



Camping La Grande Métairie,

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Campsite Information

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Camping la Grande Metairie has been a canvas favourite for over 30 years. Set in the parkland grounds of a Breton manor house, this beautifully maintained 'Castels' site has been awarded 'five red tents' by Michelin and offers a wide range of first class facilities. The spacious emplacements are surrounded by mature trees and hedges and offer privacy.

Arriving at Camping la Grande Métairie

On arrival go to the main reception to register. You will then be shown to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00. Please remember to have your passports and holiday documents ready at the campsite reception.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

The campsite reception is open from 08.00 to 19.00 everyday in both high and low season. Upon arrival, you will be supplied with a sticker for your car which must be displayed on the windscreen at all times.

Barrier

The barrier is closed from 23.00 to 07.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night please leave your car outside the barrier in the car park.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at the campsite reception for €3 per day.

Telephone

There are seven card-operated telephones on site. Phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception.

Post

There are two post boxes on site, at the boutique and the campsite reception. Stamps are on sale in the boutique.

Web/Email Access

This facility is available on site in the reception and bar for €5 per hour. An access card with a passcode is required from the bar or reception. There is also access at the cyber café, 'Le Baobab' at 3 Allée du Parc in Carnac-Plage.

Shopping

The on-site 'mini-market' stocks a variety of produce and basic groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables and dairy produce as well as fresh bread. It is open from 08.00 to 12.00 and 18.00 to 19.00 all season. A second shop, 'La Boutique', sells international newspapers and magazines, stamps and souvenirs, open 09.00 to 12.00 and 16.00 to 19.00 everyday in low and high season.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are available from reception priced €5 for washing and around €3 for drying), iron hire (small charge), free hot showers, baby bath, baby room and standard toilets.



Entertainment

The site provides an excellent programme of entertainment, especially during high season. Events include live music twice a week, cabaret, cultural evenings, karaoke, disco nights, sports competitions, bingo, magic shows, BBQ nights and a children's club.

Eating and Drinking

Restaurant: The modern, on-site restaurant is open from 18.00 until 22.30 (21.30 in low season), and serves a variety of reasonably priced food such as steak, pizza, omelettes and 'moules'. Set menus are available at reasonable prices. Please note that the restaurant does get quite busy, so it may be worth booking in advance.

Takeaway: Open from 11.30 until 13.30 and from 17.30 until 21.30 throughout the season. Serves chips, pizza, chicken nuggets, burgers and a daily speciality.

Bar: The campsite has three bars. The main bar is open from 12.00 to 00.00 everyday in high and low season. It has a piano, television room (occasionally showing films in English) and a side room with three pool tables. Food is available from the bar and includes crisps, packed sandwiches, sweets and ice creams. The pool-side bar overlooks the pool complex and serves cocktails and drinks. Generally less busy than the main bar, the pool-side bar is only open in high season, and has the same opening hours as the main bar. The beach bar can be found between the main bar and the games room. It is very popular with younger customers. It usually opens for organised events such as discos or for football coverage on TV.

Recreation

Swimming: The magnificent pool complex comprises both indoor and outdoor pools. The large outdoor pool has water slides, toboggans, fountains and a Jacuzzi. The complex is open daily from 09.00 until 19.00 in low season and from 09.00 until 19.30 in high season. The pools are supervised throughout the season and are heated. Please note that inflatables are strictly forbidden.

Cycling: Both adult and children's bicycles can be hired on site at the south gate. Prices vary, please check with your couriers. Baby seats are available free of charge.

Tennis: Tennis courts can be booked at the campsite reception throughout the season for €3 per person per hour. Tennis balls may be hired from the boutique but you will need to provide your own racquets.

Mini golf: Mini golf is available all season for €3 per person.

Pony rides: Pony rides are available in high season, €6 for half an hour.

There are also facilities for table tennis, boules, aerobics, badminton, aqua aerobics, football, volleyball and basketball. There is a children's playground and a games room featuring table football, pinball and arcade games. Pool tables are available in the on site bar.

Hoopi's Club

Hoopi's Club is available 6 days a week and is full of fun activities for all those aged between four and 11 including Parachute Games, Harry Potter Days and Water Games. Ask your Hoopi's courier for more details about the weeks programme or see the noticeboard outside Hoopi's tent.

