



# LA ROCHELLE

## TOWER SAINT-NICOLAS, TOWER OF LA CHAÎNE AND TOWER OF LA LANTERNE

Panoramic views of the city,  
harbour and islands.

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 from 1199. The “Tour Saint Nicolas” and “Tour de la Chaîne” form the majestic gateway to the Old Port and for ten centuries formed the key defensive bastions to the city. They are symbols of a town that possessed a wealth of privileges and maritime trade.

The Tour de la Lanterne, the oldest lighthouse on the Atlantic coast and then a navy prison, contains over 600 examples of graffiti carved into the walls by prisoners in over 3 centuries.

### RECEPTION

Subject to modification.

#### Open

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  
First Monday of the month, from September to June

#### Accessibility

Tower of la Chaîne, number of floors visited during the tour: 3

Tower Saint-Nicolas, number of floors visited during the tour: 5

Tower of la Lanterne, number of floors visited during the tour: 7

### FACILITIES

- Gift shop
- Seating available during the tour
- Parking for coaches 500 m

### ACCESS



From Poitiers/Paris: A10 direction Bordeaux,  
exit 33, then N11

From Bordeaux: A10 direction Paris, A837, then N137

From Nantes: A83 direction Bordeaux exit 7,  
then N137 and N11

Cycle Route “Vélodyssée”: 500 m  
final leg between Sables-d'Olonne and La Rochelle

### INFORMATION

TOURS SAINT-NICOLAS, DE LA CHAÎNE  
ET DE LA LANTERNE

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## TOURS

### Unaccompanied tour with guide booklet

French, English, German, Spanish, Dutch, Russian

Reservations: 1 day

Duration: 30 min to 1 hr by tower

### Audio-guide tour (Tower Saint Nicolas)

French, English, Spanish, German

### Guided tour

French, English (upon availabilities)

Reservations: 3 days

Duration: 45 min to 1 hr by tower

### Maximum group size without splitting up:

50 people (unaccompanied tour)

18 people (guided tour)

### Cultural events

Throughout the year, according to the program:

[www.tours-la-rochelle.fr/en](http://www.tours-la-rochelle.fr/en)



## RATES 2020 CATEGORY 3

Joint ticket "Tower of la Lanterne, tower of Saint-Nicolas and tower of la Chaîne"

Rate for groups (minimum 20 people)

7,5 €

Pro E-ticketing



Adults

9,5 €

Free admission: minors under 18\*

Free admission: 18-25 years old

(EU nationals and regularised EU residents)

\* excluding school groups

**Extra charge:**

Audio-guide tour 3 € per person

## USEFUL ADDRESSES

**La Rochelle Tourist Office**

tel.: (33) (0)5 46 41 14 68

[www.larochelle-tourisme.com](http://www.larochelle-tourisme.com)

**Charente-Maritime Tourist Board**

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