

# SAINT-JEAN CAP-FERRAT

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*Welcome  
guide*



*Perfectly unique*



# Editorial

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Thank you for choosing Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat! *Perfectly unique.*  
This guide is designed to take you right through your stay.

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat peninsula is located just ten minutes from Nice and Monaco, less than thirty minutes from Nice Côte d'Azur international airport, near Italy and some of the Côte d'Azur's largest cities.

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat has become internationally renowned, offering visitors all the charm of an exceptional and unspoilt beauty spot.

Its Saint-Hospice chapel, vast bronze statue of the Virgin, the Ephrussi de Rothschild Villa-museum, Villa Santo Sospir and other period villas reflect a past steeped in history and culture - a history and culture that endures to this day with a permanent exhibition of works in the village by the artist Sacha Sosno.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

Le Maire  
*Jean-François Dieterich*

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# EXPLORE

An aerial photograph of the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat peninsula in France. The image shows a lush green coastline with a small town built on a hillside overlooking a bay. The water is a deep blue, and several sailboats are visible. In the background, there are rugged mountains under a clear sky.

## SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT, AN OUTSTANDING DESTINATION

The peninsula of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat became a leading holiday resort around the end of the 19th century. Its dry and rocky landscape was originally home to just a handful of fishermen's and farmers' cottages clustered around the church and harbour. This hamlet was known as Saint-Jean and was part of the commune of Villefranche-sur-Mer.

Around the same time, the Compagnie Générale des Eaux created a 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> artificial lake, fed by the Vésubie, enhanced by a small island and waterfall, set in the middle of leafy grounds. This water was the reason why the peninsula came to be covered in denser and more diverse vegetation. From then on, Cap-Ferrat became the favourite place for the families who would arrive from Nice by horse-drawn carriage to have picnics under the pine and olive trees, or have lunch in one of the many restaurants that sprang up near the harbour.

## Independance

The County of Nice, which had belonged to the House of Savoy since 1388, was annexed to France in 1860. In 1904, Saint-Jean separated from Villefrance-sur-Mer and became an independent commune. Originally named Saint-Jean-sur-Mer, the commune took the name of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat in 1907.

## Developing tourism

In the early 1900s, winter tourism began to be popular on the French Riviera. Its very mild climate made it attractive to rich British or Russian families who soon made it a highly acclaimed destination. Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat became very popular following the visits of King Leopold II and various members of the Belgian aristocracy. The first large estates were built. In 1904, the hôtel Panorama Palace (now the hôtel Royal-Riviera) was built at the base of the peninsula. Its geographical location placed it at the center of high society. Designed to welcome a wealthy cosmopolitan clientèle, 1908 saw the construction of the Grand-Hôtel at the Cap-Ferrat headland.

In the Fifties, tourism started to become more summer-based and Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat became a fashionable sea-side resort popular with celebrities from all over the world. Visitors included Edith Piaf, Charlie Chaplin, Somerset Maugham, Gregory Peck, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Roger Moore, Tony Curtis, David Niven and Romy Schneider, who got married there in 1966. It was also a haven for politicians such as Général de Gaulle, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Raymond Barre, Winston Churchill, George Bush, Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin.



*Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat - Roger Moore - Charlie Chaplin  
Elizabeth Taylor - Edith Piaf - Villa "les Cèdres" - Tony Curtis*

## Famous painters also stayed in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.



Jean Cocteau



Charlotte Salomon



Henri Matisse

\*The writer David Foerster dedicated his book "Charlotte" (winner of the Prix Renaudot and Prix Goncourt des Lycéens 2014) to this talented artist who died in Auschwitz in 1943 at the age of just 26, and whose work is exhibited at the Jewish Museum in Amsterdam.

Henri Matisse paid many visits to Villa Natacha, owned by the art publisher Tériade. The painter had already created a stained glass window and a ceramic mural for the villa's dining room. The publisher welcomed numerous artists there with whom he collaborated, including Chagall and Picasso, and even his fellow countryman Odysseas Elýtis, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1979.

Charlotte Salomon, a Jewish artist of German origin, stayed at the Belle Aurore Hotel (now called La Villa Cap Ferrat Hotel & Spa ) for two years, where she painted her masterpiece "Life? or Theatre?"\*

But the artist who had the biggest impact on Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat was Jean Cocteau. A regular guest at the Santo Sospir villa whose walls were decorated by him with splendid frescoes, he was also behind the fresco that graces the wedding hall in the Town Hall. (Currently closed for works. Scheduled reopening in 2019).

Ever since, royalty, artists, politicians and rich industrialists have continued to fall in love with the unique charm of this place where the expression "in order to live happily, live hidden" acquires its meaning.



## Greats Estates

The first villas sprang up along the seafront that connects the peninsula to the neighbouring town of Beaulieu-sur-Mer (currently the Promenade Maurice Rouvier). One of the oldest is the villa originally known as "Lo Scoglietto" (today known as "Fleur du Cap"), which has counted Charlie Chaplin and David Niven among its guests, with the latter going on to become its owner.

King Leopold II of Belgium began acquiring land on the Cap from 1889, within a few years becoming the owner of over 50 hectares of the western side of the peninsula. Firstly, he bought a small villa near the Passable district (now the "Iberia" villa), boasting its own private harbour. But his best acquisition was undoubtedly the villa "Les Cèdres", which he had extended. It was to be host to big names such as the Grand Duke Peter of Russia, Lord Salisbury and Prince Charles, heir to the Swedish and Norwegian thrones. Within the grounds of this property, he had a villa built (now the Villa "Radiana") to house his mistress, Baroness of Vaughan. He was also responsible for building three other villas, "Boma", "Matadi" and "Banana", named after three villages located along the river Congo.



