



### **Camping Cala Gogo,**

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# Campsite Information

## Camping Cala Gogo, St Cyprien

Camping Cala Gogo, on the Mediterranean coast and with the Pyrénées as a backdrop has been a long time favourite with Canvas clients who are drawn to the broad, sandy beach right on the doorstep. Nearby Argelès is a diverse and exciting place to visit with its quaint town, interesting port and wonderful beaches.

### Arriving at Camping Cala Gogo

On arrival, park outside the barrier and go to the Canvas reception. You will be given your pitch number so you can register at the main reception. Here, you will be given your identification bracelets (deposit €8 per person) and barrier key (deposit €15). Your Canvas couriers will be 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 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.

### Reception

The campsite reception is open from 08.00 until 21.30 (20.00 in low season).

### Barrier

For security purposes you will require a magnetic key to open the campsite barrier. This is available from reception in exchange for a deposit of €30. The barrier is locked between 23.00 and 07.00. If you plan to arrive late at night or to leave early in the morning, please ensure that your car is already outside the barrier.

### Currency Exchange

Currency and traveller's cheques may be exchanged at reception. There is a small commission charge payable on this service.

### Safety Deposit Boxes

These can be rented at reception and cost approximately €3 per day or €15 per week.

### Telephone

There are three card-operated phones on-site. Phone cards are on sale at the campsite reception and tabac.

### Web/Email Access

There are two WiFi networks on site, located at reception and the bar, which is free when you buy a drink.



### Shopping

The medium sized on-site supermarket sells a variety of goods including fresh bread, dairy produce, cold meats and local cheeses. It is open 08.15 to 12.15 and 17.00 to 19.00. There is also a Tabac selling international newspapers and magazines as well as cigarettes, confectionery and toys. Opening times are 08.15 to 12.15, then 16.00 to 18.00 throughout the season.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machine and tumble dryer tokens cost €4 and €2.50 respectively and are available from reception. Iron hire (€2), free hot showers, standard and continental toilets and baby baths.

### Post

There is a post box located close to the campsite reception and stamps are sold at the Tabac and reception.

### Eating and Drinking

**Bar:** In low season the bar is open from 10.00 to 23.00 throughout the season. There is a television in the bar and regular family entertainment is arranged from late June through to early September out on the terrace.

**Takeaway:** Open from 12.00 to 14.00 and 19.00 to 22.00 in low season. In high season opening times are 12.00 to 22.00. The varied menu includes pizzas, burgers, chips, crêpes, paninis and salads.

**Restaurant:** The on-site restaurant, which has a 'Cordon Bleu' recommendation, is open from 12.00 to 14.00 and from 19.00 to 22.00 in high season only. Fresh seafood is a speciality and the set menus are excellent value. A three course children's menu is also available.

### Recreation

**Swimming:** The large, palm fringed tropical pool complex has a swimming pool, children's pool, paddling pool and fountains, surrounded by a spacious sun deck. The complex is open daily from 10.00 to 19.00 and is supervised throughout the season. You will need to wear your identification bracelet to gain access and no shoes are to be worn around the pool.

**Tennis:** Tennis courts may be hired for €7 per hour in high season, and is free in low season. Remember to bring your own equipment.

In addition there are facilities for volleyball, basketball and boules. There is a scuba diving class held on site for a fee, please enquire on site for more information. There is a games room with table tennis and arcade games, plus a children's playground. Sports tournaments organised on site are free and suitable for all teenagers.

### Entertainment

Throughout the season, the site organises various entertainment including live music twice weekly, bingo, karaoke, disco nights, magic shows, sports competitions and a children's club. During July and August there is the 'Octopus Disco' open three nights a week (a small entrance fee is charged). Please ask your couriers for an up-to-date animations programme.

### Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/ph speed limit on site.
- All glass bottles must be separated and put into the separate recycle bins.
- Only one car per emplacement is permitted.
- Charcoal BBQ's are prohibited.



