



Fortress of SALSES

A Spanish fortress on French soil.



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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Breath-taking views spanning from the sea to the mountains.
- Visible marks left by metal cannonballs.
 - Soldiers' graffiti.
 - Former border post.

Located some 15 km from Perpignan, the Fortress of Salses, which controlled the old Franco-Spanish border until 1659, boasts some impressively unique architecture.

It could accommodate up to 1,500 men and 300 horses in its day! Only on setting foot inside the fortifications, having passed the dormant bridge and the barbican, do visitors discover the living quarters, including the parade ground, the chapel, the bakery, the infirmary and governor's lodgings. Situated on a Natura 2000 site, surrounded by ponds and the Corbières Massif, the fortress offers remarkable views across the Roussillon region.

DID YOU KNOW...?

A perennial spring provided water for the garrison in the event of a siege and is now home to various aquatic species including burbot, batrachia and eels.



2025 ADMISSION PRICES

CATEGORY 4

- FOR 20 ADULTS + /
RESELLER PRICE €7.5

- INDIVIDUALS €9

- JOINT TICKET

Fortress of Salses - Ensérune
For 20 adults + / Reseller price €3
Individuals €15

- FREE for under-26s*



GETTING HERE

- Perpignan (19 km).
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• Salses-le-Château (500 m).
- Perpignan Rivesaltes
Méditerranée (16,5 km).
- Port-Vendres (53 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR LOWER PARTS



Parade ground, chapel, stables, infirmary,
bakery, sluice chamber, etc.
Guide booklet.
Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR UPPER PARTS



Terraces, galleries, keep.
Reservation required 15 days in advance.
Duration: 45 min.

VISIT APPLICATION

Piège à la Forteresse ('Fortress Trap') (additional charge applies) €2.99.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service, outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Upper parts inaccessible to visitors with reduced mobility.
Lots of steps.

* FREE admission: minors under 18 and 18-25 years old (EU nationals and regularised EU residents) excluding school groups, extra-curricular groups or groups of visitors under the age of 26.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to September: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- October to March: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.
and from 2 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November,
11th November and 25th December.

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