



Camping Mar Estang

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GPS co-ordinates

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Campsite Information

Camping Mar Estang, Canet Plage

Camping Mar Estang is a large and lively campsite, set 100 metres from a beautiful sandy beach and close to the resort of Canet Plage. The facilities are modern and well kept, the main attraction being the superb pool complex. Located at the centre of the site it features two swimming pools, two children's pools, waterslides, fountains and a jacuzzi.

Arriving at Camping Mar Estang

Upon arrival you should go to the campsite reception to collect your campsite bands that are available for a small fee. Please see below for further details. Then 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 08.00 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 9am the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

Reception

The campsite reception is situated at the entrance to the campsite. Reception is open from 09.00 – 20.00 in low season and 08.00 – 22.00 in high season

Barrier

The barrier is open from 07.00 – 00.00. If you plan to arrive late at night or leave early in the morning, please ensure that your car is already outside the barrier.

Safety deposit boxes

These can be rented from the campsite at reception. Please ask onsite for details of the cost of hiring a safety deposit box.

Currency Exchange

Currency and travellers cheques can not be exchanged at reception. There is no facility for this in Canet.

Post box

There is a post box located outside the campsite reception

Telephone

There are card operated phones on site. You can buy a phone card at the main reception.



Web/Email Access

Internet access is available at the campsite reception for a small fee.

Shopping

There are three shops on Camping Mar Estang, a supermarket, a newsagents and a bakery. The supermarket sells a range of produce such as milk, and fresh fruit and vegetables. The newsagent is open daily and sells things like newspapers, beach items, toys and sweets. The bakery is a true French bakery and sells baguettes, croissants and pain au chocolat. The bakery is open 08.00-12.30 in low season and 07.00-12.30 and 17.00-20.00 in high season.

Washing Facilities

Washing machines and dryers, the machines are coin operated with a washing machine costing €6 (including powder) and a dryer costing €5. The launderette is open 09.00-20.00 in high season, free hot showers, baby baths, standard toilets and continental toilets.

Eating and Drinking

There are three bars available on Mar Estang.

The Sports Bar: Open 08.00-00.30 in low season and 07.00-00.30 in high season. There are activities such as card games here during the day, a happy hour at 20.00 (buy two drinks for the price of one), and evening entertainment such as concerts and karaoke.

The Kontiki: This is open from 21.00-02.00 in high season. This is an energetic music bar if you fancy having a dance, the site runs themed evenings in high season such as foam parties.

The Night: This is open every night in high season from 00.00-03.30. This is a disco and is strictly for guests over the age of 17 only.

Restaurant: The restaurant is open every day from 11.30-15.00 and 18.00-00.00. This restaurant has a real Catalan feeling to it and sells a variety of dishes with Paella being a speciality at the restaurant. There is set menus available for both adults and children costing €15 for adults for a 3 course meal, and €8 for a two course meal for children.

Takeaway: There is a takeaway on site everyday throughout the season. The takeaway serves chips, pizza, chicken, burgers and curry.

Entertainment

There is a variety of onsite entertainment, such as discos, live music, sports competitions, circus and karaoke. Please see the programme onsite for the week's entertainment.

Recreation

Swimming: The superb pool complex is directly in the centre of the site, and easily accessible. There are two swimming pools and two children's pools with waterslides. The pool complex is open from 10.00-18.00 in low season and 10.00-19.00 in high season. The pool is supervised in high season, but Mar Estang bracelets must be worn to gain access

Cycling: Bike hire is available on site, please ask at the campsite reception for availability and prices.

There are also the facilities on site for playing tennis, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, and boules onsite. Please check the canvas games chest in reception for equipment.

Mar Estang - all inclusive bracelet

Every customer staying on site must wear a security bracelet. The bracelets are required between 19 June to 4 Sep inclusive. Prices are:

Adult 13+ years

1 week - €15
2 weeks - €21
3 weeks - €24

Child 9-12 years

1 week - €10
2 weeks - €13
3 weeks - €16
Children under 9 years old are free.

Please note that charges are applicable for any days within this date band that you are staying on site.

Rules & regulations

- Silence on site between 22.00 and 07.00.
- 10 km per hour speed limit on site.
- No driving on site between 22.00 and 07.00.
- Swimming trunks compulsory in the swimming pools.
- There are bins for recycling glass at the entrance to the campsite.



Local Information

Nearby beaches

There is direct access from the site to the wide and long sandy beach of Canet Plage. The beaches of Argelès stretch for miles and are fringed with beach bars and restaurants. The beaches at St. Cyprien 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: The nearest good-sized supermarket to the campsite is the Hyper Casino 5 mins drive from site. There is also a large Auchan in Perpignan. Both open Monday to Saturday 09.00 to 20.00.

You can find a smaller casino marché Canet.

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 and Argelès Ville.

Thursday: Canet plage (HS), 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 (HS), 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. There is also a craft market held every evening from 17.00 during high season in Argelès Plage, at Parking les Plantanes.

