



Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Special programming:**

**Bicentenary of Napoléon Bonaparte's death**

**On Wednesday May 5, 2021**

Two centuries after the death of Napoléon Bonaparte on May 5, 1821 on the British Island of Saint-Helena, France 24's four channels (in English, French, Arabic and Spanish) offer viewers special programming dedicated to the former French emperor. On the commemoration of his death, the French international news channel focuses on his life and legacy, which remain fascinating in France as well as abroad.

This special programming with interviews, reports and magazines will be available on television, online and on social media.

**> In the news bulletins on Wednesday, May 5**

France 24's journalists in Paris and correspondents in the United Kingdom report live in the news bulletins from symbolic locations that shaped Napoléon Bonaparte's life and career.

Moreover, France 24's four channels broadcast several reports throughout the day on the emperor in Paris, his impact in the Arab world with the French campaign in Egypt and Syria and the reinstatement of slavery.

**> [France in Focus](#) on Friday, April 30 at 5:45 pm\***

Hosted by **Nadia Charbit** (in English) and **Zohra Ben Miloud** (in French)

## “Bicentenary of Napoleon: A controversial legacy”

For this show, “France in focus” is outside Paris's military museum, the Invalides. It is the final resting place of one of France's most famous and most controversial figures, Napoléon Bonaparte. As 2021 marks the bicentenary of the emperor's death, his military, social and political legacy have sparked a heated debate, both here and abroad... proving a pickle for the government’s commemorative plans. We take a look back at this multi-faceted leader.

(Re)watch the show [here](#)

### > [The Debate](#) on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:10 pm

Hosted by **François Picard** (in English), **Raphaël Kahane** (in French), **Taoufik Mjaied** (in Arabic) and Santiago Lopez (in Spanish)

France 24’s debate is dedicated to the bicentenary of Napoléon Bonaparte’s death with guests.

### > [Encore!](#) On Friday, May 7 at 12:15 pm

Hosted by **Olivia Salazar-Winspear** (in English) and **Sonia Patricelli** (in French)

France 24’s culture show reports on how Napoléon Bonaparte used culture and Arts to build his legend and on how artists use it today.

### > [Revisited](#) on Saint-Helena on Sunday, May 9 at 9:10 pm (rebroadcast)

Hosted by **Stuart Norval** (in English), **Vincent Roux** (in French) and **Dounia Nouar** (in Arabic)

France 24’s reporter has been to the island of Saint-Helena, in the middle of the South Atlantic, where the French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte was exiled by the British in 1815 after Waterloo. Two centuries later, this small piece of land with strong tourist potential remains remote, despite the construction of a brand new airport. For safety reasons, long-haul flights are unable to land. The residents of Saint-Helena remain isolated and few tourists come to see the place where Napoléon lived out his last days.

### > [On france24.com](#)

A series of articles:

- Napoléon: Tyrant or genius – or both?
- Napoléon's rich global legacy, from the Civil Code to the creative arts

- How Napoléon's invasion 'revealed Egypt to the world - and to itself' with writers Amin Maalouf and Robert Solé and historian Henry Laurens
- 'Perfidious Albion': Napoleon and his British nemesis
- 'Glory of armes and art': Napoleonic spoliations and the birth of national museums

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