

PLACES OF INTEREST

1 Saint-Louis Church is a neo-classical domed church completed just prior to the end of the French Monarchy. The structure was originally built in the style of the Greek temples to celebrate the existence of the Supreme Being. As with many of the city's landmarks the church was bombed during World War II but was rebuilt in 1954.

2 The Musée de la Ville (Toulon Museum), located along Boulevard Marechal Leclerc, houses the city's art museum, exhibiting a number of Provençal artists and works by Carracci, Rodin, and Bruegel. The Museum is also home to a number of natural history exhibits highlighting the area's flora, fauna, and geology.

3 The Mont Faro funicular is located behind the city's main train station on Boulevard Amiral Vence. Besides the panoramic views from the 540 ft./165m. summit visitors can also explore the Landings Museum (Museum Memorial du Debarquement). Set in the Beaumont Tower in 1944, the museum has several rooms of exhibits highlighting the Provençal landings of World War II.

4 The Musée National de la Marine (National Naval Museum) is housed in the 18th century Royal Arsenal and is located close to the current naval base. The maritime history of this region of the Mediterranean is displayed in an impressive collection of ship model, boats and galleons dating from the 17th century onward.

6 Provençal Market is the city's giant outdoor food and produce market. Open from 8:00 am to noon everyday except Monday, the market is a center for locals and visitors alike. The market is located at the intersection of Cours Lafayette and Place Louis Blanc, not far from the St. François de Paul

Le Castellet is a medieval village perched on a hilltop looking over the wineries of the Bandol region. The narrow cobblestone streets of the village are lined with houses dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, all magnificently preserved and restored. The village also boasts an 11th century castle and a 12th century church. The original entrance gate still stands along with six watchtowers that line the original town walls. Today the ancient fortified city gives way to a host of arts and crafts shops.

Bandol is a pleasant small resort town lying beside a pretty bay with villas scattered in groves of pine and mimosa. Behind the seafront and the town's cafes, shops, and boutiques, the area surrounding Bandol is more internationally famous for its wine production, producing some of the best known of the Côte de Provence wines.

- Admission charges are generally in local currency.
- When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Toulon and its surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour options, content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk.

