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01. SUMMER AT PORT HERCULE

Planned by the Events Department of Monaco's Town Hall, this amusement park, located at Monaco's Harbour, is destined primarily for children. It offers all kind of leisure activities that families can take part in such as merry-go-rounds, amusements and food stands contributing to giving families unique holiday moments to cherish.

In 2019, the summer events on the Port of Monaco will take place from July 15th to August 25.

Organized by the Animation Department of the City of Monaco, this children destination amusement park is traditionally held during the months of July and August, on the upper ***promenade Quai Albert 1***.

It offers children entertainment and activities for family fun: rides, attractions and gourmet stands are gathered for you to experience unique moments of vacation.



02. MUSEUM OCEANOGRAPHIC DE MONACO

AVENUE SAINT-MARTIN - MONACO-VILLE

Built on the side of the mythical Rock of Monaco, the Oceanographic Museum has been watching over the oceans for over a century. Founded by the Prince Albert I, great grandfather of H.S.H. Prince Albert II, it was designed as a Palace entirely dedicated to Art and Science.

This world-class oceanography museum sits spectacularly placed on the cliff face looking out to sea on the rock of Monaco. This in itself is worth the journey but perhaps not for the younger members of the family. For them there's an excellent aquarium - not big but perfectly sized for young children - with a touch pool and times to observe the fish being fed.

The museum is stuffed full of marine world curiosities. Again, it's not so big that kids lose interest, but just full enough of oddities to capture their imagination. You'll find a whale skeleton and an enormous polar bear alongside 200 year old diving gear and all sorts of pickled sea monsters! The roof terrace has a restaurant and excellent play area next to a turtle enclosure all with 360° panoramic views of Monaco and the Mediterranean.



03. PRINCESS ANTOINETTE PARK

Princess Antoinette Park is a majestic park at Monte Carlo's perimeter. The natural beauty of the place attracts a great many visitors as well as locals set on getting in touch with nature. Be sure and check out this little kingdom of the sacred olive tree during your visit.

Sunday gatherings are the thing at this lavish green space set amid the royal landscape of Monaco. There's also an amusement part to entertain children of all ages, but the park is superbly suited for walking and picnics too. This is a great way to get away from the high energy mode of the center city.

Princess Antoinette Park
54 Jardin-Exotique, Monte Carlo
Phone: +377 93 30 92 12
Hours
May - Sep Daily 8:30am-7pm



04. GROTTES DE L'OBSERVATOIRE

Grottes de l'Observatoire, once an astronomic observatory, is now a tour that takes visitors to the cave beneath the rock. This limestone cave, 100 meters above sea level, affords visitors a unique look at not only subterranean geology, but prehistoric digs for Monaco's early residents.

The presence of prehistoric people near this cave is evidenced here by almost 250,000 years of fossil evidence.

