





### VILLEFRANCHE

**1** Chapelle St. Pierre, built in the 14th century, was restored and re-decorated in 1956 by the artist Jean Cocteau.

**2** 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.

### CANNES

Boulevard de la Croisette is famous for its exclusive hotels and designer boutiques which line the esplanade.

Le Suquet is the Old Town, situated on a small hill to the west of Cannes. The Lord's Tower, an ancient watch-tower built by the monks of Lérins, dominates the hill.

### 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.

### MONACO

Prince's Palace, situated on top of Monaco Rock, 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 fairytale 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.

- Admission charges are in local currency.
- In France it is frowned upon to wear shorts, sleeveless T-shirts or blouses or otherwise revealing clothing when visiting churches.
- When going ashore, passengers are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

**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.

**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.

**SHOPPING FACILITIES** Shopping opportunities in Villefranche are limited. Nice however, has a comprehensive range of shops, particularly along Avenue Jean Médicin, stretching from Place de Masséna. Rather more exclusive shops can be found in Monte Carlo on Rue des Moulins and Place du Casino. General opening hours are from 9:00 am – Noon, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. U.S. Dollars are not accepted in France, however, most stores accept major credit cards.

Locally produced items include; perfume, pottery, olive wood products, paintings and clothing of Provencal fabric.

Value Added Tax (VAT), is added to most purchases. Visitors who spend over a certain amount may be entitled to re-claim some or all of the tax paid, however, regulations and conditions governing the refund of VAT are subject to change and RCCL cannot guarantee the cooperation of local authorities.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State decorates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.

**POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES** The main Post Office (Poste) is located just off Avenue Albert 1st.

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