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Vista Palace Hotel Roquebrune Cap-Martin

“One of the world’s best travel views”—an oft-exaggerated claim, but not at the Vista Palace Hotel. Perched on a cliff 1,000 feet above the Mediterranean’s brilliantly blue waters, the hotel maximizes its considerable scenic presence with guest room balconies that lean out vertiginously over thin air, providing views that are not simply dazzling, but even dizzying. You’ll be forgiven for imagining that you’re in a glider plane and not in a hotel room!

All 68 rooms, suites and apartments have that incredible sea view—it would be a shame to waste it. Some offer panoramas of famous Monaco (rooms on this side are a little pricier), but visiting Cognoscenti Magazine editors preferred the vistas from the other side of the hotel, where you take in Cap Martin, Menton, as well as several glorious sweeps of the coastline beyond, extending well into the Italian Riviera.

Our cheery if simple sea-view room was decorated in shades of pastel yellow. Both window curtains and a sunshade retracted at the touch of a button, making it simple to grab an afternoon nap in quiet darkness.

In the spacious dining room, there are still more fabulous views, and here, an unusually fine English-style breakfast is served every morning, replete with eggs, bacon, salmon, fresh fruit, complimentary newspapers and—a very nice touch—complimentary champagne. It was one of the finest breakfasts we’ve had in all France.

A free shuttle service is available hourly throughout the day and into the evening, delivering guests to and from the Casino in Monaco, only 5 kilometers distant along steep and narrow roads.

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The Vista Palace above Monaco

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