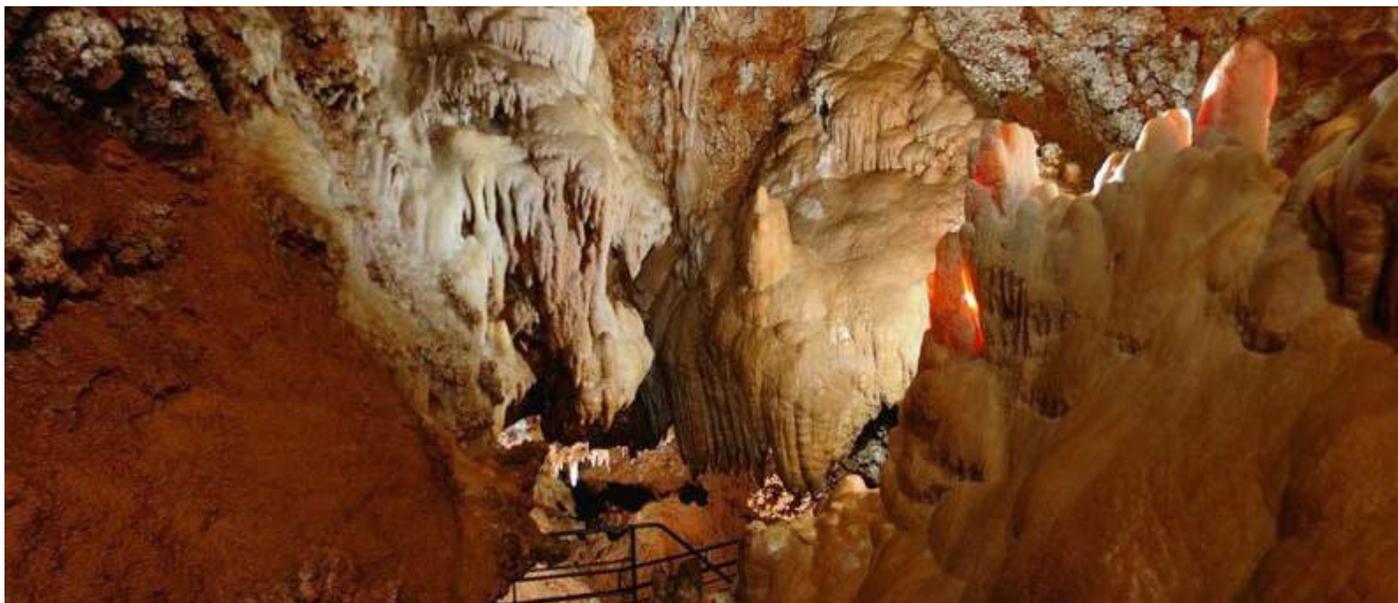
The nearby museum reveals and the exotic gardens offer fascinating facts and artifacts, and guests of the tour can also dine relax here too. Situated just outside the city, this attraction, and other nearby sites, are well worth a bit of a side trip.

Grotte de l'Observatoire, Monte Carlo

Phone : +377 93 15 29 80

Website: www.jardin-exotique.mc/grotte.htm

Hours : 9 AM until 7 PM



05. MONTE-CARLO BEACH CLUB

The Monte-Carlo Beach offers a kids club: the Marmorata. There is everything here to keep your kids busy in Monaco during your stay at the 5-star luxury hotel: cookery workshops, music, swimming etc.

The Kids Club at the Monte-Carlo Beach Hotel:

Free club for kids ages 3 to 8, under the supervision of BAFA-certified personnel

Themed workshops/activities every afternoon: music workshops (drums & guitar), cookery workshops, treasure hunts etc.)

Excursions to the kids pool at the Monte-Carlo Beach, under the supervision of certified lifeguards

Activities area: ping-pong, table football, board games etc.

Avenue Princesse Grace
06190 Roquebrune Cap-Martin
04 93 28 66 66

Price : €150 per person
 From 9 June to 29 September

The Sun Package includes:

- Free access to the Monte-Carlo Beach Club
- A poolside sunlounger for the day
- Lunch "Sunday Brunch" at the restaurant Le Deck (excluding drinks)

Offer valid from 9 June to 29 September

(only on Sunday, except July and August, subject to availability)



06. ASTROGRAMA

EZE

In the heart of Parc de la Grande Corniche.

This exceptional site is an excellent way to discover astronomy and space to your children, they will love to observe with glasses and telescopes! In addition, many events are held regularly to the youngest.

Route de la Revère

06360 Èze

04 93 85 85 58

<http://www.astrorama.net/>



07. PARC PHOENIX

NICE

7 hectares of exotic gardens with 2500 plant species and one of the biggest glass-houses in Europe located on the western edge of Nice. The pyramid-shaped glass-house has 6 different climatic zones offering the visitor a rich, colourful, steamy, tropical experience.

Kids love the enormous exotic plants that look like they're out of a cartoon they're so bright and wacky, and they just adore the iguanas wandering around freely! You'll find a number of animals such as beavers, wallabies, prairie dogs, tarantulas, pelicans and other birds living in sympathetically designed enclosures and several excellent play areas. The whole place is beautifully landscaped and designed for a fun and fascinating day out. Picnics are allowed and there is a small café too.

405 Promenade des Anglais, 06200 Nice
Tel :04 92 29 77 00



08. THE MOUNTAIN PARK VESÚBIA

SAINT-MARTIN-VÉSUBIE

Set in an exceptional natural setting, the new sports complex offers to discover mountain activities in a fun and accessible way in a learning objective, development and professionalisation.

It caters to all types of audience: sports, mountain professionals but also families, tourists, visitors to the Mercantour National Park, as well as school.