Facilities

Petrol: The nearest petrol station is in Canet. The cheapest fuel can be found at the supermarkets.

Chemist: The nearest chemist is located in Canet Sud 800 metres from the campsite entrance on the beach front. It is open every day in high season.

Bank: Banque Populaire is in Canet. It has a cash dispenser and offers currency exchange. The bank is open from 10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00.

Post Office: The nearest post office is located at 3, Avenue de Catalogne in Canet Ville. It is open Monday to Friday 09.00 – 12.00 and 14.00 – 17.00 and Saturdays mornings only

Web/Internet Access: Net G@me 66 is a cyber café in Canet.

Tourist Information: The office de Tourisme can be found in the car park between the plage and the port.

Distances

Beach: 100 yards
St Cyprien: 9km (5 miles)
Elne: 12km (8 miles)
Céret: 48km (30 miles)
Reserve Africaine de Sigean: 47km (29 miles)

Doctor: A doctor visits Mar Estang everyday at 12.00 and 18.00 in high season, in low season please enquire at reception at any time and they will call him



for you. The surgery is located just behind the main reception area and indicated by a red cross. You do not need to book an appointment with the doctor just turn up, but be there promptly at 12.00 and 18.00 as he will not wait if there is no one there.

Dentist: Patrick Astruc, 37 Avenue Mediteranee, Canet-en-Roussillon. Tel 04 68 80 40 04

Emergency Services

There is a two-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police 17
Fire 18
Ambulance 15

Eating and Drinking

Le Bouchon Catalan: *Canet plage.* This is a pretty Catalan restaurant that is situated in the centre of Canet Plage and serves traditional local cuisine.

Le Vigatane: *Canet Village.* This restaurant is situated in the medieval bit of the village in a beautifully restored building. Serves Catalan specialities. A reservation is necessary here.

Le Baba-Bobo: *Canet Sud.* This is situated on the sea front and has a beautiful view of the sandy beach. It serves a variety of food and specialities.

Le Can Marcel: *Canet Port.* This is one of the most famous fish restaurants in the area. It is located on the sea front with a view of the beach near the harbour. Reservation is required for this restaurant.

La Baie a'Asie: *Canet plage.* This is a restaurant that serves Chinese food if you fancy a change from the local cuisine. This is open all year round and is locally well known for the quality of the food and the service.

Mar I Boudha: *Canet Port.* Situated on the harbour with a view over the sea, it serves food that is well known throughout the area. This restaurant requires a reservation.

Activities

The surrounding area offers every imaginable water sport and diving experience. Most beaches along the coast from Canet to St Cyprien all the way down to Argeles offer diving experiences for different types of levels, sea fishing and boat trips. You can also find horse ranches along the coast that offer a variety of treks from mountain trekking to beach treks.

Nearby

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 Pailal, 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 • admission charge payable for these attractions.

Family Fun

Leisure Parks (open daily, *A).

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

Luna Park • 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 20.30 until 01.00.

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. The butterflies are attracted by strong or spicy scents and 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. (open daily, *A).

La tour des parfums - This interactive museum in Mosset is dedicated to two of our five senses – smell and taste. The museum is interactive, educational and uses games to stimulate and educate its visitors' minds. The museum claims to teach you to appreciate your senses of taste and smell much more. There are different exhibitions on throughout the year and also workshops for the kids to attend. Mosset is about hour an away from the site. (open daily, *A).



Salvador dali musuem, Figueres - This amazing museum (Teatre-Museu Dalí) is in the centre of Figueres, and you won't want to miss it! Dalí produced many of the creations himself before he died in 1989. His grave is in the crypt. One of the most well known parts of this museum is the Mae West room. In low season the museum is open 10:30-17:45 and is closed Mondays.

Places of Interest

Ceret – Céret is a beautiful town famous for its artistic links. It's also delightfully known as the 'Cherry Capital of France'. Many an artist has lived in this picturesque place and drawn their inspiration from the surroundings. You will find here the Museum of Modern Art, Creation Cubism and Passion, displaying works by Matisse, Chagal, Maillol, Dalí and Miro

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. The amazing thing is that there are about 100 people that still live within the fortress.

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.

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.

Tour de Madeloc • To enjoy panoramic views of the Albères mountain range, Le Côte Vermeille and Roussillon, visit this old signalling tower. To reach the tower take the road towards Collioure and then follow the signs for the D86. The views are spectacular, but take care on the road, as it is very narrow in parts.

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, 460km² 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

Figures – Figueres is one of the most beautiful towns in northern Spain, and never fails to impress its visitors. There are lots of shops and cafes in the stunning old town and the area around the Dalí museum is also perfect for a stroll. The Museu Dalí is in a former theatre (itself a surreal work of art), next to the Torre Galatea where Dalí lived until his death in 1989. Dalí's body is entombed beneath the museum.

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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