

# Marie-Galante cliff 'trace'

Marie-Galante - Capesterre-de-Marie-Galante



(CD971)



*Winding between rural landscapes and rocky outcrops open to the sea, the cliff 'trace' is a treat for lovers of wide open spaces.*

Serpentant entre les paysages ruraux et les affleurements rocheux ouverts sur l'océan, la trace des falaises est un régal pour les amoureux des grands espaces.

## Useful information

Practice : Walking

Duration : 4 h

Length : 9.9 km

Trek ascent : 214 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Cross

Themes : Agricultural landscape, Coastline and cliff

# Trek

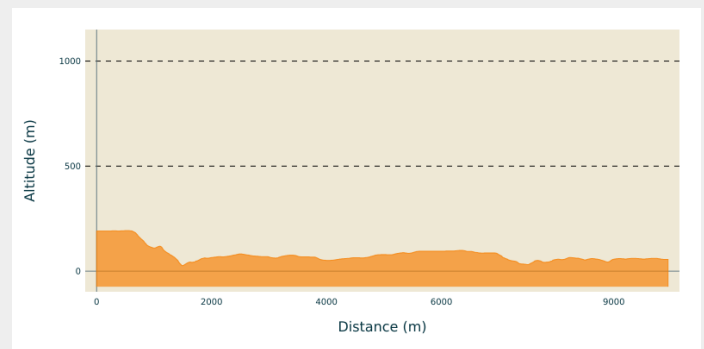
**Departure** : "Borée", 7km north of Capesterre de Marie-Galante on the D201.

**Arrival** : Chapelle Sainte-Thérèse.

**Markings** : 🚶 Coastal trail — PR (short hike network)

**Cities** : 1. Capesterre-de-Marie-Galante  
2. Saint-Louis

## Altimetric profile



Min elevation 26 m Max elevation 193 m

Carry on, taking the path through the sugar cane fields (Point 1) and join the D201; follow this to the right for 150 m. Leave the road (Point 2) for a path to the left which crosses a field of cane. Take a path carved into the limestone, on the left; it turns and drops sharply into a ravine. Continue straight on until you reach a junction.

Turn left (Point 3) on a trail which winds through the forest (notice the red gum and Savonnette trees) and reach an intersection with the East Coast trail.

Turn left (Point 4) and reach Anse Piton. To the left, the trail goes back up a ravine (be careful, steep path). Then continue straight on, along a track through a forest of acacias.

The path opens on to a meadow (Point 5): turn your back to the meadow by taking a right-angled turn to the right and take the path which climbs through the undergrowth for a few metres then, keeping the same direction, crosses the meadows and the savannah (notice a pond and the hollow tower of a ruined mill). Reach a junction on a bend beside the Pointe Cavalle. Fork right (Point 6). At Anse Raquette, bear right to go along the coast. The path turns sharply to the left (copses), then passes a pool on the left.

Turn right (Point 7) and walk along the fields for 400 m. Descend to Anse Ballet (viewpoint; do not go near the edge). Go down the valley on the left, taking a stony trail through the undergrowth, and turn right in the ravine. The trail climbs back up on the opposite side (steep slope). At the junction (Point 8), turn right in the direction of Anse Bois d'Inde. Continue along the coastline to the path which leads to Caye Plate. At the parking area, go straight on.


When you reach the crossing for Anse du Coq; take the path on the left and return to the road.

Follow this to the right, passing the des Coqs residences, then reach the Chapelle Sainte-Thérèse by a trail to the left.



# On your path...



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|  Anse Piton (A)        |  Grove of seagraves (B) |
|  Big-leaf seagrape (C) |  Anse Chapelle (D)      |
|  Anse Raquette (E)     |  Anse Ballet (F)        |
|  Anse Bois d'Inde (G)  |  Case en gaulette (H)   |

# All useful information

## **Advices**

The terrain is slippery and muddy if it has been raining.  
Straight walk: leave a second vehicle at the Chapelle Sainte-Thérèse (arrival).

## **How to come ?**

### Transports

Grand-Bourg vers Capesterre : station de bus au parking de la gare maritime de Grand-Bourg.  
Capesterre vers Grand-Bourg : station de bus en face de la mairie de Capesterre.

### Access

Starting point : Lat : 15,95249°N - Long : 61,22582°W.

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At Capesterre de Marie-Galante, RD201 heading north, marked Borée.

### Advised parking

Along the Borée path

## **Information desks**

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## **Source**

Rando Guadeloupe

<https://www.randoguadeloupe.gp/>

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## Anse Piton (A)

Anse Piton offers a first open view of the ocean.

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## Grove of seagrapes (B)

The seagrape *Coccoloba uvifera* is prolific among the plants around the Anse Piton.

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## Big-leaf seagrape (C)

The big-leaf seagrape *Coccoloba pubescens*, of which the diameter of the leaves can reach more than 40 cm, is a close relative of the seagrape. It is characteristic of the dry coastal forests.

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## Anse Chapelle (D)

Anse Chapel offers a panoramic view over Pointe Cavalle to the north and Pointe Saragot to the south.

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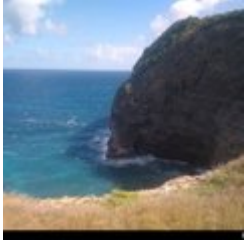
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## Anse Raquette (E)

Anse Raquette is bordered on the north by the promontory of Pointe Pisiou.

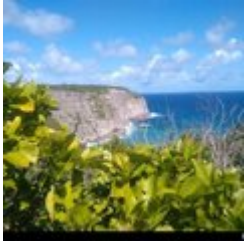
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## Anse Ballet (F)

Panoramic view of the Désirade (in clear weather), the sea and Pointe Abraham.

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## Anse Bois d'Inde (G)

View over Anse Bois d'Inde, flanked by Grosse Pointe and the Pointe à Nègre.

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## Case en gaulette (H)

The survival of a typical dwelling in rural areas.  
Here the 'case' has been converted for the sale of local produce.

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