

# The Bonnardel residence and warehouse

Built by the "Compagnie Générale de Navigation" in the 1880s, the buildings included a residence, a boat repair shop, iron works, offices for river transportation companies and storehouses. Today they are privately owned and listed on the French general inventory of cultural heritage buildings, as proof of the expansion of the city after the construction of the Saint-Louis Canal.



This plant belongs to a 3-generation family of fishermen, and is the only fish-canning factory on the Mediterranean coast. (Guided tours organized in July and August, consult the Tourism Office).

# The Navy Services and Napoléon dry docks

The city of Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône has 6 ports. The two dry docks provide a total of 3,200 berths depending on the size of the boats and more than 200 rings where visitors can tie up. Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône, located between Corsica and the Baleares, is an ideal port of departure. And the mouth of the Rhone River is a true gateway to the north of Europe.

# **Emergency numbers**



**Caution! Consult the weather forecast before** starting and avoid the mistral wind.



### Along the way

#### Bar and restaurant

Bars and restaurants in Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhone (Culinary specialties include seafood and shellfish, particularly Carteau mussels and oysters. Inquire at the Tourist Information Center)

#### Rent a bike

• The Capitainerie (port master's office) (Port-St-Louis) : +33 (0)4 42 86 39 11

#### Don't miss

- Visiting the Tour Saint-Louis tower
- Bonnardel residence and warehouses
- Navy Services and Napoléon dry docks
- Ferrigno fish-canning factory
- Shellfish farms
- Nautical sports on the Carteau beach
- Camargue wildlife observation

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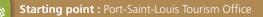




# **The city** surrounded Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône







**Distance :** 7 km



Take note : Difficult tour when the mistral wind is blowing



## How to get there

• Tourist Office Information Center, go to the Tour Saint-Louis tower. Parking space available nearby.

From the Tour Saint-Louis tower, take Rue Pasteur which will lead you to Quai Bonnardel. You are going from the Rhone River to the Mediterranean Sea, in the same way that goods travelled in the 19th century. On the quay you will notice a book exchange box in the form of a sea shell, a reference to the importance of port activities, the Bonnardel residence and warehouses. Continue on your right.

**2** Cross both bodies of water at the **locks** then take the cycling path along the **Canal Saint-Louis**. You will be able to observe Camargue wildlife and the canal built in 1864

on the orders of Napoleon III. At the end of the straight section you will arrive at the **Navy Services port**.

3 At the crossroads you can turn left on the cycling path to go to **Carteau beach 6**, or continue straight ahead beyond the cycling path. After 800 meters you will reach the canal that brings water for **the Ferrigno fish-canning factory, the shellfish farms and Port Napoléon**.

**4** Turn right and observe the numerous mussel farms, proof of the importance of mussels in Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône.

**5** Continue along beside these mussel beds and **Port Napoléon**. At the roundabout take the bicycle path again. It will take you back to the **Tour Saint-Louis tower** along the banks of the Rhône.

# Carteau mussel beds

#### 2 km round trip

**6** If you continue your trip to the Carteau beach (Plage de Carteau), you will be in the middle of Carteau Bay (Anse de Carteau) : an important shellfish-production center on the Mediterranean, it is an exceptional site for raising mussels and oysters. The "Carteau mussels" and more recently the "Carteau oysters" are quality shellfish, plump and tasty, to discover and appreciate.