



Camping les Tournels,

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Campsite Information

Camping les Tournels, St Tropez

Camping les Tournels is a sprawling site, set on a steep hillside amidst the cork and pine trees of the Cap Camaret peninsula - arguably Europe's most glamorous destination. St Tropez (6 miles from site) was once a busy little fishing port and has now become one of the most stylish and flamboyant resorts on the Riviera.

Arriving at Camping les Tournels

On arrival, go to the Canvas reception - your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00.

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 admitted onto the campsite. Please note that if you are late and cannot be accepted on site 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

Reception is open between 09.00 to 20.00.

Barrier

The barrier is open from 06.00 to 23.30. Should you wish to depart early in the morning, please leave your car outside the barrier.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at reception for a daily charge.

Telephone

There are a number of coin and card-operated phones on site and phone cards are on sale at the tabac.

Web/Email Access

The campsite reception has a kiosk where you can access the internet (charges applicable). There are also several cyber cafés in St Tropez.

Post

The post boxes on site are located at the shop and the main reception. Stamps are sold at the campsite shop.

Shopping

The supermarket located just off site sells a wide range of goods including fresh bread, croissants, fresh produce and international newspapers. Open from 08.30 to 12.30 and from 15.30 to 19.30 in low season. In high season the supermarket is open from 08.00 until 20.00.

In addition, there is a Tabac selling newspapers, phone cards and cigarettes and a Greengrocers offering fresh local produce. You can buy fresh croissants at the Croissanterie every morning from 07.30.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

There are washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are sold at reception at €6 for a washing machine and €3.50 for a dryer) available on site, as well as iron hire, free hot showers, baby bath and baby room and standard and continental toilets.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: The campsite bar is open from 10.00 to 22.00 in low season. These hours are extended to 08.00 until

midnight in high season. The bar has satellite TV and offers a variety of entertainment in high season.

Takeaway: Pizzas, lasagne, chicken and chips are available from 18.30 to 21.30. The takeaway is closed in low season, but pizzas are available to takeaway from the restaurant.

Restaurant: The cosy and friendly on site restaurant is open from 08.00 until midnight in high season. Set menus and children's menus are available.

Entertainment

In high season there is an entertainment team on site who provide a range of daily activities and evening entertainment such as cabaret and comedy shows in the amphitheatre. Evening entertainment generally takes place between 21.00 and 23.00, some noise may be heard. Children aged between 4 and 15 can join the site's children's club, free of charge. The campsite also operates a shuttle bus to the beach in July and August.

Recreation

Swimming: The pool complex offers a large pool and a children's pool, surrounded by a wide sun terrace, plus a covered pool. The pools are heated in low season and supervised all season. The complex is open from 10.00 to 18.00 in low season and from 08.30 to 19.45 in high season. Shorts or bermuda shorts are forbidden in the pool.

Gym / Sauna / Jacuzzi: Available at the onsite spa for over 18 year olds. Fees are applicable.

Tennis: Courts can be booked at the campsite reception, available in both low and high season, at a cost of around €5 per hour. You can also hire equipment for €3 plus a €50 deposit.

Cycling: You can hire bikes on site for approximately €10 per day or €35 per week. There is a €200 deposit for this service.

Mini Golf: The course on site is free of charge, but a €30 deposit is required for balls and club.

Aqua Aerobics: Available on site during high season.

Basketball: A court is available free of charge throughout the season.

Archery: Available for approx. €2 in high season.

There are also facilities on site for basketball, football (high season only), volleyball, badminton, boules and table-tennis.

Rules and Regulations

- No driving on site between 23.00 and 06.00.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- Charcoal BBQ's are not permitted on site.
- Silence on site between 23.00 and 06.00.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool.
- Shoes are not permitted in the pool area.
- Please use recycling bins for glass on site.

Beaches

The coast is striking in its diversity. There are intimate coves and long open beaches of shingle, pebble and fine sand, often with a backdrop of exotic vegetation. One of the most beautiful beaches at the western end of the Côte d'Azur is undoubtedly L'Estagnol, nestling at the foot of the tree-covered Maures hills. This is a beautiful stretch of white sand, which looks out towards the Hyères islands on the horizon.

