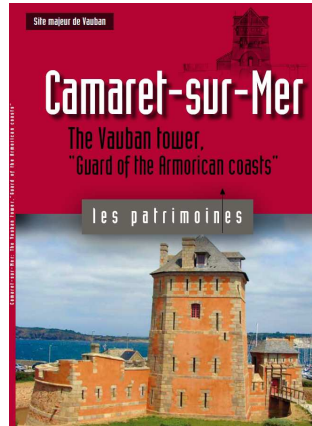


Camaret-sur-Mer

The Vauban tower « Guard of the Armorican coasts »

Tourist guide

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Standing proud at the very end of an offshore bar, the Camaret-sur-Mer tower was built by Vauban between 1689 and 1696. As part of a complete system defending the Brest bottleneck and its arsenal-harbour, it had its test of fire on 18th June 1694, an event for which it received its title of “Guard of the Armorican coasts”.

As it gradually lost its military functions in the 19th and 20th centuries, the gilded tower became a source of inspiration for many artists. Thanks to an active conservation policy it has become today a must-see cultural and tourist venue and is the starting point for the fortifications Route of the Crozon peninsula.

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