POOL AND FITNESS - CLIMBING - CANYONING * Indoor & SPELEOLOGY

Place du General de Gaulle; 06450 Saint-Martin-Vésubie

Tel. : 04 93 23 20 30

[Website](#)



09. AQUASPLASH

ANTIBES

Don't all kids (big and small) love a water park? A vast choice of waterslides, some not for the faint-hearted, and a pirate playzone for the littlies make this a fun day out. It can get very crowded in high season so my advice is to get there as it opens.

Espace Marineland, Aquasplach
306, Avenue Mozart
06600 Antibes
Tel : 04 93 33 49 49
<http://www.marineland.fr>



10. MARINELAND

ANTIBES

The biggest marinelife theme park in Europe with dolphin, orca & seal shows, sharks, rays, penguins and polar bears. There is no doubt that children love the shows particularly the playful dolphins and spectacular killer whales. It can get very crowded so once again it's better to arrive as it opens in the morning and prepare your visit ahead, checking the times of the various shows so as not to miss out. It is possible to take your own picnic or eat at one of the many cafés and restaurants.

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306, Avenue Mozart
06600 Antibes
Tel : 04 93 33 49 49
<http://www.marineland.fr>



11. LE BOIS DES LUTINS

VILLENEUVE- LOUBET

Le Bois des Lutins, an adventure playground so original you can't help but be charmed. The main attractions are the netted walks high in the trees, linking tree-houses and platforms from where you can search for hidden fairies, elves and pixies. To get down you have to brave the enormous slides and tunnels.

You'll also find giant inflatables, including the "hamster wheel", toboggans in the woods, zip wires, an underground troll cave, traditional wooden games and unusual swings. Because most of the park is in the woods it makes a great day out even on the hottest days. You can take your own picnic or buy food on site at the snack bar.

Billed as being suitable for 2-102 years old, I wouldn't disagree! Everyone finds something they love at this wonderfully low-tech park

Le Bois des Lutins
2559, RD 2085 - 06270 Villeneuve-Loubet Village
Tél / Fax : 04 92 02 06 06
<http://www.leboisdeslutins.com/index.html>



12. « LE VILLAGE DES FOUS »

VILLENEUVE- LOUBET

Le Village des Fous is a unique theme park consisting of a "crazy village" and a labyrinth with challenges and obstacles that you have to get through in order to access the village. Not only do you have to find your way through the maze but you have to answer riddles and succeed at physical challenges to get through each stage. The riddles and challenges are graded according to age, with 4 levels starting at 4 years old and up to adult making it suitable for the whole family.

The theme of the park changes each year (Vikings/Pirates/Samurais etc) which keeps locals and returning visitors on their toes, no cheating possible! Clues come in English as well as French. Once you've made it through the maze the "Crazy village" awaits! This is a fun park with original rides such as pedal karts, a flying bath tub, water catapults and plenty more. You can take a picnic or eat at the café. The maze gets very hot in high season but there are plenty of drinking fountains and areas where you can cool off in water spray making it perfectly bearable even on the hottest day.

Le Village des Fous
2559, RD 2085 - 06270 Villeneuve-Loubet Village
Tél : 04 92 02 06 06 / Mob. : 06 71 93 23 50



13. PITCHOUN FOREST

VILLENEUVE- LOUBET

Zip-line adventure course in the trees (in the style of "Go Ape" in the UK). There are 4 different courses for different levels of difficulty consisting of rope ladders, zip wires, rope bridges, wooden tunnels, trapezes and swings but none of them are very high up making them suitable for as young as 3 years old (or 1m high) and up to about 9. Adults can walk around the course alongside the children to assist if necessary. Unlike in places designed for older users, the children are permanently attached to the wires; another reason why it's suitable for such young kids. You can take your own picnic or eat in the café at the Labyfolies labyrinth next door.

Pitchoun Forest
2559, RD 2085 - 06270 Villeneuve-Loubet Village



14. FERRY RIDE

CANNES

To Ile Sainte Marguerite from Cannes followed by a walk along la Croisette to find the stars' handprints. The ferry across to the island of Sainte Marguerite takes 15 minutes, just long enough to get salt spray on your face but not feel sick!

