

Monte Carlo, Monaco

The world's most glamorous microstate packs a palace, a legendary casino, a Formula 1 street circuit, and a harbor full of superyachts into less than 2 square kilometers. Everything is walkable — if you don't mind hills.

Tender (larger ships) / dock (small ships)

Typical call: 8-12 hrs

Euro (€)

French / English widely spoken

Ultra-walkable city-state

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Port Hercule — larger ships anchor and tender ashore; ships up to ~250m berth at Quai Rainier III

Best For: Glamour, history, F1 fans, designer shopping, jaw-dropping views

Walk to center: 10 min on foot to Casino Square; 15 min to Prince's Palace

Don't Miss: The Oceanographic Museum and the Casino de Monte-Carlo exterior

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €7–€20 · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Monaco Le Grand Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Casino de Monte-Carlo & Casino Square** — The Belle Époque casino is the symbol of Monaco.
- Prince's Palace & Old Town (Monaco-Ville)** — Perched on the Rock, the Prince's Palace hosts the daily changing of the guard at 11:55 AM.
- Musée Océanographique de Monaco** — Founded by Prince Albert I in 1910, this cliffside museum has a world-class aquarium, marine research exhibits, and stunning Mediterranean views from...
- Formula 1 Circuit Walking Tour** — Monaco hosts the most famous F1 street race in the world.
- Eze Village & Côte d'Azur Day Trip** — The medieval perched village of Eze, about 6 km from Monaco, offers fragrant gardens, stone alleys, and panoramic views over the Mediterranean.

BEST WALKS

- Port to Casino Square Loop** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy — The classic Monaco stroll.
- The Rock (Monaco-Ville) Walk** 2 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Moderate — Take bus 1 or 2 (or walk uphill) to Monaco-Ville, the Old Town on the Rock.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	88°	68°	5d	
Jun	84°	69°	22d	
Aug	84°	70°	20d	
Sep	83°	69°	23d	
Oct	80°	68°	15d	

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:47AM–8:13PM · Jun 5:48AM–9:13PM · Aug 6:35AM–8:33PM · Sep 7:09AM–7:40PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:46PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Monaco). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring euros or card. Monaco uses the euro; ATMs are available near the casino and port. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.
- Casino entry is free to look, paid to play. The grand lobby is open without charge; gaming rooms require a fee and ID. Dress code applies — no shorts or flip-flops.
- Use the free public lifts. Monaco's network of escalators and elevators saves you from steep hill climbs — look for signs throughout the city. They're free and marked on the tourist map.
- Avoid race weekend (late May). The Monaco Grand Prix typically falls in late May. Streets close, prices triple, and ship berths may be displaced. Check your cruise date — most ships avoid it.
- Window shopping is free. Monte Carlo is lined with Hermès, Louis Vuitton, and Cartier — but affordable cafes and boulangeries exist on the side streets. Don't feel pressured to overspend.
- Summer is hot and busy. June–August brings crowds and heat; May and September are ideal. There's almost no shade on the port promenade — bring sunscreen and water.

Monte Carlo, Monaco — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Casino de Monte-Carlo | World-famous casino and architectural masterpiece. | 2 Prince's Palace of Monaco | Historic official residence of the Prince of Monaco. |
| 3 Musée océanographique de Monaco | Famous oceanographic museum and aquarium perched on a cliff. | 4 Exotic Garden of Monaco | Cliffside garden showcasing exotic succulents and breathtaking views. |
| 5 Princess Grace Japanese Garden | Peaceful Japanese garden featuring traditional design and a tea house. | P Cruise port / terminal | |