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General leisure tourism destination presentation Monaco is Like Nowhere Else.

Monaco is not just a destination; it is the experience of a lifetime.

For more than a century, it has been an aspirational symbol of luxury and glamour, renowned for its safety. What the country lacks in size, it makes up for in history, culture, entertainment and character. Today it is reinventing itself while preserving its environment.

The Principality offers world-class hotels, exclusive shopping, a variety of museums, sumptuous gastronomy and cocooning spas; it is the place where the most eclectic desires materialize... which is what we need most at a time when hedonistic experiences are scarce.

Whether you are looking for a romantic or family gateway, a city break or a revitalizing experience, **Monaco is Like Nowhere Else.**



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General presentation – Monaco in a few words

For the past 150 years, Monaco has been the prime destination for the most selective travelers. This country nestled between sea and mountains perfectly cultivates this clever blend of a Principality that is reinventing itself, while remaining faithful to the elements that make up its DNA. Through the decades, Monaco has continuously developed a broad offering of services catering to the most exclusive of experiences, combining both innovative concepts and internationally renowned historic establishments, perpetuating excellence.

Thus, to continue to welcome visitors from all over the world in the best conditions, the Prince's Government has created the Monaco Safe certification, a real pledge of health safety and confidence for customers and visitors to the various establishments that are open to the public. Visitors will thus be able to discover the Principality while enjoying both security and peace of mind. At the heart of a period where attention to the traveler is more than essential and where resilience is key, Monaco wants to be responsive.

Cocooning spas or gastronomic delights, romantic getaways or weekends with the family, it is on these two square kilometers that the most eclectic desires materialize ... which is what we need most at a time when hedonistic experiences are scarce.

Between the exceptional density of Michelin-starred restaurants, the prestigious events taking place throughout the year or the many havens of peace scattered within its hotel establishments, the Principality cannot to be outdone. But Monaco is also a home, where you can taste local specialties at the counter and you can relax with your family in our many open spaces. Where the heart of the city beats there is also shopping for all, where adults and children alike will find what they are looking for. Everyone will be able to marvel at the unique aquariums of the world famous Oceanographic Museum, stroll through the many traditional and exotic gardens of the Principality or travel through time with the collection of cars of HSH the Prince of Monaco.

As the Principality continues to both fascinate and entertain, it is also seeking to become a leader in sustainable tourism. Having been involved in efforts to prevent climate disruption and protect the oceans for several decades, and especially since the accession of H.S.H. Prince Albert II in 2005, Monaco is putting in place eco-friendly actions. This is reflected in a comprehensive state policy, through an approach that includes all local tourism stakeholders, from restaurateurs to hoteliers.

In other words, whether you are traveling to Monaco by yourself, as a couple, with family or friends: **Monaco is Like Nowhere Else.**



Key facts and figures on Monaco – Did you know ?

- Unlike most nations, Monaco is one of the rare countries where its citizens are fewer than the foreign residents are. There are only 9300 Monégasques versus a whopping 38 600 residents from all corners of the world. **Monégasques only represent 24 % of the total population of Monaco.**

- Talking about our cherished residents, they constitute a beautifully diverse demographic in Monaco, coming from **139 different countries** out of all 193 countries worldwide. Our Principality has become the home to so much diversity and culture and we are proud to carry this badge.

- We also pride ourselves on our guarantee of safety and service while you stay with us in Monaco, and to achieve that, we enroll **over 1,5 police officer per 100 inhabitants**, making Monaco one of the safest cities in the world.

- Very few other places can boast about having **300 days of sunshine a year!** Monaco is your sunny haven when things get gloomy elsewhere.

- Urban landscapes does not have to mean the absence of nature! Monaco makes for a peaceful place to be with over **20% of its territory covered with green spaces.**

- History is rich in Monaco, Prince Albert II took the throne in 2005, continuing **over 700 years of Grimaldi Reign.** This wealth of History and culture can be witnessed on almost every inch of the **2.1km square nation.**

- Last but not least, although History is essential to Monaco, so is looking towards the future. A sustainable future that is. Indeed, our sovereign Prince has committed the nation to a **2050 carbon neutral goal** that all sectors of the Principality are striving to meet.



