



Camping Résidence du Campeur,

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Campsite Information

Résidence du Campeur, St Aygulf

Residence du Campeur is in a perfect setting, high above the bustling Côte d'Azur. The maze of colourful trees and flowering shrubs the campsite a feeling of intimacy. There are many sandy coves and good watersports facilities all the way from St Aygulf to St Maxime. The port of Fréjus is close by, as well as St Raphaël (6mils).

Arriving at Résidence du Campeur

On arrival go to the main campsite reception, they will inform your Canvas couriers and arrange your car sticker, wrist bands etc. Your Canvas couriers will be ready to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00.

In high season all campers will have to wear a bracelet for security reasons, available from the site 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 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 reception is open from 08.00 to 20.00 and all the staff speak English, Dutch and German.

Barrier

The barrier is open between 06.30 and midnight. Should you wish to depart early in the morning, please leave your car in the car park outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

Currency can be exchanged at Credit Agricole in St Aygulf.

Please note that previous customers have mentioned that many banks in the area no longer accept Travellers Cheques.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Available to rent at reception, for a small charge. Access to the lockers is limited to reception opening times.

Telephone

There are card phones located in front of reception. Phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception.

Web/Email Access

Internet access is available on site at the reception at a cost of €15 for three hours. WiFi is also available on site.

Shopping

There is a mini-supermarket located at the gates of the campsite, it is open from 08.15 to 12.15 and 17.00 to 19.00 (closed Sunday afternoons in low season). The shop sells most of the essentials, including fresh bread and international newspapers.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Each emplacement has its own washroom including a personal shower and washbasin with hot water, and a toilet. The launderette is open from 08.00 to 20.00 and tokens are available at reception. Washing tokens (€4 for washing and €2 drying) and sachets of soap powder can be bought at reception. Irons are available to hire free of charge.

Post

There is a franking machine at reception or you can buy stamps (only when you buy postcards) from the shop. Post is collected daily from the reception.



Eating and Drinking

Bar: The bar, with satellite TV and a pool table, is open from 12.00 to midnight. These hours may vary in low season. Every Sunday in high season there is a welcome drink in the bar for new campers. The bar is also the location for the evening entertainment in high season.

Takeaway: The takeaway is open daily from 12.00 to 14.30 and 17.30 to 22.30. A variety of snacks are available including pizzas, burgers, chips and chicken.

Restaurant/Pizzeria: The modern onsite restaurant, 'Le Resto de la Residence', has a large open-air terrace and is open from 12.00 to 14.30 and 19.30 to 22.30. There is a wide choice of food available including traditional French dishes, pasta, steaks and salads. There is also a selection of pizzas available made in a wood-burning oven.

Entertainment

The entertainment team organise a range of activities and entertainment in July and August. There are live music and magic shows, karaoke, disco nights and sports competitions. The week's entertainment programme is usually posted outside the supermarket. Entertainment goes on until around midnight, although the disco goes on later - until 03.00. The disco is for those aged 15 and over and costs €4 for entry. Noise can be heard around the site from the disco until approx 03.00. An open-air cinema operates during high season. Films generally begin at 21.30, admission prices vary - ask your courier for further details.

Excursions can be booked from site in high season to various locations such as Monaco. A different trip is organised every week - prices vary depending on the location.

Recreation

Swimming: There is one large pool and a children's pool, both of which are surrounded by a sun terrace and are supervised all season. The pools are open from 10.00 to 19.00 in low season, in high season 09.00 to 20.00. On Wednesday evenings, late night swimming can be enjoyed as the pool stays open until 23.00. A wrist band must be worn to gain access

to the pool. Please note that swimming trunks are compulsory.

Tennis: €7.50 per hour. Please ask at the campsite reception if you wish to hire a court.

Aqua Aerobics: In high season aqua aerobics is available at the pool, free of charge.

Scuba diving: There are scuba diving lessons at the pool once a week in high season. The cost is approx €10 per lesson. Please ask your couriers or at the campsite reception for more details.

