outdoor sporting on the beach,

it is recommended that you book well in advance.

Address : Larvotto Beach, Monte-Carlo 98000, Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7461819, 7.43387410000000255

Contact : +377 93 50 05 02

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Jardin Exotique de Monaco

Jardin Exotique is a botanical garden located on a cliff-side in Monaco on the Mediterranean coast between Nice and Menton. The garden covers 3 acres and offers a panoramic view of the Rock of Monaco, the Port of Monaco, Monte Carlo and Italy. There is a variety of cacti and succulents, some even as big as the ones in Mexican desserts. Additionally, there are interesting caves and a small museum too.

Address : 62 Boulevard du Jardin Exotique, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.73135, 7.413946000000001

Contact : +377 93 15 29 80

Website : <https://www.jardin-exotique.mc/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Le Métropole Shopping Center

Located close to Monte Carlo Casino and Opera de Monte Carlo, Le Métropole is home to some of the most premier fashion and lifestyle stores in the region. You will be spoilt with options, for here are close to 80 boutiques in this shopping complex.

Address : 17 Avenue des Spélugues, 98000 Monaco

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.74100699999999, 7.4283820000000056

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Avenue de Monte-Carlo

If you fancy designer brands like Hermès, Christian Dior, Gucci and Prada, look no further than Avenue de Monte-Carlo. This celebrated street houses a majority of the prestigious fashion labels.

Address : Avenue de Monte-Carlo, 98000 Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7382234, 7.4276843999999755

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Avenue des Beaux-Arts

Avenue des Beaux Arts is considered to be among the most exclusive and expensive shopping streets in the world. It attracts fashionistas from all over the world and houses high-end French and Italian retailers such as Yves Saint Laurent, Bvlgari and more.

Address : Avenue des Beaux-Arts, 98000 Monaco, France

Zipcode : 98000

Location : 43.7393661, 7.426750299999981

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Monaco is a great place for water-sporting enthusiasts. The region offers a wide range of adventurous activities to tourists such as sailing, snorkeling, scuba diving, boat trips etc.

- **Sailing -**

Address : Quai Louis II, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.737353,7.42796399999997

Contact No : +377 93 10 63 00

Website : <http://www.yacht-club-monaco.mc/en/home-en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fees : Day-boat rental starts at about €200 for upto 6 people

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Monday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

- **Skiing -**

Address : 28 Quai Jean-Charles Rey, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.728544,7.42041189999997

Contact No : +377 97 77 82 86

Website : <http://www.montecarloskiclub.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare de Monaco Train Station

Entry Fees : Starts at €5

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football and Hockey are among the most popular sports in Monaco. The Louis II Stadium and The open-air Rainier III Nautical Stadium are the two most important stadiums in the region. The biggest sporting event in the region is the Monaco Grand Prix, which takes place every May.

- **Stade Nautique Rainier III:**

Address : Route de la Piscine, La Condamine district, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.734562,7.422317000000021

Contact No : +377 93 30 64 83

Website : <https://mairie.mc>

- **Monte-Carlo Golf Club:**

Address : Route du Mont-Agel, 06320 La Turbie, France

Location : 43.76353969999999,7.412885500000016

Contact No : +33(0)492 41 50 70

Website : <https://fr.montecarlosbm.com>

Open/Close time : Open 24 hours

10. Spas and relaxation

When in Monaco for a vacation, it is advised that you escape from the chaos of the city at least once to relax and rejuvenate yourself with a top European spa! Some of the luxury hotels around Monaco also provide spa treatments.

- **Spa Cinq Mondes - Monte-Carlo Bay:**

Address : Hotel Monte-Carlo Bay, 40 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monte Carlo, Monaco

Location : 43.74906600000001,7.43756499999995

Contact No : +377 98 06 01 80

Website : <https://www.cinqmondes.com>

- **Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo:**

Address : 2 Avenue de Monte-Carlo, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.737437,7.426767000000041