Also worth visiting are the little coves belonging to fishing villages like Rayol and Cassis. Cap Ferrat is a promontory with numerous small beaches. Other notable beaches are Le Lavandou, Cavalaire, Bonporteau, Gigaro, Ste Maxime, St Aygulf, and of course St Tropez, famous for its all-over tans. Further east are the sandy beaches of Menton, Antibes and Juan les Pin.



Local Information

Shopping

Supermarkets: The large and well stocked Géant hypermarket is only 8km away in Port Grimaud. Facilities include cash dispenser, pharmacy, currency exchange, 24h petrol station and car wash. It is open Monday to Saturday from 09.00 - 21.00.

Souvenirs: You will find a selection of souvenir shops in Ramatuelle, or alternatively, head for one of the many markets in the area.

Local Markets

Monday: Boulouris.
Tuesday: St Tropez, Cannes, Roquebrune-sur-Argens and St Aygulf.
Wednesday: Cogolin, Mandelieu-la-Napoule, Frejus and Agay.
Thursday: Port Grimaud, St Tropez, Mandelieu-la-Napoule and Ramatuelle.
Friday: Ste Maxime, St Aygulf, Théoule-sur-Mer and Roquebrune-sur-Argens.
Saturday: St Tropez, Mandelieu-la-Napoule, Cogolin and Frejus.
Sunday: Port Grimaud, Antibes, Cannes, Ramatuelle, Frejus Plage, St Raphael and Le Muy.

There are daily markets held in St Raphaël - Victor Hugo, Toulon, Monaco, Grasse, Menton, and Nice. Over the border in Italy the largest open air market in Europe is held daily in Ventimiglia.

Facilities

Petrol: The nearest filling station (Total) is about 2km from the site in the direction of St Tropez on the Route des Plages, but fuel is cheaper at Géant in Port Grimaud.

Chemist: There is a chemist in Ramatuelle and also a large chemist at the Géant hypermarket.

Banks: There is a bank with cash dispenser in Ramatuelle, on rue G. Clemenceau.

Post Office: There is a post office in Ramatuelle.

Tourist Information: Find an office on rue G. Clemenceau in Ramatuelle, or in the shopping centre La Foux in Port Grimaud.

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

Distances

St Tropez: 9km (7 miles)
Port Grimaud: 15km (9 miles)
Ste Maxime: 22km (14 miles)
Fréjus: 44km (27 miles)

Local Transport

The nearest train station is at St Raphael and is on the Nice to Marseille line. Trains run up to every 30mins, and from here you can also catch the train to Ventimiglia in Italy.



Regular buses run along the coast road and it is also possible to catch a ferry from Port Grimaud to St Tropez.

Doctor

A doctor visits the site between 13.30 and 14.00 every day except Sunday during high season.

Alternatively, you can phone Dr. Noel Didier Jean Tel. 04 94 79 21 51.

Dentist

Dr. Francois Jammes. Tel: 04 94 79 28 59.

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:

La Marina: In Port Grimaud. Serves a wide range of pizzas, pastas and seafood. Set menus are available and children are made welcome. Fairly expensive but highly recommended.

La Reserve: In Ste Maxime. Situated opposite the port and serving delicious local specialities. It is advisable to book in advance, as this is a popular venue. Highly recommended by previous Canvas customers.

Ghandi: In St Tropez, at the port. A lively and modern Indian restaurant, serving curries and contemporary Indian specialities. Reasonably priced by St Tropez standards.

La Ciboulette: In Gassin. Good, inexpensive food, excellent service and marvellous views.

Monroes: In Port Grimaud. A friendly and lively restaurant, which serves traditional British food and pizza. Large portions are served here at great prices, a children's menu is available.

La Tartane: In Port Grimaud. A restaurant great for a special meal out without the children. Quite expensive but highly recommended.

Cafe Sud: In St Tropez. Inexpensive by St Tropez standards, this informal restaurant is tucked away down a side street, off Place des Lices. Dine outside in the courtyard; the 'beignets de langouste' are delicious!

Activities

Along the coastline, there are opportunities to try all manner of watersports. Windsurfs, jet skis and pedaloes are available for hire or you can try your hand at water-skiing, parasailing and snorkelling. To hire windsurfs, canoes and pedaloes try Sunforce at St Tropez. There are endless opportunities for mountain biking, horse riding and hiking in the Pic de l'Ours.

