

Monaco should be on every senior traveler's bucket list. On our most recent visit, we made sure it would be a memorable one, and we hope you'll do the same.

When we arrived at the beautiful Riviera resort city on our senior bus three-hour tour, we then swaggered up the outer steps of the Monte Carlo Casino. We did our best to look like famed 007 sleuth, determined to beat the house while sipping a vodka martini, shaken not stirred.

Realistically, we played only on the casino's first level, on inexpensive slot machines as you'd find in Vegas, Atlantic City or your local Native American casino. However, if you're willing to gamble real money as 007 would, resume your swagger, go up to the second floor where all the much more expensive table games are located. Who knows...you may meet Pussy Galore, Ursula Andress or Goldfinger there at the roulette wheel. French is the language of Monaco, including in the Casino. Before you go, brush up on it. You'll not only better understand what's happening, but your James Bond or Ursula impersonation will be all the more impressive.

Incidentally, there's a new movie about Grace Kelly, the actress who became a princess. "Grace of Monaco", starring Nicole Kidman, is due to have the first showing at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

For all the latest on the Riviera's famed principality, go to www.visitmonaco.com