

Panoramas moving on

On a wire

Take a deep breath and hop in the cable car! Hanging in the air for a couple of minutes, you'll be flying over Grenoble's old rooftops before you discover the city at large facing changing mountain ranges.

Views from the top

Whether it is day or night, landscapes are breathtaking up there. Views from the terraces show horizons with no limits other than Chartreuse, Vercors, Belledonne, Oisans up to Mont Blanc tops. Take a trip to La Bastille to relax and get fresh air, you will come back for more discoveries, when sight gets lost way beyond mountain tops.

Go as you wish

The city is telling you a story: down there, the geography and evolution of Grenoble are unveiled at your feet; up here the stones of the ramparts are witnesses to past centuries. Feel free to explore: lifts and bridges will guide you through your discovery of the seven levels of the fortress. Available in English, illustrated viewing tables on the terraces and historical plaques on the walls will provide you with all details!



A lively program

Plenty going on

The Bastille is a lively place with something for everyone: gastronomiques terraces, shows, rambles and hikes, exhibitions, museum, acrobatics park: this small fortified mountain has a lot to discover, and makes all Grenoblois very proud! When opening one of the first

Visionary

urban cable cars in the world (after Rio and Cape Town) in 1934, Grenoble was anticipating the success of tourism and leisure time as France was experimenting the new era of compensated days-off. Every year, 600.000 visitors experience the Bastille!

All year round, there is always a good reason to go to La Bastille:

- temporary exhibits, concerts
- Easter eggs hunt, treasure hunts...
- Bastille Day Ball (July 14th), dance shows during summer nights
- Theatrical walks (French only)
- Night shows at Centre d'art bastille and Acrobastille

Check out the program on www.bastille-grenoble.com, agenda section. You may also sign up for the newsletter.



Your phone as audio/video guide !

Mhikes is a mobile app which allows you to go on an adventure on foot (or on bike) thanks to an accurate and reliable GPS guiding, even out of network coverage. Courses created by local inhabitants to discover the world differently ! Three courses are available on the Bastille...

Strolling around

Must sees...



1 - Geologist terrace

Overlooking Vercors, the Olympic hill (ski jump), high-tech Grenoble and Synchrotron; a commemorative pillar pays tribute to the fathers of alpine geology.



2 - Place Tournadre

Main Square on site, where shows and concerts are held, also a meeting point.



3 - Place Haxo

Take a break under the trees, close to blockhouses, and watch the brave ones while they initiate an acrobatic course.



4 - Vauban Belvedere

Time to contemplate the landscape, where panoramas unveil their treasures 360° thanks to playful viewing tables: read the city as an open book.



5 - Acrobastille

A recreation park to discover & explore the Bastille Fort! With its: 4 acrobatic courses for young & old: The Witches Gallery (from 5 years), 2 Giant zip lines for a 300m sensational experience with a splendid view of the city. High ropes courses above the ditches.

* The "Spéléobox" in the casemates: an original way to discover speleology.
* An exploration & cleverness game: "Mission Bastille" with its alarm system to outsmart (machine room, laser beam, motion detectors...) www.acrobastille.fr
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 59 30 75

On your way around



6 - The Bastille art center

How unusual: modern art nested into blockhouses? Go on, the door is open; a guide will help you comprehend the temporary exhibitions hosted here, thanks to the association managing this facility. www.cab-grenoble.net
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 54 40 67



7 - The Mountain Troops Museum

A beautiful place to remember this very different army unit established in Grenoble since 1888. An audio guide device will take you through a historical, artistic and original journey.
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 00 92 25



8 - The Salle Lesdiguières

This hall of 225 sq. meters in the heart of the keep, with a wooden terrace, is a venue for temporary exhibitions and can be booked for parties, weddings, birthday celebrations, seminars. To book a hall at La Bastille: Tel: +33 (0)4 76 44 89 67



9 - The Salle Casematée Dutriévoz

This large and unusual hall has been recently refurbished to host student nights, official receptions, concerts, weddings, company meetings. To book a hall at La Bastille: Tel: +33 (0)4 76 44 89 67

Great facilities



10 - Salle des Gardes snack-bar

Want to stop to get a snack, quick lunch or grab your picnic before a hike? Make your decision, there's plenty to choose. And how about booking the kids' birthday party at La Bastille? Tel: +33 (0)4 76 44 89 66



11 - 02 Restaurant - Téléphérique

Escape to a new scenery five minutes away from downtown, and enjoy an unusual and tasteful lunch! Take a seat on the terrace overlooking the city rooftops, facing the mountains for a lunch or dinner with a view. www.o2-restaurant.fr
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 25 72 01



