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angle to correct for the slant of the floor. Be prepared to realize that the beach off of the famous promenade is actually all rocks, and has no sand. Be prepared to be lured towards the flashy Casinos - only to be turned away because your apparel is not up to par. Keep in mind, everything you can wear is carried on your back, I'm sorry but there is no space for the Kenneth Cole shoes and the Haggar Golf pants. Oh well - just wait until the Czech Republic.

Nice does have 'nice' medical clinics though and their doctors know how to cure a case of bed

mites in a jiffy, in case anyone wanted to know of course.

My advice for those travelers still determined to visit Nice is to not stay long, your money is best spent elsewhere. However, if you must remain - hop on the train and head a couple kilometers east. Your train will disappear into a tunnel, stopping at a cavernous terminal carved out of the innards of a mountain. Immediately, you will notice that you ain't in Kansas (France) anymore - the walls have elegant carvings, the floor is marble, fancy royal paintings line the exit tunnel,

Christ even the air smells better - welcome to Monaco.

Geographically, Monaco is one of the smallest countries in the world. With a beautiful natural environment, the city is partly built within the mountain while the rest is a projection on the sea, having reclaimed 31 hectares through simply mind-blowing technical feats. Monaco is luxury and celebrity at its best. Fashion boutiques, glamorous hotels and restaurants, stadiums, and of course, the most luxurious cars in the world just start to describe what is contained within this tiny country.

Do not miss the opportunity to visit - but don't stay long and pack a lunch - as a student traveler, you are always only window shopping here.

France offers a solution for everyone's tastes. Whatever your reason for traveling, this country will provide more than enough destinations and excitement to keep your journey on course. Just a note: If you are a Canadian, I recommend that you have your flag on your pack while in France, or perhaps all of Europe. No offense to any of our brethren to the south, but tensions are a wee bit high these days.



The famous Promenade in Nice



Downtown Monte Carlo, Monaco - elegance, wealth and beauty



German naval guns of the Atlantic Wall - memories of D-Day



The mists clear over Vimy Ridge - forever scared by countless shells