Advance Publicity for
"Monaco – Jewel of the Riviera"

The Principality of Monaco started as a medieval Genoese colony but evolved into an independent domain under the Grimaldi family after 1297. It was little more than a small, struggling town but became a wealthy, luxurious and tax-free tourist destination with the opening of the Monte Carlo Casino in 1863 and rail service in 1868. Monaco added glamour with Formula 1 Grand Prix auto races. In 1956 Prince Rainier III garnered international headlines when he married a Hollywood star, Academy Award winner Grace Kelly, who became a real-life princess. As we'll see, today Monaco has lost none of its glamour. We'll wend our way through its narrow streets, look at the luxurious yachts in its harbour and meet the current ruler, Prince Albert, the son of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly.

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The photos below show why Monaco is the Jewel of the Riviera – clockwise from top left: The Monte Carlo Casino, which changed the fortunes of the tiny principality; a panorama of the town and harbour; the guards at the Prince's Palace; film star Grace Kelly who became a princess; and the Monaco Grand Prix.

