(E 12-Coastal Path/guide OTI) Port-Vendres Tourist Office - Paulilles

Côte Vermeille



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Head towards Cap Béar and the most beautiful coves of the Vermilion Coast.

This hike is one of the most beautiful on the coastal path. Starting from the city of Venus, you'll discover unforgettable views of the sea and mountains. Majestic Cap Béar precedes the beautiful coves and the magical bay of Paulilles.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 3 h

Length : 7.9 km

Trek ascent : 251 m

Difficulty : Hard

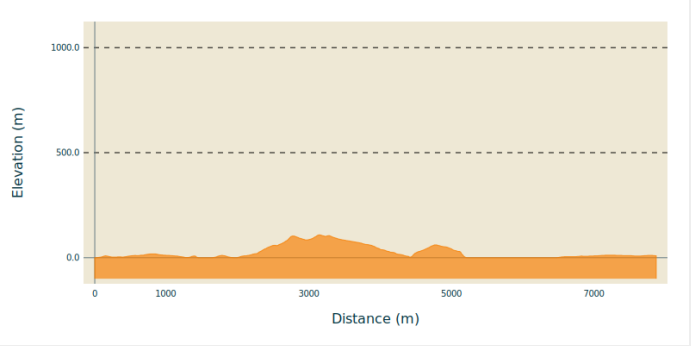
Type : Traversée

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Architecture, Histoire, Art, Littoral, Montagne, Patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Tourist Office of Port-Vendres
Arrival : Paulilles site
Cities : 1. PORT-VENDRES

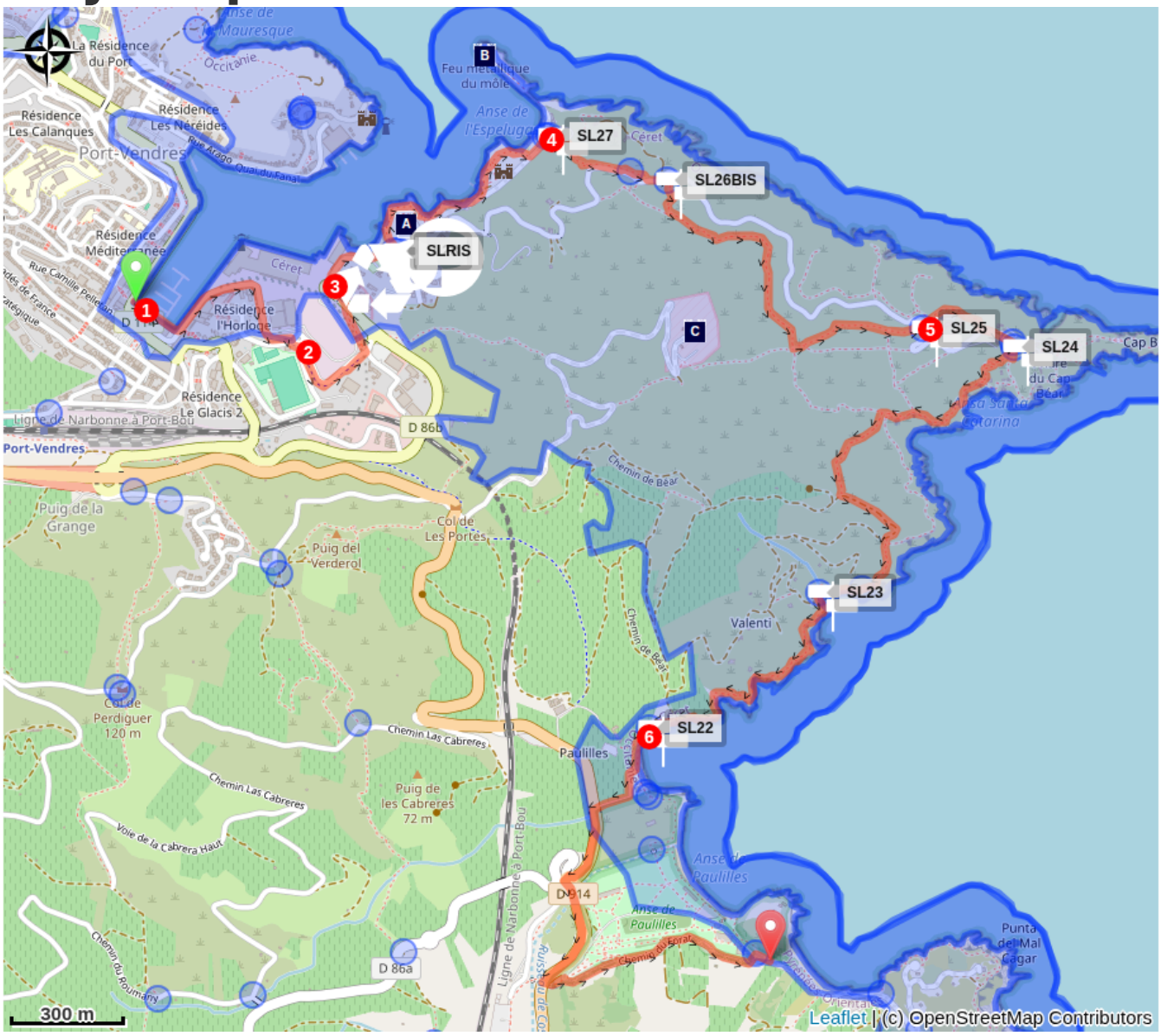
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 109 m