Canvas Active

Canvas Active is available at Camping la Grande Metairie. Canvas customers have researched walking routes and cycle rides, as well as golf courses in the local area. For further details please see the activities booklet, available to download from the Canvas website.

Disabled Facilities

This site meets the Canvas "Recommended for the Disabled" criteria.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- T-shirts may not be worn in the swimming pool.
- Inflatables are not permitted in the swimming pool.
- Rubbish must be recycled in the designated bins.
- Pool bands must be worn and car stickers must be clearly displayed at all times in high season.

Local Information

Beaches

The closest beaches to the site are Men Dû and Beaumer, near to Carnac, both are suitable for children. At low tide it is possible to walk to the isle of Stuhan. The Grand Plage of Carnac has 2km of fine white sand and calm waters. It is a popular beach, where you will find children's clubs in high season. To the west of Grand Plage lie three smaller, very pleasant beaches; L'égenèse, Ty Bihan and St Colomban. The beaches of the west of the Quiberon Peninsula are considered to be fine surfing beaches as they are windy and exposed. On the west of the peninsula itself one finds numerous coves where the cliffs have been battered by the waves into beautiful arches and caves.

Shopping

Supermarket: There is a branch of Super U in Carnac Plage and a Casino and Lidl supermarket in Carnac Ville.

For hypermarkets, try E.Leclerc in Auray, open Monday-Saturday, 09.00 - 20.00, or Carrefour in Vannes.

Souvenirs: Concarneau, Pont-Aven and Carnac all have a range of shops selling lots of regional souvenirs.

Local Markets

Monday: Auray and Pontivy.

Tuesday: La Trinité, Lanester and Locmariaquer.

Wednesday: Carnac, Kerhostin (Quiberon) & Vannes.

Thursday: Hennebont, Languidic, Malestroit, Locmine and St-Pierre-Quiberon.

Friday: La Trinité.

Saturday: Vannes, Locmariaquer.

Sunday: Auray, Quiberon and Carnac.

Facilities

Petrol: There are petrol stations in Carnac, but fuel is cheaper at the Super U.

Chemist: Pharmacie de la Plage, 79 Ave des Druides, Carnac.

Bank: There are several banks on Rue St Cornély in Carnac Ville. A Credit Agricole cash dispenser is located in the tourist office in Carnac Plage. You can also change travellers cheques here.

Post Office: The post office, which also offers exchange facilities, is on avenue de la Poste in Carnac Ville.

Tourist Information: The main tourist office is located at 74 Avenue des Druides in Carnac Plage.

Please ask for opening hours and directions for all of the above facilities.

Distances

Beach,	2 miles
Carnac,	2 miles
La Trinité-sur-Mer,	3 miles
Auray,	9 miles



Local Transport

The train station in Auray has services to Vannes and Questembert. From mid-June to mid-September, the 'Tire Bouchon' train runs three times a day between Auray and Quiberon, stopping at Plouharnel.

There is also a regular bus service connecting Auray, La Trinité, Carnac and Quiberon.

Doctor

Yves Chubre, 8, Place de la Chapelle.

Tel: 02 97 52 00 40.

Dr. Manguin, 20 Ave des Salines, Carnac Ville.

Tel: 02 97 52 08 79.

Dentist

Dr. Erol, 3 rue des Korrigans, Carnac Ville.

Tel: 02 97 52 07 21.

Dr. Moreau, 8 Rue de Menec, Carnac Ville.

Tel: 02 97 52 07 21.

Emergency Services

There is a two-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police	17
Fire	18
Ambulance	15

Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants and bars, which have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

Hôtel Lann-Roz: In Carnac. This bright and cheerful hotel/restaurant serves generous portions of tasty and reasonably priced food.

Le Flamingo: In Carnac Plage. A lively, atmospheric bar/restaurant specialising in pizzas. Also serves salads and meat platters at good value

Le Bistro: In Carnac Plage. Situated next to the beach, opposite the large bar/tabac 'Le Marigny', Le Bistro offers a lively atmosphere coupled with some of the best pizzas in the local area. They are a bit pricier than the average but you'll soon see why!

Le Baobab: In Carnac Plage. This is a bar serving filling British-style pub food including burgers and salads at reasonable prices. Sport is televised here.

