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The Principality of Monaco is an independent state ruled under a constitutional monarchy. It has been ruled by the Grimaldi dynasty since 1297.

Monaco

Monaco may be famous for its luxurious hotels, yacht-lined marinas and glamorous royals—who can forget the 1956 fairytale ‘wedding of the century’ of American actress, Grace Kelly, to Prince Rainier III? But this dynamic gem on the Côte d’Azur really shines when it comes to its modern and accessible conference facilities and exceptional choice of venues and activities for unforgettable incentive programs.

By Rose Filice

FAST FACTS

Websites:

cvb.visitmonaco.com

Population: 37,800

Official Language: French, but English is widely understood and spoken.

Area: At only 2.02 km², Monaco is the second smallest country in the world, and everything is within walking distance.

Accommodation: 2,500+ rooms

DMCs: Lafayette Group **lafayette-travel.com**, Pacific World **pacificworld.com**, Raising Stones Events **raising-stones-events.com**



Monte Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort

LUXURY RENEWED

Renovations will be completed in 2018 to the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, jewel of the prestigious Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer resort group, which includes four hotels, each with a spa, 30-plus restaurants and bars, four casinos and more than 50 banquet and conference venues. Changes to the 150-year-old Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo include an increase in the size and number of rooms and suites and the addition of a garden courtyard, new spa, fitness and pool area and a rooftop villa with a private garden and pool. **hoteldeparismontecarlo.com**



MARKET FRESH

Savour local flavours at La Condamine Market—dating back to 1880 and renovated in 1992, the market is open every day, year round. Vibrant stalls sell housewares, fresh flowers and produce, and regional favourites such as barbagiuans, pissaladière and fougasse.

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Grimaldi Forum

MEET GREEN

Monaco's only multi-purpose conference centre is also one of the most green in Europe, receiving ISO 14001 environmental management certification since 2008. The stunning, light-filled Grimaldi Forum can host events for up to 4,500, and its newest exhibition space, Indigo, aptly named for its spectacular sea-view terrace, can accommodate 560 for a cocktail reception. grimaldiforum.com

VINTAGE CHARM

Rare car enthusiasts will be floored by the Prince of Monaco's private collection of almost 100 lovingly-restored antique American and European automobiles, from a 1903 De Dion-Bouton and a 1963 Ferrari 250 Cabriolet to F1 Grand Prix of Monaco racing cars. Make it a post-conference visit or host your event at this unique museum in Les Terrasses de Fontvieille that fits 1,300 for cocktails and 620 for dinner. mtcc.mc



Primo Cup

GET WET!

From its perch on the Riviera coastline, Monaco is a mecca for water sport activities for the seafarers in your group. Participate in a rowing or sailing regatta at the Societe Nautique, or have the SailXTeam at the Yacht Club de Monaco rally your team with a sailing lesson that bolsters cooperation, communication and solidarity. Visiting in September? Check out 120+ of the world's most remarkable superyachts at the annual Monaco Yacht Show. yacht-club-monaco.mc



Casino de Monte-Carlo

A SURE BET

Your Monaco itinerary is not complete without a visit to the legendary Casino de Monte-Carlo. Dating back to the late 19th century, the casino is an architectural masterpiece, enjoyed as much for its gaming as for its iconic and opulent decor. casinomontecarlo.com



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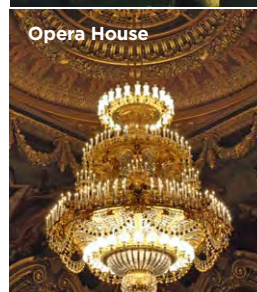
Plan to be here in May when the roar of the engines barely drowns out the crowds as the exciting and glamorous Monaco Grand Prix—the crown jewel of Formula 1 racing—descends upon Monte Carlo. And every other year, former Grand Prix race cars hit the same circuit for the Historic Grand Prix of Monaco, celebrating the golden age of motorsports. acm.mc

ALPINE CROSSING

Embark on an unforgettable journey of natural and cultural discovery along one of the world's most spectacular hiking trails. Via Alpina is a network of five walking trails, spanning over 5,000 km through eight countries, from Monaco to Trieste, Italy. via-alpina.org



Take a virtual tour of Monaco. ignitemag.ca



Opera House



Oceanographic Museum

GETTING THERE

A mere 25-minute drive gets you to Monaco from Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport, which services 111 global destinations, or you can give your group the VIP treatment with a breathtaking seven-minute helicopter ride from the airport to the Monaco heliport. monacair.mc

SPA INDULGENCE

The new Spa Metropole by Givenchy has all the style, sophistication and luxurious treatments one might expect when a renowned luxury perfume and fashion house meets the opulence of Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo, one of Monaco's most prestigious properties, overlooking the Mediterranean. The spa promises absolute wellness, with a dedicated beauty boutique, gym and 10 treatment rooms. The hotel itself also has six elegant conference rooms—in case you need to fit a meeting in before your massage. metropole.com

THE ROCK

Monaco is best explored on foot, and the best place to start is the oldest part of the Principality, known as the Rock. Wander through streets that date back to the Middle Ages and visit historic sites, including the Oceanographic Museum, the Chapel of Mercy, Fort Antoine and, of course, the Prince's Palace, home of the current monarch, Prince Albert II. Don't miss the changing of the guard at 11:55 a.m., every day. 🔥