1. Starting from the Tourist Office towards the Customs building and the Clock Tower, passing along Quai de la République.
2. At the roundabout, continue along Quai de la République and after the railway tracks, turn left towards the next roundabout.
3. In front of the gendarmerie, take the road towards La Jetée and head towards Redoute Béar and Redoute Mailly.
4. Climb to the right through the vegetation, cross the small road, and continue climbing on the path that ascends above the Cap Béar road.
5. Reach the Semaphore and descend towards the coves and Sainte Catherine Cove following the trail markers.
6. After several coves and vineyards, follow alongside Bernadi Beach and ascend past a bunker.
7. Descend to Paulilles Beach site.

On your path...



Redoute Béar (A)

The jetty's lighthouse (B)

Fort Béar (C)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

During the peak season: Remember to bring your swimsuit, snorkel, and mask for swimming in the coves to observe the marine life.

You're enjoying nature, you love it, take care of it...

You're walking along a hiking trail where regular waste collection points are conveniently placed for your use. Out of respect for this exceptional space, which is visited each month by tens of thousands of hikers and walkers, we kindly ask you to deposit all your waste (glass, paper, food scraps, etc.) at these collection points, including any litter you may come across during your walk.

With these simple yet essential actions, let's preserve this site clean, as graciously provided by nature.

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D914, D114

Advised parking

Tourist Office Parking

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux



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Redoute Béar (A)

Due to its strategic maritime position and its proximity to historical boundaries, Port-Vendres has received a great deal of attention from military builders. The historic turning point of the city is around 1659, when after the Treaty of the Pyrenees, King Louis XIV charged Vauban to make "Port-Vendres" a port of war. Go up to the Redoubt Béar built in the 18th century according to the plans of Vauban and immerse yourself in history.

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The jetty's lighthouse (B)

Having weathered the weather so far, the metal lighthouse at the pier of Port-Vendres has run bravely 110 years. However the last storms have a little damaged, including its spiral staircase, since removed because of the automation of the lantern. Listed in historical monuments since 2011, go see it before the sea prevails!

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Fort Béar (C)

Built between 1877 and 1880, Fort Béar was built in order to lock the borders and replace the fortifications of Vauban with buried polygonal forts. This fort was used until the middle of the 20th century, when a radio station was installed after the German occupation (1949). He is now owned by the Army.

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