



Monte-Carlo

Chemin du Vinaigrier
Boulevard de la Corne d'Or

Av. Raquet Meller

Av. Fernand Marin
Ch. du Strainaire

Avenue Albert 1er

Chemin François Ferry
Avenue des Oeillets
Chemin des Cystes

Avenue du Soleil d'Or
Boulevard Lazare Settimelli
de la Barmassa
Av. Française

Avenue Georges Clemenceau

Av. du Général Leclerc
Chemin François Ferry
R. de l'Hermitage
Av. Victor Cauvin

Place de la Paix
St-Michel
R. de la Victoire
R. de May
R. du Poitou
Market
R. de l'Eglise

Chemin du Fort
Fort
Av. du Général Leclerc
Rue Edith
Av. Victor Cauvin
Chemin de la Jeunesse

Av. Saül Camot
Avenue du Maréchal Joffre
Av. de Verdun
Chapelle St-Pierre
Gare Maritime

Avenue du Maréchal Foch
Musée Goetz-Boumeester
Musée Volti
Centre de Congrès
Citadelle

Théâtre de Verdure

Rade de Villefranche

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0 200 m

Villefranche-sur-Mer

Nice, Cannes

Villefranche, France

Villefranche is a tender port which means that the Island Escape will anchor out at sea and tender boats will be used to transport you to the shore side.

City Introduction

From the main road above, you can look down across the red tile roofs of the old town, with the distinctive church and bell tower in the center. Like the medieval villages of the "back country", the narrow cobblestone and bricked streets slope steeply down (in this case towards the sea) or traverse along the slope, with vaulted passages beneath the houses. There's quite a medieval feeling here, with just the many little restaurants to remind you you're in tourist country. There are also quiet little squares, like the Place Félix Poullan beside the church, and the Place de l'Eglise just below, with a bench circling a beautiful big tree.

Point Information

Language: The official language is French, but English is spoken and understood in many tourist areas.

Tourist Information: A small tourist information bureau is located inside the port terminal and are able to provide timetables and prices for the bus and train services.

Currency: Euro. Foreign exchange is available with cash only from the Exchange

Local Services

Banks: ATM's can be found in the main town.

Shopping: Shopping is limited in Villefranche. There is a selection of souvenir shops, boutiques and art galleries. Traditional items include perfumes, regional wines and ceramics.

Shops are usually closed between 12:00 and 15:30. However, Monte Carlo and Nice are a short train ride away offering exclusive designer outlets and jewellers.

Places of Interest

The Citadel built in the late 16th century to protect the surrounding area from invaders. It is now entirely restored and houses 3 museums. The Volti Museum contains Volti sculptures, some of which are displayed in the Citadel's courtyard. The Goetz-Bourmeester houses abstract art and paintings and The Roux covers the middle ages and renaissance ceramics.

St. Peters Chapel restored in 1957 by Jean Cocteau and local craftsman represents Cocteau's childhood and St. Peter's life.

St. Michael's Church built in the 17th century houses a life size statue of Christ carved from a single piece of fig wood.

Tourist Train: Take the 'Petit Train' from the port for a guided tour of the town.

Beaches: The beach 'Plage des Marinieres' is a 10 minute walk from the terminal and is ideal for swimming and sunbathing. Turn right once outside the terminal building.

Shore Excursions: Visit the team at the Shore Excursions desk, Deck 5, if you prefer to let us organise a trip for you.

Desk on deck 5. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafés and restaurants. Bank and ATM machines are available in the town centre.

'Arrival' & 'All aboard' times: Please check on your Island Chat.

Transportation

Walking: The town centre is a 2 minute walk from the tender point. Once outside the port terminal turn right.

Taxis: Taxis are available from the quayside. Most fares are set, however if a ride is not metered, we suggest that you agree a price with the driver before entering the taxi. Please be aware that taxis in the south of France are very expensive.

Buses: The public bus stop is a 15 minute uphill walk from the terminal. It is located on Avenue Foch next to the pharmacy. Buses to Nice are available from here.

Trains: The main train station is located towards the end of Rue du Poilu. Head for the arches above the beach. This can be reached by following the beach road and taking the stone steps up to the platform. The train station is around a 10 minute walk, turning right outside the port. Trains run to Nice, Monaco, Monte Carlo & Cannes. Tickets need to be stamped in the machines by the platform before boarding the train.