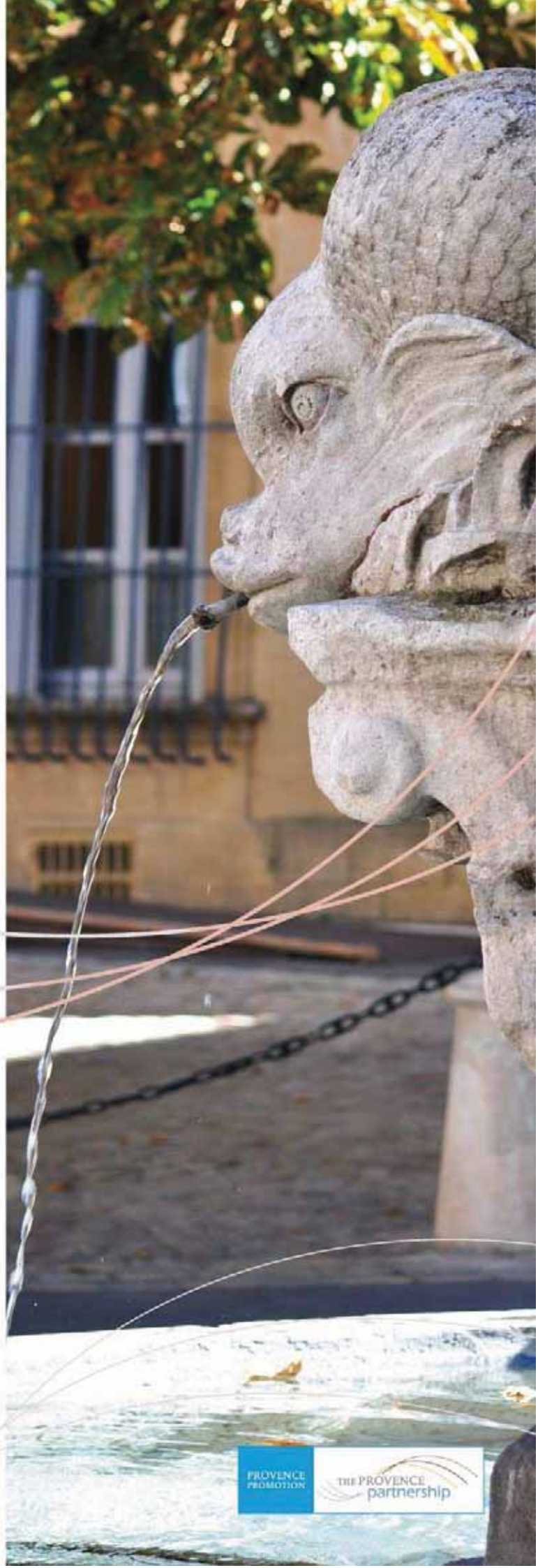


Welcome handbook 2011



Welcome!

Have you decided (or are you about to decide) to set up home in Provence?

Whether it's the environment, climate, scenery, transport, your children's education, housing -not to mention culture and pastimes, your life is about to change both pace and color. You will soon find out that quality of life may become your most potent ally in making your move to this leading-edge region a success.

Provence Promotion, the Bouches-du-Rhône département's economic development agency, is keen not only to present to companies the economic and business advantages of setting up in Provence, but also to assist each of their employees in starting a new life in the region.

This welcome handbook will provide you with useful advice and information to help you make the most of Provence. And to make sure it serves others who are yet to make the move even better, please feel free to send us your comments!

WELCOME TO PROVENCE. WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME!



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1. Living and Working in Provence

1.1. Hiring a Foreign Employee

Hiring a foreign employee is subject to certain regulations that vary according to the person's country of origin (European Union or non-EU) and status (seconded or expat, executive or higher management staff)

A flexible system for European Union and European Economic Area nationals

Nationals of the European Economic Area (European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the Swiss Confederation) enjoy **freedom of circulation and employment in France** without the need for any visa, residency permit, work permit or trading permit.

The sole exceptions to this rule are **Bulgaria** and **Romania**, whose nationals require both a **work permit and residency permit** during the seven-year transition period that started on January 1st 2007.

In both cases, and if the employment situation does not preclude carrying out the intended activity, an "**EC-All Occupations**" residency permit is automatically issued upon presentation of an employer's certificate confirming the hiring and is valid:

- For the expected duration of employment, for employment contracts of between 3 months and 1 year;
- Ten years, for employment contracts of more than 1 year.

A simplified employment-related immigration procedure for non-EU nationals

Non-EU nationals must follow a specific **immigration procedure** which involves obtaining a visa, an "introduction contract" work permit and an "employed person" residency permit.

The law on immigration and integration dated July 24th 2006 (n°2006-911), and the law on immigration, integration and asylum dated November 20th 2007 (n° 2007-1631), have placed **international mobility at the center of a set of innovative measures** designed to ease the entry of foreign "talent" into France.

Among the new measures worth mentioning:

- "**skills and talent**" permit, aimed at foreign nationals capable of making a significant and long-term contribution to the economic development and international status of both France and their country of citizenship;
- An "**overseas assignment**" temporary **residency permit**, which simplifies internal mobility within international groups;
- A **simplified procedure for executives and top management staff**, aimed at speeding-up the issuing of work and residency permits for company executives and senior managers, by introducing a single contact point, the OFII (French Office for Immigration and Integration);

- A “**young professionals**” scheme to provide newly-graduated young people with an international mobility to further their professional, language and cultural knowledge. The scheme is open to foreign nationals wishing to complete an internship in France.
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→ *Practical advice*

As soon as you arrive in France, contact your local prefecture, sub-prefecture or town hall, or the police station nearest to your place of residence.

If you need official documents translated, you may contact one of the court-certified translators on the list supplied by the Aix-en-Provence Court of Appeal.

1.2. Foreign Diplomatic Missions, Consular Organizations and Cultural Institutions

At some point, every expat will need to contact his or her fellow countrymen, whether for personal or professional reasons.

With its cosmopolitan population, the Bouches-du-Rhône *département* numbers some 70 or so consulates (second only to Paris in terms of consular missions) and 8 foreign or joint chambers of commerce:

Franco-Armenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 Franco-Israeli Chamber of Commerce;
 Franco-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce;
 Franco-Turkish Chamber of Commerce;
 Greek Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 Italian Chamber of Commerce in France;
 Swiss Chamber of Commerce in France.

Three other business-related structures are present locally: the *MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network)*, the *Franco-German Business Club of Provence* and the *GISEP* (Scandinavian Interests Group in Provence).

The MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network) was set up by business leaders, consultants and economic development bodies in Marseilles. The organization has put in place an international structure aimed at encouraging business relations in the Marseilles area. The MAABN is supported by the United States Consulate General, the British Consulate, the American Chamber of Commerce in France and the Franco-British Chamber of Commerce.

The *Franco-German Business Club of Provence* is the regional arm of the Franco-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Paris. The club helps promote business exchanges between Germany and the South of France and, more generally, between North Europe and the Mediterranean basin.

The *GISEP* brings together heads of companies and organizations in Provence with links to Scandinavia. The GISEP’s aim is to develop relationships between France, Sweden, Denmark and Norway in the field of business as well as the social, cultural, artistic and scientific fields.

Provence also is home to numerous foreign cultural institutes and associations, including the *British American Institute*, the *Maison de Tübingen*, *La Noria* (a Franco-Spanish cultural association) and the *Association Dante Alighieri*.

These bodies all share a common desire to introduce their countrys' language and culture to the local population (through language classes in particular) and become centers for dialogue and exchanges.

1.3. Housing

A buoyant market with a varied real estate offer

The real estate market in the Bouches-du-Rhône is buoyant, taking advantage as it does of the *département's* excellent location and living environment. Whether it's Provençal farmhouses, typical Marseilles-style apartment buildings, *mas*-style country dwellings, terraced village houses or newly-constructed housing developments, the local real-estate market has a lot to offer.

A stabilizing of the real estate market

After the financial crisis of 2008, the rental market is now showing signs of stabilizing and sales transactions are picking up again especially in the new house market, which has benefited from a number of government measures (Scellier Law, zero-rate loans, *Pass foncier*).

Examples of prices (1)

Selling Prices - Apartments

Average price per sq. m. - old buildings

- Aix-en-Provence area	3 433 €/m ²
- Arles area	2 069 €/m ²
- Aubagne area	2 515 €/m ²
- Istres area	2 240 €/m ²
- Marseille area	2 661 €/m ²

Average price per sq. m. – new buildings

- Aix-en-Provence area	5 294 €/m ²
- Arles area	3 123 €/m ²
- Aubagne area	3 273 €/m ²
- Istres area	2 953 €/m ²
- Marseille area	3 508 €/m ²

Selling Prices - Houses

Average price per sq. m.

- Aix-en-Provence area	4 151 €/m ²
- Arles area	2 182 €/m ²
- Aubagne area	3 209 €/m ²
- Istres area	4 425 €/m ²
- Marseille area	2 718 €/m ²

Rental Prices

Average price per sq. m. for apartments

- Aix-en-Provence area	17,00 €/m ²
- Arles area	10,00 €/m ²
- Aubagne area	12,00 €/m ²
- Istres area	11,00 €/m ²
- Marseille area	12,75 €/m ²

Average price per sq. m. for houses

- Aix-en-Provence area	13,00 €/m ²
- Arles area	11,00 €/m ²
- Aubagne area	9,00 €/m ²
- Marseille area	14,57 €/m ²

(1) Source: L'Argus du Logement 2011

Large scale real estate projects

Over the past ten years or so, the *département* has undergone a transformation, with an influx of new people, new companies setting up headquarters locally and the development of the tourist trade.

This demographic growth has been accompanied by an increase in the number of real estate projects that have changed the face of Marseilles. Examples of these are the refurbishment of the 19th century apartments on the Rue de la République (2nd *arrondissement*) and the construction of new dwellings near the Capelette development zone (10th *arrondissement*) and in the district of Sainte Marthe (14th *arrondissement*).

