



Mix Beverly Hills, Malibu and Las Vegas. Give it a French accent and you'll have Monaco. It's a one-mile-square principality on the Riviera, surrounded by France and the Mediterranean.

See where Vegas got the glitzy gambling idea at the 170-year-old, elegant Monte Carlo Casino. Envision yourself rubbing shoulders at the gambling tables with international royalty, European billionaires and some shady James Bond types.

The famous auto race, the Grand Prix of Monaco, runs every year in May. If you want to experience the race route, rent a car or hire a cab to ride over the winding seaside route at speeds much safer as the real event.

Have lunch in the garden of Le Grill Restaurant at the Hotel de Paris. Be aware that the hotel, meals, entertainment and everything else in Monte Carlo is very expensive. However, if you want a once-in-a-lifetime experience as a pretend member of traditional, espionage or money royalty, the posh city and views are well worth it.