Experiencing Monaco to the fullest

Once you have chosen to spend your holidays with us in Monaco, there is a multitude of ways to enjoy what the Principality has to offer! To this effect, we have created specific itineraries catered to your every need and aspiration. Indeed, however you travel to Monaco, as a family, as newlyweds, as friends looking for fun or as seasoned romantic partners, Monaco will exceed your expectations.

■ Visiting Monaco with your Romantic partner?

Enjoy a romantic getaway on the legendary Rock and soak up all the glamour and excellence of Monaco, for an experience like no other.

After a 7-minute helicopter flight from the International Nice Côte d'Azur Airport to Monaco, flying over the French Riviera and the Mediterranean Sea, you arrive at the Hotel Columbus Monte-Carlo (***). A recently completely renovated boutique hotel in a residential district of Monaco, its warm atmosphere is perfect for relaxing a few moments after a journey.

For your first romantic evening, start with dinner in the intimate luxury of the Grill at the Hotel de Paris, a unique venue where you can savor the most refined food while skies literally open to you as the ceiling opens for you to enjoy the stars with your exquisite meal. After dinner, you can sip champagne and even perhaps have fun trying your hand with a few chips on the green carpets at the legendary Monte-Carlo Casino.

After that first night, start the day with breakfast across from the Princess Grace Rose Garden. Take a morning tour of the old town, Monaco-Ville, and explore the Oceanographic Museum or the Cathedral of Monaco. After watching the traditional Changing of the Guard at 11.55am, you can have lunch at Le Castel Roc, ideally located across from the Prince of Monaco's Palace.

Dedicate your afternoon to relaxation, with a half-day at Les Thermes Marins de Monte-Carlo, where you will appreciate the establishment's expertise in wellbeing, its swimming pool with a view on Port Hercule or its Jacuzzi on the terrace

For your last night in Monaco, you'll be looking for some fun. Go to Quai des Artistes, a Brasserie of Parisian inspiration, with its wonderful seafood, before ending your evening nearby, at the legendary La Rascasse bar, which features live music and great cocktails.

• For more information, please click [here](#)



■ **Seeking to taste the best cuisines in the world?**

Savour the finest cuisine in the Principality's best restaurants, or charm your palate by tasting some traditional Monegasque specialties.

Settle in at the Port Palace (****) for this sweet escape among Monegasque scents and flavours. After arriving in the morning, have a pleasant, tasty lunch at one of only two Gaia restaurants in the world (the other one being in Dubai), where you will get a unique taste of Greek cuisine. Then, take a nice walk to world-famous Place du Casino and the new One Monte Carlo district, and stop at Mada One to sample some of their famous Mad'Champagne Tea.

At the Yoshi restaurant (1-star) with its rare Japanese cuisine, rewarded with a Michelin star, you can enjoy dining in the cosy atmosphere devised by the architect Didier Gomez. Founded by Joël Robuchon who said of the restaurant: One comes here by curiosity, is enticed by the products' quality and meets there for pleasure. For the final touch, let yourself be tempted by an after-dinner drink or a glass of wine at the Wine Palace, at the Yacht Club de Monaco, just across from your hotel.

At Cova, you will delight in a refined breakfast served in a private 'lounge' atmosphere. For the sake of gastronomy, you won't want to miss the traditional La Condamine market where, under the red and yellow parasols, you can see, smell and touch fresh products on the stands of market gardeners who have been coming here for centuries. As you go along, you won't want to resist sampling local specialities: Barbagiuàn, Pissaladière and Socca. Then, we suggest you stroll up to the Rock. There, nestled between grand Mediterranean pines, and overlooking Fontvieille harbor since 1953, the Castelroc has become a historical landmark. Enjoy their traditional delights, from their veranda facing the Prince's Palace or while enjoying the breathtaking views of their terrace. Nearby, in a quaint pedestrian street of the old town, the gastronomic Montgolfiere, a little family - run restaurant, is the perfect counterpoint to all the trendy and 'bling' places in Monaco!

You can further pursue your day of gustatory exploration at La Chocolaterie de Monaco, chocolate makers since 1920, official suppliers of the Prince's Palace, and bring back a fine box bearing the Principality's colours. At the Tea Shop, you can take a break by sampling one of the 130 teas from the world over available à la carte and why not take your favourite home with you?