Figures from the AGAM (the Marseilles area urban planning agency) show that 4700 new apartment dwellings and houses were delivered in 2009, the highest number in 15 years.

Furthermore, large-scale projects such as the building of luxury high-rises in the Euroméditerranée development zone at La Joliette will radically transform the city's skyline. The French magazine *Le Point* has likened the new district to "La Défense, but with a sea view". Sounds promising!

In Aix-en-Provence, the "Sextius Mirabeau" development has been a resounding success and has provided new dwellings both for occupying owners and investors.

The Aix area also will be the site of future eco-districts at Aix-la-Durance, on the heights of Valcros Constance at Aix-Sud and in the Michelons neighborhood at Venelles. The new buildings will be environmentally friendly and comply with the standards set out in the HQE (High Quality Environmental standard) measure recommended by the 2007 Grenelle round table on the environment.

An ambitious plan for social housing

13 Habitat, the largest social housing organization in the PACA region, has published an ambitious plan for social housing in the Bouches-du-Rhône *département* that should see 800 new homes delivered in 2011 and 900 in 2012. All the new homes will be HPE (low energy consumption) -certified. The organization has committed itself to an environmentally-friendly approach and is

currently building low energy consumption dwellings in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence and Châteaurenard that use solar energy for their hot water supply.

In addition to building new social housing, the refurbishment of existing dwellings is scheduled (32,000 dwellings of which 80% are over 40 years old).

Furthermore, Marseille Provence Métropole Urban Community's (CUM) local housing plan for the period 2006-2011 intends to provide 36,000 new dwellings across the 18 municipalities that make up the CUM.

This is a tall order, since it aims to increase the variety of housing on offer -through new construction projects and the refurbishing of existing dwellings- in order to fulfill the population's different housing needs.

→ Practical advice

The daily newspapers have several pages of advertisements for house sales and rentals. Real estate agents, grouped under the banner of the French national federation FNAIM, can provide expert assistance with house-hunting.

Furthermore, many websites publish free price comparisons by city and market reports, which can be very useful when deciding on a purchase.

1.4. Health

Social security in France

Created in 1945, the social security system is managed by the Ministry of Employment and Solidarity at State level and by the local regional health authority DRASS at regional level.

In the French health care system, all French residents are covered by a contributory health insurance scheme. The insured person can

choose his or her referring doctor and medical expenses are reimbursed according to predetermined scales. Private supplementary health insurance is recommended to top up the amounts reimbursed by social security.

Foreigners wishing to know more about social welfare in France may contact the **European and International Social Security Liaison**

Center (CLEISS). At the request of local social security offices, this body can translate into French any letters or legal, medical and administrative documents required for processing their case files.

To initially register for social security, please contact your nearest *Centre d'Assurance Maladie* (social security office).

Health infrastructure in the Bouches-du-Rhône

Recognized expertise and leading-edge medical facilities

Whether directly or indirectly, each of us at some time will be confronted with a health problem. When it happens, easy access to quality treatment is of crucial importance.

The Bouches-du-Rhône *département* is home to one of the largest hospital complexes in Europe, with leading edge technology and a recognized expertise and run by the Marseilles hospitals authority, AP-HM.

The existing facilities will be strengthened by an investment program, started in 2010 and scheduled to end in 2013, which will see the opening of the new medical technology unit at La Timone Hospital.

The project –one of the most ambitious ever carried out by a university hospital in France– will cover four sites (the Northern, Conception and Timone hospitals and the Southern Hospitals group) and is aimed at adapting to patients' changing needs and to help offset the issues linked to an aging population.

In addition to this public body there are other private hospitals and trusts that also provide the latest in healthcare technology:

- The **Paoli-Calmettes Cancer Institute** in Marseilles is the top center of its kind in the country;

- **Saint Joseph's Hospital** in Marseilles is the largest private, non-profit hospital trust in France, the third largest health establishment in the PACA region (after the two university hospitals in Nice and Marseilles) and houses its largest maternity facility. The hospital has one of the country's top three cardiology units.

- **Clairval Hospital** in Marseilles is a reference in the field of oncology, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery and neurosurgery.

- The **Centre Hospitalier du Pays d'Aix** (Aix District hospital) opened a medically-assisted reproduction unit in 2005 and a new mother and child center and neo-natal unit in 2008.

- The **Ambroise Paré Trust** and the **Paul Desbief Hospital** are being merged to provide a brand-new multi-purpose hospital with 500 beds and with a predominantly surgical role. The new hospital is due to open in 2013.

All these facilities provide a wide range of health care services, adapted to the needs of the local population.

An above-average concentration of medical practitioners

"Marseilles has always had eminent doctors," says Prof. Yves Baille, director of the Marseilles Museum of Medical History.

Quality of healthcare matched by a high density of medical facilities results in a region that is remarkably well served by the medical profession.

The Bouches-du-Rhône *département* is privileged in this respect, with its dense population of general practitioners and specialists giving a doctor/patient ratio far above the national average.

All the medical and paramedical branches are widely represented. The figures¹ are as follows:

- 4 018 general practitioners
- 4 811 specialist doctors
- 2 724 pharmacists
- 1 729 dental surgeons
- 2 933 physical therapists
- 20 934 nurses
- 639 midwives
- 852 speech therapists
- 170 orthoptists

The facilities have a high capacity too, with 15,506¹ combined public and private hospital beds potentially available.

1.5. The Provence Promotion Mobility Unit

To make setting up home here easier for families of expat or seconded staff, Provence Promotion has launched its **mobility unit**.

Working closely with companies setting up their operations in the Bouches-du-Rhône, Provence Promotion's aim is to act as "intelligence coordinator" between the employees, their families and its own partners in order to:

- Provide them with information on life in Provence (economy, practical information, geography, culture...);
- Identify their needs (house-hunting for temporary or permanent accommodation, enrolment of children in day nursery, school or university, assistance with finding a job for the employee's spouse...);
- Put each employee in touch with the appropriate contact person (administration, relocation company, recruitment agency, association, local day nursery, business/cultural networks...).

Through its mobility unit, Provence Promotion can put you in touch with **relocation**

companies specialized in advising and assisting new arrivals with their mobility issues. **These companies offer services tailored to the needs of new arrivals** in the *département*, including:

- Welcoming: airport pick-up, discovering the region and its residential centers, sightseeing;
- Housing assistance: from selecting accommodation to house visits and lease or contract signing;
- Assistance with valuations and selling on or renting out the previous home;
- Moving-in: help with inventories, contracts for utilities (telephone, insurance, water, gas...), work inspection;
- Administration: help with obtaining work and residency permits, opening a bank account, having a foreign driver's license validated;
- Assistance with finding employment for the employee's spouse;
- Assistance with settling in: finding schools, leisure activities, associations;
- Assistance upon leaving: lease termination, outward inventory.

1.6. A Welcome Network for New Arrivals

A welcome network is available to help those newly arrived in the Bouches-du-Rhône. Among some of the main contributors:

- The **A.V.F (Accueil des Villes Françaises)** network, which has several reception centers in the Bouches-du-Rhône where new arrivals can obtain practical information, advice and useful addresses;

¹ INSEE PACA – Economic and social data, 2008

- The **NOUVEAUX-ARRIVANTS-MARSEILLE** website, designed to make daily life simpler and provide answers to all the questions a newly-arrived person is sure to ask;
- The **Peuplade network** on the Web, which offers sporting or leisure activities, get-togethers over brunch or cocktails, swapping of services and mutual assistance. A website that creates social ties.
- **Cities Marseille Provence Métropole** and **Cities Marseille** are two websites that offer solutions to daily problems and provide useful addresses for leisure activities.

→ *To find out more ...*

Living and Working in Provence

Hiring a foreign employee

The French government has several websites providing information for foreign nationals living and/or working in France:

www.immigration-professionnelle.gouv.fr : A website promoting economic immigration. The site -in both French and English- provides information on regulations governing the hiring of foreigners (procedure to follow according to country of origin and employee's status, downloadable CERFA forms...);

www.bouches-du-rhone.pref.gouv.fr (French only): Bouches-du-Rhône prefecture website; information available on procedures for obtaining a residency permit;

www.service-public.fr / click on "Etranger – Europe": Official French government website in French/English/German/Spanish.

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr / click on "Going to France": Gives practical information about obtaining a visa (from the type of visa to apply for to advice on completing the CERFA application form).

www.traducteur-assermente-france.fr : This site publishes a list of court-certified translators in France based on information made available by the various regional courts of appeal. The list is liable to change during the course of the year. A form can be used to enter the search criteria to find a court-certified interpreter or translator, based on target language, specialty field, département or region, court of appeal etc.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions, Consular Organizations and Cultural Institutions

Foreign Diplomatic Missions

www.consulats-marseille.org (in French): Web directory of the consular corps in Marseilles.