Contact No : +377 98 06 69 00

Website : <https://www.thermesmarinsmontecarlo.com/>

- **Château de La Chèvre d'Or:**

Address : Rue du Barri, 06260 Eze Village, France

Location : 43.727315,7.361860999999976

Contact No : +33 4 92 10 66 66

Website : <https://www.chevredor.com/>

- **Hotel Metropole:**

Address : 4 Avenue de la Madone, 98000 Monaco, France

Location : 43.740935,7.427933899999971

Contact No : +377 93 15 15 15

Website : <http://www.metropole.com/en/spa-montecarlo/metropole-espa>

- **Port Palace:**

Address : Quai des Etats-Unis, 7 Avenue J.F. Kennedy, 98000 Monte-Carlo, France

Location : 43.7371697,7.424146400000041

Contact No : +377 97 97 90 00

Website : <https://portpalace.net/beauty-spa/spa/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Monte Carlo Spring Arts Festival

Among the most exciting cultural events of Monaco is the Spring Arts Festival. It lasts for four to five weekends and celebrates art, music, theater and dance at various different venues throughout the Principality. It was started in 1984 and continues to grow bigger and better every year.

Rose Ball

Rose Ball is one of the major charity events in Monaco. It is hosted by the Monaco Royal Family to raise money for the Princess Grace Foundation.

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Formula One Monaco Grand Prix

The Monaco Grand Prix is a Formula One motor race held each year on the Circuit de Monaco. It is the biggest event in the principality and attracts approximately 100,000 spectators and passionate drivers from all over the world.

Monaco Yacht Show

The Monaco Yacht Show (MYS) is an annual 4-day trade show, where some of the newest luxury yachts are put on display. It has been one of the most iconic events of Monaco since 1991.

Annual Jazz Festival

Combining tradition and innovation, Annual Jazz Festival is the autumn's essential music event in Monaco. The festival brings together internationally renowned jazz musicians from all over the world at the Opéra de Monte-Carlo.

Monte Carlo Gastronomy Fair

Gastronomy Fair is a 3-day trade fair with wine and culinary demonstrations. Going strong

since the last 19 years, this culinary event attracts visitors from far and wide.

Christmas and New Year's Eve

Christmas and New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show everywhere in the city, in hotels, restaurants and even in the streets. The fireworks display is worth a sight.



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12. Key local guides and tours

Although Monaco is compact and best explored on your own, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience. There are many kinds of private tours (thematic tours, historical tours, day trips, food and beer tours etc.) available. Typical day tours on the French Riviera involve gazing out over the deep blue waters of the Mediterranean, walking through the city's narrow streets, exploring the historical buildings, indulging in outdoor activities and relishing the rich cuisine of the Mediterranean. Tours can be customized as per your preference. i) Franck Balbi Frank graduated as a National French tour guide at the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis in 2004. He is well versed with the region and offers quality 'Monaco: Alcyon Riviera Touring' to its clients. ii) Robert Dahan Robert is a licensed tour guide with a rich experience in the country. He specializes in all kinds of tours around French Riviera and can also arrange transportation on request. iii) Michel Legrand Michel has been providing guided tours on the French Riviera since the last 15 years. He is a National licenced tour guide & lecturer (Nice University) and specializes in historic tours.

