Les Dames Blanches

The Récollets, Franciscan monks who settled in La Rochelle in 1629, built a vast convent stretching from the Maubec canal to what is now rue Amelot. Their church was purchased by the Protestants after the Revolution to establish their temple there. The cloister and the rest of the monastery became the Convent of the White Ladies.

In 1988, the City of La Rochelle bought the convent, then the Urban Community integrated its premises. In summer, its cloister is a place of exhibition.

It was in 1715 that the sisters of Notre-Dame de la Charité du Refuge established the convent in the new town. Their goal is to take care of repentant prostitutes. Under the revolution, the buildings were requisitioned and became a prison and a begging depot before becoming a hospital. In 1810, the convent was reconstituted in part of the former Récollets monastery. It was only in 1878 that the sisters built the current chapel visible on the Quai de Maubec.

Since 2011, the Chapelle des Dames Blanches has hosted essential exhibitions in the City.

The Arsenal

After the reconstruction by the engineer Ferry under the authority of Vauban of the fortifications of La Rochelle from 1689 to 1700, the construction of an Arsenal was ordered in this place which was then a square. In 1879 the 2nd large building was built, the small pavilions, the enclosure and the gate opening onto the Maubec canal. This arsenal was decommissioned at the end of the last war and became municipal property.

Final coordinates

Point 1: Here you are in front of the Cloitre des Dames Blanches. Observe this building, you can walk around in it if you want!

To the right of the door, on the explanatory plaque, in what year did the church burn down? Note A for the units digit.

In the image below, what name is written in the red circle? Note this value as B.



A. Orbigny = 6

Mr. Crépeau = 9

A. Bonpland = 3

Point 2: You are in front of the Protestant temple of La Rochelle.

In what year was the Récollets church built? Note C for the tens digit.

Point 3: Here you are in front of the Dames Blanches chapel.

How many fleur-de-lys can you count in the green part of the photo below? Write down this figure as D.



Point 4: You are now in front of the entrance door to the arsenal.

On plate :

When was the first stone of the great building laid? Let E be the hundreds digit.

When was the second large building built? Let F be the tens digit.

G = E-F

Final coordinates:

N 46° 9.ABC W 1° 8.DGG

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