

LE TOIRAS

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ÎLE DE RÉ'S FIRST FIVE-STAR HOTEL



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Right on the water's edge, Île de Ré offers a distinctive way of life, blending **Atlantic character** with a **gentle southern ease**. Long protected from overdevelopment, the island captivates with its iconic villages, lanes lined with **hollyhocks, whitewashed houses** with green shutters, and natural landscapes shaped by the ocean.

The island is made up of ten villages: sheltered harbours to the north, fine sandy beaches to the south. With **115 kilometres of cycle paths**, it invites you to ride through **salt marshes, oyster farms** and vineyards before reaching the Atlantic shoreline.

Around thirty minutes from the hotel, the **Baleines lighthouse** offers spectacular views over the island from its 60-metre summit.



Saint-Martin-de-Ré

The island's historic **capital**, Saint-Martin-de-Ré has been **listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 2008. Its citadel, **built by Vauban** in 1681, remains a masterpiece of military architecture.

In the north of the island, the île de Ré **salt marshes** offer a playful and educational introduction to local flora, fauna and island savoir-faire, set against unique landscapes shaped over time by the ocean.



THE HOTEL





An Independent, Family-Run Hotel

Overlooking the harbour of **Saint-Martin-de-Ré, Hôtel de Toiras******* occupies a **former shipowner's residence**, with architecture typical of Île de Ré. Behind four-century-old stone façades, the property cultivates an elegant, welcoming atmosphere, true to the spirit of a family home.

Named in **honour of Marshal de Toiras**, who defended the island in the 17th century, the hotel offers **understated luxury** built on comfort, a keen sense of detail and genuinely attentive service.

In 2008, the addition of a new wing, incorporating the property's only original turret and several rooms with harbour views, paved the way for Hôtel de Toiras to be awarded its fifth star in 2010, making it **the first five-star hotel on Île de Ré** and in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region.

A Family Story

Educated at the École Hôtelière de Paris and at the Sorbonne and Paris-Dauphine universities, **Olivia Le Calvez** embodies a modern, sensitive vision of independent luxury. In **2004**, a love at first sight with two 17th-century buildings on the harbour of Saint-Martin-de-Ré gave birth to **Hôtel de Toiras**, an address she reimaged with exacting standards, from spatial design to the selection of carefully sourced antiques.

She continued this journey with **Villa Clarisse**, then in 2010 founded **Château Clarisse** with Didier Le Calvez, a family vineyard in Puisseguin-Saint-Émilion. Today, she puts her eye for detail and strategic vision at the service of exceptional brands in hospitality, wine and the art of living.



A Short Guided Tour

Interior design by Pierre-Yves Rochon highlights the historic soul of the house: **aged stone, wood panelling, period furniture**, softly toned textiles and carefully selected objects create a timeless décor—refined yet welcoming. From the sea-inspired lobby to the library lounge with its fireplace, each space invites guests to slow down, read, reconnect, or simply watch the harbour.

An intimate lounge and a **traditional open kitchen** extend the experience. **The planted patio**, designed by landscape architect **Louis Benech** and inspired by Giverny, is home to the Maison des Artistes.

The hotel's right wing houses rooms and suites with **views over the harbour and the Atlantic Ocean**.

Hôtel de Toiras is also sought after for **intimate seminars, for up to 20 guests**.





A Green Patio by Louis Benech

The true heart of the hotel, the planted patio was imagined by landscape architect **Louis Benech**. Inspired by the spirit of **Giverny's gardens**, it offers a peaceful, private retreat where nature converses with architecture.

Conceived as a contemplative garden, it is also home to **the Maison des Artistes** and fully embodies the identity of Hôtel de Toiras: an address chosen as much for its atmosphere as for its destination.

ROOMS & SUITES





The **18 rooms and suites** at Hôtel de Toiras***** each feature a **unique design, inspired by historic, literary and artistic figures** connected to the region. Fabrics, artworks and carefully curated objects give every space its own distinct character.

Writers, artists and major historical figures, from **Madame de Sévigné** to **Pierre Loti**, from **Samuel de Champlain** to **Vauban**, shape the universe of the rooms and suites.



Signature Suites

- **Deluxe Suite Maréchal de Toiras**, 50 m², panoramic views over the harbour and sea
- **Presidential Suite George Washington**, 100 m², dual-aspect views over the harbour and garden
- **Deluxe Suite Aziyadé**, 60 m², dual-aspect views over the harbour and ocean
- **Deluxe Suite Duc de Buckingham**, 60 m², views over the harbour and the rooftops of Saint-Martin