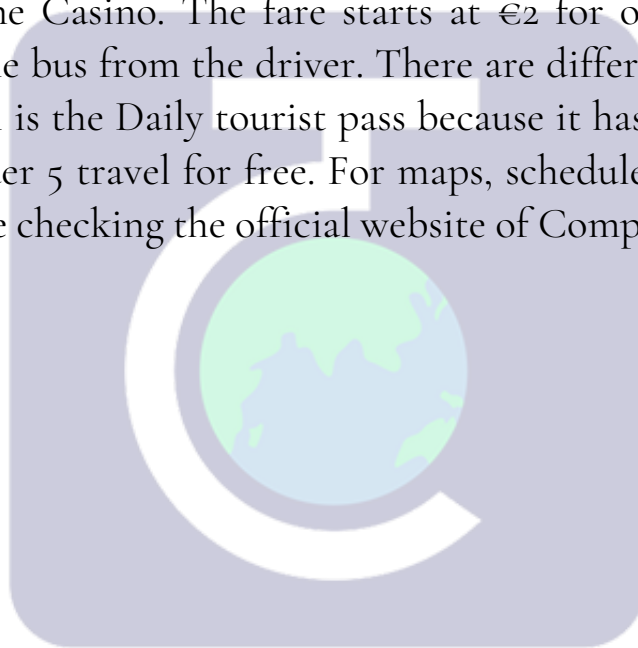
13. Transportation hubs

Airport Monaco does not have its own international airport. The closest airport is The Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport which is just 24 kilometers away from Monaco. It is connected by the Express 110 bus (Single fare €22, time 45 minutes), helicopter (Single fare €130, time 7 minutes), train (Single fare €3-€5, time 50 minutes), taxis (Single fare €90, time 40 minutes). It should be noted that during the Formula 1 Grand Prix weekend, all prices go up. Express bus 110 departs twice per hour from Nice-Côte d'Azur Airport (NCE) from 08:45hrs to 21:15hrs. Helicopter flights total around 70 scheduled (and more private) transfers every day. Railway Station Monaco - Monte-Carlo is the only railway station in the Principality of Monaco. It is entirely underground and has many exits leading to different parts of the principality. Port There are two ports in Monaco - Port Hercules and one in Fontvieille. There are seasonal ferry lines like the one from Nice to Saint-Tropez.

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14. Transportation cost

Monaco is a compact and rather rocky region, best explored on foot as almost all key attractions of the city are located within walking distance. That said, the Monaco bus company - Compagnie des Autobus de Monaco (CAM) offers you the possibility to explore the principality. The network covers all major tourist attractions including museums, exotic garden, business centers, the Louis II Stadium and even the Casino. The fare starts at €2 for one ride, but you can purchase a pass on the bus from the driver. There are different passes with 4 and 8 rides. The best deal is the Daily tourist pass because it has no ride limits and it costs €6.25. Kids under 5 travel for free. For maps, schedules and any changes in routes, you might like checking the official website of Compagnie des Autobus de Monaco.



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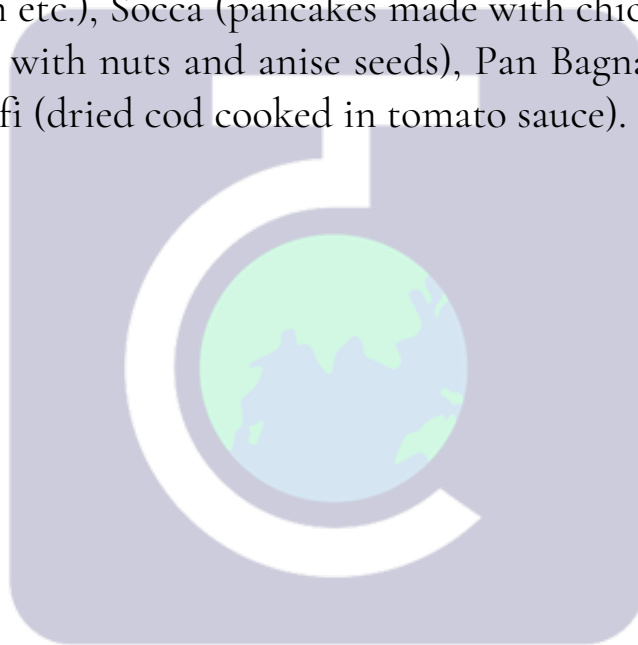
Luggage carries a surcharge of up to €5 per bag. There is enough space in local buses for standard luggages to fit in and while there is no set limit on the amount of baggage you can carry on public transport in Monaco, it is recommended that you travel light. Backpacks are most convenient to carry around the city.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Despite its Mediterranean roots, the local recipes of Monaco have both French and Italian influences. Due to the country's location, seafood dominates the menu. Among these fish, cod and anchovy are the most common for food, although various others exist. Fresh vegetables are also common and found in nearly every dish. Regional specialties of Monaco include Barbagiuan (sweet pastry filled with rice, cheese, pumpkin etc.), Socca (pancakes made with chickpea flour), Fougasse (sweet pastry topped with nuts and anise seeds), Pan Bagnat (Salad Nicoise in a sandwich), and Stocafi (dried cod cooked in tomato sauce).



