

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **LOCATION :**

The A.I.E.A. meeting is to be held at the Grimaldi Forum from 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

### **CONFIRMATION:**

As soon as the Monaco Government Tourist and Convention Authority receive the accommodation booking form, a written confirmation will be sent in return by fax or e-mail, together with information on how to get to the Principality of Monaco from Nice Riviera Airport.

### **TRANSPORT:**

From Nice Côte d'Azur Airport several means of transport are at the disposal of visitors to convey them to the heart of the Principality :

- Helicopter many flights from 8am to 8pm, journey time is 7mn, the cost 130 € a return ticket,
- Regular daily connections by bus from the terminal 1 and 2, every 1 hour from 9am to 9pm, journey time is 1 hour, the cost 23 € a return ticket.
- Taxis , journey time is 25/30 mn, the cost approximately 85 €.

### **CHANGE:**

The official currency will be the Euro.

Several 'Bureaux de Change' offices are open everyday, including Sundays and national holidays. Please enquire at your hotel for the nearest Bureau de Change.

### **CREDIT CARD :**

Generally most credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops. These include Visa (carte bleue), American Express, Mastercard and Eurocard.

### **TRAVELLERS CHEQUES / BANKS:**

Banks are open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 12.00pm, then from 14.00 to 16.30. Change is available in banks during opening hours. Most travellers' cheques are accepted in the Principality of Monaco.

### **CLIMATE:**

In October, the average temperature in the Principality of Monaco varies from 13° to 17°C.

### **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES:**

In Principality of Monaco, the electrical current 220V/ 50MH.

### **INSURANCE:**

Participants are advised to take out travel insurance against possible loss, accidents, or damages during their stay (The Principality of Monaco cannot be held responsible).

### **ACCESS TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO:**

To access the Monegasque territory it is necessary to travel through France. In order to gain entrance and permission to stay on Monegasque territory it is necessary to hold a valid passport, or ID, showing relevant stamps, visas and authorisations required by the French authorities to access France and the French Riviera. Should you require a visa, please contact the French Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

Despite the fact that the Principality of Monaco is an independent sovereign state, there are no formalities when crossing the borders.

Should you require further information, please contact:

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Please note that the following countries do not require a short term visa (less than 90 days) to access the French or Monegasque territories:

Germany	Greece	Holland
Andorra	Guatemala	Panama
Argentina	Honduras	Paraguay
Austria	Hungary	Poland
Belgium	Ireland	Portugal
Bolivia	Iceland	Czech Republic
Bulgaria	Italy	Roumania
Chile	Latvia	San Marino
Costa Rica	Liechtenstein	Holy See
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovakia
Denmark	Luxembourg	Slovenia
El Salvador	Malaisia	Sweden
Estonia	Nicaragua	Switzerland
Spain	Norway	Uruguay
Finland	New Zealand	Venezuela

We would strongly advise you to contact the French Embassy or Consulate of your Home country with regard to relevant formalities.