Foreign and joint chambers of commerce

<p>Armenia Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Franco-Arménienne</p> <p>Immeuble World Trade Center 2 Rue Henri Barbusse 13241 Marseille Cedex 1 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 39 58 57 E-mail: contact@ccifa-france.com http://ccifa-france.com</p>	<p>United Kingdom Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Franco-Britannique</p> <p>Marseille Representative MAABN Marseille-Provence CCI - Tourism division 2 Rue Beauvau 13001 Marseille Tel.: + 33(0)4 91 39 58 89 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 39 56 00 E-mail: richard.bowers@ccimp.com www.francobritishchambers.com/en_regions,206.html</p>
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Joint business-related organizations

<p>Franco-German Business Club Le Club d’Affaires Franco-Allemand de Provence</p> <p>Maison de Tübingen 19 Rue du Cancel 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 21 29 12 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 21 29 13 E-mail: cfaprovence@wanadoo.fr www.cfaprovence.com</p>	<p>Scandinavian Interests Group of Provence GISEP (Groupement des Intérêts Scandinaves en Provence)</p> <p>9 Cours des Arts et Métiers 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 47 90 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 26 31 80 E-mail: annika.artin@club-internet.fr www.gisep.com</p>
<p>MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network)</p> <p>BP 10052 13251 Marseille Cedex 20 E-mail: contact@maabn.fr www.maabn.com</p>	

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Housing

Small ads:

In addition to the free magazines distributed every Monday or available at most real estate agents' in the département, a number of websites are specialized in housing small ads, including:

www.paruvendu.fr

www.reflex-immo.fr

www.logic-immo.fr

www.entrepaticuliers.com

www.seloger.com

www.hiflat.fr (*furnished rentals in Marseilles*)

For more information on the real estate market:

F.N.A.I.M. (national federation of real estate agents)

www.fnaim.fr

A.D.I.L des Bouches-du-Rhône (local government housing information service)

www.adil13.org

For facts and figures on real estate:

www.immoprix.com

www.lavieimmo.com

For practical information on housing and housing regulations:

D.D.E. (local government office for the environment)

www.bouches-du-rhone.equipement.gouv.fr

If you are thinking of buying real estate:

Conseil Régional des Notaires (regional council of public notaries)

www.cr-aixenprovence.notaires.fr

Health

The CLEISS (European and International Social Security Liaison Center)

The CLEISS acts as a link between the French and overseas social security bodies. The CLEISS website is in French, English, German, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

www.cleiss.fr

To locate the nearest Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (social security) office:

Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie des Bouches-du-Rhône

www.ameli.fr/assures/votre-caisse-bouches-du-rhone/index_bouches-du-rhone.php

Contact numbers and addresses for major public hospitals in the Bouches-du-Rhône are available on-line here:

http://etablisements.hopital.fr/resultat_annuaire.php?loc=13&item=hopital&session=clear

Relocation Companies

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<p style="text-align: center;">Cap-Provence</p> <p>6 boulevard des Reinettes 13008 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)6 03 24 34 78/+ 33 (0)6 10 27 00 14 E-mail: marielaurence.debryas@cap-provence.com www.cap-provence.com (Website in French and English)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">e.Mobilié Méditerranée</p> <p>Espace Méditerranée 33 Boulevard de la Liberté 13001 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 28 38 03 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 28 38 28 E-mail: aymeric.guion@e-mobilia.com www.e-mobilia.com (Website in French and English)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Hi Connect</p> <p>103 Chemin des Garlabans Le jas des garrigues 13320 Bouc Bel Air Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 54 67 17 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 54 76 38 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 21 21 13 89 E-mail: contact@hiconnect.fr www.hiconnect.fr (Website in French and English)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Interdean International Relocation</p> <p>Direction Régionale Avenue Violési RN 8 - F-13320 Bouc Bel Air Tél: + 33 (0)4 42 97 53 30 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 975 349 Mobile : + 33 (0)6 60 92 67 43 E-mail: amelie.wilcken@interdean.com www.interdean.com (Website translated into ten languages)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Nook Relocation</p> <p>« La Floriane » 13590 Meyreuil Tel.: + 33 (0)6 83 00 72 26 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 51 56 05 E-mail: info@nook-relocation.com www.nook-relocation.com (Website in French English and German)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Provence Relocation</p> <p>94 Chemin du Littoral 13015 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 09 58 27 / 28 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 11 23 29 21/+ 33 (0)6 24 66 47 17 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 09 50 39 E-mail: f.lemarechal@provence-relocation.com m.boulais@provence-relocation.com www.provence-relocation.com (Website in French and English)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">P.W.S (Provence Welcome Service)</p> <p>10 A Rue de Cassis 13008 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 96 20 81 30 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 23 23 19 51 Fax: + 33 (0)4 96 20 81 31 E-Mail: gwenaelle.degouttes@pws-relocation.com www.pws-relocation.com (Website in French and English)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Provence</p> <p>1130 Chemin de la Blaque 13090 Aix-en-Provence Portable: + 33 (0)6 13 84 87 57 E-mail: contact@the-provence.com http://www.theprovence.com/html_fr/contact.html (Website in French and English)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Via Humanis</p> <p>12 Parc du Golf 350 Avenue JRGG de la Lauzière 13856 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 3 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 25 10 50 E-mail: grossetie@via-humanis.fr www.via-humanis.fr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome In</p> <p>Terrasses du Parc II Entrée 7 13800 Istres Tel.: + 33(0)6 61 25 85 62 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 86 33 24 E-mail: contact@welcome-in.fr www.welcome-in.fr (Website in French and English)</p>

A Welcome Network for New Arrivals

A.V.F (Accueil des Villes Françaises) Network

www.avf.asso.fr

NEOzARRIVANTS MARSEILLE website

www.nouveaux-arrivants-marseille.com

E-mail: contact@neozarrivants.com

A website and two portals grouping together services relating to everyday life in the Marseille-Provence metropolitan area (getting around, leisure activities, health, education etc.):

www.peuplade.fr

<http://cities2.cdc-tic.fr>

www.marseille-cities.org

2. Schooling in Provence: From Day Nursery to University

2.1. The French Education System

State education in France is overseen by the Ministry of Education, Research and Technology, which draws up the curricula. 80 % of pupils attend state schools.

State schools are **free** and **secular**, that is to say they do not acknowledge any religion.

Parallel to this is a **private education system** mainly comprised of schools that are under State contract, which guarantees the quality of the education dispensed within their walls.

In the private education system, families are required to pay school fees, which vary according to the school. The sector accounts for roughly 20% of French school pupils (from nursery school to senior grade/year 13).

This combined state/private system is designed to cover all the population's schooling needs.

2.2. From Day Nursery to High/Secondary School ²

Care options for the very young

Several care options exist for pre-school aged children (2 months to 3 years): public nurseries,

² See the table of equivalent grades by age from day nursery to high school in the section "To find out more" below

parental nurseries, family nurseries (or family care service) and day care centers.

Public nurseries can be managed by the local authorities, associations or private companies. They are supervised by the local P.M.I. (mother and child protection agency).

Parental nurseries are managed by parents, but the presence of a qualified person is required.

Family nurseries (or family care service) are supervised by the P.M.I. and are under the control of the Conseil Général (local *département* authority) and the Caisse d'Allocation Familiales (child benefits office). The child is in the care of a state-certified care worker who looks after children (maximum 4) at her own home.

Day care centers may be managed by either state or private bodies. They provide occasional care services for children. Day care centers may also double as public nurseries, in which case they are referred to as **multi-care day centers**.

The *département* offers a variety of care options for the very young. The figures for the Bouches-du-Rhône as at 01/01/2008 ³ showed:

- 77 public nurseries,
- 573 day care centers,

³ *Statiss summary 2009, DRASS PACA (regional health and social services department)*

- 705 kindergartens,
- 11 356 multi-care day centers,
- 3 787 childcare workers.

Several public care structures, run either privately or by the local authorities, have

opened over the past few years. In addition, new concepts have been introduced in the *département* with the emergence of inter-company nurseries and micro-nurseries (structures for up to nine children).

→ Practical advice

For information regarding care facilities for pre-school aged children, contact the “Service de la Petite Enfance” (young children’s affairs department) at your local town hall. Some towns publish the list of council-run public nurseries and other child-related structures (day care centers, activity centers...) on their websites.

Nursery school and primary school

Nursery schools take children from 3 to 6 years of age. Schooling focuses on socialization, the foundations of language skills and learning to live in a group.

Primary schools take children from 6 to 11 years of age. In addition to reading, writing and math, the five-year cycle enables children to acquire a knowledge of history, geography and the sciences and allows them to learn a foreign language. The curriculum also includes physical education and art classes.

The *département* is well-endowed with both nursery and primary schools, with ⁴:

573 nursery schools,
712 primary schools and special education centers.

In France, the care of young children is highly structured and of a high standard. It should be noted that nursery school, although not compulsory, is highly recommended on an educational level to stimulate the child’s early learning.

⁴ *Economic and social data, INSEE PACA 2008*

→ Practical advice

For information regarding local nursery and primary schools and catchment areas, please contact your local town hall.

To enroll your child at school, you must present the following documents at the town hall:

- Your “livret de famille”⁵,
- The child’s vaccination certificates or health record (“carnet de santé”)⁶ ;
- Proof of residence dated no earlier than 3 months prior to the present date ⁷.

⁵ Livret de famille: an official document issued when a couple is married and containing a record of all the certificates issued by the registrar of births, marriages and deaths for that family unit.

⁶ Carnet de santé: a booklet containing all the health-related information and events concerning a child.

⁷ Electricity, gas or landline telephone bill.

Secondary education

In France, secondary education includes the "collège" and "lycée".

The **collège** takes children from the ages of 11 to 15 over a four-year cycle, leading to the *Brevet des Collèges* school diploma. At the end of this course, students may opt for vocational training at a *lycée d'enseignement professionnel* (vocational high school/technical college) or continue academic studies at a mainstream *lycée d'enseignement général* (high/secondary school).

The **lycées d'enseignement professionnels** offer diplomas geared towards entry into the job market:

- National vocational certificate (C.A.P. – Certificat d'aptitude professionnelle);
- National vocational diploma (B.E.P. – Brevet d'aptitude professionnelle);
- Vocational Baccalaureate.

The **lycées d'enseignement général** offer a three-year course leading to the **Baccalaureate** in the fields of arts (**L**), sciences (**S**) or economics (**ES**). The Baccalaureate allows a student to enroll at the university of his/her choice.

In the Bouches-du-Rhône, the initial training offer has seen considerable growth over the past few years in response to needs arising from population movements.

As a result, the *département* has ²:

191 *collèges*,
79 *lycées d'enseignement professionnels* / *LEP's* (vocational high schools/technical colleges),
91 *lycées d'enseignement général* (high/secondary schools).

→ Practical advice

To obtain the list of secondary education establishments, contact the offices of the Académie d'Aix-Marseille school district/local education authority.

For information on the available specializations, see the Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale, de la Jeunesse et de la Vie Associative (Ministry of Education) website.

