



in LIVING & WORKING PROVENCE

Fos-sur-Mer and Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône business parks

The Fos-sur-Mer and Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône business parks lie on the left bank of the Rhône river, between the Mediterranean and the Étang de Berre. They border the industrialized Fos Gulf with its intensive port operations, offering nearby access to an array of charming recreational destinations such as the La Crau plain, sand dunes, the lagoons of the Camargue and historical sites.



ARE YOU GOING TO BE WORKING IN FOS-S

CHOOSE YOUR LIFESTYLE!



DO YOU LIKE CITIES WITH A HUMAN DIMENSION?

Arles is a city of extraordinary cultural wealth; it has many preserved Roman monuments that are listed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. This city - 40 minutes from your workplace - beats to the rhythm of its many celebrations and festivals, including the famous Rencontres d'Arles photography festival. Another option even closer to the business park (30 minutes) is **Istres**, which stretches from the La Crau plain to Étang de L'Olivier. At the midpoint between Aix and Marseille, Istres is a vibrant city with many sports facilities, an active cultural life and a historic downtown perched on a rocky summit.

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DO YOU PREFER THE SEA?

At the far western edge of the Camargue, **Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer** seems to float between land and sea on a string of dunes: shaded alleys, white houses and fine sandy beaches on both sides of the town that unfurl to the mouth of the Petit Rhône and Beauduc, a spot famous for kite-surfing and windsurfing.

Less than 30 minutes east of Fos-sur-Mer, **Carry-le-Rouet** and **Sausset-les-Pins** are chic resort towns on the Côte Bleue where you can choose a stone village house, single-family home or apartment at the water's edge.

SUR-MER OR PORT ST LOUIS DU RHÔNE ?

THE BUSINESS PARKS: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE!



Going to work

Highway access: Via highway A55 from Sausset-les-Pins and Carry-Le Rouet. Via D36, which runs through the Camargue Regional Nature Park from Saintes-Marie-de-la-Mer and via N568 from Arles and Istres.

Public transportation: The areas are covered by a bus network (SMGETU, Cartreize and Ulysse).

Special shuttles run between Istres and the Fos and Port-St-Louis business parks.

Accommodation Rental rates (incl. charges)

Geographical sectors	1-bed apt.	2-bed apt.	House
Arles / Istres	€ 450-600	€ 600-950	€ 850-1,000
Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer	€ 650-700	€ 800-900	€ 1,000-1,300
Sausset-les-Pins	€ 620-900	€ 950-1,100	€ 1,100-1,700
Fos-sur-Mer	€ 530-700	€ 720-900	€ 750-1,200
Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône	€ 450-650	€ 580-880	€ 700-900

Medical Services

In addition to the medical centers near Fos-sur-Mer and Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône, you are about 40 minutes from the **Arles Hospital Complex**, which has 300 beds (and a maternity ward) and the **Martigues General Hospital** (510 beds), as well as 30 minutes from the private clinic in Istres, a multidisciplinary community facility with 170 beds.

Finally, the second-largest medical hub in France - **the hospitals in Aix-en-Provence** (762 beds) **and Marseille** (3,400 beds) - has some of the best healthcare services in France and is easily accessible (allow one hour via highway A55).

A few purchase prices

One-bedroom in Arles **from €110,000**

Two-bedroom in Saintes-Marie-de-la-Mer **from €114,500**

Three-bedroom house in Istres **from €200,000**

Three-bedroom house in Sausset-les-Pins in a new housing unit **from €460,000**



Rental rates and prices are not contractual and are provided as guide only



Sports

Each of the cities has many sports clubs (some of them for elite athletes) and complexes; Fos-sur-Mer and Istres each have a swimming pool, while Arles boasts three. Horseback riders will love the equestrian centers in Port-St-Louis and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, along with rides along the shore. You can hike or cycle in the state-owned forest at Castillon (certified Natura 2000), in the Camargue Regional Nature Park and along the lake shores. You can also enjoy surfing, windsurfing, kite-surfing or kayaking at the beach.