12 - Tourist information center - Gift shop

Looking for a Grenoble or La Bastille cable car souvenir? Something fancy or tasty from the region? Need touristic information? www.grenoble-tourisme.com
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 89 46 45 or + 33 (0)4 76 42 41 41



13 - Restaurant Chez le Père Gras

A few steps away from the keep, this historical restaurant is a delight for gourmets. Treat yourself with traditional French cuisine or the Chef's foie gras, on the terrace to enjoy some shadow or by the stove when it is chilly outside! www.pergras.fr
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 42 09 47

Grenoble-Bastille cable car

An Epic



1934 - the first two cabins, made of wooden panels, held up to 15 people accompanied by a "cabinier".



1951 - the second generation of cabins was rectangular and made of metal. They could hold up to 21 people with a "cabinier". The bottom terminal was overhanging the road and the station was enlarged.



1976 - the famous Plexiglas and aluminum bubbles took over. They are running today in lines of 4 or 5 cabins, each carrying 6 passengers. The last cabin of the line can hold wheelchairs or strollers.



2005 - further works were undertaken to ease the access to all levels of the keep thanks to lifts.



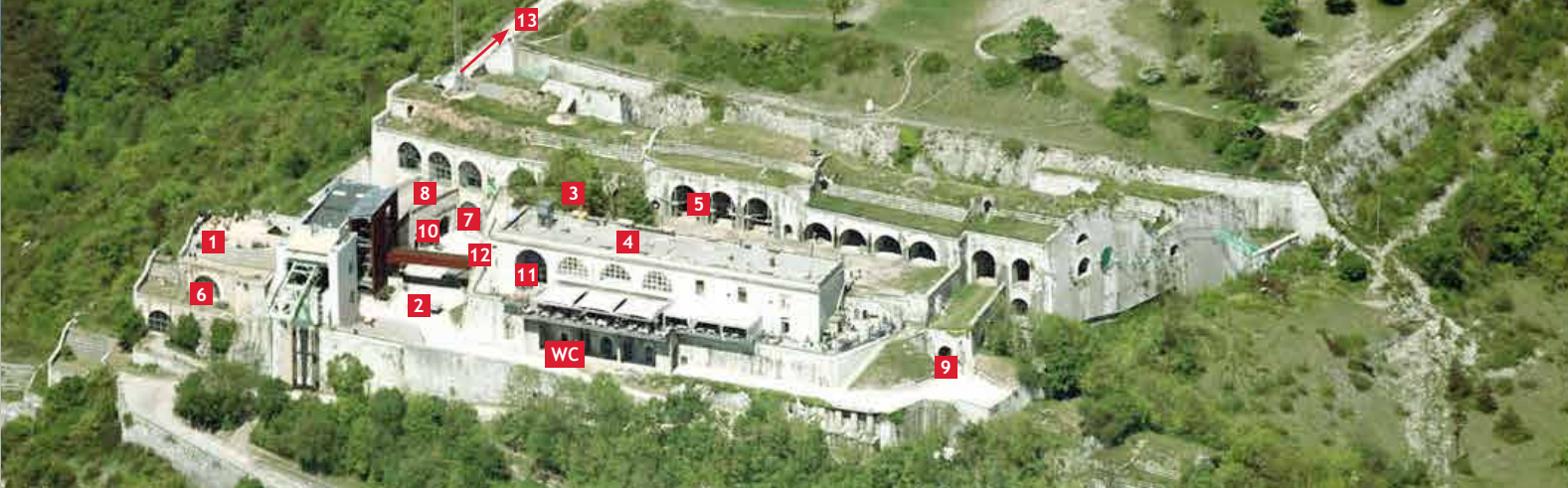
2009 - the bottom terminal was also refurbished.

2016 - les Bulles/bubbles are 40 years old and the industrial automatons are replaced by a new generation equipment".

A few figures

325 000 passengers every year.
24 millions passengers since the opening in 1934.

263 meters height elevation
altitude at top : 475 m.
5 minutes : average ascent time.
Speed of cable car: 0 to 6 meters per second.



Small fortified mountain -
a great place to explore

Historical figures

Four marked trails to discover the fortification

WELCOME TO THE BASTILLE



Help us to protect the site
The city of Grenoble's department for
maintenance of parks, and the local association
ADFE for job rehabilitation are working together
to constantly maintain and improve pathways,
to constantly maintain and improve pathways,
rock faces and stone walls, clean the Bastille
site and green areas. Please be responsible and
eco-friendly while visiting the site, to help us
maintain the Bastille recreational area a place
to relax, contemplate and discover safely.



