

Ideas of walks Villefranche-sur-Mer vers Monaco.



1. DARK PELICAN Villefranche-sur-Mer

2. Village of Villefranche-sur-Mer.

In 1295, Charles II of Anjou, Count of Provence, decided to build this city because of its geographical location. The particularity of this village so special is the diversity of its colors. They all seem identical but are actually all different.

On the seafront is the main meeting places of the city, the Welcome Hotel, known for having served as a backdrop for the films 'Never Say Never Again' with Sean Connery and Kim Bassinger, and 'Corniaud' with Bourvil and De Funès.





3. Villa « Nellcôte ».

Built at the end of the 19th century, this sumptuous villa owes its reputation to the Rolling Stones. Indeed, since the summer of 1971, when it was rented by the legendary rock band, this villa is known worldwide.

The Rolling Stones produce their album "Exile on main street" in the cellar of the villa.



4. Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild.

Also called "Ile de France villa", built between 1905 and 1912 by Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild, it is one of the most beautiful Renaissance palaces of the French Riviera.

Today converted into a museum, it is a very interesting place to discover. Its gardens are particularly exceptional, on 7 hectares, 9 gardens of different styles as the Spanish garden, Japanese, lapidary ...



5. Villa « Baia Del Fiori ».

In 1902, the American painter Ralph Curtis built this sublime villa with an emerald green roof.

This house also hosted King Farouk of Egypt.



6. Villa « Iberia ».

It was also built by the Belgian King Leopold II because of its privileged location.

The king could, thanks to the port carved in the rock, to accost his yacht there.

Today this beautiful villa made of stone belongs to the family Zanussi, Italian family made a fortune in home appliances.

7. Villa « Radiana ».

Built at the request of the Belgian king Leopold II this manique was building was offered to the princely family of Monaco.

Today it is still a small piece of Monegasque state located in the very heart of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.



8. Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

This peninsula is one of the most popular places of the Riviera, just like London or Monaco is one of the most expensive places in the world with a price per square meter that can reach records .

Most of the houses there are 100 years old and no building land is available which explains the rise in prices.





9. Sémaphore of Cap Ferrat.

Built in 1862 by decision of Napoleon III, it is now under the control of the Navy.

He is in charge of the surveillance of the maritime traffic on an area going from Italy, to the cap of Antibes while passing by Corsica.

It is also used to identify fire departures on the coast.



10. Lighthouse of Cap Ferrat.

It is located at the southern end of the peninsula of Cap Ferrat, municipality of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

It signals the entrance to the harbor of Villefranche. Built in 1952, classified as a Historic Monument in 2012, it holds its robustness of the stones that compose it, indeed it is these so characteristic white stones coming from the creeks of Cassis known for their great resistance to the sea water and to the elements.

11. Grand-Hôtel du Cap Ferrat.

Opened in 1908, it is a palace that in May 2011 is awarded the new official label "Distinction Palace" and thus enters the closed circle of the largest luxury hotels in France.



12. Villa « la Fiorentina ».

Located at the tip of Saint-Hospice, the Countess de Beauchamp built in 1917 a large house in the heart of a park of 22 hectares.

She resold the property to Sir Edmund Davis, a diamond mining magnate in South Africa, who is responsible for much of the tourist trail that borders the small peninsula.

The successive owners modified the appearance of the villa and even if its park is now reduced to an area of 30 000m², it remains nevertheless one of the most beautiful properties of the Côte d'Azur.



13. Paloma Beach.

Built in 1948 by the architect Andrée Deperi, La Paloma beach is a jewel born after the war.

It is a unique beach nestled in a small cove surrounded by greenery.

La Paloma inherits the recognized know-how of a family of restaurateurs Nice for more than 30 years. It's a reference of its kind.

14. Hôtel Royal-Riviera.

Built in 1904, it was then called "the Bedford Hotel" or "Bedford Residence".

This is a 5 star hotel with two restaurants, many meeting rooms and it is one of the only hotel in Saint Jean Cap Ferrat to have a private beach and a heated outdoor pool.



15. Villa « Kérylos ».

Built in 1908, this ancient Greek style villa built with the most precious materials such as Carrara marble, alabaster, exotic woods, ...