2.3. Higher Education

A major university center

With its 3 universities and 12 elite schools, the Aix-Marseille *académie* (school district/education authority), which covers the entire *département*, provides a varied choice of further education.

The Aix-Marseille district recorded almost 100,000⁸ students enrolled for the year 2008-2009, making it one of the top 10 school districts in France.

⁸ National figures: 2,231,745 students (of which more than 1,500,000 at university – including IUT and IUFM)

**Aix-Marseille School District
Distribution of Higher Education Students in 2008-2009***

Establishment	Students
Universities (including 1 st year teacher-training)-----	68,792
Higher technical certificate and similar -----	10,493
Preparatory school (including Defense) -----	3,307
Other -----	16,725
TOTAL -----	99,317

*Other: Higher education establishments not under the control of the Ministry of Education.
* « La lettre de l'enseignement supérieur », Académie Aix-Marseille, n°7, septembre 2009*

Post-Baccalaureate education in high schools⁹

Post-Baccalaureate courses are available in the high schools that include:

- **Higher technical sections (Sections de techniciens supérieurs - STS):** More than 60 two-year BTS (Brevet de Technicien Supérieur – higher technical certificate) courses are available to students in the Provence region;
- **Preparatory classes for entrance to the elite schools (CPGE),** available at Aix-en-Provence, Marseille and Salon-de-Provence.

Universities

There are three universities in the Bouches-du-Rhône département:

- Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille 1),
- Université de la Méditerranée (Aix-Marseille 2),
- Université Paul Cézanne (Aix-Marseille 3).

All three universities offer courses on mainstream subjects:

- The arts, literature, languages and civilizations
- Law and politics
- Health sciences
- Human and social sciences
- Economics and management
- Information and communication sciences
- Science and technology
- Sports science

The three universities also provide a full range of higher education courses:

- **4 technology institutes (IUT's):** the Académie Aix-Marseille offers more than 25 DUT (Diplômes Universitaires de Technologie) diplomas in technology;
- **1 teacher-training college (IUFM):** this establishment forms part of the Université de Provence.

Engineering schools and grandes écoles (elite schools)

5 engineering schools:

- **L'Ecole Polytechnique Universitaire de Marseille (EPUM):** A multidisciplinary school, the EPUM offers 4 engineering courses: civil, industrial & computer, microelectronic & telecommunication and mechanical & energy.
- **L'Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Luminy (ESIL):** The ESIL offers engineering subject aimed at the high-tech sector

⁹ See the table summarizing higher education in France in the section "To find out more" below.

(computer sciences, networks & multimedia, biotechnology and biomedical engineering) and has partnered a “twinned skills” course with the Euromed business school in Marseilles.

- **L’Ecole Centrale Marseille (ECM):** The ECM results from the grouping of 4 higher education institutes in Marseilles: ENSPM¹⁰, l’ENSSPICAM¹¹, l’ESM2¹² and l’ESIM¹³. The school provides business and research-oriented general engineering courses with a strong international element.
- **L’Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Métiers (ENSAM) – Aix-en-Provence campus:** The ENSAM mainly trains engineers in the fields of mechanical and industrial engineering.
- **Centre Microélectronique de Provence Georges Charpak:** Founded in 2002, the CMP is one of the 6 training and research institutes forming part of the Ecole des Mines de Saint-Etienne, one of France’s most prestigious graduate schools of engineering. The Georges Charpak Center trains engineers in the field of microelectronics.

In addition to these, the following establishments offer a number of higher education courses:

- **Institut d’Etudes Politiques (IEP):** A school in the multidisciplinary tradition (law, economics, history, sociology, sciences), Sciences-Po Aix is part of the national network of political studies institutes.
- **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) – Marseilles campus:** An institution with a strong international

focus, the EHESS provides courses in all the human and social sciences (history, anthropology, sociology, economics, geography, linguistics, psychology...).

- **Ecole de l’Air, Salon-de-Provence:** This air academy is under the supervision of the Ministry of Defense, with a mission to train future air force officers. The course is in three parts: soldiering and command, aeronautics and academic education and leads to the Ecole de l’Air engineering diploma.
- **Ecole Nationale de la Marine Marchande à Marseille (ENMM):** The merchant navy school is under the control of the Ministry of Transport. The ENMM trains future merchant navy officers and also offers a master’s degree course in International Maritime Management, in partnership with the CECE, Euromed Marseille Management School and the shipping company CMA-CGM.
- **Ecole Nationale des Techniciens de l’Équipement – Les Milles campus:** Part of the network of training facilities put in place by the Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea, the ENTE is a nationally-recognized institute that provides a first level of training for senior technical and administrative staff in the public works field.
- **Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture (ENSA), Marseille-Luminy:** One of the 20 schools of architecture under the authority of the Ministry of Culture the ENSA provides courses for students, qualified architects, persons working in the architecture field and State-certified architects.
- **Ecole Supérieure d’Art, Aix-en-Provence:** The school provides training for artists, designers and top professionals under the tutelage of the Ministry of Culture. Since 2005, the school has put in place an international cooperation and exchange

¹⁰ Ecole nationale Supérieure de Physique de Marseille

¹¹ Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Synthèses, de Procédés et d’Ingénieurs Chimiques d’Aix-Marseille

¹² Ecole Supérieure de Mécanique de Marseille

¹³ Ecole Supérieure d’Ingénieurs de Marseille

program aimed at encouraging active partnerships and student exchanges.

- **Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage (ENSP) – Marseille campus:** Placed under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the ENSP offers a number of courses for both students and adults. In addition to the State-certified landscape gardener qualification, the school also issues a certificate in higher landscaping studies and prepares students for the master's in landscape gardening.
- **Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Photographie, Arles:** An art school dedicated to photography, the ENSP is a state-run establishment under the control of the Ministry of Culture. The school issues a special state diploma equivalent to a 5-year

university diploma and recognized as a European master's degree.

- **Euromed Marseille, Management School:** A business school overseen by the Marseille-Provence Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Euromed Marseille provides a comprehensive choice of business-related curricula. The school offers a number of courses leading to a various master's degrees including MBA. Diploma courses for adults also are available.
- **Supinfocom (multimédia school), Arles:** Set up by the Valenciennes Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Supinfocom specializes in 3D computer graphics and has gained professional recognition for its excellence.

2.4. International education

International sections in state schools

Several establishments in the Bouches-du-Rhône *département* have **international sections** that accept foreign pupils, making

their integration into the French school system easier.

International sections in the Bouches-du-Rhône (state schools)

German	Lycée international Georges Duby, Luynes
English	Collège Mignet, Aix-en-Provence Collège Jacques Monod, Les Pennes Mirabeau Lycée international Georges Duby, Luynes
Spanish	Collège Marseilleveyre, Marseille Lycée Marseilleveyre, Marseille
Italian	Lycée Marcel Pagnol, Marseille Collège Marseilleveyre, Marseille Marseilleveyre, Marseille

Part of the lessons are taught in a foreign language and non-French-speaking pupils may learn French in 'French as a foreign language' (FLE) classes.

In high schools, the international sections combine the French and international curricula. This allows the pupils in these bilingual streams

to sit the Baccalaureate and the corresponding foreign exam at the same time.

For example, the **Abibac** allows pupils to obtain both the French Baccalaureate and the German **Abitur**; the **Esabac** combines the French Baccalaureate and the Italian **Esame di State**.

Manosque International School

*In addition to the measures provided by the collèges and high schools listed above, the **Manosque International School**, located close to the ITER site, is able to accommodate up to 1400 pupils from nursery school through to senior year/year 13. The school gives priority to children of ITER project employees.*

*The **bilingual courses** (lessons are divided equally between French and the foreign language) can be taken in **English, German, Spanish, Italian, Chinese and Japanese**. In addition to the bilingual sections, the school offers a large number of foreign language classes: **FLE (French as a foreign language), Russian, Hindi and Korean**. At the end of the high school cycle, the pupils may sit the **OIB (Baccalaureate – international option)** or the **Abibac**.*

*The school was nominated for the CELE's **4th Compendium of Exemplary Educational Facilities**. This international compendium, published by the OECD, highlights excellence in educational facilities in the fields of design, innovative building management, sustainability and fitness of use.*

Furthermore, in response to Europe and globalization, an increasing number of schools are offering **beginners' classes in English** (in small groups), **multilingual activities** and even **European classes**. The latter provide pupils from *collège*-age onwards an insight into a country's culture through intensified foreign language learning.

International education in the private sector ¹⁴

Several private schools have developed learning programs based on French/English bilingual education, including:

- The **EPIM** (Ecole Privée Internationale de Méditerranée) in Marseilles and Luynes provide a bilingual immersion program for 3 to 6-year olds;
- The **CIPEC** (Centre International Privé pour l'Education & la Culture) in Luynes has

¹⁴ Non-exhaustive list

international classes from nursery school to 5th grade/year 6;

- The **Université des Petits** at Les Pennes Mirabeau offers bilingual education for children aged between 2 ½ and 11;
- The **Euro Pi Pole** in Aix-en-Provence and Cabriès has bilingual sections for nursery and primary school classes;
- The **IBS** (International Bilingual School of Provence) in Luynes has put in place bilingual curricula for its 6th grade/year 7 to senior/year 13 pupils;
- The **Ecole Internationale Secondaire Privée Bilingue Val Saint André** in Aix-en-Provence has bilingual sections from primary school classes through to senior/year 13.

'French as a foreign language' and English lessons for adults as part of an ongoing vocational education program. The teachers prepare their students for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and TOEIC (Test of English for Communication) exams.

- **I.S. (Swedish Institute)** in Aix-en-Provence: International language school founded by an organization with links to Stockholm University and specializing in French classes for foreign nationals.
- **I.E.F.E.E. (Institut d'Etudes Françaises pour Etudiants Etrangers)** in Aix-en-Provence: Classes on French language and literature and Provençal, French and European culture for foreign students.

