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## Nice, Villefrance, France

### PORT EXPLORER and SHOPPING GUIDE

# **GENERAL INFORMATION** Villefranche is a small, coastal town, located in the heart of the French Riviera, which stretches from St. Tropez to Menton on the Italian border, and includes the cosmopolitan towns of: Cannes, Nice and Monte Carlo.

The Riviera, often referred to as the Côte d'Azur, with its beautiful beaches and pleasant climate, has developed into a major tourist resort. The hill-sides surrounding the Côte d'Azure contain many small, fortified towns which still retain much of their medieval character.

Villefranche is a charming little town, nestled against the hillside, overlooking the bay between Nice and Monte Carlo. The pace here is slow and the atmosphere restful.

Cannes, approximately 28 miles from Villefranche, was the first resort on the Côte d'Azur. Each May it attracts members of the 'Jet Set' for the famous Film Festival. The chic and the elegant display their wealth in the exclusive hotels that line the sea-front along Boulevard de la Croisette.

Nice, just 3 miles from Villefranche, is known as the capital of the French Riviera, its main attraction being its location, right in the middle of the Côte d'Azur. The beach, spanning the Baie de Anges, is lined by the Promenade des Anglais, built in 1824 and named for the British who paid for its construction.

Monte Carlo, some 6 miles from Villefranche, belongs to the Principality of Monaco and is governed independently, although the way of life is distinctively French. Known as the play-ground of the rich, it is famous for its wealth. Monaco is ruled by Prince Albert II, a direct descendant of the Grimaldi family, who have reigned since 1275.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Villefranche and the Côte d'Azur we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. Please be advised to take only necessary items ashore and secure any valuables onboard. In France it is frowned upon to wear shorts, sleeveless T-shirts or blouses or otherwise revealing clothing when visiting churches.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Bargaining: Not a way of life in France.

Tipping: Generally service will be included in the bill, however, it is customary to leave a few coins. For taxis, a 10% gratuity is normal.

Local Cuisine: Wining and dining is a major occupation for the French, and this region in particular enjoys fresh fish. The most popular dish

is Bouillabaisse – basically a fish stew, the recipe varies according to the Chef. Salade Niçoise combines basic salad ingredients with tuna, hard-boiled egg, green beans and anchovies. Try Ratatouille as a vegetable accompaniment, a tomato based dish with onions, egg plant, zucchini and subtle spices.

Drink Specialties: Pastis is popular amongst the locals, a clear aniseed flavored aperitif to which water is added. The region of Provence produces a range of good quality red, white and rose wines. Bottled water is recommended.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro

### POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The

main Post Office (Poste) is located just off Avenue Albert 1st.

Many telephones in France accept "Telecartes" which can be purchased in the Terminal Building, Post Offices, and Tobacconists.

**TOURIST INFORMATION** There is a Tourist information Office located in Jardin Binon, close to Avenue Albert 1st. There is also a representative from the Tourist Office present in the Terminal (i)

### **TRANSPORTATION** A limited number of taxis are usually available at the Pier.

A mini bus operates from just outside the Terminal to Place de Masséna in Nice. Alternatively, a more frequent bus service runs from Avenue Albert 1st, approximately 1 mile from the Pier. A train service operates from Villefranche to; Nice, Cannes and Monte Carlo. The station is located about 1/2 mile to the right as you exit the Pier, along Quai Courbet. If the Ticket Office is closed, there is an automated machine which accepts local coins only.

### **USEFUL WORDS**

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### The SIGHTS and SHOPPING of the FRENCH RIVIERA

#### The Sights of Villefranche

- CHAPELLE ST. PIERRE, built in the 14th century, was restored and re-decorated in 1956 by the artist Jean Cocteau.
- THE CITADEL, built by the Duke of Savoy in 1560, now houses the Town Hall, an auditorium, the Goetz-Boumeester Museum and the Volti Museum. The walls of the Citadel have been arranged with footpaths and gardens.

