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## I. The birth of a luxury Palace

At the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Monegasque architect Jean Marquet built an upscale and luxurious hotel, a neoclassical edifice amongst orange and olive trees dotting Monte-Carlo, facing the Mediterranean Sea.



### 1. An unparalleled Belle Époque style

Eminent designers and artists engraved in stone and printed the hotel's style. The dining room, named Belle Époque, is one of Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo ornaments. Never outdated, it embodies the character and opulence of the establishment. The ceiling is the work of artist Gabriel Ferrier, Prix de Rome and 1889 Universal Exposition Gold Medallist who was inspired by François Boucher and Jean-Honoré Fragonard's fresco, « Grâces Florentines ». In the 1970's, André Levasseur undertakes the room's restoration, highlighting the pink marble columns, reminiscent of the Grand Trianon, framing the crystal chandeliers.

Another hotel's wonders: the Jardin d'Hiver (Winter Garden). It owes its prestige to the glass conservatory created and erected by disciples of the undisputed master of metal architecture, Gustave Eiffel. Its umbrella-shaped structure will be emphasised in the 1970's with the addition of pastel tones, gildings and new lighting. The setting and serenity of the area are as many assets that make Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo a synonym of excellence, "art de vivre" and "savoir-vivre" in Monte-Carlo.

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In 1928, the hotel becomes one of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer's properties. The purchase launches further remodelling and construction, amongst which the Costa wing. Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo is entirely renovated, however maintaining its muted and intimate soul, a subtle blend of « Belle Époque » prestige and elegance.

Respecting its rich and unsurpassed heritage, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo gets modernised and begins large-scale renovation phases, to meet the growing expectations of a demanding clientele. During the 1970's, major restoration brings new life to the Salle Belle Époque and the glass roof of the Winter Garden. The two hallmarks of the House are restored to their former glory.



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## 2. Renovation at the dimensions of a Palace

In the 2000's, a wind of modernisation blows through Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo: over 90% of the establishment will indeed be renovated between 2003 and 2011. All is meticulously designed to achieve a harmonious marriage between classic authenticity and technology. Thus, one rediscovers the scents of yesteryear gardens with Jean Mus' stroke of genius, the landscape designer, when entrusted with Hôtel Hermitage gardens. Then, architect and interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon, assisted by Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Studies Department, entirely redesigns the lobby, oversees room development in a classic style refined with contemporary flair: Louis XVI Bergère and 1900 lamps are placed alongside mahogany, cherry wood and other ivory patina chests. While architect Joseph Lori leads the refurbishments to match the original Belle Époque style, mirroring the facade of the Prince and Beaumarchais wings, the hotel strengthens its position as a Palace and is raised by two storeys.

From 2004 to 2007, the hotel's Excelsior wing is renovated with the same stringent requirements as the preceding renovations. Beside the upgrade to compliance standards following an environmental charter established by Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, 54 rooms are re-decorated in a neo-classical style in the Prince and Beaumarchais wings, while their comfort is optimised. The prestigious Excelsior salon is entirely redecorated, excluding its Art Nouveau inspired ceilings. By the time the Excelsior wing is reopened in May 2007, nine suites in the Midi wing have been expanded with the addition of private terraces ranging from 21 to 80 sq.m.

Finally, the renovation program started in 2002 ends with the completion of the Costa and Midi wings, now housing a 400-seat conference room, entirely dug out from bedrock.



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## II. Prestigious accommodations and amenities

In the heart of the hustle and bustle of Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo has elegantly imposed itself as a 5 stars Palace Leading Hotels, in the Belle Époque style. Romantic, it offers an intimate and discreet prestige concept. Its large volume and unique architecture contribute to its status of the perfect Palace, tailor-made to meet the stringent requirements a demanding individual clientele - families find a second home in the tailor-made children services – or business.

Rooms and suites renovated by Pierre-Yves Rochon offer unique comfort, a perfect blend between ancient and contemporary. Unique and timeless, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo perpetuates the elegance of the Riviera and Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer's art of entertaining.

