# MAP OF SAINTE-MARGUERITE ISLAND



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## SAINTE-MARGUERITE ISLAND

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...





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## 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)

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

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

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ÎLE SAINT-HONORAT
Écomusée sous-marin par Jason deCaires Taylor
Pointe Carbonel
Carbonel Point
2,6 km - 0:52
Blockhaus
Îlot de la Tradelière
Batterie de la Convention
Pointe de la Convention
Convention Point
2,7 km - 0:54
Four à boulets
Pointe du Vengeur
Vengeur Point
2,3 km - 0:46
Pointe du Dragon
Dragon Point
500 m - 0:11
Four à boulets Blockhaus
La Partègue
Étang du Batéguier
Tour Sainte-Anne
Pointe du Batéguier
Batéguier Point
640 m - 0:13
VOUS ÊTES ICI
YOU ARE HERE
DÉBARCADÈRE
FERRY DOCK
Cimetières Historiques
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Fort Royal
Canon de l'inconnu
Grand Jardin
Maison Forestière
Allée du Centre
Allée Sainte
Allée des Eucalyptus
Allée des Myrtes
Allée du Portel
Allée des Faisans
Allée Marguerite
Allée du Dragon
Allée de la Convention
Allée du Vengeur
Allée de la Ceinture
Allée du Grand Jardin
Allée Faure
Allée Pasteur
Allée Boulet
Allée Dumont d'Urville
Allée Bellona
Allée Lérins
Allée Vauban
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