



Camping Aloha Village,
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Campsite Information

Camping Aloha Village, Sérignan Plage

Camping Aloha Village is set in the heart of vineyards, between mountains and a stunning beach in the Hérault region. There is no need to go far, with the beach on the doorstep and a modern pool complex. The resorts of Vias Plage and Cap d'Agde are nearby and Montpellier with its charming old quarter is only a forty minute drive from site.

Arriving at Camping Aloha Village

On arrival you should go to the campsite reception with your passports. You will be given wristbands for all members of your party (aged over five) in exchange for a refundable deposit of €5 per band. Please note that these bands provide access to the swimming pool and other general areas on the campsite, and for security purposes must be visibly worn throughout your stay. You will then be directed to the Canvas reception. Here your Canvas couriers will be ready to welcome 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 onsite. 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. If possible, please telephone the campsite and let them know that you are going to be late.

Reception

Reception is open from 09.00 to 19.00 in low season and 08.00 to 20.00 in high season.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 23.00 and 07.00. If you wish to depart early in the morning or arrive back late at night, you will have to leave your car in the car park. A barrier card will be issued to you on arrival for a deposit of €20.

Safety Deposit Boxes

These are available for rental at the campsite reception, for a daily fee. Please ask your couriers for more information.

Telephone

There are four card-operated telephones on site. Phone cards are available from the tabac.



Web/Email Access

There is internet access available in reception, it costs €12 for an hour. There is also WiFi available in reception if you have your own laptop at a cost of €5 an hour.

Shopping

There are three shops on site. The supermarket sells groceries, the bakery offers bread and sweets, and there is also a butcher. All shops are open in low season from 07.30 until 12.30 and from 16.00 until 19.00. In high season opening times are from 07.30 to 19.00.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines cost €4.50 and tumble dryers €3.50, tokens available from reception. Free hot showers, standard toilets without seats and baby room with baby bath.

Post

There is a post box on site close to the campsite reception and stamps may be purchased from reception.

Eating and Drinking

Bar: There are two bars on the campsite, which are open from 18.00 to 23.00 in low season and from 12.00 to 23.00 in high season.

Takeaway: The takeaway offers a variety of hot and cold food including pizzas, chicken, burgers and chips. It is open daily from 11.00 until 23.00.

Restaurant: There are two restaurants on site that cater for all tastes. The restaurants are both open daily from 18.00 until 23.00.

Entertainment

The site provides a varied programme of entertainment for all age groups during high season

(1 July until 31 August). During the day, there are sports competitions and tournaments. In the evenings, the entertainment includes live music, a disco night and karaoke. Please ask at the Canvas or campsite reception for further details on the entertainment programme.

Recreation

Swimming: The site has three pools, a children's pool and water slides. Children must be able to swim or be with an adult to use the slides. The roof-top swimming pool offers great views over the beach. Please note that you will need your wristbands in order to gain access to the pool area. The pools are open from 10.00 to 18.00 in low season and 09.00 to 19.00 in high season.

Tennis: There is a tennis court on site that may be reserved at the campsite reception. Demand for tennis is great in high season so be sure to book well in advance. Equipment can also be hired.

Bicycle Hire: Both adults and children's bikes are available, starting from €8 per day for a child's bike and €12 for an adults bike. Baby seats are also available.

Volleyball/Football/Basketball: Facilities for these activities are available throughout the season, free of charge.

Also there are games in the bar area, a children's playground and facilities for boules, and table tennis.

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 Aloha Village. Canvas customers have researched golf courses in the local area. For further details please see the Activities booklet.

Rules and Regulations

- Security wristbands must be worn at all times during your stay
- No driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/ph speed limit on site.
- Silence on site between 23.00 and 07.00
- One vehicle per emplacement only.



Local Information

Beaches

The site has direct access to a sandy beach, which gently shelves into the Mediterranean. Nearby are the beaches at Portiragnes Plage and Valras Plage, which has good play equipment on the beach. Portiragnes-Plage can be reached by foot. It is a 30 minute walk along the beach, passing two lagoons. Also recommended are the beaches at Vias and Cap d'Agde (a naturist centre). Alternatively you can go to some quieter beaches around Lac du Salagou, near Clermont-l'Hérault (62km to the north). It has windsurfing and sailing etc. The lake is well worth a visit.