King Leopold II of Belgium

The villas : Ephrussi de Rothschild,  
Baia dei Fiori and Radiana



A circular villa called « La Vigie » was built by Emile Crozet-Fourneyron, a Lyon industrialist, on the site of some old grain mills. This magnificent property, overlooking the village, enjoys a superb view, extending from the Cap d'Antibes peninsula to the Italian coast.



*Villa La Vigie*

The neighbouring villa, called « Maryland », is just as spectacular, with its magnificent cloistered patio and rooftop terrace supported by red marble columns. It was built at the request of Englishman Arthur Wilson. Wilson was a personal friend of Edward VII and hosted lavish receptions for British expats based in the French Riviera.

The American artist Ralph Curtis built a grand Italian-style residence, topped with green, varnished roof tiles, that he named after his daughter, Sylvia. During the 50s, the villa was bought by His Excellence Ilhamy Hussein Pacha, who renamed it "Baia dei Fiori". « Château Saint-Jean », built at the behest of Italian-German banker, Carlo Wedekind, is a splendid Venetian neo-Gothic style property, set in one hectare grounds with a private harbour and boat shed. The property which was originally called « Château Wedekind » was purchased a few years later by the Hungarian princess, Vilma Lwoff-Parlaghy who renamed it « Château Saint-Jean ». Instead of a bathtub, the bathroom housed a kind of swimming pool, 1.6 metres deep and 3 metres wide, something that was considered particularly unusual at that time.

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Further along, on the pointe Saint-Hospice headland, is a vast 22 hectare estate, built by the Countess of Beauchamp, which she called “La Fiorentina”. She sold the property to Sir Edmund Davis, a South African diamond mine magnate, who was responsible for creating most of the tourist path that runs around this small peninsula. Successive owners have altered the appearance of the villa, but although its grounds are now reduced to some 3 hectares, it remains one of the French Riviera's most beautiful properties.

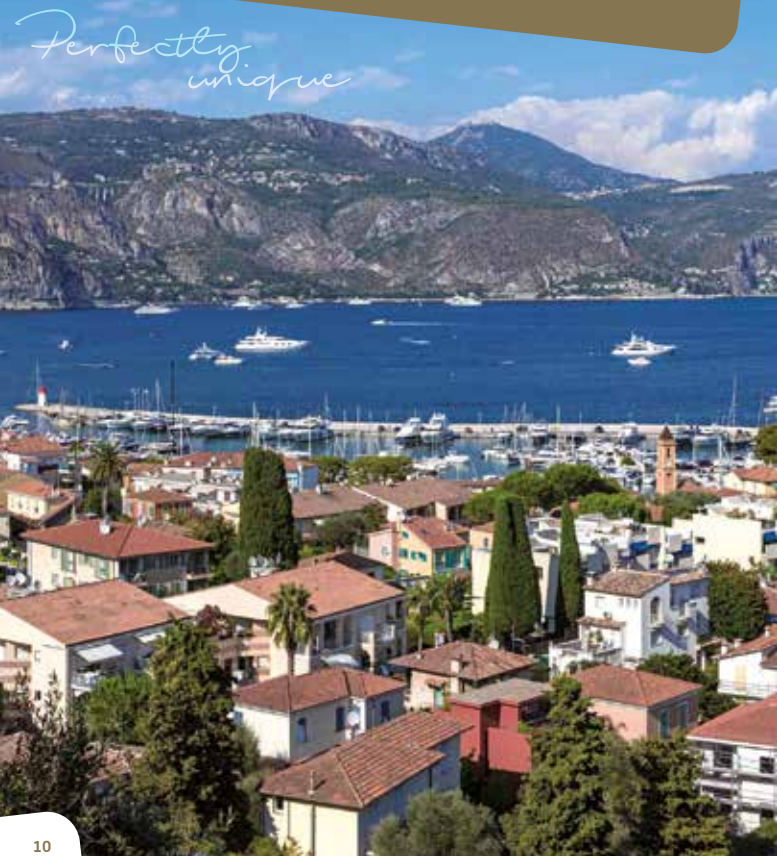
Villa “Les Bruyères” was bought after the first world war by Queen Victoria's son, the Duke of Connaught, who kept it until 1942. The British writer, Somerset Maugham, acquired Villa “La Mauresque” during the inter war period, and lived there for many years until his death in 1965. He planted many species of fruit trees in the 4 hectare grounds, including the first avocado trees in Europe. At the height of his success between the two world wars, he hosted many prestigious guests such as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Winston Churchill, Harpo Marx, Lord Beaverbrook and the Aga Khan.

*Château Saint-Jean*



# STREET NAMES OF SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

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## Avenue Claude Vignon

This talented artist, whose real name was Marie-Noémi Cadiot, was married to Maurice Rouvier. Working under her pseudonym, she was an art critic and writer. She learnt sculpture under James Pradier and went on to demonstrate clear talent in this area of art.

### WHAT SHE DID FOR SAINT-JEAN- CAP-FERRAT

She was the sculptor responsible for the statue, "Le pêcheur à l'épervier" (fisherman with a net), which was donated to the town by her husband, Maurice Rouvier. Inaugurated in 1890, the monument was originally placed above the port before being moved to Place Clemenceau in 1907. Made from bronze, the statue was removed by the Germans in 1943

to be melted down, but was intercepted at the last minute and put back on its pedestal at the end of the war.

## Avenue Denis Séméria

Born in Saint-Jean, Denis Séméria joined the Maritime Health industry at the age of 22 before being appointed director of the Caisse d'Epargne bank in Nice. He was elected as a municipal councillor and later as Deputy Mayor of Nice, he was also a member of the Commercial Courts, Knight of the Legion of Honour and Chairman of the Property Owner's Union.

### WHAT HE DID FOR SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

He was a staunch supporter of the town's bid for independence and drew up all the plans needed to put together the administrative files at his own expense. He was favourite to be elected the town's first mayor in 1904, but lost to Daniel Chonnaux by one vote. He took the result as a personal insult, and subsequently

moved to Nice. But he remembered the poor and the fishermen of Saint-Jean in his will.