Higher education establishments under the authority of foreign states ¹⁵

Several education establishments under foreign control offer classes to foreign students wishing to pursue part of their study course in France:

- **California State University** in Aix-en-Provence: An institute providing support for CSU students studying in Aix-en-Provence.
- **E.P.S.S.A. (Ecole Populaire Supérieure Suédoise d'Aix)**: A private school offering French as a foreign language classes to Scandinavian interns. The teaching emphasizes spoken language and interacting, the school's motto being "Savoir prendre la parole".
- **Institut Américain Universitaire** in Aix-en-Provence: For American students studying in France.
- **American Center** in Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles: This organization provides

¹⁵ Non-exhaustive list

→ *Practical advice*

The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires) is responsible for organizing the settling in and stay of foreign students studying in France on scholarships from the French government, foreign governments or international organizations.

The two CROUS branches in the Aix-Marseilles schools district, in Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles, are there to answer any questions foreign students may have about their studies in France.

→ To find out more ...

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From day nursery to high school

The very young

For information regarding care facilities for pre-school aged children, contact the “Service de la Petite Enfance” (young children’s affairs department) at your local town hall or visit your local town’s website. Nursery schools and primary schools also are controlled by the town hall.

The French government Internet portal has a list of towns in the Bouches-du-Rhône that have websites: <http://annuaire.service-public.fr>

For information on the services provided by the Caisse d’Allocation Familiales des Bouches-du-Rhône (local child benefits office), visit the following website:

<http://www.caf.fr/wps/portal/votrecaf/131>

The Caisse Nationale d’Allocation Familiales has a website with advice and information for parents seeking a day care center for their children: www.mon-enfant.fr. The site has a search engine allowing parents to quickly find a suitable day care structure.

Secondary education

To obtain a list of all secondary education establishments, contact:

Rectorat de l’Académie d’Aix-Marseille (the schools district/ education authority office)

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 91 70 00

Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 26 68 03

www.ac-aix-marseille.fr / then click on “Collèges et lycées: localisation et caractéristiques”

For information on the different options offered by high schools, visit the Ministry of Education website:

www.education.gouv.fr / then click on “Le système éducatif”.

Higher education

For information on the higher education options within the Aix-Marseilles schools district, school addresses and teaching methods, contact:

Rectorat de l'Académie d'Aix-Marseille (the school district/education authority office)

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 91 70 00

Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 26 68 03

www.ac-aix-marseille.fr

Higher education establishments under the authority of the Ministry of Education

Universities

Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille 1)

www.univ-provence.fr

Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille 2)

www.univmed.fr

Université de Provence (Aix-Marseille 3)

www.univ-cezanne.fr

For advice or information the Services Universitaires d'Information et d'Orientation (university information and counseling services) are present on-campus to provide students with assistance and advice on finding a job. They also have a website:

www.scuio.org

Institutes of Technology (Institut Universitaire de Technologie - I.U.T.)

The list of IUT's within the Aix-Marseille

<https://www.sup.adc.education.fr/iutlst/inf/aixm.htm>

I.U.T. (Arles)

<http://sites.univ-provence.fr/iutarles/>

I.U.T. (Aix-en-Provence)

www.iut.univ-aix.fr/

I.U.T. (La Ciotat)

<http://www.iut.univmed.fr/hse/>

I.U.T. (Marseille-Luminy)

www.iut-gtr.univ-mrs.fr/

I.U.T. (Marseille-St-Jérôme)

<http://iutmrs.u-3mrs.fr>

Teacher Training College (Institut Universitaire de Formation des Maîtres - IUFM)

www.aix-mrs.iufm.fr/

Engineering Schools and “Grandes Ecoles”

Ecole Polytechnique Universitaire de Marseille (EPUM)

www.polytech-marseille.fr/

Ecole Supérieure d’Ingénieurs de Luminy (ESIL)

www.esil.univmed.fr/

Ecole Centrale Marseille (ECM)

www.centrale-marseille.fr/

Institut d’Etudes Politiques (IEP)

www.iep.univ-cezanne.fr/

Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Métiers (ENSAM)

www.aix.ensam.fr/

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

www.ehess.fr/

Preparatory classes for entrance to the “Grandes Ecoles”

<http://prepas.org/annuaire/listel.htm>

Higher education establishments not under the authority of the Ministry of Education

Centre Microélectronique de Provence Georges Charpak

www.ville-gardanne.fr/-CMP-Georges-Charpak

Ecole de l’Air

<http://ecole-air.fr/>

Ecole Nationale de la Marine Marchande à Marseille (ENMM)

<http://www.hydro-marseille.com/>

Ecole Nationale des Techniciens de l'Équipement

www.ente.equipement.gouv.fr/

Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture (ENSA) Marseille-Luminy

www.marseille.archi.fr/

Ecole Supérieure d'Art à Aix-en-Provence

www.ecole-art-aix.fr/

Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage (ENSP)

www.ecole-paysage.fr/

Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Photographie

www.enp-arles.com/

Euromed Marseille Management School

www.euromed-marseille.com/

Supinfocom

www.supinfocom-arles.fr/

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International and European sections in state schools

SCHOOL	TEACHING PROVIDED
<p>Collège Château Double</p> <p>2 Rue Alexander Fleming 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 52 52 20 www.clg-chateaudouble.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>- European section: Spanish</p>
<p>Collège l'Estaque</p> <p>348 Rue Rabelais 13016 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 95 06 93 20 www.clg-estaque.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>- European section: Italian</p>
<p>Collège Jean-Claude Izzo</p> <p>Place Espercieux 13002 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 01 55 10 www.clg-izzo.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>- European section: Spanish</p>

¹⁶ Non-exhaustive list

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<p style="text-align: center;">Collège Jules Massenet</p> <p>35 Boulevard Massenet 13014 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 09 53 90 www.clg-massenet.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oriental section: Arabic
<p style="text-align: center;">Collège Mignet</p> <p>41 Rue Cardinale 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 63 00 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 93 63 05 www.clg-mignet.ac-aix-marseille.fr/mignet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International section: English/French (from sixth grade/year 7 to ninth grade/year 11) - Admission is subject to tests
<p style="text-align: center;">Collège Jacques Monod</p> <p>Avenue du Capitaine Brutus 13170 Les Pennes Mirabeau Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 51 00 26 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 51 94 64 ce.0132565@ac-aix-marseille.fr www.clg-monod.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International section: English/French (from seventh grade/year 8) - European section: German
<p style="text-align: center;">Collège Le Petit Prince</p> <p>Chemin de la Fonse 13180 Gignac-la-Nerthe Tel: + 33 (0)4 42 30 50 88 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 30 44 85 ce.0133381e@ac-aix-marseille.fr www.clg-petitprince.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilingual class: German/English - European section: German
<p style="text-align: center;">Collège des Prêcheurs</p> <p>30 Place des Prêcheurs 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 21 70 60 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 21 70 61 www.clg-precheurs.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilingual class: German /English - European section: German

Welcome handbook



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- European section: English

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<p>Ecole Internationale de Manosque 159 Avenue du Dr Bernard Fouscier 04100 Manosque Tel.: + 33 (0)4 92 74 23 11 www.ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>Nursery and primary: - International sections in English, German, Japanese, Italian and Chinese Secondary/High: - International section English/Spanish/Chinese - European classes¹⁷ (presently from 6th grade/year7 to 10th grade/year 11. An 11th grade/year 12 class will open in 2011 with a senior/year 13 class expected in 2012). - Admission to the school is subject to a test</p>	<p>- OIB - European Baccalaureate</p>
<p>Lycée Georges Duby 200 Rue Georges Duby 13080 Luynes Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 60 86 00 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 60 86 05 Ce.0133525l@ac-aix-marseille.fr www.lyc-luynes.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</p>	<p>- International section: English/French - International section: German/French - European section ("STG" section only): English - European section ("STG" section only): Spanish</p>	<p>- OIB - ABIBAC (German ABITUR and French Baccalaureate issued simultaneously) - "European Section" French Baccalaureate - "European Section" French Baccalaureate</p>
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¹⁷ European schools are official education establishments set up jointly by governments of European Union member states. Classes are taught 80% in English and 20% in French.

<p>Lycée Marcel Pagnol 128 Boulevard St Loup 13010 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 87 64 00 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 87 64 25 www.lyc-pagnol.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>- International section: Italian/French</p>	<p>- ESABAC (bi-national certificate of secondary education (Esame di State and Baccalaureate)</p>
<p>Lycée Saint-Charles 5, rue Guy-Fabre 13001 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 08 20 50 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 08 20 61 Ce.0130039x@ac-aix-marseille.fr www.lyc-stcharles.ac-aix-marseille.fr</p>	<p>- International section: German/French</p>	<p>- ABIBAC (German ABITUR and French Baccalaureate issued simultaneously)</p>

International education in the private sector

ETABLISSEMENTS	ENSEIGNEMENTS PROPOSES
<p>CIPEC (Centre International Privé pour l'Education & la Culture)</p> <p>Domaine de Fontvieille 13080 Luynes Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 60 84 25 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 60 84 26 info@c-i-p-e-c.com www.c-i-p-e-c.com</p>	<p>- Bilingual French/English classes from nursery school classes to 5th grade/year 6</p>
<p>Collège Privé Saint Charles</p> <p>2 Rue de la Calade 13200 Arles Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 07 76 Fax: + 33 (0)4 90 96 03 84 contact@college-saint-charles.com www.college-saint-charles.com</p>	<p>- European sections: English (6th grade/year 7 to 9th grade/year 10)</p>
<p>Collège Saint Joseph de Cluny</p> <p>160 Avenue du Prado 13008 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 13 77 00 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 13 77 09 college.cluny@wanadoo.fr www.college-st-joseph-cluny.com</p>	<p>- European sections: English and German (6th grade/year 7 to 9th grade/year 10)</p>
<p>Ecole, Collège et Lycée Chevreul Blancarde</p> <p>1 Rue Saint François de Sales 13004 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 49 10 73 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 49 29 78 Chevreul-secretariat@wanadoo.fr www.chevreulblancarde.com</p>	<p>- Beginners' English from 5th grade/year 6 onwards</p> <p>- European sections: English and German (from 6th grade/year 7 onwards)</p> <p>- "European" option Baccalaureate</p>
<p>Ecole internationale secondaire privée bilingue Val Saint André (VSA)</p> <p>19 Avenue Malacrida 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 27 14 47 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 27 23 16 ecolevsa@hotmail.com www.valsaintandre.com</p>	<p>- Bilingual section: English</p> <p>- Option of studying simultaneously for the Brevet des Collèges or Baccalaureate and the Cambridge exams (First Certificate in English and Certificate of Proficiency in English)</p>