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Huit & Demi:**

Address : 4 Rue Langlé, 98000 La Condamine, Monaco

Location : 43.733261,7.419415200000000

Contact No : +377 93 50 97 02

Website : <https://www.huitetdemi.mc/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 12:00hrs-14.30hrs,
19:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Quai des Artistes:**

Address : 4 Quai Antoine 1er, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7325299,7.423790199999998

Contact No : +377 97 97 97 77

Website : <https://www.quaidesartistes.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14.30hrs, 19.30hrs-23:00hrs

- **La Romantica:**

Address : 3 Avenue Saint-Laurent, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7435075,7.4280234000

Contact No : +377 93 25 65 66

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 17:00hrs-late Sunday: 12:00hrs-late

- **La Vigie Lounge & Restaurant:**

Address : Monte-Carlo Beach Hôtel, avenue princess Grasse, 6 190 Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France

Location : 43.7510086,7.441217100000001

Contact No : +33 4 93 28 66 66

Website : <http://fr.monte-carlo-beach.com/restaurants-bars/vigie/>

Open / Close Time : 17:00hrs-late Closed on Monday

- **Las Brisas:**

Address : 40 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000, Monaco

Location : 43.7488150999999,7.438724200000002

Contact No : +377 98 06 03 63

Website : <http://www.montecarlosbm.com/restaurants-in-monaco/terraces-seaview/las-brisas/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-15:30hrs

- **La Montgolfière:**

Address : 16 Rue Basse, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7310743,7.422766200000006

Contact No : +377 97 98 61 59

Website : <https://www.lamontgolfiere.mc/>

Open / Close Time : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

12:00hrs-13.45hrs, 19.45hrs-21.30hrs

- **Maya Bay:**

Address : 24 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7487607,7.43675610000002

Contact No : +377 97 70 74 67

Website : <https://www.mayabay.mc/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-14:00hrs, 19.00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Pizzéria Monégasque:**

Address : 4 Rue Terrazzani, 98000 Monte Carlo, Monaco

Location : 43.73241420000001,7.420389200000045

Contact No : +377 93 30 16 38

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 19.00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Jimmy'z Sporting Monaco:**

Address : 26 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco, France

Location : 43.7470342,7.43819600000006

Contact No : +377 98 06 70 68

Website : <https://www.jimmyzmontecarlo.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 23.30hrs till late

- **La Rascasse:**

Address : 1 Quai Antoine 1er, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7325788,7.42314490000001

Contact No : +377 98 06 16 16

Website : http://www.larascassemontecarlo.com/?lang_nav=fr

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-04.45hrs

- **Le Bar Américain:**

Address : Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Place du Casino, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7388108,7.42759709999995

Contact No : +377 98 06 38 38

Website : <http://www.montecarlosbm.com/bars-lounge-and-night-club/bar-america/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs-02:00hrs

- **Blue Gin:**

Address : 40 Av. Princesse Grace, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7488150999999,7.43872420000002

Contact No : +377 98 06 03 60

Website : <http://www.montecarlosbm.com/bars-lounge-and-night-club/blue-gin/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 06.30hrs-02:00hrs

- **The Living Room Club:**

Address : 7 Avenue des Spélugues, 98000 Monaco

Location : 43.7406504,7.428063999999949

Contact No : +377 93 50 80 31

Open / Close Time : Daily 23.30hrs till dawn

Index**18. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: €30 ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for minimum 2 people): €100 ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €10 ● 0.5 liter draught beer: €6



Index**19. Shopping**

Monaco is undoubtedly one of the most prized luxury capitals in the world. The leading names in fashion were quick to set up in the Principality and today the region is home to some of the most prestigious labels in haute couture, perfumes and jewellery.



20. Tourist benefits

VAT rate in Monaco ranges between 10- 20%. International travelers can reclaim the Value Added Tax paid over goods provided they spend a minimum of €175 (in one shop) on goods that they export within 90 days of their purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Global Refund is the most common in the country. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



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21. Essential local apps

'MONACO BUS' is a useful CAM buses mobile app to check timetables and bus routes. It also helps you check arrival times for CAM buses in real time. 'My Monte-Carlo – Monaco Guide' also comes handy while traveling through the Principality of Monaco.



