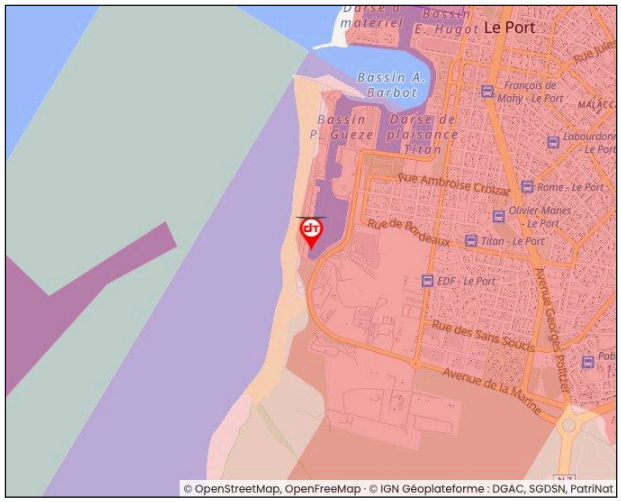
Marina basin in La Réunion

Water · La Réunion

GPS coordinates	-20.94494, 55.28222
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Roland Garros Airport (FMEE) 25 km E
Spot reference	313493



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+04:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Tue 17 Nov	05:06	05:30	18:38	19:02	13 h 08	05:30–06:01 · 18:07–18:38
Wed 18 Nov	05:06	05:29	18:39	19:02	13 h 09	05:29–06:01 · 18:07–18:39
Thu 19 Nov	05:05	05:29	18:39	19:03	13 h 10	05:29–06:00 · 18:08–18:39

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Roland Garros Airport	Major airport	25 km E	20 m

Description

100 years and only 2 km separate the 2 ports of the city of Le Port, La Réunion. The East part has existed since 1986 and handles imports of containers and vehicles as well as cruise passengers, while the West port, the historic port dating from 1886, is a military naval base with a sugar terminal as well, and it is also home to La Réunion's fishing activities. In the West, recreational boaters have found what they need, since the entrance is always navigable even in bad weather. At the end of the video you can see the bay of St Paul in the distance, where in 1638 the first French took possession of the territory. It was Commander Salomon Goubert who set the first French foot on the island, in the name of King Louis XIII. He arrived with two ships that left the port of Dieppe on 15 January 1638 – La Marguerite and the Saint-Alexis. They reached the coast on 29 June 1638, Saint Paul's …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=313493

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=-20.94494&lon=55.28222
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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