



# Column of THE GREAT ARMY

A unique panorama of Boulogne-sur-Mer and the English coastline.

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## GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Monumental sculpture of Napoleon in coronation robes housed at the museum.
- The legendary story of the Victor Hugo poem found in a statue.

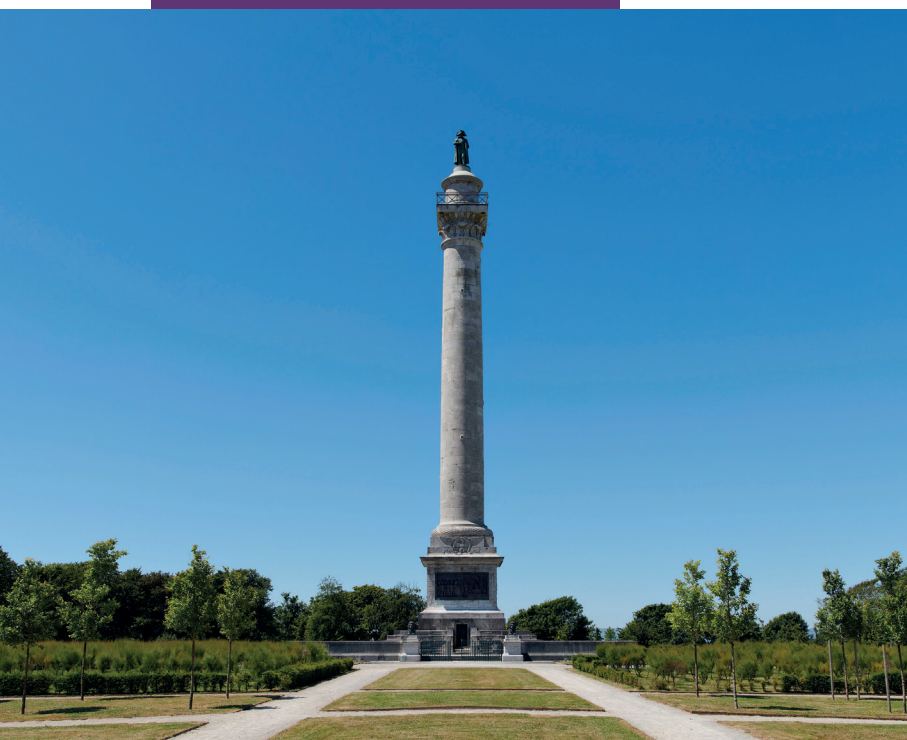
**On 16 August 1804, Napoleon I awarded the Star of the Legion of Honour for the first time in Boulogne-sur-Mer to 2,000 soldiers, 13 civilians and 3 bishops.**

Following the lavish ceremony, which was attended by over 100,000 men, the Great Army decided to pay tribute to its Emperor by erecting a Marquis marble column. Built by the architect Etienne Eloi Labarre at the centre of a 4-hectare formal garden, the Column of the Great Army commemorates not only the history of the Boulogne camp but also, more importantly, the Legion of Honour becoming a national symbol.



### ***DID YOU KNOW...?***

The 2,000 tamarisk trees planted in the garden pay tribute to the 2,000 soldiers who received the Legion of Honour at the ceremony held at the Boulogne camp on 16 August 1804.





## GETTING HERE

-  • Lille (140 km).
-  • Boulogne ville (3,4 km).



## VISITS

### UNACCOMPANIED TOUR

With guide booklet.  
Duration: 30 min.

### GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required  
Duration: 1hr30.

## FACILITIES



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Museum space.



E-Ticketing for professionals

## OPENING TIMES

*Subject to modification*

- 19th December to 14th June: Friday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- During B-Zone winter and spring school holidays: Wednesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 15th June to 30th September: Wednesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1st October to 7th November: Friday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Closed from 8th November to 18th December  
1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 25th December.

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