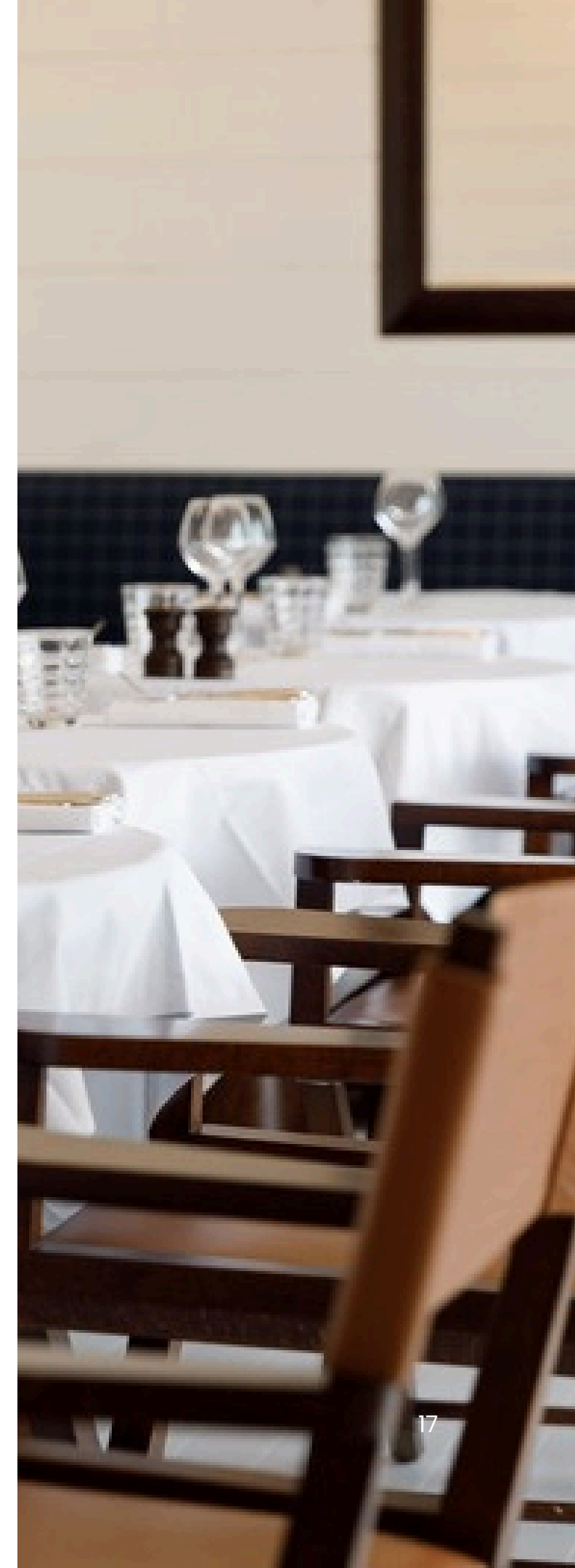




DINING: GEORGE'S

Saint-Martin-de-Ré's Gastronomic Restaurant

A landmark address on the harbour of Saint-Martin-de-Ré, **George's** is the restaurant of the five-star Hôtel de Toiras and **one of** the island's **most accomplished tables**. Its **light-filled dining room**, in shades of blue and white, elegant yet unhurried, opens onto the quays and the boats: the **view** is of the **harbour**, the atmosphere of the sea. Behind a wide **window**, the open kitchen places the **chef's craft at the heart** of the room.





At George's, **Breton Chef Ronan Fillatre**, 30, crafts a cuisine at the crossroads of **sea** and **garden**. The ocean's bounty is elevated by a **deeply seasonal, local** and **responsible approach**. The Chef is particularly attentive to using ingredients in their entirety, "from leaf to root", and has a marked passion for **herbs, flowers** and **aromatic** plants, which run like a signature thread through his plates.

The menu **evolves** continuously, shaped by the day's arrivals, the seasons and inspiration. A dish generally remains on the menu for one to two months, with the exception of a few **essentials** that have become Hôtel de Toiras signatures, such as **lobster pasta**, a **whole 1-kilo sole**, and a **praline chocolate** creation.







Fish is sourced primarily from **local partners**, notably **Boris and Vivier Boutin**, with particular attention to preparation quality, ideally using the **ikejime** method. Desserts follow a lighter approach, with **low-sugar creations** designed as a natural continuation of the meal.

Housed in the **tower** of the building, the cellar accompanies every service. The **wine list** was composed with the expertise of **Éric Beaumard**, a leading figure in French and international sommellerie. It draws on a wide range of references, the owners being themselves the proprietors of a **wine estate in Saint-Émilion**. **Tasting** evenings are held every Friday, deepening the restaurant's roots in the art of living of the Île de Ré.



CLARISSE ET SA TERRASSE

A relaxed menu, all day long

Set on the quayside, facing the boats, “Clarisse et sa terrasse” is **the outdoor table** of the five-star Hôtel de Toiras. Beneath white parasols, on low banquettes, it **serves without interruption from noon to 10 pm**, with no reservation required: a late lunch, a pause on the way back from the beach, a light dinner facing the harbour. The **menu, freer** than that of George's, carries the **same signature**, chef **Ronan Fillatre**, and the same sourcing.



OLIVIA'S LOUNGE





The “Salon d'Olivia” is a **hushed retreat** for reading, relaxing and **afternoon tea**, in a jazz-tinged atmosphere. It is also home to the **Blue Note Bar**, with its Calacatta marble counter, serving **signature cocktails**, wines and digestifs.



THE SPA

Just a few steps from the hotel,
the sister property **Villa Clarisse
& Spa 5*** offers a **heated
swimming pool** and wellness
area. Treatments are performed
with **Olivier Claire** products,
100% made in France, subject to
availability and by reservation.

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