The 278 rooms and suites are an integral part of innovative wellbeing at the forefront of technology and in symbiosis with the hotel's legendary heritage. Both sea and light are visible from the 5 wings of the hotel, creating a sensation of space and an atmosphere both bright and warm.



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## 1. The diamond suites

The Diamond Suites are the showpieces of Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo. There are 12 unconditional jewels overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, distinguished by their luxurious spaces. And to name a few: the Diamond Penthouse Suite, the Diamond Presidential Suite and the Diamond Duplex Suite with Jacuzzi.



The top floor of the Hôtel Hermitage Excelsior wing houses an exceptional apartment: **The Penthouse Diamond Suite**. This unparalleled suite holds no comparison in Monaco, welcoming guests to the greatest luxury of the contemporary palaces: space. It spans 361sq.m, including a 23sq.m terrace and a second 70sq.m terrace. Faithfully emulating the hotel's elegance, the Penthouse Diamond Suite becomes a unique cocoon on the 5th floor, subtly blending modernity with optimized comfort and cutting-edge technology. The result is entrancing; the most beautiful materials have been selected creating a decor made of elegance and harmony. Each room is delicately infused with haute-couture tones of taupe, aubergine and gold. In a family spirit, the rooms are divided into 3 bedrooms, 3 living rooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 1 playroom for children (convertible upon request); While 2 terraces offering a 360 ° view of the port of Monaco, the Monaco rock and the sea create a truly unique experience.



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The significant **Presidential Diamond Suite** lies on the Prince wing. Poetic, it seduces with its intimate atmosphere, neo-classical style, and Riviera elegance. With wooden floors, decorated in warm and refined colours, this apartment, which houses a technological marvel, takes full advantage of brightness and Monegasque panorama overlooking the sea. 204sq.m arranged in 2 bedrooms, 1 living room, 1 dressing room and 2 loggia terraces.



Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo devotes the top floor of the Prince wing to an exceptional 200sq.m apartment: **the Diamond Duplex Suite with Jacuzzi**. It is worth adding the private terrace to the living area. This roof top apartment offers from a 95sq.m space of totally exclusive living area, facing the sea, unobstructed, with a solarium and a jacuzzi, ideal for a romantic stay. Entirely designed by Pierre-Yves Rochon in an extremely contemporary spirit, this duplex suite is decorated in shades of white and is complemented by a glass staircase, which highlights the effect of space, clarity and weightlessness.



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## 2. Romantic moments

As an ambassador to romanticism, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo pays tribute to Love and dedicates “Romantic Moments” to lovers:

- ♥ a one-hour photo session with a professional photographer
- ♥ a romantic welcome awaits you at the photo shoot venue, including a bottle of Comte de Champagne Taittinger Blanc accompanied by a pyramid of Ladurée macaroons and a bouquet of 36 roses.

Booking & Information:

T. +377 98 06 25 25

Price: 390 €

A stay at Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo is the promise of a timeless and enchanting experience in Monte-Carlo.



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### 3. The V.I.K.

Created to be a prestigious secondary residence, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo is « the place to stay » in Monte-Carlo. It invites families to maintain their habits in an idyllic setting with bespoke service, pampering children in a unique way. In this house of prestige, the children are kings. Recognised as a VIK (Very Important Kid), he has the power to choose his activities amongst a range of rewarding, fun and original ones.



The made-to-measure V.I.K includes:

- 1 V.I.K. in room welcome: fruit juice, chocolate lollipops, and colouring book.
- 1 Kid's weekly program of the resort and the Principality of Monaco created by the Golden Key concierge
- Access to the heated indoor swimming pool (heated all year round, except for the 10 days maintenance period in December)
- Access to game and projection room
- Access to our private beach, Olympic swimming pool and baby pool.
- Access to Marmorata Kid's Club at our private beach
- Tea at the Limùn Bar (1 voucher per child per stay)

For guests staying in our Suites:

- 1 V.I.K. in room welcome: fruit juice, chocolate lollipops, and colouring book.
- A personalised dressing gown from 3 years old (in Diamond Suites)
- A personalised bib for children up to 3 years old (in Diamond Suites)
- The Teddy Bear named Gustave
- A selection of kids sun protection products
- Cap and tee-shirt
- A daily tea in the suite, starting the day after arrival

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#### 4. Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo

Live the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo experience is to discover the realization of unique creations at the height of technology and luxury lifestyle.