Nearby

St Tropez • The town of St Tropez was once a busy little fishing port and is now one of the most stylish and flamboyant resorts on the Riviera. Don't miss the fantastic food; flowers and clothing market/antique fair held on Place des Lices in St Tropez every Tuesday and Saturday morning.

Ramatuelle • A marvellous old Provençal village, surrounded by the luxuriant plant life so typical of the Maures area of the Riviera. The houses are arranged in a defensive ring concealing narrow, winding alleys with vaulted passages and fine archways. Many of the houses are hung with honeysuckle and jasmine.

Cogolin • The village of Cogolin attracts musicians of international renown due to its reputation for making reeds for wind instruments. The local museum houses a fine display of other traditional crafts such as the making of cane furniture, briar pipes and wool carpets. The brightly coloured medieval houses, cobbled streets and tiny hidden squares provide a welcome escape from the nearby tourist hordes.

Gassin • This delightful perched village deserves its classification as one of France's most beautiful villages with its narrow winding streets wending their way up to its church. The village offers lovely panoramic views across the Bay of St Tropez.



Regional Information

Côte d'Azur

This area is renowned for its wonderful climate. Its southerly location and the protective backdrop of mountains combine to produce good temperatures all year round. Pine and cork trees crown the hills of Provence and on the slopes of the Côte d'Azur tropical vegetation includes an abundance of orange, eucalyptus and mimosa trees. The coast is one of the most beautiful in Europe with rugged headlands and wooded coves. There are numerous 'villages perchés', fortified hilltop villages, built to escape the attentions of foreign raiders and conquerors. You will find beautiful examples of Romanesque and Gothic architecture and there are many museums.

Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Cooking in the region is generally à la provençale, which means it includes garlic, olive oil, olives, tomatoes and herbs. Tomato, aubergine and courgette stewed together, along with green peppers, garlic and herbs produces a favourite Provençal dish, Ratatouille. You will also find pasta dishes such as ravioli and Canelloni, as well as Gnocchi a type of potato and flour dumpling. This area is home to some splendid fish soups. A regional speciality is bouillabaisse, made with a variety of fish and shellfish, seasoned with garlic and herbs and coloured with saffron. The local wines are the Côtes de Provence, of which the best known are the light and refreshing rosés. There are many caves where you can sample them. For an aperitif try the aniseed flavoured 'Pastis', the Riviera's favourite drink.

Things to do and see

*A • admission charge is payable for these attractions.

Family Fun

Aqualand • A great water park with slides, toboggans and much more. Be prepared for Europe's largest wave pool and the scary Twister slide. There are 2 parks in the area - in Fréjus, and a slightly smaller Aqualand in Ste Maxime. (Open daily. *A).

Village des Tortues • This tortoise village is dedicated to the conservation of tortoises. They have over 2500 tortoises that you can watch in their natural habitat. In Gonfaron. (Open daily. *A).

Marineland • A huge leisure complex in Antibes, which contains Marineland, with aquariums, dolphin shows, and a marine museum; La Jungle des Papillons, with exotic butterflies and an insectarium; La Petite Ferme with farmyard animals for children to pet; and Aqua-Splash, the biggest water park on the Riviera (All open daily. *A for each).

Antibes Land • A large amusement park with a rollercoaster and many other fairground attractions (*A), part of the Marineland complex in Antibes.

Musée Océanographique • A fabulous aquarium in Monaco with many rare species of marine life and a fascinating museum. Underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau established his research centre here (*A).

Park Zoologique de Fréjus • Walk or drive around this zoo amongst animals from all over the world. In Fréjus. (Open daily. *A).



Train des Merveilles • The 'train of marvels' is the first sightseeing regional train where you can enjoy some excellent views of the area. It runs daily between Nice and Tende. Ask your couriers for an up to date timetable.

Bateaux Vertes • This company offers different boat trips between Ste Maxime, Port Grimaud and Marines de Cogolin and St Tropez. They also do excellent excursions to the nearby islands as well as fishing trips. Check with your couriers for timetables.

Grotte de Baume Obscure • These impressive underground caves are 20 minute drive from Grasse, it is the most ornate cave in the area. Guided tours are available in English. (Open daily *A).

