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MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Port Vauban, Antibes

Berthing Guide

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Port Vauban, Antibes: A Superyacht Guide to the Riviera's Great Working Harbour
Destination: Antibes
Ecosystem: French Riviera
Gateway: NCE - 25-40 min from NCE
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Overview

Port Vauban, Antibes - Port Vauban sits where the old town of Antibes meets the open sweep of the Baie des Anges, with Fort Carré guarding the northern side and the Alps visible on clear mornings. It is widely regarded as Europe's largest superyacht marina, yet its appeal is not scale alone. Yachts come here because Antibes is a practical Côte d'Azur base: close to Nice airport, within easy reach of Cannes, Monaco and the Îles de Lérins, and backed by a town that still feels lived-in beyond the summer season. The marina's International Yacht Club d'Antibes quays attract some of the world's largest private yachts, while the inner harbour keeps smaller cruising boats close to cafés, markets and the stone lanes of Vieil Antibes. For charter guests, it offers a rare combination: proper superyacht logistics, immediate shore life and fast access to some of the most varied cruising grounds in the western Mediterranean.

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DESTINATION	Antibes (https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/antibes-yacht-charter)
ECOSYSTEM	French Riviera (https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/french-riviera)

QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA **approx. 170 m**	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT **approx. 6.5 m**
BERTHS **1642**	FUEL **Available**
POWER **Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA**	WATER **Available**
WASTE **Pump-out on request / by arrangement**	WI-FI **Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred**
GATEWAY **NCE**	TRANSFER **25-40 min from NCE**
PEAK LEAD TIME **6-12 weeks high season; longer when Cannes festivals spill over**	

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Billionaires' Quay for the largest LOA - broker relationships matter.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths typically need 6-12 weeks high season; longer when Cannes festivals spill over. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Typical NCE quay timing: 25-40 min from NCE. Timed to embarkation, not a taxi scramble.

AIRPORT	NCE
TYPICAL TRANSFER	25-40 min from NCE

EMBARK UTILITY

Port Vauban, Antibes Yacht Berth - Embark Guide

Door-to-deck for Antibes: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: Port Vauban, Antibes - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
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Captain notes

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Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

NCE

Typical NCE quay: 25-40 min from NCE. Typical transfer: 25-40 min from NCE

[Draft] Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

Le Figuier de Saint-Esprit

A polished old-town address for tasting menus, seasonal produce and courtyard dining. Book well ahead for owner or guest dinners.

Les Vieux Murs

Set close to the ramparts, this is a strong choice for fish, terrace atmosphere and a clear sense of Antibes by the sea.

Le Vauban

A smart, reliable restaurant near the port and market streets. It suits couples or small charter parties wanting a refined but relaxed evening.

Mamo Michelangelo
A Riviera institution with a lively yacht-world following. Expect generous Italian plates, a glamorous room and the need for advance reservations.

Restaurant de Bacon
A classic Cap d'Antibes seafood address known for fish soup and sea-facing dining. Best reached by taxi from the marina.

L'Arazur
An intimate old-town restaurant with creative, seasonal cooking. It is well suited to guests who prefer a quieter, chef-led dinner.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Anse de la Garoupe
Yachts go for clear water, Cap d'Antibes scenery and a quick swim stop close to Port Vauban.

Baie des Milliardaires
This Cap d'Antibes anchorage offers dramatic villas, rocky shoreline and a strong sense of Riviera theatre in settled weather.

Golfe-Juan
A useful, sheltered bay between Antibes and Cannes, often chosen for lunch stops and easy tender access.

Îles de Lérins
The islands provide pine-scented anchorages, swimming, monastery visits and one of the Côte d'Azur's classic day-cruise settings.

Villefranche-sur-Mer
Yachts head east for deep natural shelter, colourful waterfront dining and easy access to Cap Ferrat and Nice.

Paloma Beach, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat
A glamorous anchorage off Cap Ferrat, popular for clear water, tender lunches and villa-lined scenery.

TIMING

Seasonal note

Port Vauban is busiest from June to September, with peak pressure in July and August and additional spikes around Cannes Film Festival, Monaco Grand Prix and major Riviera events. Large-yacht berths should be requested as early as possible, particularly for commercial charter embarkations, multi-day stays or weekend turnarounds. Weather is generally settled in summer, with afternoon sea breezes and high heat on the quays, but the western Mediterranean still requires respect. The mistral can push strong winds down the Rhône valley and disturb the coast, while easterly and south-easterly systems can make exposed anchorages uncomfortable. Captains should watch swell direction as closely as wind strength when planning Cap d'Antibes or Lérins stops. May, early June, September and October are excellent shoulder-season periods: restaurants are open, the old town is easier to enjoy, service providers have more capacity, and the light on the ramparts is often at its best.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ

Why plan a Port Vauban, Antibes berth with Blue Ocean Club?

Europe's largest yacht marina - we hold peak slips, anchorage fallbacks and door-to-deck transfers before you fly, with APA line-items before deposit. This is a charter berthing guide, not a marina booking desk.

How do I embark at Port Vauban, Antibes?

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your NCE arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Port Vauban, Antibes?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. 6-12 weeks high season; longer when Cannes festivals spill over Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Antibes.

What does berthing cost at Port Vauban, Antibes?

Berthing at Port Vauban, Antibes is quoted by LOA, season and events - we share indicative ranges labelled as draft, then confirm in writing before deposit. Never treat a published nightly figure as a hard fact.

Is yacht charter available from Port Vauban, Antibes?

Yes - Port Vauban, Antibes is a practical embarkation for crewed yacht charter in Antibes. We sequence the berth, transfers and first-night plan before you fly.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Port Vauban, Antibes?

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What is the practical embarkation airport for Port Vauban, Antibes?

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Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Anse de la Garoupe is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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