Directly connected to the legendary Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo invites its guests to enjoy a perfect and prestigious stay. "Zen, luxury, technology and performance" are the mottos. Entirely renovated in 2014, the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo is synonym with innovation, modernity, well-being and freedom.

Spaces entirely dedicated to serenity and well-being include:

- 1 Wellness space
- The spa Ô
- 1 beauty salon
- 1 Hair salon
- 1 boutique
- 1 health restaurant L'Hirondelle

Treatment days at the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo offer the possibility to enjoy an exceptional aqua fitness area: warm seawater pool, panoramic sea view fitness room, an aqua gym lesson with a coach, banya, sentorium, solarium, hammam and jacuzzi.



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### III. L'excellence de l'art culinaire façon Riviera

#### Sharing, generosity and gourmet excellence: Le Vistamar, with Chef Benoit Witz

At the restaurant Le Vistamar, Chef Witz and his brigade offer a gourmet dining experience on one of Monaco's most beautiful terraces at the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, featuring dishes for sharing and tasting, local products and authentic Mediterranean fare. Perfect for a business lunch or dinner in good company.

Since 2016, Benoit Witz, Executive Chef at the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, has unveiled a symphony of Mediterranean flavours and aromas. The products used at Le Vistamar are sourced from Riviera farmers and suppliers who are our trusted partners. Season after season, the best fruits that nature has to offer are prepared and fine-tuned here with a generous mind and heart.

The menu and its dishes for sharing offered at Le Vistamar for added enjoyment. Sommeliers, cooks and restaurant staff all play a role in maximising your experience in the elegant and friendly atmosphere of Le Vistamar.

#### **Chic & intimate...**

Le Vistamar offers refined lunch options in a modern setting filled with natural light. For dinner, beautiful Monaco evenings offer the possibility of an idyllic repast on the terrace as you contemplate the gorgeous view of the Port and the Rock. You'll love the outdoor area overlooking the Mediterranean, now and always...

#### **About Benoît Witz...**

He started his career in the 80s as a Commis Chef in Paul Bocuse's restaurant in Lyon. Shortly after his time there he pursued work at Pré Catelan in Paris before becoming a founding member of the Louis XV - Alain Ducasse à l'Hôtel de Paris in 1987. He spent three years getting to know and eventually falling in love with this intricate yet essential cuisine. He continued his apprenticeship at the Résidence de La Pinède in Saint-Tropez, and then in Lucien Barrière's Restaurant in Menton before returning to the Louis XV - Alain Ducasse à l'Hôtel de Paris from 1993 to 1995. After spending a year as a Sous-chef in Vallon de Valrugues in Saint-Rémy de Provence, Alain Ducasse appointed Witz as Chef at the Bastide de Moustiers in 1996, where he stayed for the next four years. For the reopening of the Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle in 1999, Witz, the heart and soul of the restaurant, used his skilled technique to bring in a unique sunny styled cuisine. The restaurant was rewarded with a Michelin star in 2006 and has held the title since.

A la carte or Business Lunch Menu: €59 (Every day except holidays), Seasonal Menu: €78, Gourmet Menu: €140 or Menu Partage: €120

Restaurant Le Vistamar : Open 7 days a week (only for dinner on Saturday and Sunday)

Informal attire, jacket recommended.

Information & booking: T. +377 98 06 98 98

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## The Limùn Bar and the Crystal Bar

The Limùn Bar offers luxury food, on the go. Located close to the lobby, it is an intimate and elegant space decorated in pastel hues. In the great tradition of hotel bars, the Crystal Bar, created by interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon, prides itself in its unique selection of Grands Crus wines served by the glass, in an exceedingly refined setting. Adorned with exceptional pieces made and signed by the greatest master glassmakers of the prestigious crystal makers such as Daum, Baccarat, St. Louis, the Crystal Bar is a unique place celebrating the incredible creative fantasy of “Art de vivre”.