La Maison des Papillons • Displays of some of the most beautiful butterflies in the world. There are over 4500 species displayed, some of which are extinct now. Located in St Tropez. (Open daily. *A).

Gorges du Verdon • A superb natural canyon formed by the River Verdon cutting through chalky mountains. The cliffs plunge to 700m in places. The Grand Canyon runs from Rougon to Aiguines. There are roads running along both the north (La Rive Nord), and south (Corniche Sublime) of the canyon. To do justice to the dramatic scenery, allow at least half a day for each side.

Places of Interest

Ste Maxime • With its 6km of fine sandy beaches, Ste Maxime provides the most sought after pleasures of the Mediterranean. Whilst strolling through the umbrella pines, giant mimosa bushes, flowers and plants, discover the traditional Provençal atmosphere in the craftsman's displays or in the markets. The town is ideally situated at the entrance to the gulf of Saint Tropez, facing directly south.

Port Grimaud • This is a new "little Venice", designed in the 1960's to look like a traditional Provençal fishing village. With its bridges, water buses and pastel coloured houses each with its own mooring, Port Grimaud is very attractive, especially after dark.

Fréjus • A Roman town founded by Julius Caesar as Forum Julii in 49BC. You can visit the ruins of a Roman aqueduct, theatre and amphitheatre, where bullfights and concerts take place in July and August. A Gothic cathedral marks the entrance of the Cité Episcopale which contains a wonderful complex of buildings.

Iles d'Hyères • These tranquil and unspoilt islands are also known as the Iles d'Or (Golden Isles) after the golden colour of their cliffs. Porquerolles, the most westerly and largest of the four islands, is covered in rich vegetation. To the north you will find beautiful sandy beaches whilst the south side is steep and rugged. There are few cars on the island and the best way to explore is by bicycle. Boats leave regularly from La Tour Fondue, Hyères and Toulon.

Ile de Port-Cros is a national park and has some delightful nature trails. The eastern part of the rugged Ile du Levant is closed to the public as the French Navy uses it. This island has the oldest naturist colony



in France. Boats leave for Port Cros and Levant from Hyères, Le Lavandou and Port de Marimar.

Grasse • A charming town situated in the hills behind Cannes. The sweet smell in the air comes from the perfume distilleries for which it is world-famous. Tours in English are offered by several of the perfume houses including Parfumerie Fragonard, Molinard and Gallimard. The Musée International de la Parfumerie shows the history and manufacturing process of perfume (*A).

Cannes • A city of festivals and entertainment. The famous Boulevard de la Croisette, lined with gardens and palm trees, runs from the Palais des Festivals (where the International Film Festival is held in April-May) along the sandy beach. Look out for 'the hands of fame' - famous people's hands which have been set in concrete. The old town is centred around the Le Suquet district built on the slopes of Mont Chevalier. Here you will find the 11th century watchtower, the Tour du Mont Chevalier, from which there are wonderful views.

Monaco • Worth a visit if only to see the pink palace and the wonderful Musée Océanographique (see Family Fun). A guided tour of Prince Albert's Palace is available during the summer (*A). Children might enjoy the Musée National with its collection of mechanical toys and dolls (*A). The Jardin Exotique has hundreds of varieties of cacti and interesting caves and offers brilliant views over the bay. In the gardens you will find the Musée d'Anthropologie Préhistorique, displaying bones, tools and other artefacts (*A).

The casino in the district of Monte Carlo makes for a perfect end to an evening, but remember to take a jacket and tie if you want to play the tables. For a lightning tour of Monaco take the tourist train which takes you around the town giving views of the casino, the Palace, the port and some of the Grande Prix racing track.

Nice • The city's medieval feel and heritage has survived in the old town with its red tiled roofs overlooking winding narrow streets. Nice has a distinct southern yet very cosmopolitan feel to it. For a week in July the city hosts the Nice Jazz Festival with nightly live music on stage. The famous Promenade des Anglais stretches nearly 7km around the Baie des Anges. The promenade comes to life in the evenings with market stalls and artists. An hours' walk or short bus ride takes you out of the busy centre to the interesting Climiez site. This Roman site includes a large park with olive groves and various museums.

Bormes-les-Mimosas • An attractive old Provençal hill village, flower filled and full of art and craft shops. Visit the chapel dedicated to St Francis de Paolo and the local art and history museum.

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