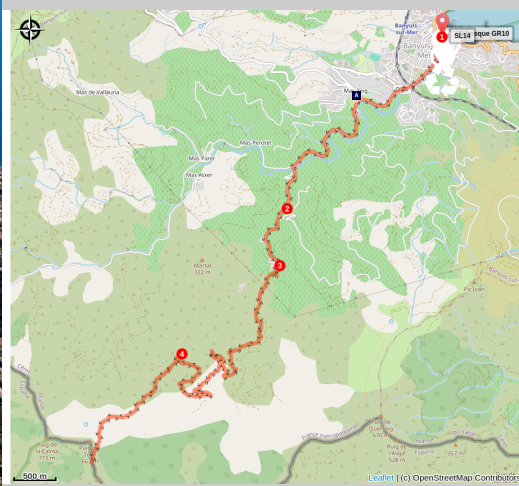


# The path of freedom

Côte Vermeille - BANYULS SUR MER



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## *Discovery of Banyuls-sur-Mer and the paths taken by exiles to flee the country.*

Hiking in the heights of Banyuls. Passing through the mountain passes with a possible visit to the Maillol Museum located along the route

### Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 8 h

Length : 23.1 km

Trek ascent : 946 m

Difficulty : Hard

Type : Aller-retour

Themes : Point de vue, Histoire, Montagne

# Trek

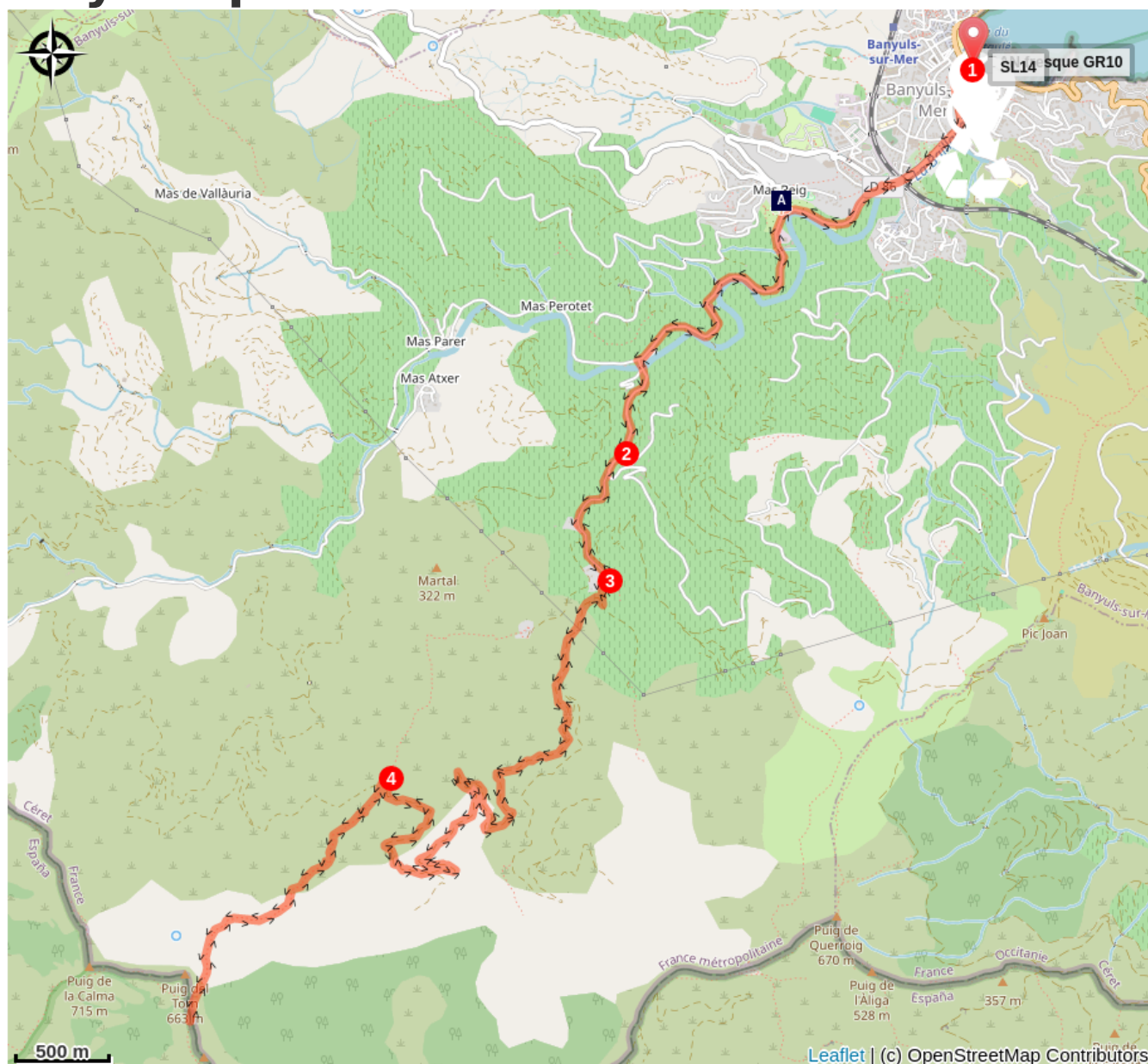
Departure : Tourist Office of Banyuls-sur-Mer