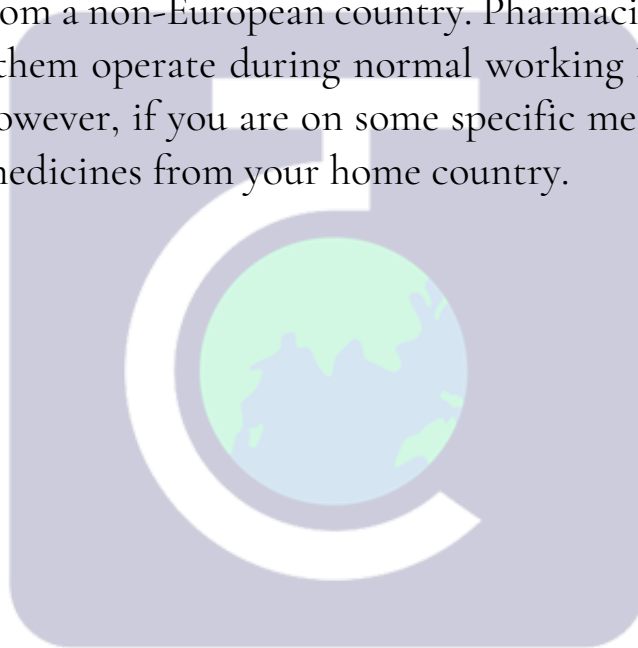
22. Driving

Streets in Monaco are narrow and steep, and buildings are constructed into the hills in limited amounts of space. Hence, driving in the city center can be somewhat intimidating. However, if you still wish to drive around the country, make sure you are familiar with the road safety rules, traffic laws and road signage in the region. The legal driving age in the city is 18. The driver must hold a full license for minimum 2 years with no major endorsements as well as an International Driving Permit (IDP).



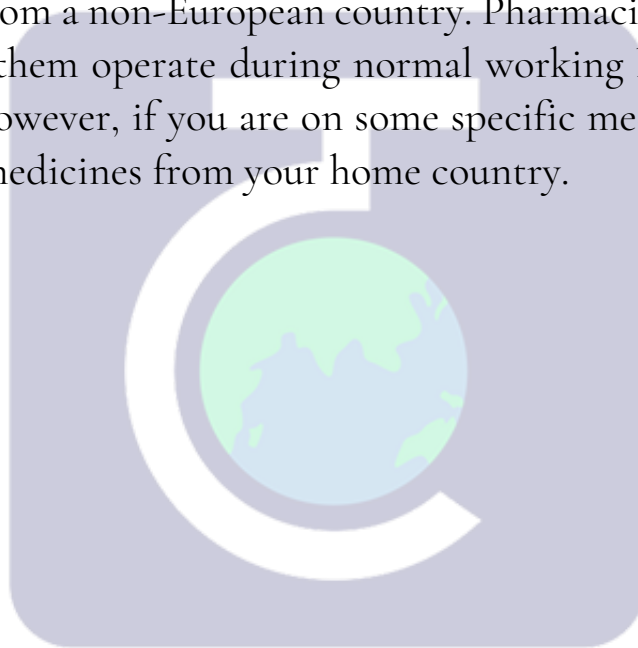
23. Travel essentials

The standard electricity supply in Monaco is 220-240 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and Type F" Schuko. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Monaco. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in Monaco. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country.



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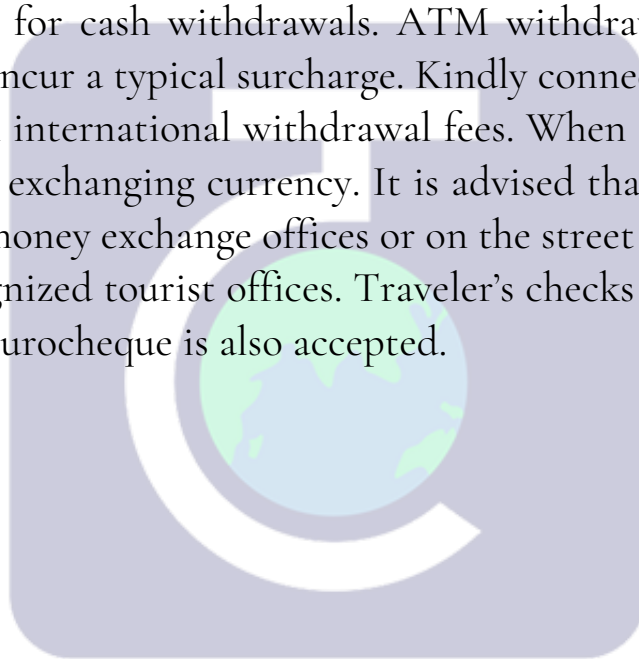
25. Local currency

