

SAINT JEAN CAP FERRAT

Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat is a commune of the **Alpes-Maritimes** department in southeastern France. It is located on a peninsula next to Beaulieu-sur-Mer and to Villefranche-sur-Mer and extends out to Cap Ferrat. Its tranquillity and warm climate make it a favourite holiday destination amongst European aristocracy and international millionaires.

Today **Saint-Jean Cap-Ferrat** has probably some of the most expensive real estate in the world and continues to attract the rich and famous. It is truly one the crown jewels of **the French Riviera**. The luxurious properties are nestled amongst lush vegetation. Discretely built and protected from prying eyes, they often include a private beach and locked gate-ways.



Beaches

The three beaches are probably the best attraction for the casual visitor.

Paloma beach southeast of the port, on the north side small peninsula (St Hospice). Being on a northeast-facing shore and at the base of some tall cliffs, this beach is the most protected from winds, and has less sun in the afternoons. The location is about a 5–10 minutes walk from the port. From the Port, walk south and up the road past **La Voile d'Or**; straight, past the hotel Brise Marine, to the junction of Ave Claude Vignon; left, towards "**Chapelle St. Hospice**", for about 300 m.

Passable beach is on the northwest side of the main peninsula, past the Office de Tourisme and past the zoo (parc zoologique). It's west-facing, with a view across the **Rade de Villefranche**.

Cro de Peï Pin is the biggest beach, located just north of the port at the Anse Lilong (the bay between the main peninsula and the smaller Ste Hospice peninsula), facing eastward into the **Baie des Fourmis** and the Tête de Chien. There's a public parking lot alongside the beach.

Le Zoo Parc du Cap-Ferrat.

The Zoological Garden is located in the northwestern part of the peninsula, just past the Office de Tourisme. Directional signs are prominent when you arrive. Open every day of the year. This is a very cute Zoo in easy walking distance from the port. The Zoo du Cap-Ferrat has an impressive collection of flora and fauna. There are over 300 varieties of plants growing here, including succulents and cacti. There are also eucalyptus trees that are over 100 years old. A variety of animals also reside here.

St Hospice

Go right up the lane from La Madone. At the end, turn right and follow the road up to the chapel. There's a very, very large bronze statue of the Madonna and Child, the early-19th century chapel, and a military cemetery for the 1914-18 war.

The semaphore

A famous spot of **Saint Jean Cap Ferrat** is the semaphore, built in 1862 by decision of Napoleon III who wanted to equip the French littoral with a semaphoric chain. The goal was to ensure a monitoring of navigation, to transmit messages to the ships, to organize the helps in the event of maritime disasters, to take part in the first maritime meteorological observations.

Port de Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

This is a small marina with 560 berths. It is very well-sheltered and quiet, located on the French Riviera. The surrounding is marvellous and you can have many services there. An exceptional port of call in the centre of a fishing village: illustrious, protected, set in a pedestrian environment.



Musée Île-de-France.

The Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild (or Musée Île-de-France) is an Italian style villa was built between 1905 and 1912 of the Baroness Béatrice Ephrussi de Rothschild. It's a museum in itself (the building and furnishings) and has an enormous art collection. The villa grounds have an extensive set of 7 gardens designed in different styles: French Traditional, Florentine, Spanish, Exotic, Lapidary, Japanese, Provençal. The villa is located at the northern

end (entrance) of the peninsula.

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Its wonderful peninsula which can be discovered thanks to many pedestrian paths. Two of the major pursuits in Cap-Ferrat are strolling along the peninsula on the beautiful rocky path admiring the views and the villas, and having a relaxing meal in the restaurants lining the port or just above in the town.

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