## Promenade Maurice Rouvier

A lawyer, banker, journalist and politician (MP for the Bouches du Rhône department and later for the Alpes Maritimes, Senator of the Alpes Maritimes, Chairman President of the Alpes-Maritimes General Council), he was married to the artist Claude Vignon.

### WHAT HE DID FOR SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT

He was one of the strongest supporters of the town's bid for independence.



## RECOMMENDED TOURIST ROUTES

### Village > Pointe Sainte-Hospice

2H

Explore the village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, the marina and shops. Located at the end of the old port, the large seawall is ideal for a pleasant walk and offers a unique view of the village and cliffs.

Explore the peninsula further with a walk along the headland of Saint-Hospice. Take a small detour to admire the Saint-Hospice chapel (work scheduled for 2020) with its imposing statue of the Virgin and Child. Below lies the Belgian military cemetery, in memory of the soldiers who died in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat during the First World War and the graveyard by the sea. Return to the village via the bays of Les Fossettes and Les Fosses.

### SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR TOURISM COUNSELLOR

The Tourist Office offers tours with commentary of the peninsula as well as fun and interactive tours for the entire family with the GuidiGO app. Can be downloaded to a smartphone or tablet free of charge.(details on page 22).



HALF  
DAY

## Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild & Trail

A trip to the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild is truly unique ! (More information on page 14),

Step into the wonderful world of this Belle Epoque palace. Allow around two hours to visit the Villa and gardens. Complete your visit to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat with a walk around headland of Saint-Hospice (details on page 25) or the Maurice Rouvier walk (details on page 24).



FULL  
DAY

## Culture & Nature

Begin your morning by exploring the headland of Saint-Hospice, its walking trail, the chapel (work scheduled for 2020) and the statue of the Virgin and Child, as well as the Belgian military cemetery and graveyard by the sea. Return to the village to visit the seashell museum at the old harbour, now called Quai Lindbergh (details on page 17). Take a break for lunch at one of the many restaurants in the village or harbour before walking the Tour du Cap-Ferrat trail (details on page 26). Finish your day with a visit to Villa Rothschild and admire its magnificent gardens.





## MUSEUMS & HERITAGE

*One of the jewels of the French Riviera!*

**Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild\*** || Classified as a Monument Historique (national heritage site) since 1996

Inspired by the Italian Renaissance style, this palace features a range of styles from various eras, with strong Lombard, Venetian and Spanish influences. The estate was built between 1905 and 1912. Baroness Béatrice de Rothschild fell in love with this magical setting, and her crazy dream led her to transform these 10 hectares of unspoilt land into a haven that would house her collection of artworks (18th century furniture, china from the Sèvres and Vincennes Royal Manufacturers, and many more).

The Baroness was to bequeath the entire villa and all its treasures to the Académie des Beaux-Arts de l'Institut de France, which took ownership after her death in 1934.

The villa is surrounded by nine themed gardens and overlooks the bays of Villefranche-sur-Mer and Beaulieu-sur-Mer. Magical musical water displays take place in the French-style garden every 20 minutes, adding an enchanting feeling to this places.

Events : The Fête des Roses et des Plantes (Plant and Rose Festival) in May, the Nocturnes (Late Night Events) at the Villa Ephrussi in summer and Les Soirées Musicales et le Brunch (Musical Evening and Brunch), also at the Villa, in winter.

Games booklet for children between the ages of 7 and 12. Audio-guides available in 9 languages.

Full price: 15 €

Senior tarif: 14 € (over 65 years old)

Reduced tarif: 12 € (students, holders of the Education Pass and jobseekers)

Young tarif: 10 € (7-25 years)

Family Offer, 2 adults and 2 children (from 7 to 17 years old): 44 €

Combined ticket Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild + Exotic garden of Eze:

18 € - Reduced: 13,50 €



Included in the French Riviera Pass - Available to purchase from the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Tourist Information Office.

## OPENING HOURS AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

The Villa is open 365 days a year from 10am to 6pm, except:

- July and August, 10 a.m to 7 p.m.

- November to January: Monday to Friday from 2 p.m to 6 p.m/  
weekends, public holidays and school holidays from 10 a.m to 6 p.m.

The tea room/restaurant serves light lunches (The tea room is open from November to January, 2pm to 6pm during weekdays and 11am to 5.30pm during weekends and public holidays).



Last admission half an hour before closing time. Dogs are not permitted.

## CONTACT

Telephone : **+33 (0)4 93 01 45 90**

Site : **[www.villa-ephrussi.com](http://www.villa-ephrussi.com)**

Bus : Lignes d'Azur line 15 - Passable/Rothschild bus stop

\* Information is subject to change





## The tattooed villa of Santo Sospir

**Villa Santo Sospir\*** || Listed as a Monument Historique (national heritage site) since 2007

The multi-talented Jean Cocteau was a loyal visitor to the French Riviera, leaving his mark on many of its towns. In 1950, when the poet had just finished filming "Les Enfants Terribles", his friend Francine Weisweiler invited him to spend a few days at her villa at Cap-Ferrat. Seduced by its beauty and magic, Jean Cocteau was to stay at the villa for several months and soon became a regular visitor. During his first stay, he began to 'tattoo' the villa's bare white walls. He once said, "A young woman lives in Santo Sospir. It wasn't a question of decorating the walls, but rather drawing on their skin : I created linear frescoes with the minimum of colour to bring out the tattoos. Santo Sospir is a tattooed villa."

\*Currently closed for restoration works.  
Scheduled reopening: September 2021.



*The biggest current Mediterranean collection*

## Musée des Coquillages (seashell museum)

It's a chance for visitors to discover, or rediscover the Mediterranean's largest, current collection of shells, with some 7,000 exhibits, including 400 world record-holding shells as well as an exceptional collection of exotic shells. The visit begins with a 6 minute film followed by an exhibition of 33 display cabinets with a chance to observe some micro shells with the aid of binoculars.