#### **The Sights of Cannes**

- Cannes' long and lavish coastal promenade, Blvd. de la Croisette, begins here with the huge PALAIS DES FESTIVALS ET DES CONGRÈS. Situated on the port's eastern side, the Festival and Conference Center houses the municipal casino. The International Film Festival, the town's most spectacular and prestigious event, also takes place here every year in May. Taking a leisurely stroll there is highly recommended for those eager star-gazers who want to 'see and be seen.'
- The best places to walk in Cannes are near the water. Some of the largest yachts you will ever see can be found in the VIEUX PORT (old port). Once an old fishing port, it has now become a haven for the modern day pleasure crafts. It is not uncommon to see numerous multi-million dollar yachts gleaming in the mid-day sun. The streets around the old port are particularly appealing on summer evenings when the many cafés and restaurants overflowing with smiling, laughing patrons in chic casual wear color the whole area with bright neon signs.
- The summit of **LE SUQUET** provides the most spectacular views of Cannes in the late afternoon and early evenings on clear nights.

### **The Sights of Nice**

CHAGALL MUSEUM, located on Boulevard de Cimiez, contains a collection of Chagall's paintings.

**FINE ARTS MUSEUM** can be found on Avenue des Baumettes and contains a collection of impressionist works.

**MASTISSE MUSEUM**, located on Avenue des Arenes, contains many of the great artist's sketches, paintings and collages.

**OLD TOWN** is lined with many interesting shops. Visit the Cours Saleya to see the flower market which is held in the mornings. There are many side-walk cafes in this area.

**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL**, located on Avenue Nicolas II, is a 19th century building of pink brick and grey marble, it has six onion domes and presents quite a spectacle.

### **The Sights of Monaco**

**PRINCE'S PALACE**, situated on top of Monaco Rock, home of Prince Albert II, was built in the last century. The Changing of the Guards takes place every morning at 11:55 am.

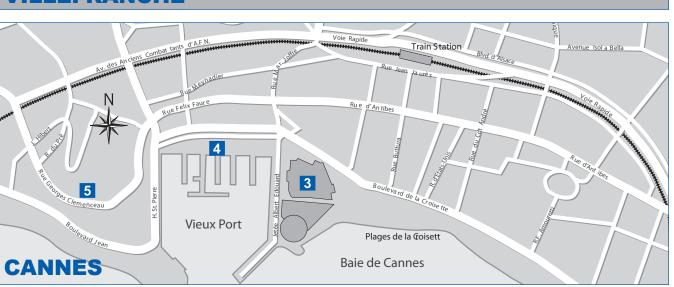
**CATHEDRAL**, built in the 19th century in neo-romanesque style, is located on the top of Monaco Rock. This is where the fairy-tale wedding of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly took place, and where Princess Grace is now laid to rest. (Photography is not permitted inside the Cathedral).

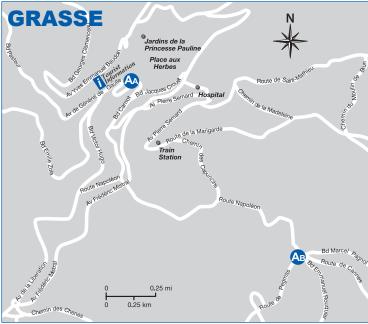
**OCEANOGRAPHIC MUSEUM**, situated on Avenue St. Martin on Monaco Rock, is also a research institute directed by Jacques Cousteau. As well, it contains one of the most spectacular aquariums in Europe.

**GRAND CASINO**, once the main source of income for the Principality, this elaborate copper-domed building dates from 1878. The Casino has terrific sea views over a series of terraced gardens. Inside, view the American Room with its decorative ceiling. Passengers wishing to gamble at the tables should check with Shore Excursion Staff regarding regulations. Photography is not permitted inside the Casino.

**BOTANICAL GARDENS** are located on Boulevard du Jardin Exotic on the outskirts of Monte Carlo. These delightful gardens, known as Jardin Exotic for the fact that many of the exhibits are unique to Europe, includes over 600 variations of cacti and succulents. Entrance tickets also entitle the holder to admission to the caves next to the gardens and the Museum of Prehistoric Anthropology which is adjacent.









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