

IEEE Region 8 Meeting 2016 – Monte Carlo, Monaco



1. To check before leaving for Monaco

Passport & Visa

Any person of foreign nationality who wishes to enter Monégasque territory and stay there for a period not exceeding three months must have the document (passport, travel or identity document) required for entry into French territory.

Language

French is the official language, however, English and Italian are widely spoken and understood.

Time Zone

Monaco time zone is GMT+1..

Credit Cards

All major credit cards are accepted in Monaco.

Currency

The Euro is the official currency of Monaco. It is based on the decimal system. There are one hundred cents to each Euro. Euro notes come in denominations of 500, 200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins come in denominations of 1, 2 Euro, 50, 10, 5, 2, 1 cents. The Euro sign is €.

Money Exchange

You can change money at the hotel or at the nearest banks. Bank hours are 9:00AM to 12:00PM and 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Banks are closed on weekends and national holidays except for "Credit Foncier de Monaco" near the Casino, which is open daily for 12:00PM to 11:00PM including Sundays and holidays.

Traveler's Cheques

Traveler's cheques in \$USD should be exchanged at banks or exchange offices, as very few businesses will accept them.

Voltage

The electric current in the hotels is 220 volts 50 cycles (in the US it is 110 volts, 50 cycles). A transformer is necessary to convert local power to U.S. standard. An adapter is needed for plugs, as European plugs are different from the ones in the U.S. Please use the bathroom plug only for electric razors. Hair dryers and irons must be used in the bedroom only.



EU (European Union) Plug

Shopping

The main shopping area is near the Place du Casino where one finds luxury fashion boutiques and jewelry stores. On the Boulevard des Moulins, prices are more reasonable. Shopping hours are from 9:00AM to 12:00PM and from 2:00PM to 7:00PM daily, except Sundays.

VAT Refund

To benefit from a VAT (valued added tax) refund, the unitary purchase price inclusive of tax from any single store must be at least 175 €. At the time of purchase the salesman can either refund VAT immediately, either collect the tax directly and wait for the reception of the stamped "export sales invoice" from Customs to be refunded at the departure airport. In both cases, an "export sales invoice" ("Bordereau de Vente" in French) will be given to you. Look for shops with a duty free stickers in their windows.

Telephone

Calling home: all major long-distance phone carriers make it easy to phone using their calling card codes from any pay phone or hotel.

Postal Information

The main post office, la Scala Palace Beaumarchais Square, is located across from the Hôtel Hermitage. It has a full range of services: telephones, telegrams, fax and calling cards and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. For additional postal information, call (+377) 93 25 11 11.

Getting Around Monaco

Walking throughout Monaco is made easy thanks to the numerous elevators –a comfortable way to reach a number of places. The Monégasque Bus Company (Companie des Autobus de Monaco) operates six lines with departures approximately every 11 minutes, Monday through Friday, from 7:00AM to 9:00PM. Your welcome kit should include a bus map. A flat rate is applied whatever the destination. However, cards for 4 to 8 journeys can be purchased at a reduced rate.

Temperature

Situated in the heart of Mediterranean Europe, the Principality of Monaco enjoys a particularly mild climate, with more than 300 days of sunshine per year. In winter, temperatures average between 48 to 58 degrees Fahrenheit with sunny days and cool nights. In the springtime, "Le Mistral" wind creates crystal clear skies with temperatures in the 50s-60s. Most summers are in the 80s with hot spells for a week or so in July and August. Sea breezes cool down the evenings. One of the loveliest times to be in Monaco is Fall. With temperatures in the 60s to 70s, people are still sun tanning on the beach until mid-October. [Click here](#) to see current temperature and weather forecast in Monaco.

2. How to get to Monte Carlo

By plane

The Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport links the Principality of Monaco to more than 86 worldwide destinations. <http://en.nice.aeroport.fr>

Highlight of the Côte d'Azur, the Principality of Monaco, via Nice airport (25 minutes by road, or 6 minutes by helicopter transfer) is linked daily to major European capitals and beyond to all continents.

By bus

The suggested transportation form is the bus.

BUS FROM NICE CÔTE D'AZUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MONACO

Direct shuttle on comfortable bus by highway between Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport and Monaco.

Departure every 30 minutes, 18 € by passenger.

Phone number : +33 (0)4 93 85 64 44

E-Mail : info@niceairportxpress.com

Web site : uk.niceairportxpress.com

By train

All trains stop at the Monaco/Monte-Carlo station. The TGVs to and from Paris (journey time 5.5 hours).

Trains to Milan, Genoa or Basel during the day.

Overnight trains to Strasbourg, Paris, Toulouse, Irun, Port-Bou, Milan, Venice, Pisa and Rome.

Regional Express Trains which connect the towns on the Côte d'Azur.

<http://www.sncf.com/en/passengers>

By taxi

Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport is just 14 miles away from the Principality of Monaco, or less than 30 minutes.