Continue your gastronomic journey by discovering the Maya Jah restaurant, where Mediterranean cuisine meets oriental flavours. Chef Mustapha El Hajraoui, sublimates traditional and contemporary recipes with the desire to create and surprise guests. Maya Jah reveals an elegant and delicate space allowing an escape with a thousand and one scents in two universes that complement each other harmoniously. While summering, we invite you to



bid farewell to Monaco by visiting the beach of the Méridien Beach Plaza (****), at the Balinese-style Alang Bar, to start sipping delectable cocktails with your feet in the sand.

• For more information, please click [here](#).

■ **Forge some of the greatest memories of your lives with your friends while in Monaco!**

Take advantage of a few days among friends to share special moments unlike any you will ever experience elsewhere.

Whether you want to sit at a table, discover Monaco by cycling through the streets or enjoy the pleasures of Nature along the 'balconies overlooking the Mediterranean Sea', the Principality will offer you unforgettable moments.

Get a feel for the local nightlife by starting your evening at Port Hercule to sip craft beer at La Brasserie de Monaco. Then go to the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort (****) to enjoy a signature cocktail by the Sea at the Blue Gin, along with finger food carefully concocted by Chef Marcel Ravin. To unwind in a unique venue, what better choice than the Buddha Bar? Just a stone's throw from the Casino, you can indulge in delicious cocktails while enjoying its relaxing lounge-bar atmosphere, on the terrace.

During the day, you can take a different tack to discover the Principality and roam the streets on Monabike electric bicycles to explore the landmarks along the Formula 1 circuit: Sainte-Dévote curve, climb up Avenue d'Ostende, the hairpin turn or the famous tunnel! After all that effort, it's time to relax at La Condamine market with its many colours and smells around local culinary specialties like the inevitable Barbagiuàn (local fritters). Then, spend the afternoon hiking around the towering Tête de Chien mountain to admire the sunset or discover Monaco from a boat on the Mediterranean Sea...

To end this Monegasque getaway, you can choose from different atmospheres, as you like at the Novotel Monte-Carlo (***) in the city-center, the Méridien Beach Plaza (****) for its private swimming pool and beach or the iconic Monte-Carlo Beach (*****) with its water sports. For more information, go to our partners' websites to begin organizing your stay in the Principality!

• For more information, please click [here](#)



■ **Traveling with kids? Monaco is the place to learn, explore and enjoy with the whole family gathered together!**

Take advantage of the wide range of activities and events available year round in an environment as safe as it is enchanting.

From the fascinating world of the Oceanographic Museum in Monaco-Ville to the prehistoric displays at the Museum of Anthropology, or the temporary exhibitions at the New National Museum of Monaco (NMNM), there is something to satisfy all tastes and all passions

If you would like to discover Monaco in the wink of an eye, what could be more appropriate than a ride on the little train (Monaco Tours) or a Hop-on Hop-off bus (Monaco Le Grand Tour) where you can get on and off as you please all day long. And if your teenagers are restless for action, you can always ride a bike, don a helmet and set out for a visit of Monaco's streets and alleys.

Later, you'll be able to recall those wonderful moments of sharing around a convivial table in the Halle Gourmande at La Condamine market or on the Port, where the fine food of Stars'n'Bars will delight the entire family's palates (extra bonus points for the wonderful sustainability actions the Stars'n'Bars puts in place). Or, you can choose the lively atmosphere of Mozza, an Italian Trattoria in Le Larvotto district. Then, you can take advantage of a well-deserved rest by the lagoon at the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort (****), in the heart of Monaco at Hôtel Novotel (***) or in the exceptional setting of Hôtel Hermitage (*****).

• For more information, please click [here](#).

■ **Coming to Monaco to break free from worries or to rejuvenate?**

With the sun, the sea and the mountains, relaxing in the Principality is a real pleasure. Both for the practice of a sport and for a relaxation stay, many excellent structures and beauty institutes available in Monaco, will meet all your expectations. Stay in Monaco for a well-being getaway where you can lounge around a swimming pool or on the beach, relax in one of the hotel spas, taste local products from organic vegetable gardens that grow in hotel gardens or on the roofs of neighboring buildings. For the more physically active of you, you can explore the city on foot or by electric bike. Monaco will surprise you with the quality and diversity of its offer dedicated to wellness.

The Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort (****) welcomes you for a wellbeing getaway in Monaco. The hotel features all the infrastructure for such an experience: an outdoor lagoon connected to a covered swimming pool, a fitness room, the 5 Mondes Spa and its incomparable products as well as the Blue Bay restaurant (2-stars), where Chef Marcel Ravin prepares exotic fare with products from the organic vegetable garden on the hotel grounds, run by Terrae.



For your first evening, you do not need to go very far for dinner, just a few steps away to the Elsa restaurant, where the Chef offers a menu featuring strictly organic products. You can then go to end your night-time outing with a cocktail made with organic honey at the Hotel Métropole (*****) Odyssey-terrace.

After a good night's sleep, breakfast on the terrace and perhaps a massage or some fitness care to start the day, you can set out to explore Monaco, on foot or on a bicycle (thanks to the Monabike service). You can go to Fontvieille at the opposite end of the country to sample local oysters at Les Perles de Monaco. You may even be lucky enough to sip liqueur in an ice-cold frosted glass at L'Orangerie, a sustainable project created to avoid wasting bitter oranges.

For an afternoon of relaxation, sunshine and enjoyment, go up to Nikki Beach Club at the Hotel Fairmont's rooftop. Deckchairs, cocktail, sunlight, swimming pool and 'lounge' music will punctuate a recreational afternoon in the heart of town, overlooking the sea. And to make the most of your last moments in Monaco, plan on an exciting dinner at COYA restaurant, with its unique Peruvian cuisine and renown Pisco library, let Chef Victoria Vallenilla take you on a culinary adventure.

• For more information, please click [here](#).

Find more detailed itineraries and different ways to enjoy your wonderful time in Monaco, please click [HERE](#).



New and notable

Over these recent years, Monaco has striven to continue developing its high quality offering so that when the visitors returned, not only would they reconnect with their favourite aspects of the Principality but they would also find themselves enjoying new features in the Monaco travel world.

Here are the latest developments to help you to plan your travel:

■ **Fast and Furious**

For the second time Monaco hosted in two months three Grand-Prix races in 2022. This year will be exceptional since past, present and future were showcased in 3 prestigious events in the streets of the Principality: Monaco E-Prix (30 April), Monaco Historic Grand-Prix (13-15 May), and Monaco Formula 1 Grand-Prix (26-29 May).

■ **New look for Casino Square**

Monaco's iconic Casino Square has been given a new look in June 2022, restored to its former glory while providing a fresh, spacious and safe place to meet. The renovated Place du Casino not only has more pedestrian-friendly spaces, but also preserves the famous Formula 1 Grand-Prix racecourse, and has space for Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Group's VIP customers to park their Insta-worthy cars in the square.

■ **Shopping Nirvana**

Monaco has always enjoyed world-class shopping, but the new One Monte-Carlo district – between the Hotel Hermitage Monte-Carlo and the Place du Casino – takes things up a notch. In addition to boutiques from top designers (Dior, Louis Vuitton, Prada to mention only a few), you can look forward to haute-couture snacks at Mada One (helmed by a Michelin-starred chef), all surrounded by a lush new landscaped area, designed to continue the Principality's emphasis on sustainable design.

■ **Pavillon Alléno at Hotel Hermitage Monte-Carlo**

Tradition, Excellence, Modernity. These three words beautifully encapsulate French Chef Yannick Alléno and Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer "savoir-faire". The renowned Michelin



starred restaurant “Vistamar” in Monaco is changing its name to become “Yannick Alléno at l’Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo”. The chef’s goal is to export the concept of the luxury Pavillon counter to Monaco. A place for simple pleasures and haute cuisine..

■ **La Table d’Antonio Salvatore**

Monaco has just earned a new Michelin star, awarded to La Table d’Antonio Salvatore–Rampoldi. This recognition consolidates the value of this historic Monegasque venue, rewarding the commitment of Chef Antonio Salvatore. In Michelin Guide's words: “The Franco-Italian restaurant, featuring Carrara marble and Murano lighting, has opted for just the right amount of Monegasque bling. The enthusiastic young chef signs authentic Mediterranean dishes and everything is homemade, from ravioli to ice cream.”