New ! The Musée des Coquillages has had a makeover and is now the perfect place for a family-friendly interactive visit.

Quai Lindbergh

The museum is currently being renovated and opening hours may be subject to change as a result.

Information at the Tourist Office : +33 (0)4 93 76 08 90 – [www.saintjeancapferrat-tourisme.fr](http://www.saintjeancapferrat-tourisme.fr)





*It was once an important pilgrimage place...*

## Saint-Hospice chapel\* || Listed as a Monument Historique (national heritage site) since 1929

Saint-Hospice chapel was built in the 11th century on the site of a ruined sanctuary.

It owes its name to the Benedictine monk Hospitus who lived in one of its towers around 557 AD. In a state of total deprivation, he inflicted heavy punishment on himself to ensure he fully deserved his place in heaven.

Legend has it that when the Lombards invaded the coast (as the monk had already predicted), one of them tried to kill the hermit but his arm was suddenly paralysed. Overawed by his calmness of spirit, the Barbarians spared him his life. Many miraculous acts of healing have been attributed to him, including curing a deaf-mute person, a blind person and a woman possessed by demons. The chapel was fully restored in the 17th century by Charles Emmanuel II, Duke of Savoy, who extended it and added an altar. The chapel was fully restored in the 17th century by Charles Emmanuel II, Duke of Savoy, who extended it and added an altar in the 18th Century. The porch dates from 1826. The chapel was previously an important pilgrimage site and housed up to 140 ex votos which have since been lost. Inside, pause to admire the paintings by Louis Marchand des Raux that recount the life and miracles of Saint Hospice. The bronze statue of the Virgin (11.4 metres high) that stands next to the chapel was commissioned in 1904 by a rich trader from Nice after one of his prayers was answered. It was sculpted by Tranquillo Galbusieri.

\* work scheduled for 2020.







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## Belgian military cemetery

Located at the foot of the chapel, it owes its name to the Belgian victims of the First World War who lost their lives at the Villa Les Cèdres. Previously owned by King Leopold II of Belgium, this property was transformed into a military hospital by his nephew Albert I.

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## The graveyard by the sea

Nestled at the top of the headland of Saint-Hospice, the local cemetery of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat appears otherworldly. It was created in 1905 thanks to the generosity of Auguste Gal, a rich merchant from Nice, who provided the land.

Located at the foot of the Saint-Hospice Chapel and the statue of the Virgin in bronze, the graveyard by the sea overlooks the Mediterranean Sea and offers exceptional views. A great place for peacefulness and contemplation.

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## Saint John the Baptist church

The church of Saint John the Baptist dates from the 11th century. It is a very simple church but features beautiful decorations. It underwent two extensions during the 19th century, and the presbytery was built in 1846. Major restoration work between 1992 and 1998 gradually gave the monument its finished appearance we can admire today.

Every year, on 24th June, the whole village celebrates its Patron Saint's day by organising a procession that involves carrying the statue of Saint John the Baptist down to the jetty at the old harbour.

## COEXIST fountains

Located at the foot of the lighthouse and at the end of the Saint-Hospice promenade, these two fountains were inaugurated in September 2007 in the presence of James Kidner, the Director of the COEXIST Foundation, as well as Cherie Blair, wife of the former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and the singer Bono from U2. With its logo comprising the Muslim Crescent, the Jewish Star of David and the Christian Cross, the COEXIST Foundation works to build relationships between different religions.





*A unique panorama...*

## Lighthouse and semaphore || The lighthouse has been listed as a Monument Historique (national heritage site) since 2012

Built in 1732, the lighthouse was designed to replace an ancient 16th century fire tower. Destroyed in 1944, it was rebuilt in its current form after the war. It provides a unique view that extends from l'Estérel as far as the Italian coast. The lighthouse is currently closed to the public. The semaphore was built on the orders of Napoleon III in 1862. Belonging to the French National Navy, its current missions include managing maritime traffic as well as spotting any forest fires that break out on the coast. It is 143 metres high.

## The old harbour

A life line for the village, fishing was to play a key role in Saint Jean's birth and it's development around the harbour. Now known as the Quay Lindbergh, the old harbour was built by inmates from Villefranche prison between 1840 and 1876. Here you'll find shops, a restaurant, the Charlie Chaplin auditorium and the Musée des Coquillages (Shell Museum).





## TOURS WITH COMMENTARY\*

French  
language only

### PROMENADE MAURICE ROUVIER & SURROUNDING AREA (NEW ITINERARY)

Follow the guide along a new itinerary that will lead you to some exciting new discoveries. You'll learn about the artist, Charlotte Salomon, explore the remains of the chemin des Moulins (on the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat isthmus) leading to the pont Saint-Jean crossroads, before ending up on the promenade Maurice Rouvier. You can then stroll along the seafront at Beaulieu-sur-Mer until you reach the village of Saint-Jean. The visit is punctuated by lovely properties, views and interesting anecdotes. **Free of charge**

### SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT, ITS HISTORY AND LEGEND

Set off to discover the village of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, a former fishing hamlet that combines luxury and tradition. Along the way, you can explore the pointe Saint-Hospice headland, learn about the legend of Saint-Hospice, discover the Belgian cemetery, the graveyard by the sea, the Virgin Mary statue and wander along the footpath. The trail is dotted with murals, trompe l'oeil paintings, stunning views and other interesting features. **Free of charge**

### HERITAGE & CELEBRITIES (MODIFIED ITINERARY)

Wander around the peninsula - a popular meeting place and holiday destination for the rich and famous - exploring its wide avenues and quiet back streets. Discover homes and properties which belonged to royalty, politicians, writers, singers, artists-painters, actors and many others who have put Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat on the map. This revised itinerary offers visitors an alternative view of the town with a chance to discover new villas and take in some wonderful vistas. **Free of charge**