Shopping

Supermarkets: The nearest good-sized supermarket to the campsite is Hyper U in Sérignan Ville, located at Route de Valras just off the D19. Open Monday to Saturday from 09.00 to 21.00. There is a Carrefour market on your way to Beziers (signposted A9)

Local Markets

Monday: Portiragnes (HS), Rochelongue (HS), Sérignan, Cap d'Agde (Bedarieux), Lespignan, Valras-Plage, Vendres.

Tuesday: Vendres-Plage (HS), Carcassonne, Cap d'Agde (Avant Port).

Wednesday: Vias (HS), Portiragnes (HS), Sérignan, Sète, Lespignan, Cap d'Agde (Place Barbecue).

Thursday: Vendres-Plage (HS), Agde, Carcassonne.

Friday: Portiragnes (HS), Sérignan, Béziers (Champ de Mars - clothes and Allées Paul Piquet - flowers), Lespignan, Valras-Plage, Vendres, Sauvian.

Saturday: Vias (HS), Pézenas, Carcassonne, Cap d'Agde (Parking Gévaudan).

Sunday: Vendres-Plage (HS), Agde.

Markets are held every morning in Perpignan both on Place des Poilus and Place de la République.

Distances

Beach,	direct access
Sérignan,	6km (4 miles).
Aqualand Waterpark,	28km (18 miles).
Cap d'Agde,	29km (18 miles).
Reserve Africane de Sigean,	76km (47 miles).
St Guilhem le Desert,	76km (47 miles).

Local Transport

There are train stations in Vias, Agde and Béziers, where you can catch connections to Montpellier, Narbonne, Perpignan and Barcelona.



Facilities

Petrol: The best place to fill up is at the supermarket as fuel is cheaper. The nearest is Hyper U in Valras-Plage. There are also several petrol stations in Sérignan.

Chemist: The nearest chemist is at 30 rue Moliere in Sérignan Ville. This is open Monday to Friday 08.30 to 12.30 and 16.00 to 19.00 and Saturday mornings only.

Banks: The nearest bank is CIC société Bordelaise which is located at 98 Boulevard Victor Hugo, in Sérignan Ville. There are also several other banks on Sérignan Ville high street. Please note that there are not many facilities in the area to change sterling travellers cheques.

Post Office: The nearest post office is located at 146 Avenue de la plage in Sérignan Ville, open Monday to Friday 09.00 to 12.00 and 16.30 to 19.00.

Internet/Web Access: There are internet cafes in Béziers, Vias-Plage, Valras-Plage and Agde.

Tourist Information: The nearest tourist information office is located at 32 place de la liberation in Sérignan ville. In low season open Monday to Friday from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 15.00 to 17.00. In high season Monday to Saturday 09.30 to 19.30 and Sunday mornings 09.30 to 12.30. There are also good offices in Béziers, Valras-Plage and Montpellier.

Doctor

There is a doctor that visits the site twice a day in high season, ask at reception for details, and they can also arrange on request for a doctor to visit in low season.

There is a surgery with a number of doctors.
82-84 Ave Victor Hugo, Sérignan
Tel: 04 67 32 26 25

Dentist

2 Rue Emmanuel Cabrillac, Sérignan
Tel: 04 67 32 21 34

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 who have visited the area in previous years:

Le Glacier Restaurant, Marseillan Village. Highly recommended by the campsite owner.

Hotel Isocrate, Sérignan. Recommended by previous customers for a good value, delicious meal. There's even a merry-go-round nearby if the children get bored!

Les Arvernes, Valras Plage. The 'portences' of meat or fish are a speciality here. They are flambéed in cognac at your table! Excellent service and good food - make sure you are hungry.

Le Vieux Logis, Vias. The building dates back to the 14th century, and today houses a restaurant serving French cuisine. Set menus are available.

Le Perle Noir, Agde. The restaurant has a terrace overlooking the sea. Offers a variety of seafood specialities.

La Trattoria, Vias Plage. A lively Italian restaurant. Offers a range of set menus for both adults and children. It also serves pizzas and pasta dishes.

Activities

There are plenty of opportunities in the area for watersports. The beaches around the Cap d'Agde are especially good and Vias Plage also has some watersports on offer. The towpaths along the Canal du Midi are good for walking or cycling along, for some great scenery. Boat trips operate out of the Port d'Agde and 'Le Petit Train du Cap' offers various routes around the area at a leisurely pace.

