

# COTE D'AZUR: MONACO MONTE CARLO, LUXURY AND HISTORY.

(distance: 100 km)



**Monte Carlo** is the richest district of the **Principality of Monaco** with elegant streets, shops and luxury hotels and yachts. It is very famous for its **casinos**, **Formula 1 races** and for being the residence of famous people.

The main destinations are:

the **Casino de Monte-Carlo** located in a Belle Epoque palace, admission fee must be paid and proper attire required (no shorts, sports shoes or flip flops; jackets recommended after 8 pm); the **Casino Café de Paris**, admission fee must be paid, no special dress code, the perfect setting for immersing yourself in a world of entertainment in spacious rooms housing over 550 machines; the **Sun Casino in Monte Carlo**, with a lively, saloon-style atmosphere, free admission, no special dress code, situated above the famous tunnel (the fastest point of the race and all F1 circuits).



In the Casino area, you can find also the **Café de Paris**, the *Hermitage* and many restaurants.



The **Monte Carlo Old City**, also called **La Roche** (the Rock) is a medieval structure located on a promontory overlooking the sea. Do not miss to visit the **Prince of Monaco's Palace** with the **changing of the guard**, which takes place every day at 11.55 am in front of the main entrance of the palace. From the square you can admire a unique panorama overlooking the tourist harbor.

In the Old City there are many monuments and places of historic and artistic interest:

the **Oceanographic Museum** one of the most famous aquariums in Europe, the **Exotic Garden**, with 7000 different species of cactus and giant cactus and its natural cave full of stalagmites and stalactites, the Romanesque-Byzantine **Cathedral** built in white stone and the **Napoleonic Museum**.

The **Monte Carlo circuit** is the most charming **Grand Prix** of the Formula 1; you can experience driving along part of the Grand Prix circuit.

In the whole territory of Monte Carlo there are many underground car parks, it easy to find a parking space all over the city.



# NICE, THE QUEEN OF THE COTE D'AZUR

(distance: 130 km)



**Nice** is a typical vibrant **Mediterranean city** with its flower and fish markets, long beaches (most of them free) along the famous **Promenade des Anglais** where you can relax in one of the outdoor cafes.

The "**Old Nice**", **Vieux Nice** is a maze of quaint little streets, antique buildings, local crafts and shops, with typical Mediterranean colors, landscapes and flavors. Along the narrow streets and squares you will find many bistros and restaurants where enjoying delicious 'moules marinières' (mussels with lots of garlic) accompanied by rosé wine from the surrounding hills.

Between the Marina and the old town, there is the ancient **Cours Saleya**, where several historical monuments are located, including the **Chapelle de la Miséricorde** in **Place Pierre Gautier** and the **Cathédrale Sainte Réparate**, masterpieces of Baroque, and many **Liberty** buildings everywhere.

The beautiful **Place Massena** is one of the most representative places in Nice, with the characteristic grey-white paving.

We recommend you to visit also the **Cimiez** quarter, a *Roman settlement*, and the **ancient port of Nice** with its typical pastel colored buildings, boats and small restaurants where you can enjoy great seafood.



Until the end of 1800s Nice was Italian. What a loss!...