



Monaco, officially the Principality of Monaco, is a sovereign city state, located on the French Riviera in Western Europe. Bordered by France on three sides, with one side bordering the Mediterranean Sea, its centre is about 16 km (9.9 mi) from Italy, and is only 13 km (8.1 mi) north east of Nice, France. It has an area of 1.98 km2 (0.76 sq mi), and a population of 36,371, making Monaco the second smallest, and the most densely populated country in the world.

Monaco's most populated Quartier is Monte Carlo, and the most populated Ward is Larvotto/Bas Moulins.

One of Monaco's main sources of income is tourism. Each year many are attracted to its casino and pleasant climate. Monaco's own citizens are not allowed to gamble in the casino. In 2001, a major new construction project extended the pier used by cruise ships in the main harbour. The principality has successfully sought to diversify into services and small, high-value-added, non-polluting industries, such as cosmetics and biothermics.

Monaco is not a member of the European Union. However, it is very closely linked via a customs union with France, and as such, its currency is the same as that of France, the euro.

Monaco has a warm-summer Mediterranean climate, which is influenced by the humid subtropical climate. As a result, it has warm, dry summers and mild, rainy winters.

The 700-year history of this small but fiercely proud country is everywhere around – and nowhere more so than in the ancient citadel of Monaco-Ville, home to one of Europe's great royal families.

Prince's Palace is situated in old Monaco-Ville and is also a must see place of Monaco. It is a fortress that was built during the 13th century. The citadel is locally called Palace du Prince.





Art & Museums

Step into any of its museums and discover why the principality's heritage is one of the wonders of the world. Among those available to visit are:

- Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology

This museum was opened by Prince Albert I of Monaco, who had a great personal interest in the history of the human life form. The museum houses a massive collection of artefacts relating to the beginnings of humanity on earth, from the very earliest apes that stood on two legs, through the ages to how we are today. The collection is a priceless glimpse at some of the discoveries that have been made across the world of pre-historic anthropology.

Museum of Napoleonic Souvenirs and Collections of the Historical Archives of the Palace

The Principality of Monaco has particularly close ties with the Napoleonic era: it was then that it acquired a new form of autonomy. Hence the Musée des Souvenirs Napoléoniens. Located in the South wing of the Palais Princier, this museum is on the first floor of the palace and offers visitors over a thousand objects and documents relating to the First Empire: some personal effects of the Emperor, some clothes which belonged to his son, some memorabilia from his exile on the island of Saint Helena, and so on. On the ground floor of the same building is the historical archive collection of the Palace. A visit will take one to two hours

- Exhibition of HSH The Prince of Monaco's Vintage Car Collection

If you love cars and want to view some age-old cars then a visit to the Exhibition of H.S.H. The Prince of Monaco's Private Collection of Classic Cars in Monaco is a must. Due to its specialty this museum has attracted tourists from all over the world for centuries together. The visitors coming to Exhibition of H.S.H. The Prince of Monaco's Private Collection of Classic Cars of Monaco can see some old and rare cars. Among the many exhibits you can see near about one hundred vintage and veteran motorcars.

Naval Museum

The Naval Museum, Monaco is situated in the centre of Monaco on Fontvieille port. There is a beautiful garden adorning the entrance. There are many sculptures that are there in the garden. There is a collection of a different kind in the museum in that it is a collection of almost 250 models of sea vessels. Some of these vessels belong to the H.S.H which is the private collection of the Sovereign Prince.



Parks / Recreational Areas

Without doubt, the Principality of Monaco and its surroundings harbour real treasures in this domain. Careful not to lose its roots under urban development, the Principality has established a solid policy of garden and park development, with more than 250,000 m2 for a city-state of 195ha, which puts its second in Europe, just after Vienna.



Princess Antoinette Park

Its majestic entrance is decorated with a spectacular curtain of Bougainvilleas. It is the kingdom of the sacred olive tree. This natural site was probably the place for Sunday meetings and country fetes for our ancestors; it has become an amusement park dedicated to children of all ages.



Fontvieille Park and the Princess Grace Rose Garden

The Fontvieille Park and Princess Grace Rose Garden, Fontvieille is one of the popular tourist attractions in Fontvieille and is the source of amusement to people of all ages. The total land area covered by the Fontvieille Park and Princess Grace Rose Garden, Fontvieille, is about four hectares.



The Zoological Terraces, Fontvieille

Easily is one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in Fontvieille. It was established in the year 1954 by H.S.H Prince Rainer III in the southern part of the Rock of Monaco. It is a huge Zoological Park having the fascinating view of the Fontvieille Port. It houses some two hundred and fifty animals with around fifty different species: exotic birds, black panther, white tiger, hippopotamus, reptiles, primates, lemurians and more.



Nightlife

Monaco has a diverse night-time entertainment menu. The palatial casinos and glitzy clubs of the famous Monte Carlo area are worthwhile if you are looking for a high glamour factor. Pubs, cafes, and live music clubs are also found in Monaco. These venues give the destination a well-rounded after-dark scene that offers something for everyone, no matter what their taste.



Casinos choices include the Casino, the Café de Paris, the Sun Casino and the Salle des Palmiers. All different, but are said to complement each other.

Spend unforgettable nights, party at a club and dance until dawn, in the chic, fantastic and unique atmosphere of the Riviera. Have a drink with friends, enjoy the clubs where music accompanies the joie de vivre and gaiety.



Sports

Water sports are huge in Monaco, with no wonder due to the close location to the stunning coast line. Invigorating activities available in the Principality include windsurfing, water skiing, wake boarding, banana boats, jet skis, parascending at both Larvotto Beach and Monte Carlo Beach.

Golf Courses

The Monte-Carlo Golf Club in Monaco welcomes you at 900 m altitude, offering an 18-hole course between the sky and the sea.



The Grand Prix

The Monaco Grand Prix is a Formula One motor race held each year on the Circuit de Monaco. Run since 1929, it is widely considered to be one of the most important and prestigious automobile races in the world, alongside the Indianapolis 500 and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The circuit has been called "an exceptional location of glamour and prestige.





Help with Work Permit Requirements

Metroworth Consulting work with a local Company called M.I who help to organise all Monaco work permits that are necessary for any contractor relocating to Monaco with Metroworth as their Agent. We can talk you through this procedure and will be able to let you know what documentation you will need to provide when you start working with our clients in Monaco in order to make the work permit process as simple as possible.

Property Leasing

Metroworth Consulting offer help and assistance in sourcing properties either inside or outside of Monaco. The rental system is slightly different within Monaco itself, therefore we're on hand to explain these differences and advise accordingly.

Medical Certificate Requirements

An important document to have on file is a medical certificate showing that you are fit to work in your country of assignment and Metroworth Consulting will issue the full check list of requirements for this at appointment stage.

We hope that this spotlight on Monaco has helped to learn a little more about the area and allow you to see the type of support Metroworth can offer any Contractor making the decision to move to a different location.

Metroworth pride themselves at offering this service and going the extra mile to help make the move less stressful.

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