



MAP OF SAINTE- MARGUERITE ISLAND





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Sainte-Marguerite is the largest of the Lérins Islands, which are also home to several islets and Ile Saint-Honorat and its community of monks. It covers 170 hectares with approximately 9 kilometres of coastline and 22 kilometres of footpaths. The island is a listed site and protected through the joint efforts of the City of Cannes and the French National Forest Office, which is in charge of the state-owned forest (152 hectares).



UNDERWATER ECO-MUSEUM JASON DECAIRES TAYLOR

Cannes is the first city in France to showcase underwater pieces by Jason deCaires Taylor. The famous English artist has chosen Cannes' coastline as the stage for his sculptures based on the faces of local people. "Jason deCaires Taylor's disturbing pieces populate the waters of Lanzarote, the Thames, the Bahamas, Cancun, Oslo and Grenada (which was listed as one of the Top 25 Wonders of the World by National Geographic)."

A dreamy ecological project promoting biodiversity

At 2m tall and weighing close to 10 tons each, the six statues are made from pH neutral marine grade cement to provide habitats for sealife. These artworks took a long time to create and form artificial reefs that encourage biodiversity. They evolve over time and are covered in seaweed and shellfish thus becoming an integral part of the

local ecosystem. Their rough texture enables larvae to grip onto their surface and thrive; while the nooks provide shelter to fish and shellfish.

Explore the artworks with a mask and snorkel

The sculptures lie 84 to 132m from the shore and at a depth of 3 to 5m, so that any swimmer with a mask and snorkel can see them. Free of charge and protected by a ban on ships anchoring.

MUSÉE DU MASQUE DE FER ET DU FORT ROYAL

Perched on a cliff overlooking the sea, the museum occupies the oldest part of a royal fortress (listed as a Monument Historique) which was built in the 17th century on the remains of an antique site. It contains monumental cisterns from the Roman era, a 330 year-old state prison (where the Man in the Iron Mask was held), a Huguenot memorial, as well as mural paintings by Jean Le Gac in 1992. It also houses a unique collection of archaeological artefacts, found on the island itself and in the nearby sea (Roman and Saracen shipwrecks off Tradelière and Batéguier).



THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK

The Man in the Iron Mask was brought back to life by Voltaire and Alexandre Dumas, and is one of history's most celebrated prisoners. This enigmatic character, "of name unknown and face unseen", was held in secret on Sainte-Marguerite for 11 years (1687-98) in a purpose-built prison. There are over 50 different theories surrounding the mystery of his identity; the most romantic is that he was King Louis XIV's twin brother.

Recent research has focused on a man named Eustace Dauger. The king ordered Dauger's arrest in 1669 and he was imprisoned in Pignerol (Piedmont, Italy) for unknown reasons, with no trial or judgement. His jailer, Bénigne Dauvergne de Saint-Mars, was under strict instructions: "that he be guarded with utmost security and forbidden to speak to anyone" or reveal his identity, on pain of death! Dauger vanished from the official registers in 1680. Could he be the anonymous prisoner transferred from Pignerol to Exilles, then to Sainte-Marguerite, before he died in the Bastille prison in 1703, with his face "still masked"? His prison cell at Fort Royal is remarkably well-preserved and gives visitors the opportunity to investigate further...



ECO-FRIENDLY GUIDELINES



BIODIVERSITY: Do not pick the plants and stick to designated footpaths. Do not disturb the animals and please keep your dog on a lead. Do not discard cigarette butts on the ground.



WASTE AND LITTER:

Please keep hold of your litter and bring it back to the mainland.



RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT: Do not play loud music. Help preserve the island's peaceful atmosphere and magnificent setting. Do not damage the heritage buildings or vegetation.



SAILING: Only drop anchor in sandy areas and avoid the Posidonia meadows. Empty all sewage at the port and make sure you only use plant-based cleaning products.



WATER: Limit your consumption of fresh water.



