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## A Business Trip to Monaco - Part One

Sometimes business trips take you to the most beautiful places.

During my trip abroad last month, I also traveled to the south of France to attend this year's **EY (Ernst & Young) World Entrepreneur of the Year Conference** in Monaco, and to speak at its Women in Leadership Summit. I was among 70-notable women leaders in business, government, and media, invited to participate in the event focused on encouraging and empowering women to persevere. It was a very innovative and informative gathering of minds sharing strong ideas for globally advancing women into leadership roles.

In addition to attending the conference, I used this excursion to do some research and scouting for future magazine and digital stories. I visited an historic home, an antiques market, and ate at some beautiful establishments overlooking the Mediterranean.

Here are some of my photos - enjoy.

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We were then shepherded by my friend Kirs to the historical home of Irish designer, Eileen Gray, on the coast in Monaco. Eileen was renowned for her work as an architect, designer, and pioneer in the Modern Movement in architecture. Her house was decorated with extraordinary paintings by the Swiss-French architect, designer, and painter, Le Corbusier. <http://www.eileengray.co.uk>

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The bedroom has Ms. Gray's furniture and murals by Le Corbusier, another pioneer of what is now called modern architecture.

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The architecture is being carefully restored and rebuilt and the gardens planted and cared for.

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A beautiful tapestry rug designed by Eileen covers the tile floor of the bedroom.

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Gray Matters director, Marco Orsini, showed us around- his knowledge was very complete and the information, fascinating. Gray Matters is a documentary examining the life and work of Eileen Gray.

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Another chair- very comfortable.

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Another mural by Le Corbusier- very graphic.



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The very iconic Eileen Gray side table.

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The swimming pool in the garden below the multi-level home- it, too, had numerous "levels".

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The property looks right back at the city of Monaco.

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The house is quite like a small yacht- canvas walkway-covers span the decks.

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Alan Luchs, Daisy and Kevin enjoyed the tour, the views, the gardens and of course the art.

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A bas relief mural by Le Corbusier has been carefully restored in the outdoor dining room.

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Modern built-ins from the period- very clever and very contemporary.

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Above the house are the original apartments built for visiting artists- modest housing in a most "unmodest " setting right on the Cote d'Azur.



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Another view from the house.

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A tiny spiral staircase winds its way to the roof of the house.

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An Eileen Gray screen in black lacquer.

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The "dining room" indoors.

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Kevin thought I would look good next to this mural.

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This is a formal portrait of the lecturer, Marco Orsini, me, and my friends, Kira Faiman, Alan and Kevin.