<p>Ecole Privée Protestante Nouvelle Alliance</p> <p>49 Avenue Paul Cézanne 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 96 08 32 nouvall@tiscali.fr http://ecolenouvellealliance.org</p>	<p>- Bilingual classes in French/English for nursery and primary school</p>
<p>Ecole privée Saint Etienne</p> <p>Clos Guinot Quartier des Prêcheurs Ancienne route St Gilles BP 217 - 13635 Arles Cedex Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 83 85 Fax: + 33 (0)4 90 49 95 46</p>	<p>- Multilingual activities from nursery school classes onwards (Provençal, English, Spanish and Italian)</p> <p>- English learned from Primary school classes onwards</p>
<p>EPIM (Ecole Privée Internationale de Méditerranée)</p> <p>Quartier Plein Soleil 13080 Luynes Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 600 300 welcome@epim-mis.com www.epim-mis.com</p>	<p>- Bilingual classes in French/English (nursery school and primary school classes)</p> <p>- The educational concept is based on the "International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program" recognized by UNESCO.</p>
<p>EPIM (Ecole Privée Internationale de Méditerranée)</p> <p>27 Boulevard de la Corderie 13007 Marseille Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 53 00 00 Welcome@epim-mis.com www.epim-mis.com</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>Euro Pi Pole</p> <p>Ecole maternelle privée bilingue 2 Avenue Georges Brassens « Le Sénèque » 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 315 315 europipole@aol.com www.europipole.fr</p>	<p>- Bilingual classes in French/English and French/German (nursery school and primary school classes)</p>
<p>Euro Pi Pole</p> <p>Ecole privée bilingue du Pays d'Aix Centre de loisirs municipal Parc Club de l'Arbois 13480 Cabriès Tel./Fax: + 33(0)4 42 315 315 europipole@aol.com www.europipole.fr</p>	<p>As above</p>

<p>I.B.S. (International School of Provence)</p> <p>Domaine des Pins 500 petite route de Bouc-Bel-Air 13080 Luynes Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 24 03 40 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 24 09 81 lbs.of.provence@wanadoo.fr www.ibsofprovence.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilingual classes in French/English from sixth grade/year 7 to senior/year 13 - Option of studying for the British or American exams. - Certified University of Cambridge and IB World School examination center
<p>L'Université des Petits</p> <p>ZAC Plan de Campagne Route Nationale de Septèmes Le petit péage 13170 Les Pennes Mirabeau Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 65 19 23 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 73 16 43 90 contact@universitedespetits.fr www.universitedespetits.fr</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bilingual classes in French/English from nursery school to the start of the <i>collège</i> (end of 5th grade/year 6)

Education establishments under the authority of foreign states

<p>American Center</p> <p>19 Cours des Arts et Métiers 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 38 42 38 info@americancenter.fr www.americancenter.fr</p>	<p>American Center</p> <p>27 Rue Aldebert 13006 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 81 79 78 acmar@americancenter.fr www.americancenter.fr</p>
<p>California State University</p> <p>2 bis Rue du Bon Pasteur 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 26 02 82 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 38 34 57</p>	<p>E.P.S.S.A. (Aix-en-Provence Swedish High School)</p> <p>Espace Forbin 3 Allées Claude Forbin 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 27 46 19 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 27 48 09 contact@is-aix.com www.epssa.org</p>
<p>Institut Américain Universitaire</p> <p>27 Place de l'Université 13624 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 23 39 35 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 21 11 38 www.iaufrance.org/aix/</p>	<p>I.E.F.E.E. (Institut d'Etudes Françaises pour Etudiants Etrangers)</p> <p>23 Rue Gaston de Saporta 13625 Aix-en-Provence Cedex Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 21 70 90 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 23 02 64 Institut.iefee@iefee.u-3mrs.fr www.iefee.com</p>

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3. Transport in Provence

3.1. Transport Infrastructure in Provence

Ideally located at the center of the Mediterranean Arc, Provence has an extensive multimodal transport infrastructure, including:

- Port facilities and services at Marseille-Fos, the largest French port on the Mediterranean and the 5th largest port in Europe;
- A dense freeway system linking directly into the European freeway network;
- An efficient airport hub: Marseille-Provence International Airport is the number 4 regional airport in France for passenger traffic;
- A high-capacity inland waterway linking the Gulf of Fos, the river port at Arles and Chalon-sur-Saône.

Take note ! *Traveling on business is easy for company managers and executives, who can choose between:*

- ✓ **Marseille-Provence International Airport**, which has **daily flights to the main European capitals and Mediterranean countries**, plus a **Paris shuttle** (164 departures each week). The airport recently opened a new terminal dubbed “MP2” entirely dedicated to low-cost operators.
- ✓ The **TGV high-speed train**, that puts Paris at only 3 hours from Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles, **Geneva** at 3 ½ hours and **Brussels** at 5 ¾ hours.

3.2. Public Transport in Marseilles

The bus, subway and tram network in Marseilles is used by more than 500,000 passengers each day. The density of the public transport system means that 95 % of Marseilles residents live within 300 meters of a bus stop or subway station.

This coverage is provided by:

- **73 bus routes** serving the 93 sq. mi. that make up the city of Marseilles, plus the 46 sq. mi. of the four adjacent towns of Allauch, Aubagne, Plan-de-Cuques and La Penne sur Huveaune. The network, with its 1200 bus stops, operates every day from 4.30 am to 9.30 pm for the daytime service and from 9 pm to 12.30 am for the night service (Fluobus), which runs on 11 routes.

- **2 subway lines.** The subway is open from 5 am to 11 pm on weekdays and until 1 am on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and certain other special days.
- **2 tram lines,** in service since June 2007. The trams operate every day from 5 am to 12.35 am.

The ticket price is the same across the public transport network whatever the day, time or trip distance. One ticket allows access to the buses, subway or trams, with transfers allowed (one subway access only).

Route maps, timetables and information on passes and ticket prices can be obtained from the RTM customer service points.

3.3. Public Transport in Aix-en-Provence

The "Aix en Bus" network covers the city centre and outlying areas of Les Milles, Luynes, Puyricard, Le Tholonet and Saint Marc Jaumegarde. Buses run from 6.15 am until 10.30 pm weekdays. A restricted service operates on Sundays.

In addition to the 24 regular routes, the City has put in place special school bus services and an on-demand transport service named Proxi Bus.

The public transport service in Aix-en-Provence carry 8 million passengers each year.

Route maps and timetables can be obtained from tourist office.

3.4. Inter-City Transport

Bus lines

The main towns in the *département* are linked by a network of a hundred or so bus routes operated by Carreize. Several routes extend beyond the *département's* borders, serving other towns and cities in the region (Avignon,

Toulon, Digne, Gap, Nice, Nîmes...). These are part of a wider L.E.R. (Lignes Express Régionales) regional network.

Other companies also operate service between certain towns in the *département*:

- Les Bus de l'Etang serves 8 towns on to the east of the Etang de Berre;
- Les Bus de l'Agglo serves towns and villages in the Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile conurbation;
- Les Bus du Soleil serves 4 towns to the west of the Etang de Berre;
- Interbus has services between 3 towns in the Gardanne mining basin;
- Ciotabus serves La Ciotat and Ceyreste,
- The MPM network includes several companies operating services between the 18 towns in the Marseille Provence Métropole urban community. A public transport service for people with reduced mobility has been put in place with Handi'Lib.
- The ACCM network serves the towns and villages in the Arles, Crau, Camargue, Montagnette conurbation;
- Libébus provides public transport services for the 12 towns in the Agglopolo Provence conurbation;
- Ouest Provence Le Bus runs services between the 6 towns in the western Provence district: Miramar, Fos-sur-Mer, Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône, Grans and Cornillon-Confoux.

The T.E.R. (Transport Express Régional) network in the PACA region

Most towns along the rail lines are linked via train services as part of the Transport Express Régional (T.E.R.) network.

The T.E.R. network covers 626 miles of lines in the 6 *départements* that make up the PACA region, with 4500 train services each week carrying 450,000 passengers between 145 stations and halts.

→ *To find out more ...*

Transport in Provence

Transport infrastructure in Provence

<p style="text-align: center;">Marseille-Provence International Airport</p> <p>CCI Marseille-Provence BP 7 - Aéroport 13727 Marignane Cedex Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 14 14 14 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 14 27 90 E-mail: contact@marseille-provence.aeroport.fr www.marseille.aeroport.fr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Charles Rail Station</p> <p>Esplanade Saint Charles 13001 Marseille Train times, travel updates and ticket sales, tel.: 36 35 www.voyages-sncf.com (Tickets and reservations)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Aix-en-Provence TGV Station</p> <p>RD 9 - Plateau de l'Arbois 13592 Aix en Provence Cedex 3 Tel.: 36 35 www.tgv.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Port of Arles</p> <p>Chemin des Ségonnaux 13200 Arles Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 76 33 Fax: + 33 (0)4 90 93 88 09 E-mail: portfluvial@arles.cci.fr www.port-arles.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Marseille Port Authority</p> <p>23 Place de la Joliette BP 81965 13226 Marseille Cedex 02 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 39 40 00 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 39 57 00 www.marseille-port.fr</p>	

Public Transport in Marseilles

For information on the public transport network in Marseilles, timetables and ticket prices, contact:

Espace Infos RTM

6 Rue des Fabres
13001 Marseille

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 91 92 10

Or visit their websites:

Public Transport in Aix-en-Provence

For information on the public transport network, contact the “Point Accueil Aix en Bus” located at the tourist office (“Rotonde” bus stop):

Point Accueil Aix en Bus

Office de Tourisme

2 Place du Général de Gaulle

13100 Aix-en-Provence

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 26 37 28

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 8.30 am to 7 pm

Or visit their website: www.aixenbus.com

The route-specific timetables, network guidebook and pocket map are free and can be sent to you by mail on demand.