■ **Embellishment of Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo**

One of Monaco’s most iconic 5-star hotels, Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo, will write a new chapter in its history, as it is currently undergoing a two-phase-renovation project orchestrated by French interior architect Jacques Garcia. This embellishment and renovation will include all guest rooms, the creation of exceptional suites, a redesigned gastronomic restaurant, an enhanced bar, a revamped banqueting room, and all kitchens of the hotel including a world-class open kitchen. The renovation project started on **30 November 2020** and the hotel reopened on **21 April 2021**. The **second phase** of this exciting transformation is scheduled to start on **01 October 2022 until 31 March 2023**. The all-new Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo will be unveiled in April 2023.

***Important to know:** In the meantime, Chef Cussac officiates in temporary kitchens and serves luxurious dishes with Mediterranean connotations in the lobby bar while the Michelin-starred restaurant Yoshi continues to welcome guests.

■ **Lofty Green Goal**

Last but not least, Monaco showcases its dedication to sustainability throughout the destination. Driven by its goal to be carbon neutral by 2050, the Principality is determined to improving its tourism economy through environmentally conscious initiatives, not in the least the Monaco E-Prix and E-Rally but also green transportation, from e-bikes to e-cars to e-boats. Visitors here can rest assured they are leaving a light footprint –this really is one of the most eco-friendly place in the world, with all public vehicles being either electric, hybrid or bio-fuel. To reach these ambitious targets, the Energy Transition created a white paper to define a shared roadmap towards 2050.



FAQs

■ **How is Monaco making sure that visitors can come safely in the Principality?**

To continue to welcome visitors from all over the world in the best conditions, the Prince's Government has created the Monaco Safe certification, a real pledge of health safety and confidence for customers and visitors to the various establishments that are open to the public. With the resumption of economic activity in Monaco, it is essential to implement standards that guarantee the safety and health of our visitors, employees and residents. Today, a series of measures guarantees a maximum level of protection.

Visitors will thus be able to discover the Principality while enjoying both security and peace of mind. At the heart of a period where attention to the traveller is more than essential and where resilience is key, Monaco wants to be responsive.

For more information click on the links below:

- Official Link of the Government of Monaco: <https://covid19.mc/en/>
- Link to Monaco Safe video covering the key measures to be taken by various kinds of establishment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFyFPyO2lrg>
- Links to sanitary measures taken by hotels in Monaco:
 - Monte-Carlo SBM (Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, Monte-Carlo Beach, Casinos de Monte-Carlo): <https://www.montecarlosbm.com/en/travel-information>
 - Métropole Monte-Carlo: https://metropole.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Health_Protection_Measures_HotelMetropoleMC.pdf
 - Fairmont Monte-Carlo & Novotel Monte-Carlo: <https://all.accor.com/event/information.en.shtml>
 - Meriden Beach Plaza: <https://marriott-re-2019ncovc.com/>
 - Columbus Monte-Carlo: <https://www.columbushotels.com/presentation/info-faq-covid>



What to look forward to for Monaco in the future

2022

New Larvotto Beach

Work on the Larvotto beach resort project has been in full swing since 2019. The architectural concept developed by Renzo Piano, who is famous for having designed many cultural institutions right across the world, features an airy promenade above ground and a commercial area without a facade of any kind, providing the 16 shops and businesses that will open their doors to visitors with direct access to the sea.

In this new resort which combines relaxing and shopping, visitors will be able to enjoy a children's playground, a fitness trail, an upper terrace offering panoramic views, a relaxation area, a walkway shaded by a pergola covered with photovoltaic panels, the fountain which is well-known to visitors and has been reintegrated into the new design, and a one-kilometre cycle path that is separate from vehicle traffic. There's always something to delight in Larvotto!

2025

Mareterra –

a new eco district reclaimed from the sea

Mareterra is a genuine transformation for Monaco: a new complex of residential, cultural and recreational spaces celebrating the soul and sensations of the Mediterranean. Built using innovative and sustainable construction techniques, Mareterra is at the core of the Principality's future growth.



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