### BOTANICAL TOUR

Discover the rich botanical heritage of Saint-Jean, a land that was once barren and rocky. Dragon trees, palm trees, carob trees, jacarandas, hibiscus, cycad trees etc. Immerse yourself in the lush flora of the peninsula and discover a huge variety of different plant species. **Free of charge**

\* information is subject to change

## INTERACTIVE TOURS

Download the GuidiGO on your smartphone or tablet at no charge and discover the tours offered by the Tourist Office :

- New in 2020: "Expert en coquillages" (Expert on seashells), created by the Musée des Coquillages
- "The Legend of the Giant Crab" for children
- "Discovering the village and the headland of Saint-Hospice" which summarises the major elements of the tour with commentary, "Saint-Jean village, its history and legend"



### SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT, SEASIDE - BY BOAT\*

Explore the peninsula from the sea on board of 'La Sirène'. Our guide will tell you about Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, and will provide a history of the peninsula through the key figures and prominent landmarks that have made it famous. During the summer months only. Included in the French Riviera Pass. Game booklets for children. **Paying fee.**



Included in the French Riviera Pass - Available to purchase from the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Tourist Information Office.

Information and bookings at the tourist office :

**+33 (0)4 93 76 08 90**

# INLAND SIDE



## WALKING TRAILS

## PROMENADE MAURICE ROUVIER


### Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat (Village) > Beaulieu-sur-Mer

The trail begins with a magnificent view of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Cros dei Pin beach and the Pointe Saint-Hospice headland. Once past point Fontettes headland, you'll catch sight of some rocks of from pointe Rompa Talon. On your right, on the cliff tops, you will be able to see the picturesque villages of La Turbie and Eze while, below, the town of Cap d'Ail extends along the coastline. The last visible headland on the horizon is Italy.

You will arrive at place David Niven named after the great actor who loved Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat right up until his death. The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild can be reached by taking the small path to the left. The path continues along the baie des Fourmis with the Greek Kerylos Villa (now a museum), on your right. One final bend and you've reached Beaulieu-sur-Mer beach and Port des Fourmis marina.

Note : fully tarmacked with no steps, this promenade is accessible for pushchairs and wheelchair users.

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**LENGTH :** 1.3 km (one way) - **DURATION :** 20 minutes - **DEPART FROM :** opposite the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Town Hall. - **PARKING :** place du Centenaire or Cros dei Pin beach - **LEVEL :** easy 

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## POINTE SAINT-HOSPICE HEADLAND

**LENGTH :** 1.8 km - **DURATION :** 40 minutes (1 hour including a visit to the chapel\* - **DEPARTURE FROM :** Jardin de la Paix - **PARKING :** Place du Centenaire or Cros dei Pin beach (harbour beach) - **LEVEL :** easy

### Jardin de la Paix > Paloma Beach

Set out from the Jardin de la Paix along the nature trail where, thanks to 6 observation stations, you'll be able to discover the rich coastal heritage of this listed site.

Walk along the forest of maritime pines until you reach la pointe du Colombier with its landscape of limestone rocks eroded by sea spray and salt. A little further on, on your left, is the Edmund Davis path leading to the top of the pointe Saint-Hospice (+/- 100 m) where you'll find the Saint-Hospice chapel\*, the bronze statue of the Virgin (1903), the Belgian military cemetery and the cemetery by the sea (allow 20 minutes for the round trip).

Continue your walk until you reach the tip of the peninsula from where you'll see, on your right, Cap Martin, the Principality of Monaco and even Italy. You'll eventually reach Anse de la Scaletta (bay), sheltering la Paloma beach, before climbing a flight of steps to rejoin the Saint-Hospice road. Complete the loop by continuing to the Jardin de la Paix (where you'll find the Coexist fountain).

\* work scheduled for 2020.



## TOUR OF CAP-FERRAT

**LENGTH :** 4.8 km - **DURATION :** 1h30 - **DEPARTURE FROM :** Chemin de la Carrière (quarry) - **PARKING :** place du Centenaire or Cros de Pin beach - **LEVEL :** medium - Not recommended for those with a fear of heights

Chemin de la Carrière > Lighthouse > Passable beach

The trail starts on the chemin de la Carrière path, named after the former quarry, from where the stones, used to build the Port of Monaco, were extracted. The path hugs the coastline, passing below the Cap-Ferrat Grand Hôtel, a 5-stars Four Seasons Hotel with its mythical pool, before reaching the lighthouse and the Pointe Malalongue headland. On a clear day, there is a fabulous view across to the Nice headland and the Estérel mountains from the foot of the lighthouse. You're now on the west side of the peninsula, which boasts a succession of coves, following one after the other, until you reach the steps marking the end of the trail. Turn left and follow the path, along the road, leading to "Le Lido" residence, then cross the car park to reach Passable beach.



# SEA SIDE





## THE MARINA

The marina, accommodates almost 560 boats, both those permanently and temporarily docked. It features two pontoons allowing large vessels to oversee the disembarking and embarking of customers, as well as enjoying all the port amenities.

As part of its environmental protection strategy, the Port company has been awarded the 'Port Propre' certification for its new users area.

A new pedestrian area was opened in April 2017, allowing amateur yachtsmen and visitors to enjoy the shops, restaurants and exhibition rooms along the port's main quay.

Since spring 2017, classic boats have been docked at the main quay, much to the delight of visitors and sailing enthusiasts.

Water activities are on offer within the different port establishments. It is also possible to hire a boat or have a go at snorkelling.



*It's around the port that  
Saint-Jean was built*

### Facilities

The port currently has 8 quays as well as 12 pontoons. It has a berthing capacity of 562 plus a 50m berth in the outer harbour.

The port offers the following facilities: drinking water and electricity (32 A, 63 A and 125 A depending on the terminals), showers, toilets, free Wi-Fi, weather forecasts and CCTV. Refuelling station.

