

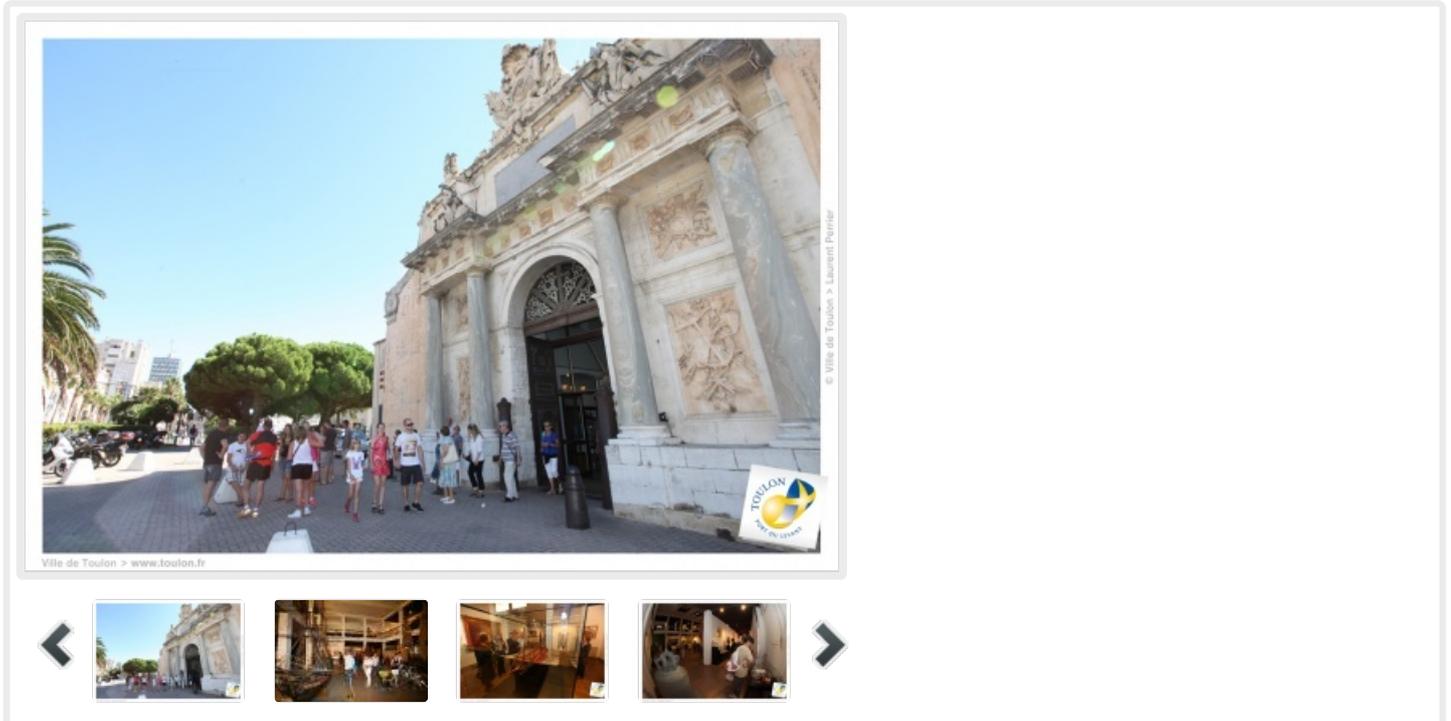


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## Le Musée national de la Marine

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Situated near the naval headquarters and "La tour de l'horloge" (The Clock Tower) at the entrance of the naval dockyard, Toulon's national Navy museum was created at the end of the First Empire.

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The site has on display a collection of vessels and galleys symbolic of the maritime tradition in the Mediterranean Sea.

Since the inauguration of a new itinerary in March, 2011, the museum has also emphasized the presence of the Navy in Toulon as well as its impact on the development of the city. On the ground floor, a space is dedicated to Vauban, creator of the first naval dockyard under Louis XIVth. A model of the rope factory presents the architecture of the building as few still exist in France. The central part of the museum displays models, designed on a very large scale, of a vessel and a frigate which were used for the instruction of cadet officers. Visitors will also discover the reconstruction of a galley, replaced after 1748 by Toulon's harbour penal colony. The reconstruction of the Hospital of the penal colony appears among the museum's novelties.

The first floor re-places Toulon as a place of power and displays representative gifts of the French-Russian alliance established from 1891 till 1914, like a punch set and a silver and enamel bratina (a Russian globe-shaped vessel for beverages). Besides a torpedo dating back to the 60s, a space reserved for submarines and aircraft carriers, amateurs will also appreciate the life-size reconstituted Charles de Gaulle manoeuvre board as well as a space dealing with life onboard, where everything is designed in order not to disconnect man and his working tool.

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