



Camping la Pachacaïd,

Route du Canadel

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Campsite Information

Camping la Pachacaïd, Canadel

Camping la Pachacaïd is a lively family site, yet still a peaceful haven set high in the provençal countryside away from the hustle and bustle of the Riviera. The facilities here are modern and well kept and the main attraction is the Niagara Waterpark located at the centre of the site and consisting of 5 pools..

Arriving at Camping la Pachacaïd

On arrival, go to the Canvas reception - your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00. You will need to pay €5 for a pool wristband upon arrival.

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 20.00 in high season. In low season it is open 08.00 to 19.30.

Barrier

The card-operated barrier is open from 08.00 to 23.00. You will need to pay a €15 deposit for a barrier card. Should you wish to depart early in the morning, or arrive back late at night, please leave your car outside the barrier.

Currency Exchange

This facility is not available on site but you can do this at the BNP Paribas bank in Cogolin.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at reception for €5 a day, and a deposit of €50 is required.

Telephone

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

Web/Email Access

You can access the Internet in the main campsite reception, for approx. €12 per hour, and there is also WiFi available on site. There are also several cyber cafés in St Tropez.

Shopping

Camping la Pachacaïd has a supermarket that supplies you with bread, milk, vegetables, ice cream, baby products, cold drinks, sweets and household products. They also have a range of British products. It is open from 08.00 to 13.00 and 16.00 to 20.00 from Monday to Friday; as well as 08.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 20.00 on Saturday and Sunday.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

There are washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are sold at reception at €6 for a washing machine and €1.50 for a dryer) available on site, as well as free hot showers, baby bath and baby room and standard and continental toilets.

Post

There is a post box on site and stamps are sold at the campsite reception.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: There is a large, modern bar behind the swimming pool. It is open from 12.00 until 01.00. This is the place where you will find live entertainment and satellite television.

Takeaway: At the take away you can get pizzas, chicken, chips, burgers and salads. Open from 09.00 to 01.00 in high season.

Restaurant: Pachacaïd has a modern restaurant with rustic touches and a large outdoor terrace. You have got a choice of traditional cooking, pizza and pasta. Open from 09.00 to midnight all season.

Entertainment

Camping la Pachacaïd has its own animation team that offers a varied entertainment programme throughout the day for all the family, including aqua aerobics and archery. During high season there is evening entertainment including shows, cabaret, live music and karaoke. During high season there are daily discos between 22.00 and 02.00 in the sound-proof disco Aquablu. There also is a children's disco once a week.

Recreation

Swimming: Niagara Water Park (Open 13 June - 29 Aug), includes:

- 4 swimming pools (swimming trunks compulsory).
- 7 waterslides (5 yrs +).
- Children's pool with waterslide (high season).
- Paddling pool (high season).
- Jacuzzi, sauna and turkish bath.
- Entrance to waterslides is payable (€3) between 12 Jul and 20 Aug (free outside of these dates).
- Sunloungers and parasols are payable all season.
- It also has a fitness area and climbing wall.

The swimming pool (Open 15 May to 18 Sep), is a large California style pool and is open between 10.00 and 19.30 in high season and between 10.30 and 18.30 in low season. You can hire sunloungers at a charge.

Tennis: Pachacaïd has two full size tennis courts, which can be booked at the main reception. Courts can be hired from €10 per hour.

Aqua Aerobics: Aqua aerobics is available on site during high season, free of charge.



Diving: You can take part in PADI qualified diving courses during high season. Please ask your couriers for prices and times.

There are also facilities on site for basketball, football, volleyball, boules, archery and table tennis.

Rules and Regulations

- No driving on site between midnight and 06.00
- 15km/h speed limit on site.
- Barbecues are not permitted on site.
- Silence on site between midnight and 06.00
- Only one car is allowed per emplacement.



Local Information

Beaches

The closest beach to the campsite is Pampelonne. Stretching for 5km, the beach is famous in France as the hang out of the stars, and is lined with cafés, bars and restaurants.