Crêperie du Tumulus: Turn right out of the main gates and the crêperie is signposted on the right. Ideal for a spot of lunch after visiting the 6800 year old Tumulus de Kercado.

La Bourriche: In Carnac Plage opposite Luna Park, the arcade. This restaurant has been highly recommended by Canvas customers for its good service, nice surrounding and varied menu. Local dishes are served here along with a range of meals from salads to seafood. A children's menu is also available.

Family Fun

The Musée de la Préhistoire at Carnac Ville is a scientific and informative view of the ancient history of Carnac. It contains many interesting artefacts and tour leaflets are available in English. There is a butterfly farm in Vannes, Jardin aux Papillons, which is home to hundreds of exotic butterflies. They fly freely amongst the luxury plants and rare flowers.

Activities

All manner of water sports are available within easy reach of the site. For windsurfing and sailing (both dinghy and catamaran) head for Carnac Plage where pedaloes are also available for hire. From Quiberon you can take a deep-sea fishing trip and Locmariaquer offers boat trips around the gulf and along the River Auray.

Nearby

Auray • This pretty town has an amazing variety of architectural styles, ranging from granite blocks to half timbered houses; a mélange of Baroque, Gothic and Renaissance styles. The real treat in Auray is the beautiful little port of St Goustan further down the valley. The main religious festival takes place at the end of July where thousands of people with colourful banners gather in the main square.

Locmariaquer • This pretty oyster port which guards the neck of the Golfe du Morbihan rivals Carnac in archaeological importance. Its main sites lie in a fenced compound north of the village, and include a huge menhir on its side. In Neolithic times it would have measured over 20m high, but now lies broken into four sections. Locmariaquer is a peaceful place with attractive south facing beaches and a pleasant old harbour from where you can embark on a variety of boat trips.

Vannes • A busy and charming medieval town with narrow winding streets. Walk along the Promenade de la Garenne and the ramparts. The Musée Archéologique, housed in the Château Gaillard, has a large collection of artefacts from megalithic excavations in the region.

Golfe du Morbihan • The "Little Sea" Gulf forms an almost complete circle. The Gulf and islands are flooded twice a day and the area is very beautiful. Vast numbers of sea birds take advantage of the varied habitats and it is the breeding ground for flat oysters. Of the islets that are accessible, the Île de Gavrinis is the most interesting. It is the site of an elaborately carved burial chamber beneath a stone cairn. Not far from here is the Tumiac Tumulus from which Caesar was supposed to have watched his fleet defeat the Veneti.

Regional Information

Brittany

Brittany is one of the most distinctive and beautiful regions in France, with a unique character and 1,200kms of coastline. In Breton it is called the land of Armor (the sea). Long beaches of soft sand and rocky headlands combine with a multitude of smaller coves, often with interesting rock pools. This is also the land of Argoat (the forest). The interior of the region is a captivating blend of forest and woodland, vast moors covered with yellow broom, purple heather and pasture.

Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Brittany is, of course, famous for its pancakes (crêpes and galettes). Galettes are made with buckwheat flour and are eaten with savoury fillings. As a dessert, try a crêpe stuffed with fresh fruit or smeared with chocolate or kirsch. Quimper lace pancakes are a speciality. If you like fish and shellfish, Brittany is the best place to be. A delicious dish is homard à l'armoricaine, lobster flambéed in cognac and served in a tomato and wine sauce with onions, garlic and herbs. Try Coquilles St. Jacques, scallops in white wine sauce with piped potato, and Cotriade the regional fish stew. Don't leave without tasting the fabulous oysters from Belon near Pont-Aven. There are also many traditional cakes with butter (in generous measure), a prime ingredient of most recipes. Try the famous kouign-amann (a puff pastry cake layered with sugar), or quatre-quarts (a light sponge cake often mixed with fruit, almonds and raisins). Cider, made from apples or pears, is the main drink, with the best coming from Fouesnant and Beg-Meil. Brittany also produces lambig, a kind of brandy made from cider, and chouchen, a honey based mead.

Things to do and see

*A • An admission charge is payable for these attractions



Family Fun

Leisure Parks

Parc de Préhistoire de Bretagne • See the life-size scenes with dinosaurs and humans in various stages of evolution. The wooded park also has five lakes, ancient wells and slate quarries. In Malansac, off the D755, 35km east of Vannes (open daily, *A).