*Crystal Bar*



*Limùn Bar*

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## IV. Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo or the converging of refinement and innovation

Varying on the desired atmosphere, spirit or target, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer is a guaranty of an exceptional seminar or reunion, specifically tailored for companies. Following an extensive renovation project, with restructured and expanded new meeting rooms and terraces, Hôtel Hermitage offers unique facilities for MICE events. Combining classism and modernity, it gathers together every necessary condition to provide optimum efficiency. A guaranteed success, and a promise of a return on investment!

### 1. A complete range of meeting spaces

The hotel offers 10 meeting rooms for a total surface of 570sq.m. Several years of work were necessary for the creation of the new multifunction Salon Eiffel: column-free area of 310sq.m, equipped with an ultra-modern projection facilities, accommodating up to 140 participants in school style tables, 340 in an auditorium and 240 in banquet room set up. This room is divisible into two autonomous parts.



The sitting rooms can be adapted to cater to every need. Smaller spaces are the ideal solution for smaller meetings, for example the Salon Gustave can be divided into 3 sub-commission rooms, the Trianon and Jardin d'Hiver, the Salon Bouderie, where 6 people can gather in a chic and intimate setting.

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The famous Salle Belle Époque, which is registered in the Monaco's architectural heritage, will give a unique dimension to your gatherings. 7 meters under ceiling, it will be the stage to lavish breakfasts (180 persons) or banquets (200 people, and up to 300 - coupled with the Regency lounge). For cocktails, it can host up to 300 guests, 450 if merged to the Regency lounge and includes a terrace facing the Palace.



Located in the heart of Monte-Carlo, a few steps away from Casino Square, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo includes 7 terraces and gardens: sumptuous outdoor spaces for chic cocktails under the Riviera sky. The Midi terrace and its unique views of the Rock and the yachts in Monaco can welcome up to 350 of your colleagues for a cocktail. The Excelsior lounge has its own terrace and garden embellished by a fountain (100 people for cocktails). The Salle Belle Époque and the Mezzanine du Jardin d'Hiver are also equipped with terraces with views. On the roof of the Eiffel lounge, the terrace and garden offer an elegant setting for cocktails, walks and coffee break.

## 2. Bespoke accommodation capacity

With its 278 rooms and suites, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo enables you to book up to 200 rooms for your event. Because of its architecture all in length and its multiple wings, you can be grouped without the hotel losing its charm and tranquil atmosphere. Thanks to ingenious style variations, guests stay in spacious and extremely refined rooms, all different, but of similar coherency.

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### 3. The potential welcome perk

Redesigned from A to Z, the Jardin d'Hiver lobby is today exclusively dedicated to the welcoming of groups. You will check-in and welcome your employees under a cupola signed by Gustave Eiffel, a unique heritage. Mobile desks are at your disposal to offer a bespoke welcome. The salon Jardin d'Hiver allows the installation of both a hospitality desk and a check-in and check-out desk.

### 4. Well-being, art de vivre

The hotel enjoys private access to the most beautiful spa in Europe, the Thermes Marins Monte Carlo, which, in addition to a swimming pool, sauna, hammam and jacuzzi, offers treatment packages designed for groups (up to 50 persons per half day).

To enjoy the company of smaller groups, the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo invites you to discover the Vistamar restaurant (1 Michelin Guide star), the Limùn Bar or even the Crystal Bar and its speciality of grands crus wines by the glass.