REGULATIONS: To avoid the significant risk of fire, any fire or open flames are strictly prohibited. Please follow the guidelines and regulations so that we can continue to enjoy these wonderful islands.

USEFUL INFORMATION

MUSÉE DU MASQUE DE FER ET DU FORT ROYAL

Fort Royal on Sainte-Marguerite Island, Cannes/Rens. +33 (0)4 89 82 26 26 – www.cannes.com

OCTOBER TO MARCH

Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays to Sundays:

10.30am to 1.15pm and 2.15pm to 4.45pm

Closed on 1st and 11th November
25th December and 1st January

APRIL TO MAY

Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays to Sundays:

10.30am to 1.15pm and 2.15pm to 5.45pm

Closed 1st May

JUNE TO

SEPTEMBER

Mondays to Sundays:

10am to 5.45pm

PRICES

Standard price: €6.50

- Concession (proof of ID/membership required): €3.50 (young adults aged 18 to 25, groups of 10 adults or more, Cannes Pass Culture and APC Aventura).
- Free entry: 1st Sunday of every month, from November to March inclusive.
- Free entry (proof of ID/membership required): 1st Sunday of every month, from November to March inclusive, under 18s and students.
- Mondays only from October to May: €3.20 (Fort Royal open, museum closed)



BIENVENUE SUR L'ÎLE SAINTE-MARGUERITE
VOUS ENTREZ DANS UN ESPACE PROTÉGÉ
MERCİ DE LE RESPECTER

WELCOME TO SAINTE-MARGUERITE ISLAND
YOU ARE ENTERING A CONSERVATION AREA. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL



Site classé



MERCİ DE S'ABSTENIR DE DÉCHETS ET
D'ÊTRE RAPPORTER SUR LE CONTINENT
PLEASE KEEP YOUR WASTE WITH YOU
AND BRING IT BACK TO THE MAINLAND



Île / Island

Longueur / Length 3,2 km
Largeur / Width 900 m
Tour de l'île / Tour of the island 8 km
Surface / Surface 170 hectares



200 m

Depuis le débarcadère
/From the ferry dock

- Fort Royal - Monument Historique**
Fort Royal - Scheduled historic monument
480 m - 0:09 min
- Bassin nautique de Batailleur/Tonnes Arthaud**
Nautical basin Arthaud sailing center
100 m - 0:04 min
- Éclairage nocturne par Jean de Ceira Taylor**
Nocturnal illumination by Jean de Ceira Taylor
925 m - 0:19 min

Point de vue/Viewing point

- Plage/Beach**
- Escaliers/Staircase**
- Fortes pentes/Steep path**
- Zone d'accès interdit**
/No-entry zone
- Site refuge Tsunami**
/Tsunami safe zone

Toilettes permanentes
/Permanent toilets

Toilettes temporaires de juin à septembre
/Temporary toilets from June to September

Poste de secours
/First-aid station

Repère secours carrefours
/Emergency crossroads landmark

Snack/Snack bar

Restaurant/Restaurant

Aire de pique-nique/Picnic area

Fontaine/Fountain

**VOUS ÊTES ICI
YOU ARE HERE**

DÉBARCADÈRE
FERRY DOCK

Fort Royal
Cannon de l'inconnu

Musée du Musée de ferret du Fort Royal

Centre international de séjour CIS Lérins

Médiérranoscopes

Mémorial Huguenot

Chantiers de Jeunes

ÎLE SAINT-HONORAT

Écomusée sous-marin
par Jason de Cannes Taylor

CANNES

Pointe Carbonel
Carbonel Point
2,6 km - 0:52

Îlots de la Tradelière

Pointe de la Convention
Convention Point
2,7 km - 0:54

Pointe du Vengeur
Vengeur Point
2,3 km - 0:46

Pointe du Batailleur
Batailleur Point
646 m - 0:13

Pointe du Dragon
Dragon Point
500 m - 0:11