### Ship berthing

Boats can berth 24/7. The port has an 18m-long quay. VHF Channel 9

### Shipyard

In the northern part of the marina is a careening area and dock. There is another careening area and slipway in the Old Port, which is reserved for 'Fishing boats and amateur yachtsmen' and professional fishing boats.

Saint Jean Shipyard - Tel: +33 (0)4 93 76 02 57- office@cnsj.eu

### Situation

43°41',5 N – 007°20',1 E

### Lights indicating the port entrance

To the north of the jetty: a lighthouse shines 4 red flashes in 15 seconds, visible for 9 miles

### HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE :

Quai Virgile Allari +33 (0)4 93 76 45 45 / [www.portcapferrat.fr](http://www.portcapferrat.fr) / See water-based activities on page 33



## BEACHES

### Cros deï Pin || Harbour beach

This was the first beach to be opened. In 1932, the former chef to the famous writer Somerset Maugham was granted ownership of a modest cabin that he turned into a village activity centre every year. In 1936, he erected a magnificent glass-roofed building which was used as the community centre until 1970. It was demolished to make way for the new harbour.

Right at the heart of the village, this beach is one of the largest on the peninsula. Easily accessible, it is located next to the Water Sports Club and boasts a play area as well as a beach volleyball pitch, giving it a family feel.

Note: dogs are allowed on a section of the beach. They are not permitted on the other beaches.

Shower - Toilets - Individual lockers - Snacks



### Les Fossettes

Located below the Jardin de la Paix on the Pointe Saint-Hospice, this is without a doubt the best-preserved and most discreet beach on the peninsula. Locals enjoy its tranquillity and the seabed teeming with life. Perfect for snorkelling fans !

Shower - WC and snack bar nearby





## La Paloma

Nestling deep within a haven of greenery, Paloma beach is a real gem! East-facing, it offers uninterrupted views of the cliffs of Beaulieu-sur-Mer and Eze. Very popular due to its unique setting, it is also the start or finish of the Pointe Saint-Hospice trail. Part of this beach is private: Paloma Beach.

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat's iconic beach was built in 1949 by the architect André Deperi, and was originally frequented by the inhabitants of Nice and a few Americans who enjoyed this little corner of paradise. It has been visited by many famous people such as Matisse, Cocteau, Churchill, Roger Moore, Sean Connery, Elton John and Tom Cruise. The restaurant is open from Easter to late September and serves Mediterranean cuisine. This establishment can be fully privatized, and offers showers, changing rooms, bath towels, deckchairs (booking advised), beach umbrellas, a bar and a restaurant.

Paloma Beach - Chemin de Saint-Hospice -  
06230 SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 93 01 64 71 - [www.paloma-beach.com](http://www.paloma-beach.com)

## Les Fosses

This is one of the most beautiful beaches on the peninsula. Located to the south, it offers sunseekers an exceptional backdrop surrounded by villas as well as the former Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat quarry, the starting point for the walking trail. This beach houses the former municipal washhouse, now closed. The seabed is teeming with life, making it ideal for snorkelling.

Shower







## Passable || Breathtaking view of the Villefranche harbour

This beach is located to the west of the peninsula, enjoying a sunny position. It has an uninterrupted view across Villefranche-sur-Mer harbour.

Part of this beach is private: Passable beach

Previously known as Lutétia beach, it was first designed to accommodate guests staying at the Grand-Hôtel which was built on the headland of Cap-Ferrat. The chef serves wonderful, gourmet cuisine, inspired by the flavours of Italy and the colours of the south. The establishment can be booked out for fully private events. It is open from Easter to late September, and offers outdoor and indoor showers, changing rooms, bath towels, deckchairs, beach umbrellas, a bar, a restaurant, a shop and massages. Activities available include water skiing, jet ski, kayaking, ski tubing, ...

### PASSABLE BEACH

Chemin de Passable  
06230 SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 93 76 06 17

Facebook :

[www.facebook.com/Plage.Passable](https://www.facebook.com/Plage.Passable)





## PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL\*

If you feel like a change of scenery, the pools at the Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, La Voile d'Or and the Hôtel-Club Delcloy are open to the general public.

### Club Dauphin || Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, A Four Seasons Hotel\*\*\*\*\* PALACE

A few steps from the lighthouse of Cap-Ferrat, the Club Dauphin set in a magical park facing the Mediterranean, accessible by private funicular and air-conditioned. In a calm and relaxed atmosphere, you can have lunch and relax by the olympic pool with heated seawater. For those who want to isolate themselves and spend a day in peace, the Club Dauphin has cabanas located by the sea, and a premium lounge.

Tel. : **+33 (0)4 93 76 50 50** - Rates available at: [www.fourseasons.com/fr/capferrat](http://www.fourseasons.com/fr/capferrat)

### Swimming pool || Hôtel-Club Delcloy\*\*\*

The freshwater pool is open to non-residents who eat at the buffet restaurant (buffet style starters and desserts, main dishes served at table).

Price : 40 € - Children under 12 : 26 €.

By reservation only.

Tel. : **+33 (0)4 93 76 58 00**

### The beach || La Voile d'Or\*\*\*\*\*

Overlooking the port and the Mediterranean sea : The "Beach" of La Voile d'Or is almost unexpected and out of view (45 deckchairs and parasols installed right on the water's edge).

Daily rate: €40 per mat, including towel and parasol.

Booking required - Tel: **+33 (0)4 93 01 13 13**

\* information is subject to change.



## WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES\*

### Cap Ferrat diving || Scuba-diving

Come on board of the famous "Corto" a typical boat of our region and let yourself be guided by professionals. Olivier and his team will let you discover the richness of the Mediterranean in a holiday atmosphere. From 6 years old, children's courses, diving for beginners, water excursions, exploring and training for all levels, private lessons.

