Napoleon's landed

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On 1 March 1815, Golfe-Juan entered the history books. It was here where Napoleon landed on his return from Elba and, after a short rest in this "land of the brave", by the light of a lantern he declared; "Victory will march at "the pas de charge", the eagle fly, in the national colours from steeple to steeple until it alights on the towers of Notre-Dame".

This was a proclamation which, throughout the One Hundred Day campaign, was to inspire fear in the monarchs of Europe and inspire the famous route he took which later became known as the 'route Napoleon' in 1932, the first ever French tourist route of a historical nature.

"Napoléon in Golfe-Juan"

Every year, in March a huge re-enactment of the landing takes place with old rigging, actors, Napoleonic troops, weapons and campaign equipment.

For a few days during this highly original spectacle, the town and all of its activities take on an imperial flavour.

There are conferences, exhibitions, soldiers bivouac on the beach, windows are decorated and shop staff dress up in costume, many events such as the history game and a temporary post office.

A page in our history is re-enacted for all to enjoy!
Erected from 1815 by the garrison of Antibes, it has been moved, knocked over and defaced on several occasions. It was unveiled in its present position in 1932 on the occasion of the opening of the Route Napoleon.

The stele:

In the port of Golfe-Juan, this stele is said to mark the very spot where Napoleon landed and bears the simple inscription: "Napoleon landed here on 1 March 1815".