Inter-City Transport

Bus lines

For information on inter-city transport, contact the passenger information service at 0811 880 113.

Information on the transport network is also available on the www.lepilote.com website.

The **CIAO** (Central d’Informations et d’Aide à l’Orientation) is a call center providing information on traveling by bus (Catreize lines, regional express services, shuttle services...). The service is available 7 days a week from 6 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday, 7.30 am to 7 pm Saturdays and 8 am to 6 pm Sundays. The CIAO’s number is 0891 024 025.

The TER network in the PACA region

- Direct line: 3635

- Website: www.ter-sncf.com/paca

4. Employment in Provence

4.1. Employment in the Bouches-du-Rhône

This chapter is mainly aimed at families of expats (spouses) who are looking for a job.

The first step is to register as unemployed with the labor office, Pôle Emploi.

Registering may be done on the Pôle Emploi website or by telephone.

The documents required for registration vary depending on the person's nationality. The Pôle Emploi's website provides a list of documents required by foreign nationals.

After registration, the Pôle Emploi provides jobseekers with:

- Advice on careers and vocational training;
- A personalized search plan (PPAE - Projet Personnalisé d'Accès à l'Emploi), for more efficient job seeking;
- Job offers, updated daily;
- Tailored support and services (help with CV's, preparing a job interview ...).

Other organizations can also help jobseekers:

L'APEC (Association pour l'Emploi des Cadres)

The APEC helps both companies seeking staff and managers throughout the various stages of their careers (first job, mobility, career changes). The APEC also helps newly-qualified higher education teaching staff find teaching jobs. The APEC has several offices in the

Bouches-du-Rhône, providing facilities and information for management staff.

PACA Mode d'Emploi

PACA Mode d'Emploi is a state-financed structure aimed at providing companies in the PACA region (or intending to set up in the region) with a comprehensive human resources service tailored to their needs.

PACA Mode d'Emploi acts as an interface between the "employment professionals" (AFPA¹⁸, Pôle Emploi, the DIRRECTE¹⁹, local authorities, European Union) and companies anticipating a significant and long-term increase in staff numbers.

4.2. Clubs, Associations et Professional Groups

As a particularly active *département* on the economic and social level, the Bouches-du-Rhône is home to a number of professional clubs and associations covering all the business sectors represented locally.

Moving things forward, creating new businesses, taking a lead role, enhancing the image of the Provence region; these are the ideas motivating all these groups. Today, there's no doubt in anyone's mind: the South means business!

¹⁸ AFPA (Association Nationale pour la Formation Professionnelle des Adultes)

¹⁹ DIRRECTE (Direction Régionale des Entreprises, de la Concurrence, de la Consommation, du Travail et de l'Emploi)

Agribusiness

- **FRIAA** (Fédération Régionale des Industries Agro-alimentaires): The FRIAA brings together the agribusiness players in the PACA region. It provides a wide range of services in the fields of technology transfer, setting up in overseas markets, human resources and ongoing training. Furthermore, the events & marketing service organizes meetings and conferences and participates in exhibitions and overseas trade missions to potential markets as part of their mission to promote, and increase the profile of local companies in the sector.

Chemicals

- **UIC Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur et Corse** (Union des Industries Chimiques Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur et Corse): The UIC is an organization bringing together professionals from the chemicals industry. Its main mission is to identify companies' common interests and assist them with their development and in identifying possible joint actions. The UIC also has a role in representing the industry in relations with regional authorities and as its mouthpiece in the PACA region.
- **COSMED**: An important element in the cosmetics industry, COSMED has 500 member companies representing a total of 17,000 jobs nationwide. Its missions are to encourage the development of VSE/SME's in the cosmetics industry, uphold and defend their interests, pool and publish information and provide training.

Metalworking/Mechanical & Electrical Engineering/ Microelectronics

- **UIMM Provence** (Union des Industries et Métiers de la Métallurgie): The UIMM Provence brings together leaders in the metalworking industry. A hub of innovation

and skills made up of professionals from the metalworking, mechanical and electrical engineering, electronics and microelectronics sectors, the UIMM Provence is active in the development of the region's industrial fabric and provides a focal point for its members to meet, exchange ideas, obtain information and decide on action. To this end, the UIMM Provence's legal and employment and training services provide personalized assistance to its member companies throughout their development cycle.

- **ARCSIS** (Association pour la Recherche sur les Composants et les Systèmes Intégrés Sécurisés): Brings together industrial and academic members of the microelectronics and communicating objects sector.

Fashion & Textiles

- **Chambre Syndicale de l'Habillement**: This body represents all sectors of the garment industry in the region, with four sections: dressmaking, design, trade and manufacturing. Its function is to defend and represent the industry and to inform and advise its members. The Chambre Syndicale de l'Habillement also plays an important role in training, working with high schools and vocational training centers.
- **Institut Mode Méditerranée**: The Institut Mode Méditerranée has a number of missions in the PACA region: supporting local fashion designers, boosting the sector's economy and media relations. To this end, the Institut Mode Méditerranée provides assistance and advice to young designers, works alongside professional event organizers, acts as a market watchdog and publishes the twice-yearly "Magazine de l'Espace Mode Méditerranée", aimed at showcasing local professionals in the industry.

Communication

- **Club de la Presse Marseille-Provence:** The Club de la Presse Marseille Provence brings together journalists and professionals from the communication industry and acts as a services center and a place for business meetings and exchanges in a relaxed atmosphere. It has set itself three aims: to be a meeting place for journalists passing through the region, to enable professionals from the news and communication sectors to get to know each other better and to become an active participant in city life by organizing press conferences, debates and round tables.
- **La Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée:** The Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée is an organization that brings together regional business leaders on the theme of Euroméditerranée, a development scheme of national interest (OIN). The association, which today has more than 200 members, aims to assist the integration of company executives into the economic and social fabric of Marseilles and to contribute to the city's status. To do this, the Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée regularly organizes themed conferences, briefings over breakfast, company presentations and each year organizes the Euromed Fiesta that brings together more than a thousand persons in the festive atmosphere of the Docks des Suds.

Environment & Energy

- **Éa éco-entreprises:** Ea éco-entreprises brings together companies (mainly VSE/SME's), research laboratories, training institutes and associations in the field of the environment and sustainable development, plus local and regional authorities. A major regional player in the environment sector, Ea éco-entreprises provides support to companies throughout their development cycle in fields such as innovation, export and training. The association obtained "PRIDES Eco-entreprises et Développement Durable"

certification from the PACA Regional Council in July 2007.

- **Enerplan:** Enerplan is a nationwide grouping of solar energy engineering firms, manufacturers and importers etc. Acting as an interface between its professional members and the State, local authorities and the public, Enerplan aims to develop solar and renewable energies by promoting the technical features of these new energy sources and the professionals that install them.

Finance

- **CEFIM** (Communauté Economique et Financière Méditerranéenne): The purpose of the CEFIM is to act as a leader of Marseilles' financial and services sector by bringing the sector's companies together with all those involved in the region's economic and financial sphere. To attain its three-fold aim of informing, training and promoting the region as a center of financial expertise, the CEFIM each year convenes forty or so special commissions to debate over lunch and organizes an annual Grand Event, attended by 400 to 500 participants with dinner followed by a debate chaired by a "Guest Arbiter".

Information and Communication Technologies

- **Club Informatique Provence (CIP):** The CIP, with its 80 members, aims to promote and develop information technology in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. To fulfill its mission, the CIP organizes four events per year as well as themed meetings in collaboration with actors in the local regional economy. The CIP, along with the UPE 13, co-chairs an "IT Professionals Think Tank" and keeps local companies informed of European projects.
- **MedInSoft (Provence Software Publishers Cluster):** Supported by the Club Informatique Provence (CIP) and Orbe, a

business network development program, MedInSoft brings together twenty or so software publishers and IT professionals from various specialist fields. The grouping represents a total of 1200 jobs and covers a wide field of expertise.

- **Medmultimed:** MedMultimed brings together all the business leaders in the multimedia and Internet fields in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. Its aim is to support and assist the development of its member companies. A founding member of the SCS Competitive Cluster and PRIDES -certified, MedMultimed also is involved in promoting innovative projects to encourage excellence in the multimedia field in the PACA region.
- **MobiSmart:** MobiSmart is the fruit of a merger, in 2009, of Babysmart, which brought together SME's in the field of smart cards and PACA Mobile Center, an association of mobile phone technology companies in the region. Through its actions, MobiSmart promotes the high-tech activities of its members and ensures their visibility by organizing regional events and by participating in national and international trade fairs.

Other Groups

- **L'Association Régionale des Entreprises du Commerce Extérieur (APEX):** The role of the APEX is to assist local companies to expand in export markets. To this end, the APEX regularly organizes themes

conferences, business breakfasts and overseas business missions.

- **L'UPE 13 (Union pour les Entreprises des Bouches-du-Rhône) :** This interprofessional organization brings together all the *département's* companies whatever their sector or size or particular field of business. The UPU 13's aim is to encourage closer ties between its member companies and to contribute the development of the local economy.
- **Jeune Chambre Economique Française:** Membership of the Jeune Chambre Economique Française is open to young professionals aged 18 to 40, managers, self-employed and company executives. The chamber is involved in a number of activities in the community, humanitarian, economic and international fields and provides training for future executives to learn to take managerial responsibility. It organizes several meetings each year for members to exchange ideas over lunch.
- **Provence Camargue Export (PROCAMEX):** PROCAMEX is an association of exporting companies from the Arles area with more than 70 members and aimed at promoting local exports. To this end, PROCAMEX regularly organizes "export workshops", one-day training sessions on international trade, overseas trade missions and company visits and participates in international trade shows in France.

