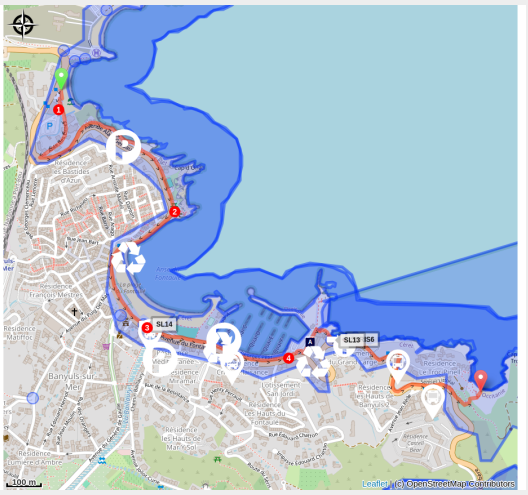
Coastal Path (E12)/guide OTI : Elmes Beach/Banyuls-sur-Mer - Troc Beach/Banyuls-sur-Mer

Côte Vermeille



(Frédéric Hédelin)



Exploring Banyuls, the radiant town of art and science.

"This hike allows you to cross through Banyuls along the seaside. The Banyuls way of life and the works of Maillol will charm you."

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 2.7 km

Trek ascent : 77 m

Difficulty : Medium

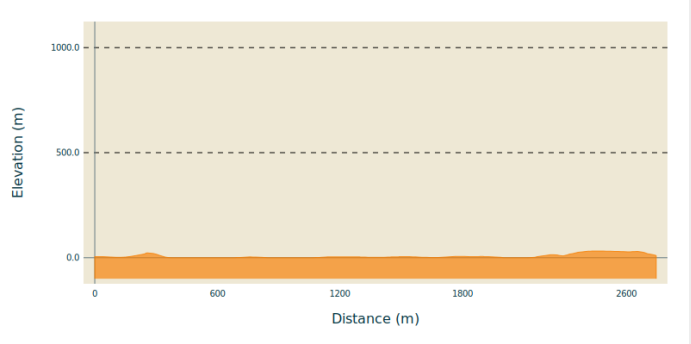
Type : Traversée

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

Trek

Departure : Elmes Beach/Banyuls-sur-Mer
Arrival : Troc Beach/Banyuls-sur-Mer
Cities : 1. BANYULS SUR MER

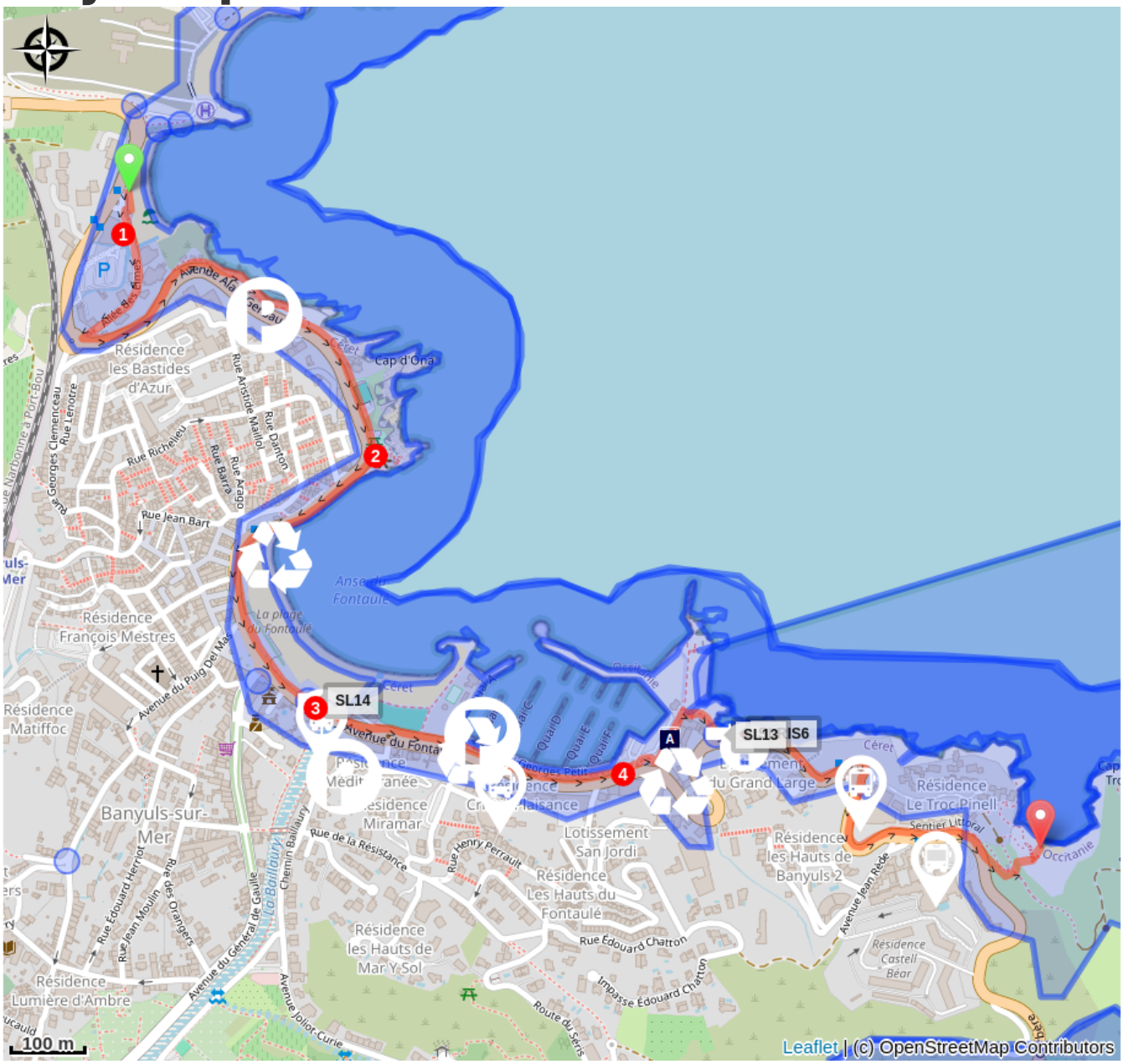
Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m Max elevation 32 m