PADI 5 STAR Center, Aqualung Diving Shop

Tel. : **+33 (0)6 89 26 95 25** - [info@capferratdiving.com](mailto:info@capferratdiving.com)

[www.capferratdiving.com](http://www.capferratdiving.com)

### SOS Grand Bleu association || Boat trips

The purpose of SOS Grand Bleu is to implement, develop and encourage initiatives aimed at protecting Mediterranean flora and fauna, especially species that are threatened by the increase in human activity in the sea or on land, such as dolphins and whales. From April to November, the association organises trips on board a fabulous caique sailing boat to see whales and dolphins of the Pelagos Sanctuary.

Tel. : **+33 (0)4 93 76 17 61** / [gb@sosgrandbleu.asso.fr](mailto:gb@sosgrandbleu.asso.fr) / [www.sosgrandbleu.asso.fr](http://www.sosgrandbleu.asso.fr)

**Jet skiing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, water skiing, stand-up paddle, ski tubing... We offer everything!**

### Cap'tain Ferrat || Boat trips

See the coastline in a whole new light, from the deck of the "Maltese", a quiet, comfortable boat, in the company of Morgane. Bespoke trips with commentary, tailored to meet your individual needs. Taxi-boat, 1-hour, half-day and full day trips; sunset excursions and fireworks. Tél. : **+33 (0)6 10 91 39 07**

[captain.ferrat@gmail.com](mailto:captain.ferrat@gmail.com) - [www.captain-ferrat.com](http://www.captain-ferrat.com)

### Cap Ferrat watersport || Water sports

Cap Ferrat Watersports offers a range of water sports: parasailing, jet ski tours, electric jet boards, paddle boards, kayaks and pedalos, all in an exceptional setting. Guaranteed fun!

Multi-activity packages at discounted rate for groups are also available



Included in the French Riviera Pass

1 hour of paddle or pedal boat (2 PASS holders per pedal boat) - benefit -10% on the parasailing. Reservation required

Plage du Royal-Riviera - Baie des Fourmis

Tel. : **+33 (0)6 16 67 78 28** - [contact@capferratwatersports.com](mailto:contact@capferratwatersports.com)

[www.capferratwatersports.com](http://www.capferratwatersports.com)

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# LIFE IN SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT



## CINEMA\*

Twice a week there is a film screening at Salle Charlie Chaplin on Lindbergh quay.

Showings Monday at 9 p.m and Sunday at 3 p.m, October to June / Monday and Thursday at 9 p.m in July and August. Price: €6 - reduced rate €4 (under 15 years of age and students). In summer, open-air films are shown in the Presbytery Gardens.

## CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS\*

There are 4 recreational areas on the peninsula: one on rue du cinema, another on Cros dei Pin beach (with toilets closeby), another can be found at 2, Boulevard Général de Gaulle (with shaded benches in the garden next to the play area), and finally on Avenue des Fleurs, next to the community school.

\* information is subject to change.



## THE INTER-COMMUNAL MEDIA LIBRARY\*

This is a lively place where there's always something to do or explore! Books, CDs, DVDs, internet access, reading club, themed activities, talks, meet the author events, exhibitions, reading groups for mothers and babies, newspapers reading..... There's something for all tastes and ages !

Subscription is free for residents of Saint-Jean and the administrative district as well as for people working in the district, on presentation of proof of address and ID. Non-residents may join for €8 per year, and must also present a valid form of ID and proof of address. Winter opening times: open Tuesday and Friday from 1.30pm to 6pm - Wednesday from 10am to 6pm - Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Summer opening times: open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1.00 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Tel. : **+ 33 (0)4 93 76 44 50**

**[sivom-villefranche.mediatheque06.fr](http://sivom-villefranche.mediatheque06.fr)**



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## THE YOUTH HOUSE

The Youth Centre is a meeting place and recreational venue which seeks to promote social development, independence and raise awareness about our environment through educational workshops on sustainable development (art and craft activities with a focus on recycling) and a variety of fun activities (introduction to chess, table tennis etc.) The Youth Centre seeks to promote creativity, sharing and healthy co-existence throughout the year and during the holidays.

Open to young people aged 7 to 17 whose parents are residents or active in the municipality of Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, membership is 20 €. For second-home residents or children staying with their family during the summer period an exceptional subscription is proposed at 10 €.

Summer opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3pm to 7pm - Wednesday and Saturday from 10am to 7pm.

School holidays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3pm to 7pm - Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 7pm.

4 rue du Cinéma / [mdj@saintjeancapferrat.fr](mailto:mdj@saintjeancapferrat.fr) / Tel. **+33 (0) 6 27 02 61 21**

## EVENTS

Full events calendar available on  
[www.saintjeancapferrat-tourisme.fr](http://www.saintjeancapferrat-tourisme.fr)

## Saint-Jean festivities

For four days in June, the village is decked out in its iconic colours of blue and yellow. Throughout the long summer days, the village comes alive with traditional serenades, a funfair, concerts, and other fun activities. On 24th June, the Saint-Jean procession snakes through the village streets to the old harbour. Mass is celebrated at Saint John the Baptist church, and traditional Saint-Jean torches burn on the church square.



## La Nuit Vénitienne

This popular celebration at the beginning of August is a real institution, and has been celebrated since the post-war period. When night falls, a parade in Venetian masks and costumes marches carrying torches and waving flags, resembling a sort of carnival. A big fireworks display follows the parade which ends with an evening of dance.

Saturday the 8th of august 2020 (posponed to 2021)



## Saint Jazz Cap Ferrat & Saint Jazz Club Festival

The "Saint Jazz Cap Ferrat" Festival, a must within the Côte d'Azur jazz circles welcomes international renown artists to the Jardin de la Paix against the captivating pine forest setting.

From the 12th to the 15th of august 2020 (postponed to 2021)

In the winter, visit the Saint Jazz Club for an evening of jazz. Local and international artists invite you to join them in the Charlie Chaplin room for a series of enjoyable concerts. (subject to change)



## Les pâques musicales

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and Èze will once again play host to four exclusive concerts in 2020.