The coastline here 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. 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 hypermarket is 15km away in Port Grimaud. It is open Monday to Saturday, 09.00 to 20.00. The E. Leclerc supermarket in Cogolin is 10km away.

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

Local Markets

Monday: Bouloris.

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 ELF filling station is about 10km from the site in the centre of Cogolin. But fuel is cheaper at Géant in Port Grimaud.

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

Banks: There is a BNP Paribas bank in Cogolin. Customers of Barclays or Deutsche Bank can use BNP cash machines free of charge.



Post Office: The closest post office is in La Mole, 2km from the site.

Tourist Information: There is a Tourist Information in the Géant hypermarket in La Foux.

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

Distances

St Tropez: 20km (12 miles)

Port Grimaud: 15km (9 miles)

Ste Maxime: 22km (13½ miles)

Fréjus: 43km (26 miles)

Local Transport

The nearest train station are at Toulon and Hyères, which are on the Nice to Marseille line. Regular buses run along the coast road and it is also possible to catch a ferry from Port Grimaud to St Tropez.

Doctor

Dr. Dominique Villemin has a surgery in Cogolin, on Pl Mairie 1, rue Gambetta.

Tel: 04 94 54 50 50.

Dentist

Dr. Karine Vilette has a surgery in Cogolin, on 8 rue Gambetta.

Tel: 04 94 54 52 83.

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, recommended by Canvas customers and couriers in previous years:

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

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

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!

La Marina: In Port Grimaud. Serves a wide range of pastas, pizzas and seafood. Set menu start at around €15. Good food and children are made welcome. Highly recommended by previous Canvas customers.



Activities

Along the coastline, there are opportunities to try all manner of water sports. Windsurfers, jet skis and pedaloos are available for hire or you can try your hand at water-skiing, parascending and snorkelling. 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.

Please note that the road between the resorts can become VERY congested in high season.

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.

Port Grimaud • This is a new 'little Venice', designed in the 1960s 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.

St. Raphael • St Raphael is known for its wide range of facilities for its visitors – the old town is a good place for some shopping, there are plenty of watersports available and further out of town you will find larger supermarkets and hypermarkets. The centre of St Raphael, along the town's main beach, is always busy with lots of cafes and outdoor markets. There are plenty of bars and restaurants for night out, there even is a Casino if you're feeling lucky.

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.

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 & Days Out

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

Marineland • A huge leisure park in Antibes, which contains Marinland, 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; and Aqua-Splash, the biggest water park on the Riviera (all open daily. *A for each).

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).

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).

Parc 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. Please ask your couriers for a timetable.

Bateaux Verts • This company offer different shuttles that run between Ste-Maxime, Port Grimaud and Marines de Cogolin to St Tropez. Excursions and fishing trips are also available. Please ask your couriers for more information.

Grotte de Baume • These amazing 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).

Places of Interest

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.

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.

Grimaud • The village of Grimaud dates from the Gallo-Roman period. Its location at the top of a hill made it ideal as a defensive stronghold since it dominated the Gulf of St Tropez and controlled access from the North and the Maures Mountains. St. Michel's Church, built during the Roman era, has three chapels: Notre Dame de la Queste (11th century), the Penitents' Chapel (15th century), and the St. Roch's Chapel (18th century). The village's water was supplied by the Pont des Fées, a gravity system constructed in the 16th century bringing water from a hill three kilometres from the village.

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 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 Rainier'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.

Hyères • Hyères was once the favourite summer resort of celebrities, the intellectual elite and the rich. The magnificent homes built near the old city in the beginning of the century are still there. Place Massillon is worth visiting; the 12th century Tower Of Saint-Blaise, once home to the Temple Knights commandery, overlooks the terraces of the cafés and restaurants and the daily market. Take a stroll through Park Bernard, near Porte Barruc, where walkways, steps and arches take you through olive and pine shaded gardens. Each level and plot provides benches and low walls for appreciating both the view over the coast and the myriad of exotic Mediterranean plants.

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.

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