TOURISTIC TOUR

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SARACENS

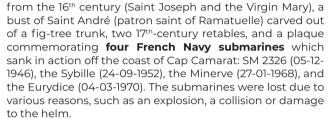
Place de l'Ormeau

The village's main square with its cafés was renovated in 2025, and hosts the open-air market every Thursday and Sunday morning.

The centenary olive tree In 1983, this olive tree replaced the elm tree planted in Sully's time to celebrate the pacification of the province and King Henry IV's conversion. The elm also features on the town's coat of arms. Attacked by Dutch elm disease, our old elm could not be saved, despite many attempts. The decision was regretfully made to chop it down on 23 November 1983. An olive tree now stands in the place of this ancestor. The symbol of Provence and peace, it also embodies the future for Ramatuelle.

2 Notre-Dame church

With its serpentine gate dating from 1620, the church was built against the former ramparts, the parapet walk of which still runs across the church roof. The bell tower was probably a watch-tower at one time. The church houses two gold-painted wooden statuettes dating



3 The post office and the coats of arms

Erected in 1856, this building has housed a school, the town hall, and the living quarters of the schoolteacher and priest. The front stone, over the entrance of the present-day post office, was inserted in 1858, when the building served as the town hall. Like many French

municipalities, Ramatuelle has a coat of arms. During the reign of Louis XIV, a royal edict obliged any municipalities with coats of arms to have the latter registered under the "Armorial Général de France". Ramatuelle complied and paid 20 pounds for this formality. The coat of arms was described as follows: "Or blazon with a Vert leaved-tree surmounted by a star of the same Vert." The coat of arms thus has a green tree and star on a yellow background.

Archway and model

As you pass under the archway leading to the historic centre, look out for the model of the village which clearly illustrates its **spiral layout**.

The old village and its narrow, winding streets enclosed within the circle of the former ramparts.

5 Ephemeral gallery

During the summer season, this atypical venue, which forms part of the "castle", becomes an ephemeral showroom called **La vitrine des créateurs**. It houses a succession of craft artists and their creative treasures.

6 Échoppe (workshop)

Dating from the late 15th or early 16th centuries, this was the workshop of a trader or craftsman. It was built in granite. It probably had a wooden stall to display goods for sale and a folding shutter. The raised threshold prevented rainwater from entering, but

Place Gabriel Péri

and sewers.

This square, once known as Place du Château, is dominated by the manor house, redesigned in the 18th century by the lords of Ramatuelle, the Audibert family. Look out for the iron staircase, built by Gustave Eiffel's workshop in 1868. Climb the staircase to reach the castle garden, an unexpected green space in the geographical heart of the village. (Open to visitors during the opening hours of



8 Cercle du littoral

Founded in 1885, this is the oldest society in Ramatuelle. Its motto is: "On entering the Circle I leave behind everything that separates us and treasure all that unites us." A guardian of traditions, the Cercle du Littoral organises festive events and highlights such as the Carnival or Saint-Dindon Day.

Two-tone butcher shop tiles

Equipped with hooks to display pieces of meat, these tiles date from the early 20th century.

Lanes with intriguing names

The funniest is undoubtedly **Rue Rompe Cuou**, or "Broken Neck Street". Be careful not fall in this lane of steep steps! The most iconic is **Rue des Amoureux**, or "Lovers' Lane". This quaint, flowery lane houses a lucky-charm heart and ends with narrow steps from the top of which you can see a buttress between two houses.

Rue Émile Depétri

Look out for the quaint old buildings, with doors and windows dating from the 17th century (houses n° 1, 12, 24 bis and 39), when the village was rebuilt in the aftermath of

Banc des amoureux (The Lovers' Bench)

Don't miss the lovers' bench in Rue Saint Esprit. An ideal spot for some souvenir photos! Tag us on the networks: #destinationramatuelle.



13 The ancient mill

On the outskirts of the town, Rue du Clocher (house $n^{\circ}8$). In the late 18^{th} century, this modest dwelling was once home to an oil mill which was powered by horses, oxen or donkeys. Between 1960 and 1975, the site housed a 🔲 nightclub, named "L'Âne Bleu" or the "Blue Donkey". For tours, please check details.



Former prisons

Built into the ramparts during the reign of Napoleon III in a highly-Arabic style, these prisons were often mistakenly believed to be hammams erected by the Saracens. Entry to the prisons prohibited.



Saracen gate

Dating from the 16th century, this gate has preserved its original aspect and leads to 👺 Rue du Moulin Roux and Rue des Sarrasins.
From the inside, you can still make out the

sliding rail and portcullis (or saracen), as well as the hinges installed in 1792 to close the door with two leaves. From the outside, you can see two stone arms which supported a watchtower, often placed over a door.