The programme for this, the second such event, will be as varied and impressive as the first. Beethoven is the world's most widely played composer and the celebrations, held to mark the 250th anniversary of his birth, will include vocals as well as string and brass instruments.

From the 2nd to 9th April 2020 (postponed to 2021)

## Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Prestige Motors

A classic car and motorcycle exhibition and competition. Collectors from all over France as well as abroad get together for the weekend to join in this prestigious event.

18th and 20th of September 2020 (postponed to 2021)

## Traits d'humour

Cartoon, caricature and humour festival.

Meetings with caricature artists, designers, discussions, exhibitions, audience participation events, are all on the agenda...

9th to the 11st of October 2020 (subject to change)

## Comiques en scène

One-man shows performed by talented artists recognized in France and abroad. This now traditional monthly meeting is full of mockery, laughter and even tenderness.

Events programme available from the Tourist Office

## Believe

Spirituality and Divinatory Arts Exhibition

Conferences and workshops focusing on wellbeing, novel philosophies and ancestral therapies.

3rd to 5th of October 2020 (postponed to 2021)



# SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT, IN THE HEART OF THE NICE CÔTE D'AZUR METROPOLITAN

## Nice Côte d'Azur Tourist Office



Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is one of 49 towns and villages, located between the sea and the mountains, that make up the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Region.

With its coastline, hills, valleys and mountains, the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Region, shares a unique identity fashioned by its geography and history. From the shores of the Mediterranean to the peaks of the Mercantour National Park, it offers a wonderful lifestyle with fine food, casinos, a variety of shows, festivals, leisure activities and sports etc.

Look up and admire the brilliant blue sky and dazzling light that so fascinated artists such as Matisse, Chagall, Dufy and many others, from whom we have inherited an exceptional cultural heritage.

With its lively seaside resorts, unspoilt coves, fragrant fields of rosemary and thyme, charming, hilltop villages, hiking trails and majestic, snow-capped peaks, it's a paradise for all.

And if you factor in 300 days of sunshine a year, an international airport and an exclusive hotel complex, you can understand why this iconic region is renowned throughout the world.

[www.nicetourisme.com](http://www.nicetourisme.com) / #ExploreNiceCotedAzur

# FRENCH RIVIERA PASS\*

The French Riviera Pass is the “City Card” available from the Nice Côte d’Azur Tourist Office. The French Riviera Pass, which is valid for 24, 48 and 72 hours, provides access to a variety of sites and activities on the Côte d’Azur.



For further information, visit [www.frenchrivierapass.com](http://www.frenchrivierapass.com) or the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Information Office: 5 avenue Denis Séméria +33 (0)4 93 76 08 90



Included with your French Riviera Pass for the Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat region:

- access to the villa Ephrussi de Rothschild (page 14),
- boat trip “Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat Côté Mer”, available in high season (page 22),
- one hour of stand up paddle or pedalo with Cap-Ferrat Watersports (page 33)

For an additional, optional payment of €4 per day, visitors can enjoy unlimited access to the Métropole Nice Côte d’Azur bus and tram transport network, for as long as their card remains valid.



\* information is subject to change





PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## How to get here

### BY ROAD

If arriving from the East: A8 motorway, exit 58 (Monaco - Eze), continue through Beausoleil and Cap d'Ail to the Basse Corniche, then follow the coast road until you reach Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

If arriving from the West: A8 motorway, exit 50 (Nice Centre), follow signs for Nice Ouest-Arenas, then the Promenade des Anglais. Follow the coast road, through Nice and Villefranche-sur-Mer, until you reach Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat.

### BY TRAIN

If arriving from "Beaulieu-sur-Mer" SNCF train station, take bus No 15 (destination Saint-Jean Port) from "Gare Beaulieu-sur-Mer" bus stop.

### BY BUS

From Nice: Lignes d'Azur network, bus No. 15 - departs from "Promenade des Arts", destination "Port de Saint-Jean."

### BY PLANE

From Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport, take the tram line n° 2 to the terminus ("Port Lympia" stop), then take the connection with bus line n° 15 ("Le Port" stop), direction "Port de Saint-Jean".

## DISTANCES FROM THE MAIN TOWNS ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA:

- Cannes : 54 km
- Nice port : 9 km
- Menton : 37 km
- Nice airport : 18 km
- Monaco : 12 km
- Italian border : 43 km



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Special timetable for 2020 season (subject to change)

### October to May:

From Monday to Saturday, 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Closed on Sundays- Public holidays from 10am to 2pm.

### July and August:

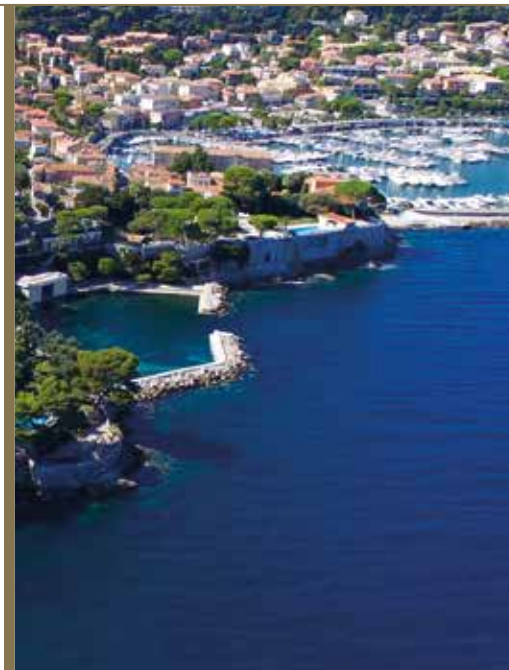
Every day, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm


### June and September:

From Monday to Saturday, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

Closed on Sundays

**Office closed on December 25th and January 1st**



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