# Local Information

## Nearby Beaches

There is direct access from the site to the wide and long sandy beach of St Cyprien Plage. The beaches of Argelès stretch for miles and are fringed with beach bars and restaurants. The beaches at Canet and Ste Marie have been recommended for families with young children as the beach shelves gently into the Mediterranean. In complete contrast, the rocky and varied coastline where the Pyrénées meets the Mediterranean, produces beaches such as Collioure, Cerbère and Banyuls sur Mer that form the Côte Vermeille. Filled with rock pools and rugged rock formations, they make for an interesting beach experience including snorkelling and net fishing.

## Shopping

**Supermarkets:** There is an Intermarché at Latour Bas Elne. Perpignan has branches of Auchan and Carrefour. These tend to be open Monday to Saturday, 08.00 to 22.00. Customers recommend Carrefour in Argelès Ville.

**Souvenirs:** The Argelès area has a good range of craft and gift shops and Collioure is well worth a shopping trip for local art and wines. Perpignan is also close by.

## Local Markets

**Monday:** Canet-Plage (HS), Elne.  
**Tuesday:** Canet-Plage, St Cyprien (HS).  
**Wednesday:** Elne, Collioure, Canet (HS) and Argelès Ville.  
**Thursday:** Canet plage, St Laurent de la Salanque, St Cyprien village, Banyuls-sur-Mer.  
**Friday:** Canet Plage (HS), St Cyprien-Plage, Elne.  
**Saturday:** Canet Plage (HS), Canet Port, Céret, and Figueras (Spain).  
**Sunday:** Canet Plage, St Laurent de la Salanque, Perpignan, Banyuls-sur-Mer.

Markets are held every morning in Perpignan both on Place des Poilus and Place de la République. The craft market in Argelès Plage opens at 5pm every evening during high season

## Facilities

**Petrol:** There are several filling stations in St Cyprien. The cheapest fuel can be found at the supermarkets.

**Chemist:** The nearest chemist is located in St Cyprien Port.

**Banks:** The nearest bank with exchange facilities and cash point is Crédit Agricole at St Cyprien Port. There is a cash dispenser on site.

**Post Office:** There is a post office on Rue F Porsche in St Cyprien Plage. Open Monday to Friday 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 17.00, Saturday morning only.

**Tourist Information:** The Office de Tourisme is on Quai A Rimbaud in St Cyprien. It is open from Monday to Saturday from 09.00 to 18.00 (20.00 in high season).

## Distances

**Beach:** direct access.  
**Aqualand:** 0.5 miles.  
**St Cyprien:** 1 mile.  
**Canet:** 15km (9 miles).

## Local Transport

There is a regular bus service from just outside the campsite to St Cyprien (Plage and Ville), Elne town and Elne train station. There is a train station in Argelès with connections to Perpignan, Narbonne and Barcelona.

## Doctor

Cabinet Medicale in Argelès. Tel: 04 68 81 10 27.



## Dentist

Dr Anceau, Rue Principale, Elne. Tel: 04 68 22 09 82  
ot 04 68 81 01 46.

## 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:

**Le St Jacques, St Cyprien.** Serves traditional local cuisine and has a children's menu available.

**L'Ancienne Ecole, Palau del Vidre.** Open from 6pm daily, this is a family-friendly restaurant offering a variety of fare at reasonable prices. Vegetarians and children are well catered for.

**The Shamrock, La Roque.** British pub serving good snack food. Quiz nights and live music are popular.

**Le Bleu Marine, Port Argelès.** Seafood is the speciality here, and there are lovely views over the port. Reservations are advised.

**La Gamate, Argeles Ville.** An informal relaxed restaurant serving traditional French food. It is popular with tourists and locals alike.