1. Starting from Elmes Beach towards the center of Banyuls-sur-Mer
2. Enjoy the panoramic view of the bay—it's worth it. Turn left along the sidewalk towards Cap d’Osne, then continue downhill towards the central beach. Pass by the terraces of bars and restaurants until you reach the Tourist Office, where you can admire a work by the local artist Aristide Maillol ("L'ile de France without arms").
3. Continue past the Tourist Office (don't hesitate to step inside to learn about activities and tours in Banyuls), then follow the promenade towards the Arago Laboratory (Aquarium) along Maillol Avenue. Another sculpture by Maillol ("La jeune fille allongée") awaits you there. At the entrance of the harbor (classified as a Terroir Port).
4. Continue along the promenade in front of the Arago Laboratory leading to Ile Grosse. At the end of the building, turn right and take the stairs leading to RD 914. In the early 1880s, after founding the Roscoff marine station in the English Channel, the Sorbonne zoologist Henri De Lacaze Duthiers (1821–1901) decided to explore the Mediterranean coast to establish a second station. The rocky coast near Spain offered a wide variety of habitats and organisms. Henri De Lacaze Duthiers, captivated by the site of Banyuls-sur-Mer, decided to build his new laboratory there. At the top of the stairs, turn left and head towards Troc Beach, your final destination.

On your path...



Arago Laboratory (A)

All useful information

⚠ Advices

"Enjoying nature? Love it? Take care of it…

As you hike along this trail, you'll find regular waste collection points at your disposal. In respect for this exceptional space, frequented by tens of thousands of hikers and walkers each month, we kindly ask you to deposit all your waste (glass, paper, food scraps, etc.) at these collection points. Please also pick up any litter you may come across during your walk.

With these simple yet essential actions, let's keep this site clean, just as nature graciously gave it to us."

How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D914

Advised parking

"Le Sana 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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Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive oiseaux

Réserve Naturelle Marine de Cerbère-Banyuls

Sensitivity period: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, Decembre

Réserve Naturelle Marine de Cerbère-Banyuls

On your path...



Arago Laboratory (A)

In the early 1880s, the zoologist Henri De Lacaze Duthiers prospected the Mediterranean Coast to establish a marine station. In 1882, the Arago Laboratory opened its doors at its current location, and the public aquarium was inaugurated in 1884. The laboratory welcomed scientists who wanted to advance marine science. The research structures were regularly expanded to welcome new researchers who contributed to the renown of the laboratory.

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