Wildlife Attractions

Parc Zoologique de Pont-Scorff • See the large collection of wild animals. Nr Pont-Scorff, 5km northwest of Lorient, off the RN165 (open daily, *A).

L'Aquarium du Golfe du Morbihan • Explore the underwater world of one of Europe's richest collections of tropical fish of all magical colours and shapes. Come face to face with fearsome predators such as piranhas, sharks or the famous crocodile from the sewers of Paris. (*A).

Parc Animalier et Botanique de Branféré • This outstanding botanic garden is home to more than 1,500 animals of over 150 species. Take your time to look round this wonderful garden and marvel at the animals who roam freely amongst rare trees, some of which are over 200 hundred years old. Visit the 'animals corner' where visitors can pet and feed the more familiar animals. Located in Le Guerno, east of Vannes, just off the D139 (*A).

Megaliths

Carnac • On the northern outskirts of Carnac you can see the 2,395 Menhirs that make up the three Alignments. These standing stones point, with great accuracy, toward the points of the compass and indicate the solstices.

Places of Interest

Crouesty • This pleasant and lively marina and seaside resort lies at the tip of the Presqu'île de Rhuys, just outside the "Golfe du Morbihan". This new resort has been developed in a natural cove around one of the biggest yachting harbours on the Atlantic Coast. It has fine restaurants, and interesting shops and chandlers who cater for the influx of yachts.

Josselin • A picturesque medieval town on the River Oust. The turreted château is beautifully situated on the banks of the river and houses a doll museum (*A).

Presqu'île de Quiberon • The Presqu'île de Quiberon is as close to being an island as any peninsular could conceivably be; the long causeway of sand that links it to the mainland narrows to as little as 50m in places. The town of Quiberon itself is a lively place, which centres on a miniature golf course surrounded by bars, pizzerias and a good selection of clothes and antique shops. It is from Quiberon that ferries depart for Belle Isle, Houat and Hoëdic and the road can get very busy. Quiberon is also famous for its fish canning industry and it is possible to visit

the factory of 'La Belle Iloise' and see fish being canned in the traditional way.

Lorient • Largely rebuilt in concrete after the second world war, Lorient is not the most attractive town, however for the first two weeks of August it hosts the 'Festival Inter Celtique', the biggest celtic festival in the world, expect lots of live music, street performers and a great atmosphere. Boat trips to Ile de Groix are a popular excursion from here.

Nantes • This attractive town on the Loire is the largest town in the area. The Château des Ducs de Bretagne is a well-preserved 15th Century fortress, which is now home to several museums (*A). See the art nouveau and neo-classical buildings on the Place Royale and the place Graslin. The Bateaux Nantais offer sightseeing cruises, and lunch or dinner cruises on the River Erdre and Sèvre depart from Quai de la Motte Rouge.

Concarneau • A lively, historic fishing port which has an old walled castle at its centre. The Ville Close is on a rocky island protected by granite ramparts and a fortified bridge. Inside, browse around the many craft shops and visit the Musée de la Pêche whose models and exhibits illustrate the traditions of the fishing industry (Open daily, *A). Take a boat trip to the Îles de Glénan and the Odet estuary.

Belle Ile • The 'Beautiful Island' makes for a great day out. Travel from Quiberon as a foot passenger and hire a car when you get there. The island is famous for being a retreat for the rich and famous. The actress Sandra Bernhardt bought a fort here and Monet loved the rugged coastline. Geologically the island is composed of schist (rather than the usual Breton granite) and these rocks, especially those rich in mica, sparkle in the sun. The capital, Le Palais, has an unusual star-shaped fort where grass grows on the roofs!

Rennes • Take a walk round Rennes and discover the blend of modern and ancient architecture. Amble through the medieval streets and discover the secrets of the city's history. Take a tour of the Place de Lices and the buildings of the Breton Parliament. A walk through the Jardin du Thabor, with its tree lined pathways and fountains, is a good way to relax and enjoy the tranquillity. It is well worth visiting the Museum of Fine Arts, where you will find a melange of old and modern from top French and European artists. The Museum of Brittany houses many displays, depicting life in Brittany through the ages.

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