## Activities

From St Cyprien Port you can take a variety of boat trips, such as a coastal cruise to Spain or deep sea fishing. Further along the coast at Canet Plage, the townspeople have committed themselves to protecting the flora and fauna found along the shoreline. The small fishing huts at the entrance to Canet Plage are still used today and give an insight into old traditions familiar to the region.

Diving trips with or without tuition are available from Port Argelès. Windsurf hire and lessons are on offer on most of the local beaches. Should you wish to explore by bike, call into 'Velocation' in Argelès Ville for reasonable rental rates. Go karting is available at Ludi Kart near to the Plaza Bowl for budding Schumachers! Horseriding is available at the Kentucky Ranch at Argelès Plage.

## Nearby

St Cyprien comprises three different areas - the Plage is a modern, lively beach resort whilst St

Cyprien Ville is a quiet, traditional village. The Port of St Cyprien is large and the fishing boats and pleasure craft are especially interesting.

**Perpignan** • This lively and attractive city has preserved its folklore and traditions. The Spanish influence is evident in the imposing Palais des Rois de Majorque built in the 13th century. Le Castillet, in the centre of the town, is a little 14th century castle of pink brick. A wonderful panoramic view may be had from its terrace. It now houses the Casa Pairal, a museum devoted to Catalan art and traditions. The Cathédrale de St-Jean dating from the 14th and 15th centuries contains a dramatic 14th century wooden sculpture named the Dévot Christ.

**Collioure** • A picturesque fishing village which has attracted many artists over the years, among them Matisse, Picasso and Dali. The chateau royal is an impressive fortress and former residence of the kings of Majorca and Aragon. It now serves as a museum of modern painting and sculpture.

**Elne** • An attractive town built on a tiny hill, just 6km from the sea. Visit the fortified, partly Romanesque Cathedral of St Eulalie. The cloister displays beautifully carved motifs of lions, goats, foliage and biblical figures.



# Regional Information

## Languedoc Roussillon

With a long coast of beaches lapped by the warm Mediterranean and 300 days of sunshine a year, this area has become a popular tourist destination. There are excellent coastal resorts and spectacular beauty spots. The area stretches from the mouth of the Rhône river, down through marshes and lagoons, to the Pyrénées. In Roussillon, vast vineyards produce more than half the wines consumed in France.

### Things to do and see

\*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions.

## Family Fun

### Leisure Parks

**Aqualand** • A fabulous water park with a huge variety of slides, and bumper boats. In St-Cyprien Plage (open daily, \*A).

**Luna Park** • In Argeles Plage. In the months July and August, Luna Park fairground opens for all the family. It's free entry into the park with over 20 attractions to choose from, costing approx. €2-5 per ride. Luna Park is open from 8.30pm until 1am.

### Wildlife Attractions

**Port-Canet Aquarium** • See marine life from five continents, sharks, piranhas, tropical fish, turtles and more. Small and friendly. In Canet-Port (\*A).

**Réserve Africaine de Sigean** • Wild animals roam free in this safari park. The Nature Discovery Trail takes about two hours to complete. 15km (9 miles) south of Narbonne (open daily, \*A).

**Le Tropicque du Papillon** • A butterfly farm with many different types of butterfly, originating mainly from Ethiopia, Indonesia, Australia and tropical regions. You may be lucky enough to have one land on you. In Elne (\*A).

**Le Jardin d'Ariane** • This huge maze in Sainte Marie Village, north of Canet Plage, is a test of direction, logic and observation – and perhaps luck! Throughout the labyrinth, characters will either guide you in the right direction or confuse even the strongest willed. The relaxing bar awaits all once the task is complete (\*A).

**The Valley of the Tortoises** • With over 40 diverse species of tortoise. To enjoy the park at its best, it is recommended that you visit the park at the times that correspond with the animal activity from season to season. In the spring and the autumn time, visit late morning or mid afternoon; in the summer, make your visit early morning or late afternoon. Located at Sorède, 20km (12 miles) from Perpignan (\*A).

