



Towers of LA ROCHELLE

The emblem of a major French port.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The gateway to the old port.
- Unique panoramic views across the city and islands.
- One ticket is valid for all 3 towers.

Looking out to the Atlantic, the Tour Saint-Nicolas (14th century), the Tour de la Chaîne (14th century) and the Tour de la Lanterne (12th and 15th century) are the remains of a great fortification building campaign undertaken in the City of La Rochelle as of the 12th century.

The Tour Saint-Nicolas and Tour de la Chaîne towers form the majestic gateway to the Old Port. As places of both residence and defence, they have come to symbolise a privileged city with a lucrative maritime trade.

The Tour de la Lanterne, the oldest lighthouse on the Atlantic coast and for three centuries also a prison, still bears over 600 pieces of graffiti carved into the walls by prisoners.

DID YOU KNOW...?

On 21 March 1959, tightrope-walkers Francine Paris and Roland Schmidt exchanged their vows perched on a cable stretched between the Tour de la Chaîne and the Tour Saint-Nicolas, 20 m above the ground. An unusual wedding, certainly, but a very risky one, too!

2025 ADMISSION PRICES

CATEGORY 3
VALID FOR ALL 3 TOWERS

- FOR 20 ADULTS + /
RESELLER PRICE €9.5
- INDIVIDUALS €11
- AUDIO-GUIDE SUPPLEMENT €3 /pers.
- FREE for under-26s*



GETTING HERE



- La Rochelle.
- Vélodyssée / Vélofrancette.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required.
Duration: 30 min to 1hr per tower.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR (Tour Saint-Nicolas)

GUIDED TOUR (subject to availability).

Groups only on reservation 1 month in advance.
Tours available only in the morning from Monday to Friday, except in July and August. Duration: 45 min to 1hr per tower.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

Experience a live tour from home with access to new spaces.
Available in several languages.
Duration: around 1hr.
Reservation required.
Prices and information:
visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Maximum group size without splitting up:
50 people (self-guided tour).
18 people (guided tour).

* FREE admission: minors under 18 and 18-25 years old (EU nationals and regularised EU residents) excluding school groups, extra-curricular groups or groups of visitors under the age of 26.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st July to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st April to 30th June and 1st to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.
- Closed first Monday of the month, from September to June.

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