Out and About

Agde • Founded in around 600BC by Greeks who called it Agathe Tyche, Agde is now a major tourist centre. Its 12th century cathedral, like the rest of the town, is built from distinctive dark stone, quarried from the nearby extinct volcano, Mont St-Loup. To the north of Mont St-Loup, the Cap d'Agde is a popular resort probably best known for its Quartier Naturiste, with its own (nudist) beaches, banks, restaurants and shops.

Montpellier • This modern fresh city with a huge student population and diverse mix of cultures is a fascinating place to look round. The old city is charming and there is a high tech modern tram service to get you around it efficiently. The views over the city from the large tree lined square, the Peyrou, are magnificent and there are plenty of restaurants and cafes here to watch the world go by.

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. In contrast, the flat, marshy expanses of the Camargue provide the opportunity to explore the natural beauties of this botanical and zoological reserve.

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 Cap d'Agde (Open daily, *A).

Odysseum • This large complex is home to many attractions including, aquarium, planetarium, bowling alley and an ice skating rink. It also has shops and restaurants. Just off the A9 autoroute, or 10mins on a tram from the centre of Montpellier.

Wildlife Attractions

Parc Ornithologique de Pont de Gau • This fabulous park covers over 9 hectares of marshland, with 6km of path and set amidst the greater nature reserve. The central area of the park is home to birds of prey including many owl species, eagles, hawks, harriers, buzzards and vultures. You'll spot marsh birds and sea birds here, such as geese, swans, ducks, egrets, storks and herons. Not to be missed is the Camargue pink flamingo (*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).

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 from Perpignan (*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 'Homme de Tautavel' and an impressive number of other relics from the stone age, maybe seen in this modern museum. In Tautavel (open daily, *A).

Historic and Natural Interest

Oppidum d'Enserune • Perched on a hill and said to be one of the most important Iron Age hill forts in this region. From here you can see the site of the Montady Pool, which was drained in the 13th century.

Cirque de Navacelles • One of the most remarkable natural sites in the region, taking the form of a vast hole in the ground with precipitous sides like a crater. The village of Navacelles lies at the bottom, some 350m below the surface. The energetic may walk down into the gorge, it takes about seven hours to cover the 16km. Alternatively walk along the road at the top. A long drive from Serignan, worthy of the visit. Take the D986 north of Montpellier to Ganges and the D25 to Navacelles.

Les Grottes de Demoiselles • This spectacular cave system of stalactites and stalagmites has a



vast underground hall which was used as a refuge by Catholic priests during the French Revolution. The highlight of the cave tour is the funicular railway that starts at the cave entrance, at the foot of an impressive cliff and travels 52m up into the cave (*A).

Places of Interest

Perpignan • Once the second city of Catalonia, 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 (open daily, *A). 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, and other beautiful pieces.

Aigues-Mortes • This perfectly preserved walled city in the salt marshes of the Petite Camargue, about 5km (3miles) from the sea, was built as a Mediterranean port in the 13th century. The top of the ramparts permits great views over the marshlands and the massive stone walls have been amazingly well preserved, despite prolonged exposure to salty sea winds. Located 32km (20 miles) east of Montpellier.

Canal du Midi • This architecturally grand canal runs 235km from Toulouse to the port of Sète, through pretty countryside, via aqueducts and over 100 locks. Today, plane trees flank the canal providing plenty shade to the tourist barges that call in at the quaint villages en-route. The towpaths alongside are delightful to cycle or walk along, to explore some of the places of interest en-route.

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.

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 original fortress was built by the Romans 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.

Clermont l'Herault • This busy town is the centre of the local trade in table grapes and fruit juices and is home to one of the only two remaining olive oil refineries in the region. It is also near the Lac de Salagou giving you access to a range of outdoor facilities including windsurfing, fishing, mountain biking, horse riding and hiking. Located just south of the Larzac, 30 mins from Montpellier.

Sète • A lively and attractive fishing and leisure port. The town's centre is reminiscent of Venice with bridges arching over the canals, and the quayside lined with seafood restaurants. In summer see the traditional water jousting (joutes nautiques) on the canal.

Béziers • A lively city and the commercial centre for the region's wine trade. The Cathédrale St-Nazaire dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. Built on a hilltop, it is on the site of the original cathedral that was burnt down in 1209, with around 20,000 inhabitants locked inside. From the top of the cathedral's tower you get a great view of the surrounding area. The Musée du Vieux-Biterrois et du Vin displays a variety of exhibits, ranging from Greek artefacts to wine presses. The Béziers Féria is held in August with bullfighting, and entertainment and music in the streets.

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