Walking





with Saracens

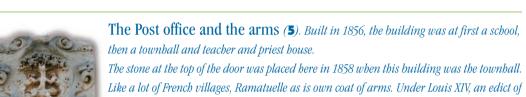


of the Duke of Sully to mark the province's pacification and conversion of Henry IV to Catholicism - is also depicted on the town's coat of arms, although be elm was replaced with an olive tree in 1983.

bday, an olive tree as took the place of is ancestor. Symbol of Provence and peace, it is also for Ramatuelle a symbol of future.



Place de l'Ormeau (3). Main square of the village with its cafés where the market takes place, each Thursday and Sunday morning. On this square there is the church Notre-Dame (4) decorated in 1620 with porphyre green called 'serpentine'. The guardroom has been preserved, as has 👫 a part of the covered way which runs over the church roof. The bell tower is the vestige of one of the four watchtowers. Inside, you can see two traditional Nativity figurines: St Joseph and The Virgin Mary (classified Historic Monuments from the 16th Century) and the reliquary bust of St Andrew, who was patron of Ramatuelle. To the right of the entrance, a plaque commemorates the memory of the crews of four submarines: the 'SM 2326', the 'Sybille', the 'Minerve', the 'Eurydice', which disappeared off Cape Camarat between 1946 and 1970.



Armorial. Ramatuelle accepted the rule and payed the tax. The coat of arms was described as follow: "golden coat of arms with a leafy tree surmounted by a star". Carry on through the porch, notice the model of the village who shows perfectly his

the king forced all the villages that possessed weapons to register them in the France's General

round shape. Enter the village by the rue des Sarrasins, and notice the narrow streets in the old rampart.

Head to the shop (6). This house is an old craftsman's shop dated from the end XV or XVI century. The whole is built in granite. It was also probably have had a wooden stall to sell the products and a butter to close it up. There was a step before the door to stop the water of coming in and to protect the suse from street refuse and sewage.

> Carry on to Place Gabriel Péri (7) (previously named Place du Château) where is the seignorial dwelling, stately home restyled in the 18th century by the Audiberts (Lords of Ramatuelle). Do not miss the iron stairs realized by the Gustave Eiffel workshops in 1868.

Cercle du littoral (8). It is the oldest local society of Ramatuelle,

Notice the butcher's tiles (beginning XXe century) with hooks for the meat, before handing to **rue**

Take rue des Amoureux (10) on the left, it is the narrowest street of the village. Then go down in the Rue des Sarrasins and keep your eyes open! Notice the buttress in between the two houses.

Carry on through the rue des Sarrasins and rue Emile Depétri (11).

Notice the old buildings, the doors and the windows dated from XVII century (houses $n^{\circ}7$, 12, 24bis). It was during this period that the village was rebuilt, after the religion wars.

Now, take rue Saint-Esprit. Don't miss the oil mill in front (12). Inside this house there was a oil mill dated from the XVIII century.

In between 1960 and 1975, it becamed an nightclub called "l'âne bleu".

Built under Napoleon III, the prison's built in a arabian style gradually led people to believe it was actually a Turkish























the outside, you will notice stone arms previously used to support the "bartizan" (a watchturret common in 13th and 14th-century French military architecture). It is dated from the XVI century. Free visit.



Go up to rue Victor Léon (from the esplanade admire the panoramic view of the vineyards and Pampelonne Bay). (15).

The sentier de la Font d'Avaou belo

théâtre de verdure (16) Draw buy the architect Serge Mège, it was edified in 1985. The quality of our events (Classic nights, Ramatuelle's festival and the jazz festi-

Keep walking up to the **restored washhouse** (17). *Carry on in* **Avenue** Clemenceau, shopping street with its galleries, shops and restaurants. Notice the building (18) on your left (the Galerie "Le Garage"), it was the old townhall.

ontinue on Avenue Clemenceau to Alfasser Square, where you will see

a Memorial erected in 1959 in honour of the French secret services who served the

esistance during WWII (19) Opened May 3, 1959, this uniqu s the work of Courbier. It's dedi-

cial services died for France during the Second World War. It carries engraved in the stone the names of the members of the networks of the information service and of against espionage which worked since automn 1940 in the underground in France occupied to prepare the operations which brought the liberation of the Country. These heroes taken by the services of the occupant died shot, beheaded, tortured or in concentration camps. Free visit on appointment.



Take the rue Jean-Moulin that leads to Sainte-Anne chapel (20) and to the cemetery (21)

Sainte-Anne's chapel Also referred to as the Chapel of Penitents,

this is the sole survivor of Ramatuelle's four former chapels. Built in the 16th century and abandoned for many years, it was finally restored in the 1960s. A religious service is celebrated there every July 26, on Sainte-Anne's day.



The cemetery

At the middle ages, it was on the main square of the village and on the slopes eading to the actual townhall. For hygiene reasons, at the end of the XX century, it was put outside the village. The most visited grave is **Gérard Philipe**'s, rench actor who became famous for theater and cinema. Died in 1959 at the age of 37, he is buried in his suit Cid de

Corneille, one of his biggest roles. His grave, covered with ivy and shaded by a laurel, is one of voluntarily most sober.

Next, turn right towards the boulevard du 8 Mai 1945, and notice the commemorative plaque (22) on your right. Head on to the car park and admire the panoramic view (23) over open vineyards,

hall (24) that was from school; enjoy gazing over the village rooftops.