16 Viewpoint panel

Admire the views over the vineyards and Pampelonne Bay. Just below this viewpoint lies the Sentier de la Font d'Avaou trail, which leads to the old wash-house and the open-air theatre. This amphitheatre, built in 1985 by the architect Serge Mège, can seat more than 1000 people. The venue hosts high-profile events all year round (Jazz à Ramatuelle, Reconnexion, Les Nuits Classiques, or the Ramatuelle Festival), offering our municipality a rich cultural programme of national renown. Closed to the public.



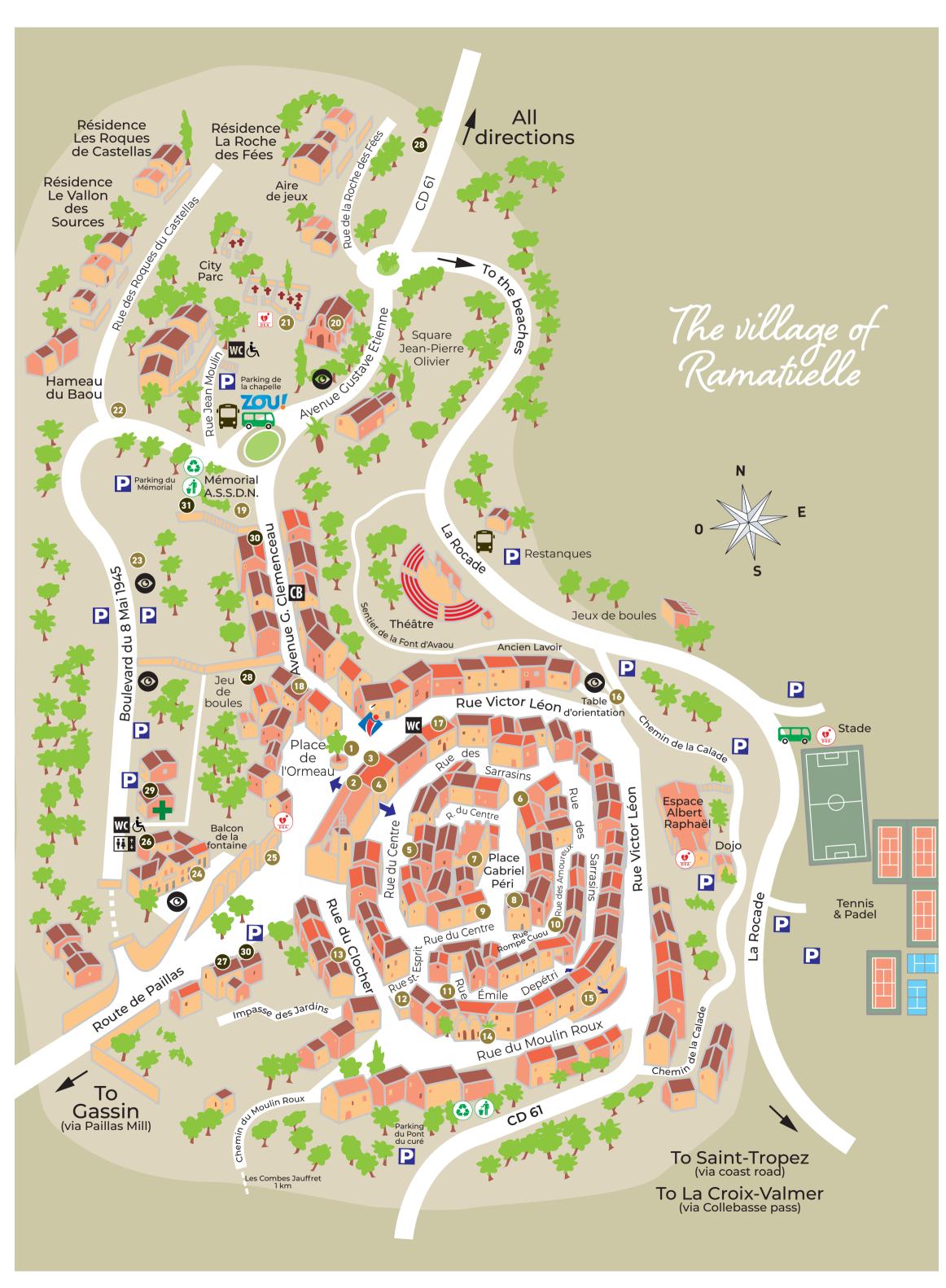
Rue Victor Léon and the wash-house

In this lively street, a wide range of restaurants offer tasty local specialities or more exotic cuisine.

In Provence, a lavoir, or wash-house, is much more than a simple building for washing laundry. It is a testament to history, a social venue and a symbol of local culture. The wash-house in Ramatuelle was restored and decorated with a trompe l'œil.