The island itself is home to a 17th century fort where the man in the iron mask was imprisoned, a bird reserve, beautiful rocky coves and majestic umbrella pines all linked by shady walking paths suitable for pushchairs. There is a restaurant and a snack bar but this is the perfect place to take a picnic and spend a day on your own little beach, paddling, rock pooling or swimming away from the crowded beaches along the coast.

Pitchoun Forest
2559, RD 2085 - 06270 Villeneuve-Loubet Village



15. HORSEBACK RIDING

Discover horse riding with horseback riding organized by “The cavetiere”. This is ideal for family and enjoy nature and animals. Children will marvel and parents can enjoy peace.

La ferme du col de vence - La cavetiere route de coursegoules

06140 Vence

04 93 73 62 48 | 06 16 22 78 92

<http://cavetiere.free.fr>



16. CONFISERIE FLORIAN

VENCE

This traditional factory makes delicious sweets, chocolates, jams and candied fruits out of local flowers and fruit. Its location in the Loup river gorge under a ruined bridge is worth the visit alone and can't fail to impress even in bad weather. In fact when it's raining the river crashes through the gorge in a spectacular fashion - much more interesting than the little trickle in summer. What child can resist a chocolate/sweet factory? And what's more, it's free. It offers free factory tours with tastings throughout the day every day of the year in 5 different languages.

Le Pont du Loup
Tourrettes-sur-Loup, France
+33 4 93 59 32 91



17. CAFE LENOTRE CANNES

CANNES

Le Café Lenôtre Cannes welcomes you for a chic lunch with the family! This address must awaken the taste buds of young and old! Children who want to learn to cook can register for cooking classes. In this place of prestige, they will be supervised by true professionals who will pass them the pleasure of good food!

63 rue d'Antibes
06400 Cannes | 04 97 06 67 65
<http://www.lenotre.com>



18. MUSÉE INTERNATIONAL DE LA PARFUMERIE

GRASSE

Grasse is the world center of perfume-making so what better place to find out all about the history of perfume than in the thick of it? This excellent museum, which is not too big to tire/bore the kids, has workshops for children and adults alike during school holidays and regularly changing exhibitions. It has interactive displays especially designed for children too. Open every day during the summer but closed on Tuesdays in winter. Check the website for opening hours.

2 Boulevard du Jeu de Ballon, 06130 Grasse, France
Téléphone :+33 4 97 05 58 00



19. LASER QUEST - LASER GAME

CANNES & NICE

An indoor action game played with lasers similar to Paintball but simpler and without the possibility of getting hurt, suitable from 8 years and up. Absolutely non-violent but not appropriate for anyone afraid of the dark.

Open every day.

LaserQuest Cannes
28 avenue des ARLUCS 06150 CANNES LA BOCCA
contact@lqcannes.com

Laser Game Nice
First Floor Forum Lingostière
604 Bd du Mercantour- 06200 Nice
nice@lasergame-evolution.com



20. GLASS BLOWING IN BIOT

The lovely village of Biot is famous for its unusual bubble glass which can be found for sale in many boutiques throughout the old center. But on a rainy day why not visit the glass blowing studios and Eco-museum at the Verrerie de Biot. Established nearly 60 years ago and run by the same family since 1973 this workshop/studio/museum is fascinating to visit. You can watch the artists at work, learn all about glass blowing and even have a go yourself. Open every day. If the weather permits, a stroll around the medieval hill village just up from the Verrerie is well worth it.

La Verrerie de Biot
Chemin des Combes - 06410 BIOT
Phone : +(33) (0)4 93 65 03 00
verrerie@verreriebiot.com



21. ST CÉZAIRE CAVES

ST CÉZAIRE

Interesting, reasonably-priced underground caves near the lovely village of St Cézaire. The temperature is a constant 14°C all year round no matter what the weather outside is doing, making it a perfect outing for rainy days (or very hot ones). You have to take a guided tour but even if it's not available in your language the caves speak for themselves and are worth visiting. The tour isn't long and is perfectly suitable for kids. It is not suitable, however, for pushchairs as it involves steep steps. Only open on Saturdays from Nov-Feb but every day of the week during the rest of the year.

Grotte de Saint Cézaire
1481 route des grottes
06530 SAINT CEZAIRE SUR SIAGNE