### 5. Unrivalled adaptability

Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer brand presents great compactness. It offers a rich variety of activities and facilities that complement business tourism, all combined on a surface where everything can be reached by foot! As a result, adaptability and ease of organization is unrivalled by any of its competitors. Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo guests can reach the Monte-Carlo Casino Atrium (400 persons per cocktail) in a few seconds and in a few minutes reach the Monte-Carlo Sporting and its mythical Salle des Etoiles. With its retractable roof and panoramic arcades, it can be the stage to unforgettable evenings hosting up to 950 guests. Board meeting participants can visit the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo cellars, share an exceptional guided dinner. For the most fashionable soirées, and closing sales-type incentives, Jimmy's Monte-Carlo nightclub will be reached in just five minutes! In pre and post dinner, nightlife is always guaranteed at the American Bar, the Buddha Bar Monte-Carlo or the Rascasse, and of course, the group four casinos.

Finally, a superb leisure offer enables the organization of days or half days of fun within the resort: cooking lessons, water sports, tennis courts (23 courts) 18 holes golf course. A tailor-made program can be created at your request.

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## V. Awards & distinctions

The brand Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer's overall commitment to its guests and its efforts to carry Hotel Hermitage to its paramount has been rewarded by a series of accolades.

- *"Best Hotel Group in Europe" Prix Villégiature Award 2017*
- *Certificate of Excellence Tripadvisor 2015 and 2016*
- *Top 10 France Condé Nast Traveler Reader's Choice Award 2016, 2015 and 2014*
- *"Best spa in a hotel in Europe" Prix Villégiature Award 2016*
- *Included in the "Top 101 Suites 2014" ranking by Elite Traveler*
- **Monaco Welcome Certified 2014**
- **"Silver Standard Certification" award by "Welcome Chinese"**
- *Gold Award in the "Event Hotel of the Year" category – Eventia Awards 2012*
- *"Best Hotel Atmosphere in Europe" Prix Villégiature 2012*
- *Voted 2012 World's Best Awards in the Large City Hotels category –Travel & Leisure Magazine*
- *Luxury Romantic Hotel, World Luxury Hotel Awards, 2010*
- *1 star in the Michelin Guide for Le Vistamar restaurant*



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## VI. About Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer

Since its creation 150 years ago, the group [Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer](#) has imposed a high quality, pioneering, inimitable and audacious image in the luxury tourism industry. Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer aims to be the guardian of a certain classicism, glamour and elegance, while simultaneously the tireless seeker of new trends, tastes and technologies. During one hundred and fifty years of excellence, a veritable cultural and historical patina has left its mark on the name of Mont-Carlo. Today, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer is a luxury brand whose expertise is expressed in its 4 Casinos, 4 hotels ([Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo](#), [Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo](#), [Monte-Carlo Beach](#), [Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort](#)) and 33 restaurants including the Louis XV-Alain Ducasse à l'Hôtel de Paris.

Its range of services extends to the fields of culture and entertainment with several venues including the Sporting Monte-Carlo, the Salle Garnier Opera for unique concerts and festivals, well-being and preventive health with the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo. It also acts as a major player in nightlife with Jimmy'z Monte-Carlo nightclub, La Rascasse, Le Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo, and sports with an 18-hole golf course and a tennis club. Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer is the brand of a sophisticate, remarkable, unique experience built around core values: Excellence, Generosity, Audacity, Creativity, and Passion. Monte-Carlo Société des Bains der Mer strives daily to embody the immortal words of François Blanc, its founder: "here, we must give the dream ..."



## VII. Useful Information

- 278 rooms including 88 suites and junior suites and 12 Diamond Suites  
*Rooms starting from 356 €*  
*Suites starting from 1345 €*
- 1 restaurant awarded 1 Michelin Guide Star with avec panoramic terrace: Le Vistamar
- 1 reception room classified and national heritage: la Salle Belle Epoque
- The Salon Excelsior
- The Jardin d'Hiver Hall and its Gustave Eiffel coupola
- The Beaumarchais Hall
- 1 lobby bar: « Limùn Bar »
- 1 bar: the « Crystal Bar »
- Access to the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo
- Access to the Monte-Carlo Beach (open from April to October, free shuttle) with Kids Club (free club to children from 3 to 8 years old)
- 9 salons equipped with state of the art equipment available upon request
- The 310sq.m Salle Eiffel

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