Duke of Lesdiguières: after
conquering the city of
Grenoble, he ordered the
building of the first Bastille
fortifications in 1591 during the
Wars of Religion.



Marshall Vauban: he inspected
the Grenoble fortress in 1692
and designed a new system of
fortifications for La Bastille,
which was never built.



General Haxo: as member
of the Engineering Corps, he
was in charge of designing
the final plans to build a new
fortress. He based his work
on previous plans made by
Commander Tournadre in 1820.
The definitive blueprints of
the fortress were validated in
1823, and the works achieved
in 1847. Haxo also began the
extension of the city walls,
including ditches, inspired by
initial plans designed earlier by
Vauban.



Starting point

Gate closed at night

Restaurant

Bus stop

Be careful, the door of «Jardin des Dauphins» is open
from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm from 01/04 to 15/09,
and from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm from 16/09 to 31/03.
Take the direction of «Fontaine au Lion».

Visit the Bastille fortress on foot. The
keep is the enclosure housing the top
terminal of the cable car. This part
is the heart of the defensive system.
Built in the 19th century to repel an
enemy attack from Chartreuse, it is
defended on the mountain side by a
casemated cavalier, ditch, glacis and
reverse-fire position in a series of
caves known as “Mandrin’s caves”.
Two enclosing wall featuring a series
of blockhouses, banquettes and steps
run down the slopes of La Bastille.

1- From the cavalier
to Mandrin's Caves

30 mn hike, loop walk, 30m descent.
To visit the ditch and glacis, exit the
keep via the former drawbridge and
walk along the ramparts.



The counterscarp, in the ditch.



The glacis: the mountainside was
levelled up by soldiers to deprive
enemies of cover: southbound, the
glacis runs under the fires spaces from
casemated cavalier passageways and
northbound, under reverse directed
shooting spaces from Mandrin’s caves.



Mandrin's caves.

2- Powder magazine
walk

30 mn, loop walk,
50 meters ascent and descent.
Start on Place Tournadre, and follow
the path downhill towards Vercors
to visit blockhouses, galleries and
banquettes.
Walk along the wall with horizontal
recesses - overlooking the Rabot
citadel, former home of military
headquarters. Walk back up to the
keep on the pathway neighbouring the
powder magazine (being renovated).



A banquette: the steps lead up to a
ledge known as the “genouillère”
where soldiers could fire while under
cover.



A blockhouse is an arch-roofed
building where cannons or gunfires
can shoot under cover. They are also
used as storage rooms or shelters.
The Bastille blockhouses were
designed by Haxo and are opened
at the rear to allow toxic smokes,
generated by gunpowder, to
evacuate.



Today, the Rabot Citadel is home to a
university campus.



3- Countryside walk

To Porte de France
20 to 40 mn. 300m descent.
The downhill walk to Jardin des
Dauphins is crossing Parc Guy Pape
and runs along the west side of
Bastille. The walk unfolds in a dense
greenery setting, home to various
fauna, until you reach Jardin des
Dauphins.



Lesdiguières watch turret is the only
remnants of the 16th century wall.

The Bastille via ferrata overlooks
Porte de France, it is one of the few
urban via ferratas, with 2 sections
(200 and 300m) rated fairly to very
difficult. No on-site assistance.
Contact Maison de la Montagne:
Tel: +33 (0)4 76 44 67 03



4- To Saint Laurent

30 to 40 mn. walk
300m descent.
This winding downhill trail was built to
transport cannons. It leads to Musée
Dauphinois. It also features fitness
facilities with several exercise and
workout stations freely accessible.



The geology trail (in french only)
with its totems helps you discover
the history of mountains, rocks and
environment. It was set in place by
University Joseph Fourier, SIPAVAG
and the Grenoble city council.
Walk alongside the wall to get to the
Grand Staircase. Your way down the
stairs will lead you into the heart of
Saint Laurent district, close to the
archaeological site and CCSTI.



The Grand Staircase: 380 steps!

Futher afield

To the National Mountain Troops
memorial.
30 mn walk, 140 m ascent
The memorial overtops the city at
a height of 420 m, paying tribute to
150 000 French mountain soldiers
killed in action.



Panoramas, exhibitions,
acrobatc courses,
restaurants, trails...

TÉLÉPHÉRIQUE
GRENOBLE
BASTILLE

www.bastille-grenoble.com

Régie du Téléphérique
Grenoble-Bastille
Quai Stéphane Jay
38000 Grenoble
Tel.: +33(0)4 76 44 33 65

ISO 9001
BUREAU VERITAS
Certification