



★ HOT FACTOR

The most popular of the international grand prix circuit of races in 19 countries, this annual fixture in the international social diary is also the most prestigious motor race in the world. Royalty, A-list celebrities and famous sporting personalities are always in attendance, especially since the event follows the **Cannes Film Festival**.

Contact: Automobile Club of Monaco,  
Phone: 377-93-15-26-00;  
Email: location@acm.mc; Website: www.acm.mc

★ NAMES TO KNOW

International concierge service **Quintessentially** taps its network of on-site insiders to provide hard-to-get access for club members during the Grand Prix.

Contact: Corporate Hospitality Director  
Micha Wyatt, Phone: 44-845-475-8405;  
Email: micha@quintessentiallyevents.com;  
Website: www.quintessentiallyevents.com

★ PLACE TO STAY

The **Hôtel de Paris' Winston Churchill Suite** is one of the principality's most sought-after accommoda-

tions, even when the race isn't on.

Contact: General Manager Luca Allegri,  
Phone: 377-98-06-25-25; Fax: 377-98-06-59-13;  
Email: resort@sbm.mc;  
Website: en.hoteldeparismontecarlo.com

★ WHERE TO BE

For a taste of Monte Carlo's hot nightlife, book an exclusive, hard-to-come-by table at **Jimmyz**.

Contact: Director Cyrille Regottaz,  
Phone: 377-98-06-70-68, Email: jimmyz@sbm.mc;  
Or join the likes of past guests Bono, Heidi Klum, Elle Macpherson and Rod Stewart at the **Monte Carlo Beach Hotel's VIP Amber Lounge**. For \$740 per person, your champagne glass will never be empty.

Contact: Sonia Irvine, Phone: 377-97-77-16-34;  
Email: enquiries@amber-lounge.com;  
Website: www.amber-lounge.com

For the best spot to find racers, dine at the trendy **Maya Bay**.

Contact: Owner M. Jean-Victor Pastor,  
Phone: 377-97-70-74-67;  
Email: contact@groupepastor.mc;  
Website: www.groupepastor.mc

IF YOU MISS IT:  
AUTOMOBILE AFICIONADO EVENTS

★ DAKAR RALLY 2009

Buenos Aires, Argentina  
January 3 to 18  
Website: www.dakar.com

★ THE MILLE MIGLIA

Brescia, Italy  
May 13 to 17  
Website: www.1000miglia.eu

★ 24 HOURS OF LE MANS

Le Mans, France  
June 13 to 14  
Website: www.lemans.org

★ CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Pebble Beach, California  
August 16  
Website: www.pebblebeachconcours.net