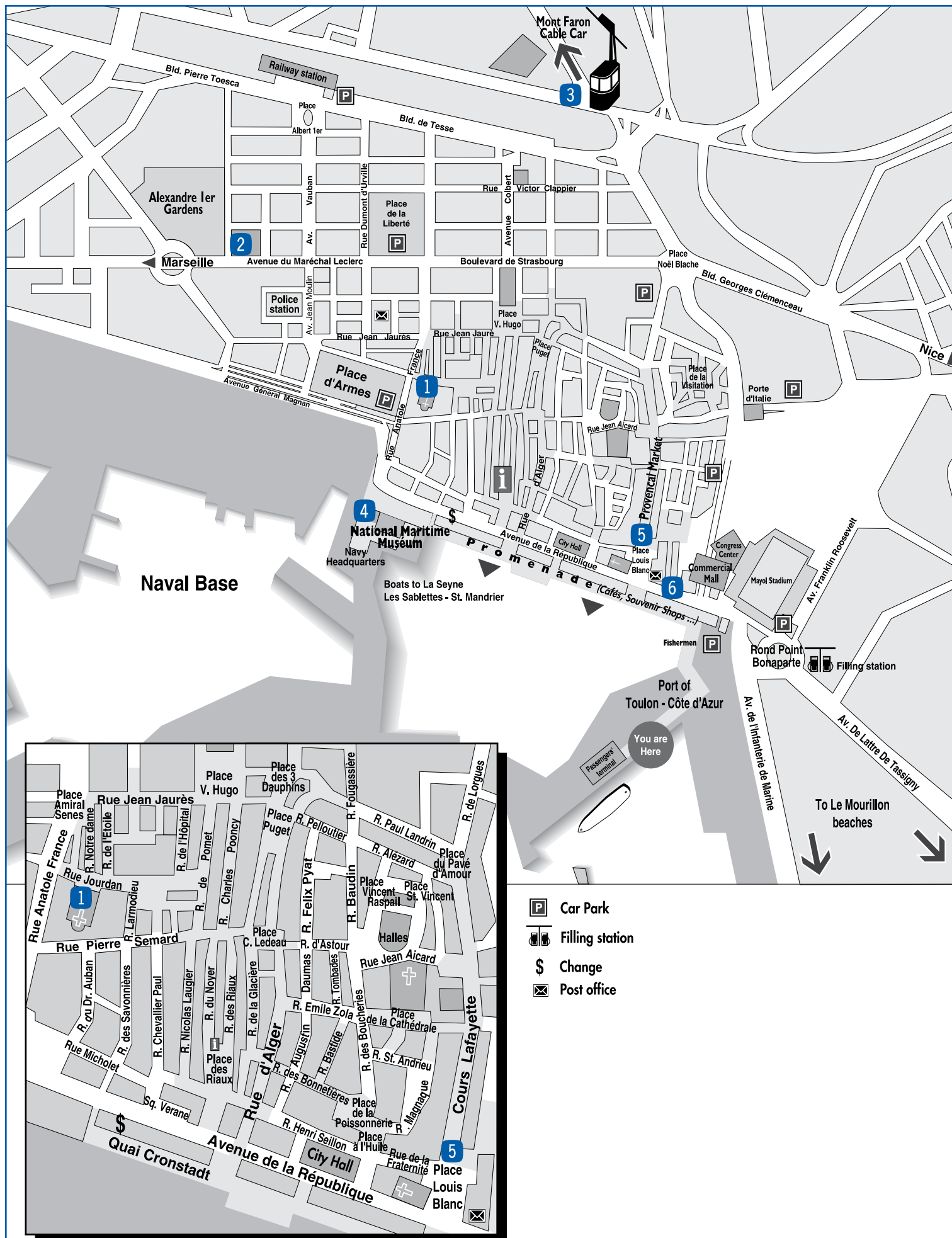
LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: This is not a way of life in France.

Tippling: Generally service will be included in the bill, however, it is customary to leave a few coins. For taxis, a 10% gratuity is normal.

Local Cuisine: Wining and dining is a major occupation for the French, and the region of Provence offers its own unique tastes. Olives, introduced by the ancient Greeks over 2500 years ago accompany many traditional dishes including tapenade, a paste of capers, anchovies, olive oil, and lemon juice. Aioli, a garlicky mayonnaise served with salt, cod and vegetables is also a famous dish as well as the traditional bouillabaisse (fish stew). For dessert, try Les Marseillotes, a local sweet with chocolate, almonds and honey.

Drink Specialties: The traditional Provençal aperitif is pastis, a pale-green, anise-based drink usually accompanied by black olives. The region of Provence produces a number of good quality red, white and rose wines.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Shops are generally open from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Foreign currencies are not commonly accepted in France, however, most stores accept major credit cards. Although there are a number of shops throughout the city one of the most unique shopping areas is the Provençal market. (Open 8:00 am – noon Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.)



Beyond Toulon

Aix en Provence is the former capital of Provence from the 12th century to the French Revolution. Retaining a great deal of character imparted to it in the 17th and 19th centuries, it is a stunningly beautiful place, rich in culture and atmosphere. A university town famous for its music and literature, it is also the birthplace of the famous Impressionist, Paul Cezanne (1839 – 1906), many of whose paintings feature the nearby countryside.

St. Tropez is little more than an hour drive from Toulon and is one of the most famous of the region's seaside resorts. Originally a small fishing village founded by the Greeks, modern St. Tropez has developed into an international destination favored by the jet set. Its Old Port is one of the liveliest parts of town and the ancient fishing boats have been replaced with fancy yachts, cafes and boutiques. In the late 19th century St. Tropez was home to many famous artists including Signac, Matisse, and Van Dongen. The town's explosive rebirth and emergence as a premier destination occurred in the 1950's after the release "And God Created Woman" featuring a little known actress at the time, Bridget Bardot.