→ *To find out more ...*

Employment in Provence

Employment in the Bouches-du-Rhône

Pôle Emploi

Website: www.aixenbus.com

To find your nearest office, click on the heading "Votre pôle emploi".

The Pôle Emploi has a special short phone number: 3949 (free or € 0.11 per call from a land line or Internet box [depending on the service required]. Cost of a normal call from a cell phone).

APEC

Website: www.apec.fr

Special number: 0810 805 805 (cost of a local call – from 9 am to 7 pm Monday to Friday)

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17 La Canebière

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Cité de l'Alimentation

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UIMM Provence (Union des Industries et Métiers de la Métallurgie)

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5. Sports, Leisure and Cultural Activities in Provence

A paradise for sports lovers

Everyone knows that Marseilles is crazy about soccer. But how many people know that the city hosts the annual **Beach Volleyball World Series**? Or that **Marseilles** is the **world capital of scuba diving**? Or that the **Calanques** – a **unique site in Europe** – are a paradise for walkers and rock climbers?

A land of contrasts, Provence has a huge variety of leisure activities to offer. With **2500 hours of sunshine on average each year**, everyone can partake in his or her favorite activity all year round. There's a wide range of sporting activities available – from sailing to golf, horse-riding or even hang-gliding.

The “sailheads” and other water sports enthusiasts will be able to visit the “**Nauticales**” boat show held each year in the wonderful surroundings of La Ciotat. The event is both a trade show for professionals and a great place for the general public to have fun and meet up. Soccer fans will soon get the hang of chanting “Allez l'OM!” with the other Marseilles supporters at the Velodrome Stadium. Alternatively, why not go along and support the local **swimming team** based at the **Cercle des Nageurs in Marseilles**?

An inspirational setting for artists

Provence also is a centre of culture. While out walking or sightseeing, it's not uncommon to stumble upon a scene lifted straight from a great painting. The light here has always been a source of inspiration for artists and it's not

surprising that the Estaque, a working-class Marseilles neighborhood, is lastingly associated with three great movements in painting: impressionism, fauvism and cubism. The **Montagne Sainte-Victoire** and Aix-en-Provence are constant reminders of **Cézanne**, as is **Arles** of **Van Gogh**.

For those who are artists at heart, why not explore the sites that inspired these great painters? The tourist offices at Arles, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles organize tours of the sites featured in many of the major works.

An exceptional archeological and architectural heritage

With a rich history that has molded its landscape, Provence is dotted with monuments and other relics that bear witness to its past: the perfectly laid-out Greco-Roman remains of Glanum, Roman statues saved from the waters of the River Rhône, early Christian crypts at St. Victor's Abbey in Marseilles, 18th-century private mansions in Aix-en-Provence, not forgetting the “Cité Radieuse”, built by the architect Le Corbusier in Marseilles between 1947 and 1950.

There are countless ways to discover the Bouches-du-Rhône's rich history; visiting the **Musée Départemental Arles Antique** to admire the **bust of Julius Caesar**, wandering through the **Jardin des Vestiges**, the ancient Greek port of Marseilles, or visiting the Celtic **Oppidum at Entremont** near Aix-en-Provence

are just a few of the delights awaiting art lovers and history buffs alike.

An eclectic choice of cultural events

Bookworms will be delighted to know that the *département* has **94 libraries**, plus foreign-language book stores in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille with books in English, German, Spanish and Italian among others. Should you wish to discover the works of poets, the **ciPM** (Centre International de Poésie de Marseille) regularly organizes readings of modern poetry. As for thriller fans, they will be able to explore the worlds of hardboiled crime authors such as **Izzo, Carrese and Del Papas**.

Whether its music, the visual arts, theater or dance, **Provence is a mecca for festival-goers**, with a wide selection of events to choose from.

There's a huge variety of styles to be found locally: **Opera** in Marseilles or during the **Festival Lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence**, which each year attracts famous names, the **Festival de Piano de la Roque-d'Anthéron**, the **Féria d'Arles** with its Spanish flavor, the **Rencontres Photographiques d'Arles**, dance in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille with the **Ballet Preljocaj** and **Ballet National de Marseille**, not forgetting the now-famous **Fiesta des Suds**. Furthermore, with 38 theaters in the Marseille-Provence area, aficionados of live performing arts have a wide choice of creative productions.

This cosmopolitan aspect undoubtedly was a factor in **Marseilles** obtaining the coveted title of **European Capital of Culture 2013**. The city's candidature managed to win over the jury with its originality and Euro-Mediterranean element acting to underscore the genuine potential shown by the region. The project is fully backed by **130 communes (including Aix-en-Provence and Arles)**, thus bringing

together a vast area under a common cultural banner.

Provence, or the art of good living

If you prefer gastronomy and the art of good living to Art (with a capital "A") and sports, Provence has everything you could want, from traditional open-air markets in nearly every village to seasonal epicurean events.

Carry-le-Rouet, Sausset-les-Pins and Port-de-Bouc organize "oursinades" (sea urchin festivals) each winter. In the summer season, Martigues and Port-de-Bouc have "sardinades", barbecue evenings where you can sit and devour freshly-grilled sardines. September heralds the Cassis Wine Festival; in December, olives and traditional candy-making takes pride of place, with the olive oil festival in Mourières and the "**Marché des 13 Desserts de Noël**", for those with a sweet tooth, in Aix-en-Provence.

Lastly, for gourmets and connoisseurs of authentic, quality produce, a visit to the **Provence Prestige** event at **Arles** -held each year in November- is highly recommended. Entirely dedicated to the art of living in Provence, the exhibition attracts the finest artisans and producers in Provence. It's an occasion for chocolate-makers, fashion and tableware designers, wine-makers and *santon*-makers to represent Provence and promote the region's know-how and creativity.

The region is famed for the sheer variety of sporting and cultural events it offers. A genuine crucible of civilizations -and the term is not used lightly- Provence has managed to put the mixture of genres into practice harmoniously and with talent. It's a region in which being both a classical music lover and a passionate supporter of Olympique de Marseille is considered quite normal.

→ *To find out more ...*

Sports, leisure and cultural activities in Provence

Sports and Leisure

For information on the leisure activities available in the Bouches-du-Rhône département and PACA region, contact the Comité Départemental du Tourisme des Bouches-du-Rhône or Comité Régional du Tourisme for the PACA region

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The two organizations regularly publish brochures detailing the sports and leisure activities available in Provence and giving information on walks, hikes and hostel accommodation.

Two city guides also are worthy of mention:

The www.cityvox.com website will help you in choosing a restaurant, reserve tickets online or find out what's on at the movie theater.

*The free **Citadingle** guide to Aix-en-Provence, Marseilles and Cassis lists 550 establishments (leisure, shopping, sports, entertainment, restaurants...). The guide can be found in all the town hall annexes in Marseilles, at the tourist office in Marseilles and Aix and in the subway stations among others.*

Main sports federations in the Bouches-du-Rhône

The contact details for all the sports federations in the Bouches-du-Rhône département can be found on the www.13olympique.com website.

A few of the cultural centers in the Bouches-du-Rhône département

Ballet National de Marseille

Centre chorégraphique national
20 Boulevard de Gabès
13008 Marseille

Ballet Preljocaj

Pavillon Noir
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<p>Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 32 72 72 Reservations: + 33 (0)4 91 327 327 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 71 51 12 www.ballet-de-marseille.com</p>	<p>Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 48 01 Ticket office: 0811 020 111 / billetterie@preljocaj.org Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 93 48 01 E-mail: accueil@prljocaj.org www.preljocaj.org</p>
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<p>Festival international d'Art Lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence</p> <p>La Boutique du Festival Palais de l'Ancien Archevêché 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: 0820 922 923 / +33 (0)4 34 08 02 17 (if calling from outside France) Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 63 13 74 To obtain information: billetterie@festival-aix.com www.festival-aix.com</p>	<p>Festival international de piano de la Roque d'Anthéron</p> <p>Parc du Château de Florans F-13640 La Roque d'Anthéron Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 50 51 15 Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 50 46 95 E-mail: info@festival-piano.com www.festival-piano.com</p>
<p>Fiesta des Suds</p> <p>Docks des Suds 12 Rue Urbain V 13002 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 99 00 00 Infoline: 0825 833 833 E-mail: fiesta.des.suds@wanadoo.fr www.dock-des-suds.org</p>	<p>Association Marseille-Provence 2013</p> <p>Maison Diamantée 1 Place Villeneuve Bargemon CS 2013 13201 Marseille Cedex 1 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 13 20 13 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 95 88 94 www.marseille-provence2013.fr</p>
<p>Opéra de Marseille</p> <p>2 Rue Molière 13001 Marseille Information desk: + 33 (0)4 91 55 21 07 / + 33 (0)4 91 33 10 50 Reservations: + 33 (0)4 91 55 11 10 E-mail: dgac-opera@mairie-marseille.fr www.marseille.fr (rubrique « Culture »)</p>	<p>Rencontres photographiques d'Arles</p> <p>34 Rue du Docteur Fanton 13200 Arles Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 76 06 Fax: + 33 (0)4 90 49 94 39 E-mail: info@rencontres-arles.com www.rencontres-arles.com</p>

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The one-stop website for information on cultural events and organizations:

www.culture-13.fr (the Conseil Général des Bouches-du-Rhône culture portal).

A few of the international book stores

<p>Book in Bar</p> <p>English bookshop and tea rooms 4 Rue Joseph Cabassol 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 26 60 07 E-mail: bookinbar@orange.fr www.bookinbar.com</p>	<p>Librairie anglaise et italienne Maurel</p> <p>(Anglo-Italian book store) 95 Rue de Lodi 13006 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 42 63 44 Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 94 24 40 E-mail: librairiemaurel@wanadoo.fr www.librairie-internationale-maurel.com</p>
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