Games Room: equipped with pool tables, air hockey, table football, pinball and mini ten pin bowling. It is open from 18.00 to 20.30 (midnight in high season).

Other facilities available on site include fishing in the onsite river, table tennis, an aqua gym, trampolining, badminton, bowling, boules, basketball and volleyball. There are also play areas for children which feature a climbing wall, climbing frame and swings.

Hoopi's Club

Hoopi's Club is available 6 days a week from 4 Jul-3 Sep 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.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence on site between 23.00 and 06.00.
- Swimming trunks are compulsory in the pool.
- No BBQs permitted on site.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- Party size is restricted to 6 people.



Local Information

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. St Aygulf Plage is five to ten minutes' drive from the campsite. The sandy beach is suitable for children. There are also secluded, sandy coves all the way along the coast towards Ste Maxime. The wide sandy beaches at Fréjus and St Raphaël are around 7km long and have lifeguards. In high season these beaches can get very busy and parking can be difficult. There is a good beach at Port Grimaud which has good disabled access, and a sailing school close by. 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 Pins.

Shopping

Supermarkets: The Géant at Fréjus is the closest large supermarket. It is open daily between 08.30 and 21.00, Sunday mornings 09.00 to 12.00.

Souvenirs: There are several gift shops in both St Aygulf and Fréjus.

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 Fréjus.

Sunday: Port Grimaud, Antibes, Cannes, Ramatuelle, Le Muy, Fréjus Plage and St Raphael.

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

Facilities

Petrol: There is a BP petrol station on the way to Fréjus, but fuel is cheaper at Géant (this is also the nearest 24hr petrol station).

Chemist: The nearest chemist is in St Aygulf, open from 08.00 until 12.00 and from 16.00 until 19.00.

Bank: There is a branch of Crédit Agricole, with a cash dispenser, in St Aygulf. Customers of Barclays Bank or Deutsche Bank can withdraw money free of charge at the cash machines of BNP Paribas banks. A branch can be found in St Raphaël next to the Casino.

Post Office: There is a post office in St Aygulf. The opening hours are 09.00 to 12.00 and 13.30 to 17.30 from Monday to Saturday (only in the mornings on Saturday), closed on Sundays.

Web/Internet Access: There is a small internet café in St Aygulf and several cyber cafés can be found in Port Fréjus and St. Raphaël.

Tourist Information: There is a tourist information office in St Aygulf.

Distances

St Aygulf: 3km (1.8 miles)

Fréjus: 7km (5 miles)



St Raphaël: 16km (9.6 miles)

Cannes: 45km (28 miles)

Local Transport

There is a regular bus service from St Aygulf to Fréjus, St Raphaël, Nice and St Tropez. The train station in St Raphaël is on the Nice-Marseilles line. Please ask your courier for further details on local transport.

Doctor

Dr. Eric Marie, Rte Roquebrune, St Aygulf.

Tel: 04 94 81 24 87.

Dentist

Dr. Vanessa Bernard, 857 Ave Alfred de Musset, St Aygulf.

Tel: 04 94 52 72 81.

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:

Bar du Marche: In Fréjus. Good 'people-watching' terrace and enormous pizzas.

La Soupière: In St Aygulf. A popular restaurant specialising in fresh fish. Also serves pizzas and traditional French dishes.

Templiers: In Roquebrune. Serves superb food at reasonable prices in a lovely atmosphere. A great village setting.

Pizzeria la Romaine: In Fréjus. Excellent pizza in a lively, informal setting.

St Raphaël: The centre of St. Raphaël has plenty of restaurants, as does the old part of town. Here are a few places you could try out for different types of cuisine:

French Cuisine: L'Arbousier, Les Terrasses de L'Orangerie, La Gargoulette, Le Semillion.

Italian Cuisine: Pizzeria Marius, Piccola Sicilia, La Roma.

You will also find an exciting mix of Mexican, African, Chinese, Vietnamese and Scandinavian restaurants around the town centre, old port and Santa Lucia port.