Monaco uses the Euro as its form of currency. Until recently, Monaco minted its own coins, called the Monegasque franc, which were produced until 2002. 1 USD = €0.90



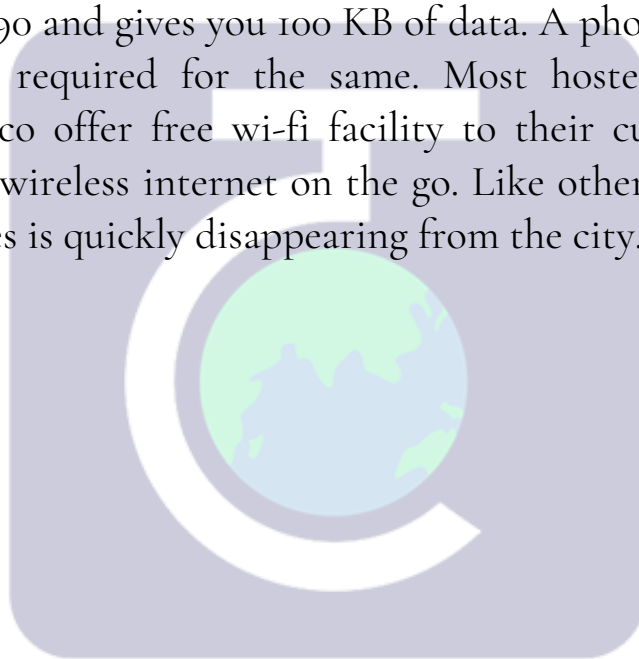
26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted at most stores and restaurants. But you will need cash for smaller purchases. Some big stores also accept euros. For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. ATM withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees. When in Monaco, you must be very careful while exchanging currency. It is advised that you never exchange money at unofficial money exchange offices or on the street but instead at a well-known bank or recognized tourist offices. Traveler's checks are also a safe way of transporting funds. Eurocheque is also accepted.



27. Staying connected

Monaco Telecom is the main telecommunications provider in Monaco. There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a new SIM card. A starter set prepaid card will cost you around €19.90 and gives you 100 KB of data. A photocopy your passport or ID card will be required for the same. Most hostels, hotels, cafes and restaurants in Monaco offer free wi-fi facility to their customers. Some local trams also offer free wireless internet on the go. Like other European cities, the trend of internet cafés is quickly disappearing from the city.



28. Time Zone

Monaco falls under the Central European Time Zone (UTC +01:00). It observes Daylight Saving Time (CEST), UTC +2.



29. Languages

French is the official language in Monaco and Italian is the second most widely spoken language in the country. Monégasque (natively Munegascu) is also spoken. It is a mixture of French Provençal and Italian Ligurian and the national language of the Monégasque people. English is also widely spoken and understood in the country.



30. Political Scenario

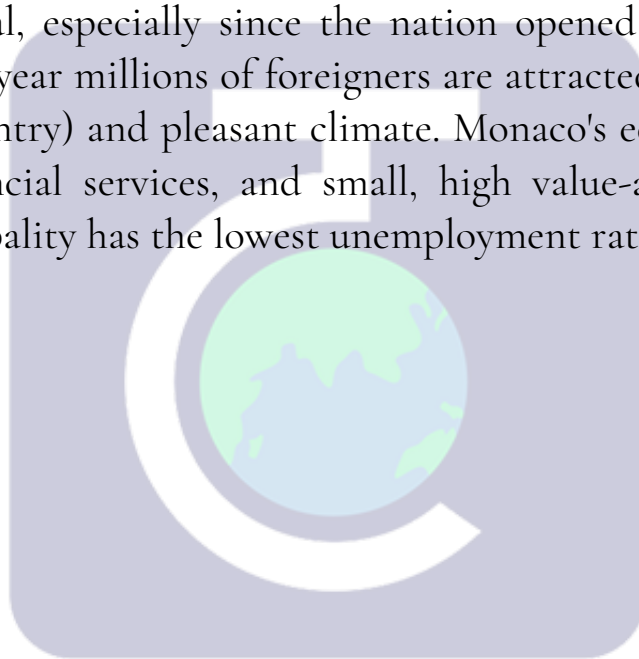
Monaco is a constitutional monarchy and a principality, which means the monarch holds the title of prince or princess. The Government structure is a hereditary constitutional monarchy, as governed by the Constitution established on December 17, 1962. The executive branch consists of a Minister of State as the head of Government, who presides over a five-member Council of Government. There is no geographical distinction between the State and City of Monaco, although responsibilities of the Government (state-level) and of the municipality (city-level) are different.



