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Two sites are opened and can be visited

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Drancy Shoah Memorial

The Drancy Shoah Memorial opened just over a decade ago opposite the Cité de la Murette, where French Jews were interned and regrouped before being deported to concentration camps in Poland and Germany.

Designed by Swiss architect Roger Diener, the Shoah Memorial is active in teaching and cultural mediation. It uses testimonies, archive documents and period photographs to give visitors an insight into the Cité de la Murette and its role in the deportation of French Jews during this dark chapter in the nation's history.

Guided tour of the Drancy Shoah Memorial

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Memorial of the former Bobigny deportation station

The former Bobigny deportation station opened to the public in January 2023. Following a two-year renovation, this historic site, built in the 1930s and used for the mass deportation of French Jews during the Second World War, offers everyone an opportunity to embark on an educational journey of remembrance.

In July 2023, the former deportation station reopened as a memorial to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the departure of Convoy 57, the first convoy of deportees to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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Others are undergoing rehabilitation or transformation, and aren't yet open to visitors

Romainville Fort of Les Lilas

This place of commemoration in the town of Les Lilas was the first internment camp set up by the Nazis in France. More than 7,000 people were imprisoned here. Between 1940 and 1944, Romainville Fort was used mainly to detain women members of the Resistance before they were deported to concentration camps. In 2023, extensive conservation work was carried out on this symbolically important site, previously closed to the public, including graffiti in Block 17. Between now and 2025, this historic site will be transformed into a brand-new neighbourhood with amenities, including sports facilities and living spaces. The Fort will also be open to the public and include a memorial dedicated to women who joined the Resistance and deportees.

Livestock on Pantin platform

The Quai aux bestiaux in Pantin was a freight station serving La Villette abattoirs before being converted into a military site by the Nazis. In April and May 1944, two convoys of women prisoners were sent from Romainville Fort to Ravensbrück. It was not until 15 August that the largest and final convoy of more than 2,500 men and women, mainly Resistance fighters, was despatched following the evacuation of the Romainville camp and Fresnes prison ten days before the liberation of Paris. Although still visible today, few people have heard of the Quai aux bestiaux, which will become a site of remembrance - "Le Quai de la Mémoire" - in early 2028.

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