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GLAMOROUS MEDITERRANEAN PLAYGROUNDS

EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF THE GLAMOROUS LIFESTYLE of Monaco combined with a few days of relaxed luxury in the rolling hills of Tuscany. The excitement of the famous Mediterranean playground combined with Tuscany's relaxed elegance, offers the perfect blend for a unique travel experience...

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CASTELLO DEL NERO HOTEL & SPA

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FROM TOP: CASTELLO DEL NERO HOTEL & SPA IN THE HILLS OF TUSCANY. CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, CELEBRITY TRAINER WINE TASTING IN THE VINEYARDS OF TUSCANY. A NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN IN MONTE CARLO, MONACO. FROM LEFT: UK MUSIC PRODUCER JON TAYLOR, SOCIALITE & LUXURY BLOGGER MARIA CHANTAL, FASHION DESIGNER ELSIE ROSE AND CHRISTOPHER CLARKE. CASTELLO DEL NERO HOTEL & SPA IN THE HILLS OF TUSCANY.

Monaco

Located on the French Riviera, the small principality of Monaco that rose to worldwide fame with the 1956 marriage of American movie star Grace Kelly to Rainier III, Prince of Monaco, still possesses its magic allure. With Monte Carlo's famous landmark casino featured in several James Bond movies, the principality's glamour still lives on, and the capital is perfect for a bit of international mingling. Today's Monegasques chic, modern French inspired lifestyle is all about drinking champagne at outdoor cafés, dining at high-end restaurants and chatting with local personalities such as fashion model and designer Elise Rose and Marie Chantal, luxury blogger for the crème de la crème. A former haute couture Givenchy model, Elsie Rose fell in love with the small principality 22 years ago and launched her limited edition Elsie Rose Parfum as a tribute to her free-spirited life in her new-found home. With bold and beautiful designs, the Cameroon born fashion designer's range of evening dresses, business clothing, day-wear and luxury sportswear is loved and worn by celebrities and high-profile women all over the world. Elsie Rose's day-to-day life experiences is showcased on a reality webcast series created by blogger Marie Chantal, who also showcased Jamaica's number one celebrity trainer and model, the handsome Christopher Clarke, on her exclusive webcast featuring the 'who is who' of Monaco last summer.

Tuscany

From the French Riviera to Italy's historic Tuscan region, is only a pleasant train ride away on board the regional high-speed luxury trains. Italians live in their history, with food and wine at the centre of "la dolce vita". Walk in the footsteps of Michelangelo among market stalls and museums in Florence, the cradle of the renaissance, where restaurants and museums are in abundance. The rolling hills of Tuscany are home to some of Italy's finest wines, including Chianti Classico, Brunello and Supertuscans, pioneered by Casa Emma several decades ago and later made famous by the world's oldest wine producer Antinori. The romantic atmosphere of Florence is famed, but the place to stay among the rich and famous is the exquisite Castello del Nero Hotel & Spa, a Small Leading Hotel of the World located a mere 20 minutes from Florence (www.castellodelnero.com). At this luxurious hideaway, you are likely to bump into Hollywood producers, singers and actors, sports stars, Italian celebrities and the international business elite. Avoid the noise and queues of the city and use this exquisite hotel as a base from which to explore Florence, Siena and the many charming hilltop villages nearby. The hotel which offers a free shuttle bus service to nearby Florence and Siena, has a magnificent ESPA designer spa and a Michelin restaurant that will make you wish you never have to leave. Be sure to check out Andrea Bocelli's summer concert schedule in his hometown of Lajatico, Tuscany, where events take place on a beautiful hillside amphitheatre to the backdrop of a magical landscape.