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31. Economic Scenario

Monaco is one of the richest countries in the world, with the highest GDP nominal per capita. The principality scrapped income taxes back in 1869 primarily because the casino brought in enough money. Other tax rates for companies and individuals are also exceptionally low. No wonder, Monaco, today, is a popular base for rich people from around the world. Tourism drives Monaco's economy a good deal, especially since the nation opened its casino in Monte Carlo in 1856. Every year millions of foreigners are attracted to its casino (where citizens are denied entry) and pleasant climate. Monaco's economy also depends on real estate, financial services, and small, high value-added, non-polluting industry. The principality has the lowest unemployment rate at 0%.



Index**32. Religious belief**

Approximately 90% of the population of Monaco is Roman Catholic. The country has the highest number of Jews, after Israel, as a percentage of its population. The people of Monaco are extremely warm and friendly. Approximately 22% are native Monegasque, 35 percent French, 18% Italian, and another 25% consist of various other nationalities.



33. Visa requirements

Foreign nationals who hold a residence permit issued by a Schengen State are authorized to enter and stay in Monaco. Holders of a valid Schengen visa covering France or a visa with limited territorial validity (LTV) for France are also permitted to enter and stay in Monaco. Passports are necessary to enter and leave both France and Monaco. Visas are not required for US citizens for visits of less than 90 days. For longer visits, you might like to contact the nearest French embassy or check online at www.ambafrance-in.org/Visas-for-Monaco



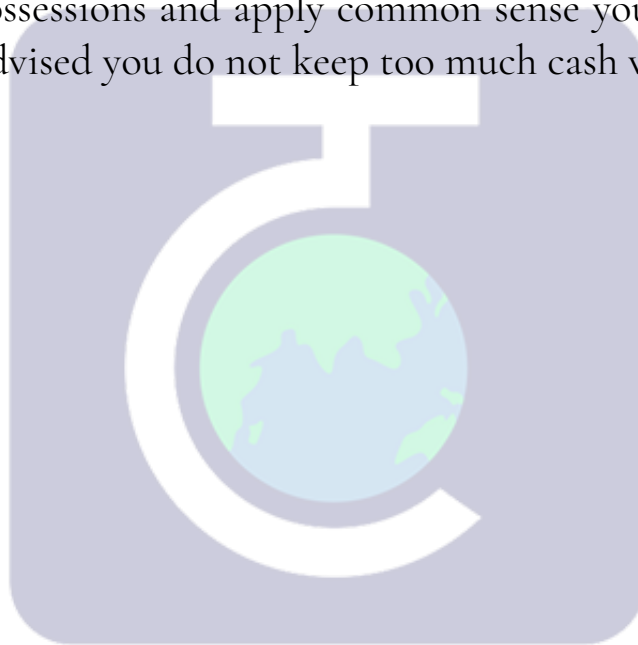
34. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to the Principality of Monaco, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Monaco is pretty safe for a European city and is virtually a crime-free location. There is one police officer for every 68 people in Monaco, which implies that the region has the largest police force and police presence in the world. The principality has excellent CCTV coverage and is never really abandoned (even at night) but it makes sense to be careful especially if you are traveling alone. If you keep tabs on your possessions and apply common sense you should not face any problems. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you.



36. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassies in Monaco. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/monaco>



37. Accessibility

Despite minor cobblestones and minor hills, Monaco offers good disabled access to wheelchair users. Most tourist attractions are a short walk/roll from the cruise dock and can be reached using step-free routes. Most hotels and restaurants/ cafes are also able to comfortably accommodate people with disabilities.