Walk back down to Place de l'Ormeau, and do not miss the pretty fountain (25).

Like a lot of villages in France, Ramatuelle as a fountain on the main square. Water flows from the gaping mouths of theses twos lions, which until 1954 was the 🔳 🚰





The coastal walkway

* Accessible to all ** Some difficulties due to steep paths ズズズ Tricky and technical sections, or very steep Approximate times, one-way

Not accesible to pushchairs - Dogs allowed on a leash Closed shoes recommanded

From Saint-Tropez to Cap Pinet > 14km - 4h30 - **X* Ramatuelle has 15 km of coastline on wich are indicated several hiking circuits (yellow indicator).

Circuit A The Bay of Pampelonne > 5km - 1h30 - 🛠

P Route de Tahiti. You can walk right along the edge of the sea, past the different bathing establishments, both public and private, which succeed each other along the most extensive beach on the peninsula.Pampelonne who was the

scene of the Allied landings on 15th August 1944.

A **stone**, at Patch Boulevard, commemorates these events.

Circuit B The Inlet of Bonne Terrasse ▶ 0,5km - ७15mn - 🏌

P Route de Bonne Terrasse.

At the far south of Pampelonne, take the footpath along the base of the rocky coastline. After about 100m, don't miss the well of 'Lou Pous' with its resurgence of fresh water, before arriving at the beach of Bonne Terrasse and its fishermens' cottages. Possibility of returning via the footpath after the restaurant 'Chez Camille', or of going further along on 'Circuit C' to Cap Camarat.

Circuit C

Bonne Terrasse - Cap Camarat > 2,5km - 30mn

As Circuit B + extra parking (30 places) along the road to the restaurant Chez Camille'.

Take 'Circuit B' and follow on, or join it from the footpath which leads to the beach of Bonne Terrasse. Go along the sea-front to the barrier, then: ・ ズズ - The road on the right will lead you gently up to the Ligh-

thouse, which you will reach after about 500m.

X*X* - 30mn - The steep road on the left over the sea, leads up to the 'Rocher des Portes' or 'Bird Island'. Possibility of climbing up to the **Lighthouse (15mins up a path on



Circuit **D** Cap Camarat - Plage de l'Escalet 🕨 4,5km - 🕒 2h20 - ズズ

P at the bottom of the Camarat lighthouse

This itinerary starts with a succession of ups and downs along the rockface, before coming to sea-level along to Escalet Beach and its little private harbour. Discover the outcrop of the **Napoleonic Battery**, the **village of Merlier** (35 houses built in the 1960's by the achitects known as MONTROUGE, combining traditional and modern features); the **Château Volterra** (a private

residence from the 1900's) and the

Escudelier Rock (commemorating the submarine missions and escape of the banner of the 2nd regiment of Dragons during the Secon World War).



Circuit E. Plage de l'Escalet - Isthme du Cap Taillat > 2km - 35mn

Recommanded with children. 2 indicators: yellow ズ and blue ズズ **Good to know**: passage on a portion where the naturism is authorized.

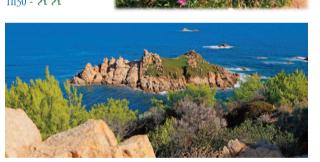
next to the tennis courts. Go down to the beach and take the path which goes down some steps to the right, (after the villa).

P Go up the Boulevard Praya, then to the left. Direct access to the footpath.

Undoubtedly the most beautiful stretch of the coastal walkway, with its backdrop of the isthmus of Taillat, which can be reached after a succession of rocky inlets. From the summit of Cape Taillat (a remarkable site protected by the

Coastal Conservation bureau), you will marvel at the different colours of the sea-bed, which change with every breath of wind

Behind the **Customs' House** on the right, the path leads to the dolmen of the Briande Bay (a burial ground dating from 2000 BC) 10mn - 🛠 Possibility of continuing Cap Lardier (30 mn) and to Gigaro Beach 1h30 - 🛪 🛪



The unavoidable



Our beaches

Discover the most beautiful landscapers of the Mediterranean coast. 6 roads to access to Pampelonne Beach from the coast road (D93) leading to parkings (paying in season); one road to access to the Escalet beach (parkings are free and paying).

Securised bathing: 4 rescue posts ensure your security in summer. Accessible beaches: a beach chair is free and at your disposal for handicaped people at the rescue post at Boulevard Patch. **Dogs allowed** on any beach in Ramatuelle kept on a leash!

Naturism: autorised on two parts of Pampelonne beach and tolerated in the coves of Canadel.



The marine path

Discover the marine path at Pampelonne! To follow in autonomy with mask and tuba over informative buoys and submerged panels. Access by Route de Bonne Terrasse, starting from the end of the beach. **Free access**.

Camarat lighthouse and it's surroudings

Beautiful view at 50 meters of the lighthouse (follow signs). The lighthouse started working in 1831. It is the 2nd French lighthouse for its height and luminosity 130m above sealevel.





is one of the highlights of Ramatuelle's rich heritage. Restored to its original condition in 2002, the mill includes a working mechanism made entirely of wood and a millstone for grinding wheat. Inquire about visits.

Caves and vineyards

Viticulture has existed since the ancient times in Ramatuelle., developed at first by the greeks and the romans. Today, the activity still holds an important role in the economy of the commune. More than 650 hectares of vineyards are cultivated, the production supplying the cooperative wine cellar "Les Vignobles de Ramatuelle" and several renowned domains. Inquire about visits.

