### Caves

**Grottes des Grandes Canalettes** • Spectacular caves adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. There is a son et lumière show held in July and August. 1km (0.6 miles) from Villefranche de Conflent (\*A)

### Museums

**Musée de Tautavel** • In 1971 excavations revealed the skull of one of the oldest Europeans known to date, 450,000 years old. The l'Homme de Tautavel and an impressive number of other relics from the Stone Age, may be seen in this modern museum. In Tautavel (open daily, \*A).

**Caves Byrrh** • These amazing cellars founded in 1866 are dedicated to the production of aperitifs. Visit the station concourse created by G. Eiffel's workshops. Admire the 800 huge casks – but, most importantly, discover the biggest oak vat in the world: 1,000,200 litres. The visit ends with a free wine tasting session. In Thuir (\*A).



## Places of Interest

**Carcassonne** • The wonderful 'pink' castle and fortified town of Carcassonne, featured in the film 'Robin Hood – Prince of Thieves', is a delight to wander through. Divided into two parts by the River Aude, the newer Ville Basse is an agricultural centre and La Cité is a powerfully fortified medieval city. The Romans built the original fortress, and sections of the wall date back to the 1st century. Cars are not permitted in Le Cité, so park outside the walls. Inside the walls you may visit the 12th century Château Comtal (open daily, \*A). The Cathédrale de St-Nazaire, dating from the 11th and 12th centuries, has some beautiful stained-glass windows (open daily). Carcassonne is truly impressive at night when it is spectacularly illuminated, totally dominating the surrounding countryside.

**Narbonne** • Make a day trip to this quiet provincial town to look at its Roman ruins and Gothic cathedral, and use as a base for exploring the vast surrounding wine-growing area. The pretty Canal de Robine that joins the Canal du Midi runs through the centre of the city. The covered market, Les Halles, is close by. Nearby is the Etang de Bage et de Sigean, a lagoon much frequented by flamingos.

**Banyuls** • A picturesque little wine producing town. Try a guided tour of one of the larger wine cellars, Cellier des Templier.

**Castelnou** • A feudal complex with a 10th century castle and fortified village, south-west of Perpignan. There is a great view of Pic du Canigou from the battlements.

**Céret** • An important artistic centre, with Picasso and Braque making it the capital of Cubism. The Musée d'Art Moderne displays works by Matisse, Chagal, Maillol, Dali, Miro and many others (open daily).

**Prades** • A charming market town 40km west of Perpignan on the N116. Prades makes a good base for walkers wishing to make the difficult climb to Pic du

Canigou (2784m). There is a walk up to the Cholet Hôtel des Cortalets and then down from the Ras de la Cortalets (approx. 4 hours) but you need a good constitution and good weather.

**Villefranche-de-Conflent** • A superb fortified village on the banks of the river Cady. You may visit the Fort through the underground passage or by mini-bus (open daily, \*A). Whilst in Villefranche, take a trip on the Petit Train Jaune (little yellow train), to enjoy the marvellous scenery in the upper valley of the Têt. The beautiful Grottes des Grandes Canalettes (see Caves) are also well worth a visit.

**Andorra** • A tiny mountain sovereign state, 460km<sup>2</sup> in size and 900m above sea level. Apart from its reputation as a shopper's paradise, due to the principality's duty-free status, it also has much to offer in the way of sightseeing.

### Spain

**Figueres** • Situated just over the Spanish border. It has become famous through the work of artist Salvador Dali who lived, worked and died here. An hour and a half's drive in the direction of Barcelona from the campsite and worthy of it. Alternatively, take the coastal route, a beautiful drive but not recommended if family members suffer from travel sickness. Passports and a picture driving licence (or International Driving Permit) will be required.

**Le Perthus** • On and over the border you will find a quaint but busy area of shops and outlets selling everything from pork to pencils. Worth a trip for good discounted alcohol, gifts and mountains of sweets for children. Perfume, tobacco and brand clothing are sold at reduced prices.

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