It is since 2016 managed by the center of the national monuments. It is a museum that can also be visited.



16. Anjuna beach.

Created in 2000, Anjuna beach is a little piece of paradise in the heart of a bay.

Its concept is innovative, each year its decor and table are refurbished to offer a different world and so you want to come back.

The cuisine is gourmet and Mediterranean.

It's the perfect place to let time slip and enjoy the moment.





17. Villa « Les Roses ».

This villa overlooking the beach is owned by U2 singer Bono.

He decides to make it his summer residence in the 2000s.

It is found in particular with the other members of the group and it is possible that as in the case of the villa "Nellcôte", this house is a source of inspiration.

18. Village of Èze.

Located on a steep cliff, the village of Èze stands proudly. It is a beautiful village to visit, it is full of wonders, its exotic garden, the hotel La Chèvre D'or and the Château Eza.

It is really advisable to go for a walk and enjoy even the breathtaking view that its location gives it.



19. Hôtel Cap Estel.

Located on the Cape, facing the sea, this hotel is beautiful! Its history goes back to the early twentieth century, when Franck Harris (friend of Oscar Wilde) decides to turn this little piece of paradise into a luxurious establishment welcoming a posh clientele in the winter season.

In the year 2000, the building was bought by a South African family who decided to make it an exceptional place by obtaining a 5th star which gives it a place of choice among the sumptuous residences of the Riviera.

Composed of only 28 rooms and suites, there is an intimate atmosphere and the service is well cared for.



20. Mala beach.

Private beach, created in 1933, it is one of the most beautiful beaches of the Riviera.

Ideally located, it offers a breathtaking view of the bay and has an unparalleled atmosphere.

Associated, she also has a restaurant offering a varied and refined cuisine. It is better to go there by the sea.



21. Villa « Le Roc Fleury ».

Typical Italian-inspired villa from the 1900s, it was originally a hotel / restaurant. In 1921 she was bought by the Cottenot family, who has since occupied this villa.

It is now a tourist site open to the public, it offers a soothing stop in the middle of lush vegetation, moreover it is a magnificent point of view to observe the point of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

Every year cultural events are organized. It is also available for private rental.



22. Big top of Fontvieille.

The first building that can be seen announcing the entry into Monegasque territory, the capital of Fontvieille is a fixed institution since 1986.

Every year it hosts the International Circus Festival of Monte-Carlo, world reference for the circus arts.

23. Palace of Monaco.

Built in 1191, it has been the official residence of the Prince of Monaco since 1297.

Located on the Rock of Monaco, this palace dominates the whole city.

It is possible to go watch the change of the guard every day, as well as to visit it but first you have to climb the many stairs that lead to it, it is also possible to reach the palace by bus from the city.



24. Oceanographic museum

Founded in 1889 by Prince Albert I of Monaco, this museum of the sea was inaugurated in 1910.

This impressive building overlooking the cliff now houses around 6000 fish specimens and 300 invertebrate families. This museum also has a vocation to safeguard marine biodiversity, indeed the foundation to which it belongs organizes many missions in this direction.

It's a place to see and see again!

25. Monaco prison

Built in the years 1865 this building is surprising by its location and function.

Needless to say, it's better not to visit.



26. Hôtel Hermitage.

Opened in 1896, the Hermitage de Monaco is a Belle Epoque style palace in the heart of the Principality.

It was built by the architect Nicolas Marquet and the participation of Gustave Eiffel.



27. Hôtel de Paris of Monte-Carlo.

Opened in 1864 and founded by Prince Charles III of Monaco, this Belle Epoque style palace is located on Casino Square.

In 1990, Alain Ducasse obtained his third star in the Michelin guide, which was the first palace in the world to obtain this distinction.



28. Casino of Monte-Carlo.

Designed in 1879 by the architect Charles Garnier, this building is at the origin of the fortune of Monaco.

Historic resort, it has lost none of its charm of yesteryear.



29. Grimaldi Forum.

Built in 2000, its modern architecture of glass, concrete and steel makes it an exceptional building.

It is the congress center, an international cultural center covering an area of 70,000m² for a capacity of 3,000 people, it is fully modular and can accommodate several events simultaneously.