Between Nice and Monaco, you can also take the "Basse Corniche" (N98), along the coast, the "Moyenne Corniche" (N7), passing through Eze Village and the "Grande Corniche", passing through La Turbie and Col d'Eze.

TAXI FROM NICE CÔTE D'AZUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MONACO

Taxis are available from the airport to Monaco. Approximate fare to Monaco is €90.

Phone number: +33 (0)4 93 13 78 78

More information about taxi companies: <http://www.visitmonaco.com/us/About-Monaco/How-to-get-there/By-ground-transportation>

3. Monte Carlo Top Attractions

MONTE-CARLO CASINO AND OPERA HOUSE

It was built in 1893 by Charles Garnier, the architect of the Paris Opera House. Its marble paved atrium, surrounded with 28 Ionic columns made of onyx, gives access to the Opera Hall which is entirely decorated in red and gold, with bas-reliefs and sculptures.

MONTE-CARLO CASINO AND OPERA HOUSE

Charles Garnier, the architect of the opera house in Paris, built the Casino in 1878. The "atrium," paved in marble, is surrounded by 28 Ionic columns in onyx. It leads into the auditorium of the opera, called the "Salle Garnier," which is decorated in red and gold, with a profusion of bas-reliefs, frescoes and sculptures. Here, for more than a century, outstanding international performances of opera, ballet and concerts have been staged. The "gaming rooms" comprise a succession of numerous rooms featuring stained glass windows, admirable decorations and sculptures, allegorical paintings and bronze lamps.

By the end of the nineteenth century, Charles Garnier was hired to build Monaco's Opera House. The famous architect had gained recognition from his work for the Paris Opera House.

Sarah Bernhard inaugurated the new Salle Garnier in 1879. Between 1893 and 1951, Raoul Gunsbourg directed the Opera and built fame and prestige for Monaco's Opera House. Among the best internationally, Monaco's Opera hosted great voices such as Patti, Tamagno, Melba, Caruso, Chaliapine, Garden, Schipa, Dalla Rizza, Gigli, Lubin, Muzio, Thill, and Pons.

Access Map

Place du Casino

Tel : + 377 98 06 21 21

Website : www.casinomontecarlo.com et www.opera.mc

Visit duration: 40 minutes.

Restricted access – over 18's only.

Proof of identity required.

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Entrance fee: €10

OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM

With its international reputation for excellence, this exceptional museum is dedicated to marine science and oceanography. Its collections of marine fauna collected by Monaco's pioneering Navigator Prince Prince Albert 1 are both invaluable and unique.

Along with its world-famous Aquarium where the rarest species of fish and marine life in many magnificent shapes and colors swim about in 90 pools, offers a grandiose and unique perspective of oceanic life. Its latest installment, the Shark Lagoon, is a giant pool measuring 450 cubic meters, that reveals the diversity and extraordinary coloring of the coral reef and the creatures which populate it.

OPEN DAILY (EXCEPT THE DAY OF THE FORMULA 1 GRAND-PRIX):

April to June: 9.30am – 7pm

July and August: 9.30am – 7.30pm

September: 9.30am – 7pm

October to March: 10am – 6pm

PRICES (PER PERSON):

Adults: €13

Children aged 4-18 and students: €6.50

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Access Map

Avenue Saint-Martin - Monaco-Ville
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E-mail : musee@oceano.mc
Website : www.oceano.mc
Visit duration: 2 ½ hours.

MONACO CATHEDRAL

Built with the stark white stones from La Turbie in 1875, this Roman-Byzantine-style building houses the burial places of past sovereigns, including Prince Rainier and Princess Grace.

From the interior design, you can admire an altarpiece by the Niçois painter Louis Bréa dating from 1500 as well as the high altar and the Episcopal throne of Carrara white marble. Pontifical services are held during great liturgical celebrations accompanied by the harmonies of a grand organ with four keyboards, inaugurated in 1976 the magnificence of which permits the organisation of outstanding spiritual concerts. From September to June every Sunday at 10am, mass is sung by the "Les Petits Chanteurs de Monaco" and "Cathedral Choir".

Access Map

4, rue Colonel-Bellando-de-Castro - Monaco-Ville
Tel. +377 93 30 87 70
Free admission (outside religious services), 8.30am – 7pm (6pm in winter)

FORT ANTOINE

This early XVIII century fortress, built on the northeastern tip of Le Rocher "the Rock," is now used as a marvelous outdoor theater with a capacity of some 350 spectators in tiered seating built in a semi-circle. In this enchanting setting, high quality performances are given during the summer season.

Its military architecture, watchtower and the almost total solitude which can be found there, combine to give it a unique and particular charm. Its stage has been pleasantly arranged with a pyramid of cannon balls at its centre. The military architecture of the fort is emphasised by the pittosporum hedges which serve as protection as there is no parapet.

Access Map

Avenue de la Quarantaine - Monaco-Ville
Tel. +377 93 15 80 00
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Free admission (except shows)