ote d'Azur on the Riviera in southern France ... the name bring visions of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, and follow author Somerset Maugham, entertaining royalty and glamorous notables.

You can almost see them luxu-riating at their villas on the azure blue Mediterranean coast before World War II.

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A June trip to stay at a small
Buropean hotel in Villefranchesur-Mer for almost two weeks
made a home base for motoring
to Monaco, Cap d'Antibes,
Cannes, Cap Ferrat, St. Paul-deVence, Beaulieu and Eze
perched on the Moyenne Corniche.

niche.

To drive the spectacular Grande Corniche as in To Catch a Thief is chilling. Sadly this stretch of road - called by many the most beautiful road on earth - is where its star Grace Kelly then Princess Grace of Monaco died in a tragic car accident.

Staving in the carchanted little

Staying in the enchanted little
fishing village of Villofranchesur-Mer, we hendquartered at a
hotel overlooking the Mediterranean's deep natural harbor
between the peninsula of Cap
Ferrat and Nice.

By foot

On a walking tour, we learned the settlement began in 1295 on the coast of Savoy with people encamped atop the high cliffs. The Count of Savoy inveigled the folks to come down from the tow-ering cliffs and live on the harering cills and live on the har-bor by promising no taxes. By 1388 the settlement took place on the coast of Provence and by the 16th century became a free port called Villefranche-sur-Mer.

Climbing through the ram-arts of the ancient Citadel St.

as late as World War II.

Benulicu-sur-Mer is a nearby
town where Cap Ferrat joins the
mainland, and Gustave Eiffel,
who designed the Paris tower,
built a house, now a quietly
glamorous hotel. Adjoining we
find lavish Pompoli-inspired
Villa Koryles of the Belle Epoque
period.

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An admirer of Greek architecture and furniture, archaeologist Theodore Reinach in 1902 to 1908 built this extraordinary villa on the rugged coastline. In the dining room chaises for guests to recline, as they dined surround the three-legged Grecian tables.

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Cap Ferrat is on the way to
Monaco on a not-to-be-missod
peninsula of sumptuous villas,
and it offers a fascinating fivemile hike, according to opintalmologist Bob Stephenson, who
enjoys the Riviera with his wife
Mary Jo. But the stroll has been
made more than rigorous by
storms that crashed into the
walk at the tip of the peninsula
breaking up some of the concrete
slabs strewn among rocks.
On Can Ferrat since 1934 the

On Cap Ferrat since 1934 the Foundation Ephrussi de Rothschild opens her mansion with its original collection of lavish furnishings, some of which belonged to Marie Antoinette. At night we could see the lighted

bor lights on the right, the harbor deted with yachts.

Up the towering cliffs of Alpes
Maritimes on the Moyenne Corniche perches the little village of
Eze. Mort and Mary Lou Zies
told us during dinner one night
in Villefranche we must walk up
to the pinnacle of medieval Ezo's
castle-fortress with its 14th-century portals. Now the old structury portals. Now the old structury so Eze serve as three
mult hotels with expensive dining and countless shops. No cars
are allowed. Visitors have a
spectacular view down to the
constline.

St. Paul-dev-Vence, a hill town
with medieval streets and buildings, boasts the famous hetel
Colombe d'Or, whose 1920s
patrons included artists Picasso,
Signac, Modisliani, Matisse and
Calder, who paid their bills with
paintings, which hang casually
in the dining and bar rooms now.
Sophisticated people dine languidly on the terrace where
Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald once
got into a fight.

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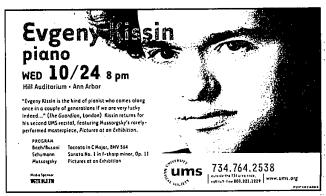
By chance we drove up to the top of Haut de Monta Carlo, past La Turbie Settled by the Romans in 6 BC on the Grande Corniche, and found the most magnifeent view of all looking down on Monte Carlo, its palace and the yacht harbor. The palace is a former fortress, which the Grimaldis – the oldest reigning dynasty in the world – turned into a palace. Today, when the Prince is away, the palace is open to visitors.

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After 12 days of heaven-onearth, we took a last stroll along
the harbor in Villefranche savoring the row of glowing cafe lights
on the waterfront, mixing with
the smiling, happy people arms
entwined soaking up the magical
sights in paradise.



On the Waterfront: A hundred pleasure boats (and a few fishing boats) line the waterfront in the Cote d'Azur fishing village Villefranche-sur Mer. On the hill beyond, the first residents subsisted by growing olives.



CRUISE SHOWCASE

Thinking about cruising the Caribbean or gliding by an Alaskan glacier on your next vacation? Business & Pleasure Travel of Livonia will help you answer all of your questions about cruises during a "Cruise &

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The showcase will bring together representatives from Funjet Vacations, Globus & Cosmos, Carnival Cruise Line, Celebrity Cruise Line, Holland America Line, Norwegian Cruise

Line and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

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