Arrival : Tourist Office of Banyuls-sur-Mer

Markings :  PR

1. Option to start from the Tourist Office on foot (or by car). Pass by the town hall, then turn left onto Avenue Général de Gaulle. Pass under the railroad bridge. Continue straight ahead, then left at the standing stone with directions : follow the tarred road nicknamed the 'Route des Mas' : pedestrians should be cautious on this fairly narrow road. Continue until reaching the Maillol Museum parking lot.
2. From the parking lot, take the tarred road on the left that crosses the Baillaury river : follow the signs for the Maillol Museum. At the museum, climb a few steps through the property to reach the tarred road. Turn left, continue on the road; at 150m, leave the road that continues on the left and continue straight ahead towards Mas Xatard.
3. Cross the ford, the road turns into a dirt track, second ford, continue on the track. At the intersection of tracks, leave the one that goes left and continue straight ahead. The track crosses the Rec de la Rovira and rises towards the Col de la Martine.
4. At the pass, leave the track to take a left onto a path that climbs and opens onto a grassy plateau; this continues straight ahead to Col del Torn, the passage of freedom. The return is along the same path. The trail rejoins the tarred road.

# On your path...



 Mediterranean Garden (A)

# All useful information

## **Advices**

Follow the green markings. Bring water, a hat or cap, hiking shoes, a windbreaker or waterproof clothing except during summer months. Respect nature, carry out any waste. Do not stray from the marked trails. Check the weather before departure.

## **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

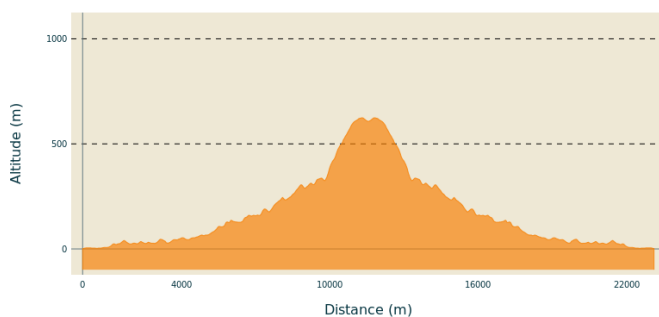


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## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 1 m  
Max elevation 624 m

## **Transports**

[bus 1€](#)

## **Advised parking**

Car parks Place Bassère, Miramar, car park market.

## **Access**

D914

# On your path...

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## Mediterranean Garden (A)

The south-facing, shell-like configuration of this garden, sheltered from the Tramontane wind, creates a mild microclimate that favors a diverse Mediterranean flora and fauna. Today, the site hosts over 500 plant species. Numerous insects and birds complement this rich flora, creating an exceptional garden—a perfect playground for naturalists and photographers alike!

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