18 The former town hall

Stop to examine the facade of n°3, where you can still make out the "R" and "F" reliefs designating the former town hall. Continue via Avenue Clemenceau, the village's main street with its shops, restaurants and businesses.



19 ASSDN Memorial

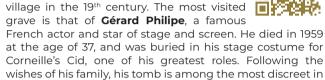
On Alsfasser Square stands the memorial honouring the veterans of the National Defence Special Services (ASSDN). Visits by appointment only. Inaugurated on 3 May 1959, this memorial, the only one of its kind in France, was designed by the sculptor Courbier, a friend of Jean Moulin. It honours the memory of members of the special services killed during the Second World War. Their missions often took them from Free France to Ramatuelle, in French submarines (Casabianca, Aréthuse, Le Marsouin, La Perle). When these vessels landed covertly on the coast, a local group of resistance fighters were famous for having helped to transfer special agents between Algiers and mainland France. Opposite the Roche Escudelier in Escalet, a commemorative plaque also pays tribute to these events.

20 Saint Anne chapel

Also known as the Chapel of Penitents, it dates from the 16th century. Long deserted, it was eventually restored in the 1960s. A religious service is held here every 26 July, for Saint Anne's Day. Closed to the public, outside of temporary exhibitions. Check for full details.

The cemetery

In the Middle Ages, the cemetery was located on Place de l'Ormeau and the slopes leading to the present-day town hall. For reasons of hygiene, it was moved to the outskirts of the village in the 19th century. The most visited



22 Commemorative plaque

Take Boulevard du 8 mai 1945, and as you go up the street, notice the plaque on your right commemorating the inhabitants of Ramatuellle who were made prisoner during the Second World War.

23 Viewpoint

the graveyard.

Panoramic view over the vineyards, Camarat lighthouse and the southern part of Pampelonne Bay.

The town hall

From 1900 to 1981, the present-day town hall housed the village school. Take a few minutes to admire the view over the rooftops and visit the photography exhibition, which is renewed every year

25 Fountain & boulodrome

Like most French villages, Ramatuelle has a fountain in the classic location of the main square. The water running from the open 🕺 jaws of its two cast-iron lions was the village's only source of drinking water up to 1954.

French pétanque In Ramatuelle, like in most Provence villages, pétanque or French boules is much more than just a game; it's a way of life! Under the shade of the plane trees, a game of pétanque is always a convivial moment.



26 Police station

27 Presbytery

28 Picnic table

29 Medical centre and chemist's shop

30 Bicycle/scooter rack and recharging terminals

31 Car recharging terminal

Coach park

P Car park

Summer shuttle stop

ii Lift



Waste sorting point



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OPENING HOURS		
LOW SEASON	morning	afternoon
Monday to Friday	09h00 > 12h30	14h00 > 17h00
MIDDLE SEASON		
Monday to Friday Saturdays and holidays	09h00 > 13h00 10h00 > 13h00	14h00 > 18h00 14h00 > 18h00

HIGH SEASON Monday to Saturday and holidays 10h00 > 13h00 14h00 > 18h00 09H00 > 13H00 Closed Sunday















COASTAL TRAIL

Accessible for all

Some difficulty due to steep sections of the trail Itinerary includes difficult or technical sections Linear trail, walking time indicated for one way

Trail not adapted to pushchairs - Dogs must be kept on a lead. Closed shoes recommended - For emergencies call 112



From Saint-Tropez to Cap Pinet **Q**14km [©]4h30 **½ ½**

The Ramatuelle area boasts 15 kilometres of coastline with several hiking circuits (yellow signposts)

A Pampelonne Bay

♀5km ७ 1h30 🏌 🎴 route de Tahiti

Walk the length of the shoreline past private establishments and public beaches, along the largest stretch of sand on the peninsula, Pampelonne beach, which was the stage of the Allied Landings in Provence on the night of 15 August 1944. A **headstone** on Boulevard Patch commemorates this

B Pampelonne > Anse de Bonne Terrasse

 \bigcirc 0,5km \bigcirc 15mn \nearrow P route de Bonne Terrasse

30 spaces along the road in the direction of *Chez* Camille restaurant.

