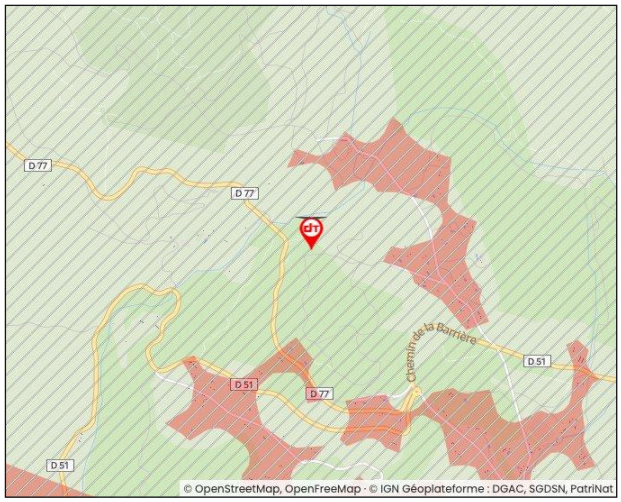
Tourtour, the Grimaldi tower

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GPS coordinates	43.59871, 6.29124
Elevation	645 m
Maximum height	50 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Spot reference	308107



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	07:05	07:36	17:05	17:36	9 h 28	07:36–08:21 · 16:21–17:05
Sun 22 Nov	07:06	07:38	17:04	17:36	9 h 26	07:38–08:22 · 16:20–17:04
Mon 23 Nov	07:07	07:39	17:04	17:35	9 h 24	07:39–08:23 · 16:19–17:04

Description

A castle is said to have been mentioned since 1129. The Blacas family obtained the "castrum de Tourtour" from the count in 1233 in exchange for Séranon. The Tour de Grimaud (also called, wrongly, the Tour Grimaldi), in castro Grudigno3, was reportedly built in 1129 to commemorate the victory at the battle of Tourtour and Gibelin de Grimaldi4, who received the barony of Grimaud from William I of Provence5, known as the Liberator, as a reward for his feats against the Saracens around the year 9756,7. It is also called the Saracen Tower, but since it was built in the 12th century, the Saracens (driven out in 963) could not have built it at that time!8,9. Description The Tour de Grimaud, called the Grimaldi tower, is a single square tower measuring 5.15 m on each side, made up of a residential keep with a defensive character. Its walls are 1.40 m thick and include cut-stone corner quoins …

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https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=308107

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

Recreational flying in France: European open-category rules, applied by the DGAC.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.
- In France: registration and training on AlphaTango (DGAC); a drone of 800 g or more must broadcast electronic signalling (or the remote ID of class-marked drones).

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=43.59871&lon=6.29124
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque
DGAC open-category guide (French) : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque/guide-categorie-ouverte
Registration and training (AlphaTango) : https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr
NOTAMs and temporary areas (SOFIA Briefing) : https://sofia-briefing.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

My flight notes

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