Activities

There are numerous watersport activities in the area including jet skiing, diving, water skiing, sailing and windsurfing. As well as watersports there is also horse riding, quad biking and mini golf available in the area. There are adventure parks set in the forest around Fréjus and St Raphael. For the less adventurous there are numerous opportunities for walking and several excellent golf courses in the area.

There are also several companies offering boat trips in the area, some of which also offer evening cruises and fishing trips in high season.

Nearby

St Raphaël • This is a popular resort, its old harbour hosts a daily fish market and the seafront is dotted with cafés and shops. Visit the archaeology museum which has a great collection of Roman pieces.

Collobrière • Known throughout France for the production of cork and marrons glace, the hillside village of Collobrière lies at the heart of the wild Massif des Maures, surrounded by a dense forest of cork-oaks and chestnut trees. Try some of the delicious confectionery as you stroll under the plane trees alongside the tranquil Collobrier River.

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. Bullfights and concerts take place in the amphitheatre in July and August. A gothic cathedral marks the entrance of the Cité Episcopale which contains a wonderful complex of buildings.



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. To the west lie the marshy lakes and lagoons of the lower Rhone valley and the Camargue salt flats. Eastwards the terrain changes to rolling hills, steep gorges and mountains, interspersed with fertile plains. 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, from Marseille to the Italian border, is one of the most beautiful in Europe with rugged headlands and wooded coves.

Eating & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Cooking in the region is generally à la Provençale, which means it includes garlic, olive oil, olives, tomatoes and herbs. Fruit, spices and vegetables are abundant and can be bought fresh at local markets. Tomato, aubergine and courgette stewed together, along with green peppers, garlic and herbs produces a favourite Provençale 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. The reds of Bandol are smooth and full, and Cassis produces a refreshing, dry, white wine. 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 - an admission charge is payable for these attractions.

If you are planning to visit several museums and monuments it is worth buying La Carte Musée, which entitles you to unlimited admission to many museums and other sites in the Côte d'Azur. Tickets, valid for three or seven consecutive days, are on sale at participating museums and monuments and Tourist Information Offices.

Family Fun

Leisure Parks/Animal Attractions

Aqualand • A water park with slides, toboggans, pedalos, playgrounds and much more. (Customer Tip - worth a trip for teenagers and older children but be prepared to wait in queues for the rides.) There are two Aqualand parks in the area - in Fréjus, and a slightly smaller park in Ste Maxime. (Open daily. *A).

Marineland • A huge leisure park in Antibes containing: 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). The park also includes mini golf in an adventure setting with waterfalls and caves (*A).



Musée Océanographique • A fabulous aquarium in Monaco with many rare species of marine life and a fascinating museum. (Open daily. *A).

Village des Tortues • This 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).

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

Zoo du Cap Ferrat • Discover wild animals in an unspoilt setting. Children will particularly enjoy daily "chimpanzee school". In St Jean-Cap-Ferrat (*A).

Caves

Grottes de Baume • These amazing underground, said to be the most ornate in the area, are 20 minute drive from Grasse. Guided tours are available in English. (Open daily. *A).

Places of Interest

Bormes-les-Mimosas • An attractive old Provençale 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.

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 and Gallimard. The Musée International de la Parfumerie shows the history and manufacturing process of perfume and has an interesting collection of perfume bottles (Open daily. *A).

St Tropez • Once a self-governing republic, the little fishing village of St Tropez was "discovered" by many artists, including Signac and Matisse. Some of their work can be seen in the excellent Musée de l'Annonciade housed in a former church (*A). Despite the crowds, St Tropez has managed to retain much of its charm. From the hilltop citadel there is a magnificent view over the Gulf of St Tropez.

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 while 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 on the Giens peninsula, 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 it is used by the French Navy. This island has the oldest naturist colony in France.

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.

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 watch tower, 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 Alberts' Palace is available during the summer (open daily. *A). Children might enjoy the Musée National with its collection of mechanical toys and dolls (open daily *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 (open daily *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 lightening 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 Grand Prix racing track.

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