38. Emergencies

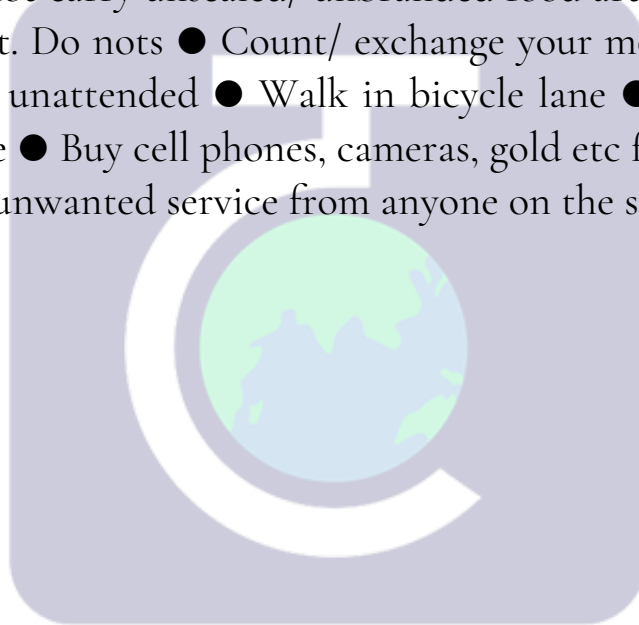
Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Monaco's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Hospital Center Princesse Grace is a major hospital in Monaco. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112



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39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's ● Ask for the prices or menu before ordering ● Carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Lock your bike properly ● Carry some cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards ● Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys. ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Do not's ● Count/ exchange your money on the street. ● Leave your valuables unattended ● Walk in bicycle lane ● Spit on the road ● Leave tip on the table ● Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street ● Accept any unwanted service from anyone on the street



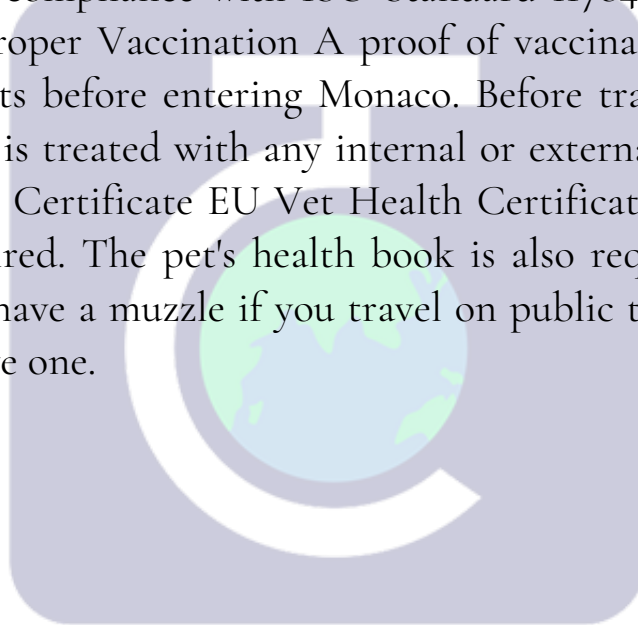
Index**40.Tipping basics**

Generally, when eating out in Monaco, your bill will include a service charge and no extra tip is expected from visitors. However, if you found the service to be exceptional, it is not entirely uncommon to add an additional tip of up to 10%, but it is not necessary.



Index**41.Pet info**

Monaco is regarded as a favourable country for dog friendly holidays. The natives love dogs and compared to other countries like China where most eating joints do not allow pets inside, people can take their pets to almost all public places (parks, restaurants, hotels etc) in Monaco. The following information should be kept in mind while taking your pets to Monaco: i) Pet Microchip Your pet must have a microchip in compliance with ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. ii) Proper Vaccination A proof of vaccination against rabies is required for your pets before entering Monaco. Before traveling, please ensure that your dog or cat is treated with any internal or external parasite infections. iii) Health Book and Certificate EU Vet Health Certificate from an accredited Veterinarian is required. The pet's health book is also required for inspection. Note: The pet must have a muzzle if you travel on public transport. You can be fined if you don't have one.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

With its amazing, temperate weather, luxury hotels, designer boutiques, world's most beautiful casino and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean; Monaco is always on the radar of billionaires, industrialists and film stars. This beautiful, little gem is a haven of luxury anyone can visit and search out within the limits of an average budget. The world famous Monaco Grand Prix and the Monte Carlo Rally are the two major sports events attracting crowds to Monaco. So, if you are a beach person with a penchant for auto racing and roulette, Monaco won't disappoint!



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