At the southern tip of Pampelonne, take the path on the first foothills of the rocky coast. After 100m, look out for the underwater trail and the former Lou Pous well, before arriving at Bonne Terrasse beach and its fishermen's houses. You can then loop back (via the road, take the pedestrian entry after Chez Camille restaurant) or take circuit 😉 to Cap

© Bonne Terrasse > Cap Camarat

 \bigcirc 2,5km \bigcirc 30mn \bigcirc Same circuit \bigcirc

Take circuit 3 and continue along the trail or follow the road to the pedestrian entry to Bonne Terrasse beach. Walk along the sea shore:

† 45mn approx. On your right, the trail takes you to Route de Camarat, where you can discover the lighthouse by climbing 600m to the left; you can complete a loop by returning via the coastal

path to the Bonne Terrasse cove (add 30 minutes). ↑ ↑ ♦ ७ 30mn approx. On your left, the steep path overlooking the sea takes you to the Portes rock, also known as the Ile aux oiseaux or bird island. Along the way, you can also climb to the **lighthouse** via a path to your right (15 mins approx., several

Cap Camarat > Plage de l'Escalet

 \bigcirc 4,5km \circ 3h $\stackrel{*}{\nearrow}$ $\stackrel{*}{\triangleright}$ At the foot of Camarat lighthouse The itinerary begins with several steps, followed by a series of climbs and descents on the rock face, before returning to sea level and arrival at the Escalet beach with its small

Discover: the Napoleonic battery, located on an overhang, the Rocher des Portes also known as the Île aux Oiseaux, and the Rocher Escudelier which commemorates the submarine operations and the escape of the 2nd Dragoon Regiment during the Second World War. The trail also takes you near the **village of Merlier**, which consists of 35 houses combining tradition and modernity, built by the Montrouge architecture studio in the 1960s. You may also spot Château Volterra (a mansion built in the 1900s), but please note that these 2 sites are privately owned and not open to the

Plage de l'Escalet > Cap Taillat

♀2km ७35min 🏃

private harbour.

Good to know: A section of this trail passes through an area where nudism is tolerated.

Next to the tennis courts. Note: Limited parking in peak season. Opt for the free summer shuttle to get here! Descend towards the beach, take the path and steps on the right (after the villa). **Tip**: If walking with children, go to the end of Boulevard de la Praya for direct access to the trail.

Unquestionably the most beautiful part of the coastal trail with the backdrop of the Taillat isthmus, which can be reached after exploring a series of coves. At the top of the Cap Taillat (an outstanding site under the protection of the Conservatoire du Littoral), look out for the **Napoleonic sentry box** and take the time to admire the palette of undersea colours, which change with the prevailing winds.

A path above the **Maison des Douanes** customs house leads to the **Briande Bay dolmen**, a burial site dating from 2000 BC **७** 10min **↑**.

From Cap Taillat, you can continue to Cap Lardier 01h

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Beaches

Ramatuelle promises you a unique immersion in the most beautiful landscapes of the Mediterranean coast.

The beaches are served by several car parks (paid parking in peak season), but we recommend you opt for soft mobility: all car parks are equipped with bicycle racks and in the peak season, a free shuttle bus serves Escalet beach and the southern tip of the Pampelonne Bay (see timetables).

Explore Pampelonne from a new angle along the green way: on foot, by bike or scooter...a great idea for an outing all year round! Displays along the path provide information on this **outstanding natural site** and on the Posidonia banks which form a natural barrier against shore erosion.

In peak season, lifeguards are on duty to ensure you enjoy swimming in total safety. Beach wheelchairs are provided free of charge to disabled bathers (go to the lifeguard station on Boulevard Patch).

A fan of nudism? Nudism is authorised in two areas in Pampelonne Bay (entry via the Matarane and Garonne paths), and is tolerated in the Canadel coves along the coastal trail.

Here and nowhere else

Ramatuelle, a dog friendly destination! Your four-legged companions are welcome all year round on all the beaches in Ramatuelle, but please keep them on a lead! Swimming is also authorised for dogs (except in "ZRUB" reserved areas, go to the lifeguard stations for full details). Lastly, you'll find poop bag dispensers in numerous locations; don't hesitate to use them!



The Underwater Trail

From mid-June to mid-September, discover the Pampelonne Underwater Trail! Simply floating on the surface of the water, equipped with a mask and snorkel, and without the need for a guide, you can explore the trail signposted by 8 buoys. The information displays under each buoy will help you learn more about the abundant wildlife of this protected marine area. For a more immersive experience, book an outing with an enthusiastic guide (in July and August). Access via Route de Bonne-Terrasse, the trail starts at the tip of the beach.



Camarat lighthouse and the surrounding area

A magnificent view of Pampelonne from the belvedere just 50 metres from the lighthouse (follow the signposts).

The lighthouse was commissioned in 1831. At 130m, Camarat is France's second-highest lighthouse in terms of light source above sea level. (Paying tours, advance booking required at the Tourist Office: visit to the lighthouse museum and the top of the tower).



Paillas Windmill

A key landmark of Ramatuelle's built heritage. The windmill was restored in 2002, along with its original all-wood mechanism and wheat millstone. For tours, please check

Wine estates and winery

Wine has been produced in Ramatuelle since Ancient Times, initially by the Greeks and then the Romans. This activity continues to play a key role in the local economy. More than 650 hectares of vineyard supply the Vignobles de Ramatuelle cooperative winery and renowned estates. For tours, please check details.