Lunch near your workplace

The town centers in Fos-sur-Mer, Istres and Port-St-Louis-du-Rhône have many cafés, independent restaurants and food chains. If you want to get away during your lunch break, head to the marinas at Port-St-Louis, Istres or Fos, where you will find restaurants with panoramic views of the sea, the Étang de Berre or Étang de l'Olivier.

Shopping

Enjoy traditional local products such as La Crau poultry and lamb, olive oil, and organic fruits and vegetables. The weekly Provençal markets in Port-St-Louis, Fos, Istres, Arles and Saintes-Maries will tempt your taste buds. The downtown areas in Arles and Istres have lots of boutiques. Shopping addicts will be happy to discover the Village des Marques in Miramas, slated to open in 2017. This outlet mall will have around 100 stores selling discounted products in an elegant setting.

Did you know?

Summer is especially festive in the region with a succession of outdoor concerts, festivals and giant barbecues on the Cavaou beach in Fos-sur-Mer. These include the “Zygomatiques Humor Festival” in Fos, the “Camargue Poetry Festival” and the “Rhône Delta Festival” in Port-St-Louis which invites you to discover the wild side of Camargue with over 100 unsurpassed nature tours on foot, horseback, bicycle or by boat!

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

From nursery to high school



Among the cities of Saintes-Marie-de-la-Mer, Arles, Istres and Sausset-Les-Pins, you will find³ :

- **22** NURSERY SCHOOLS,
- **36** KINDERGARTENS,
- **39** ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,
- **10** MIDDLE SCHOOLS,
- **8** HIGH SCHOOLS.

International programmes, with some classes taught in foreign languages, have been opened in several middle and high schools in Aix-en-Provence (German and English), Marseilles (German, English, Arabic, Spanish and Italian) and Pennes Mirabeau (English).

- AMU (Aix-Marseille University): **the largest university in the French-speaking world.**
- **Wide-ranging and multidisciplinary education options** that encompass all disciplines: The arts, humanities and social sciences, economics and management, health care, sciences and technology, law.
- A **university with a global outlook**: 45 degrees through international partnership arrangements and 10 Erasmus Mundus programs.
- IAE Aix (Aix Marseille Graduate School of Management) **ranked among the 30 best schools of management in the world⁴.**
- **Elite higher education institutions**: Arts & Métiers ParisTech (Aix-en-Provence), Centrale (Marseille), Mines St Etienne ISMIN (Gardanne), Ecole Nationale d'Architecture (National School of Architecture, Marseille), Kedge Business School (Marseille), Polytech (Marseille), Sciences Po (Aix)...

³-Data is for information purposes only and may be modified in the future

⁴-Financial Times 2013 Ranking

Whether they're (still) babies or (already) teenagers, rest assured there will be a pre-school, primary and secondary education option to suit your needs.

Higher education

students (Académie Aix Marseille)

90,000

5 large campuses

post-graduate schools

12



CFAI Provence
500 apprentices per year

AFFA Center
2,500 interns per year

200 students per year **ISFI**
Nurses Training Institute

Test Pilot School **EPNER**

2013 Shanghai Ranking:

AMU AMONG THE 150 BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD (OUT OF 500) AND WITHIN THE 4-6 RANGE FOR FRENCH UNIVERSITIES.

KEY FIGURES

FOS AREA

10,000 hectares

which of **3,000 ha**
occupied

400 companies

7 000 jobs

DISTRIPORT

160 hectares

300 000 m²
logistics warehouse

400
jobs

LA FEUILLANE

140 hectares

150 000 m²
logistics warehouse

200 jobs

AIR BASE 125 ISTRES

2,400 hectares

5 500 jobs
(military and civils).

11 companies

AERONAUTICS CLUSTER ISTRES JEAN SARRAIL

33 hectares of land to develop

45 000 m² built spaces

“Before I came to live here, I thought of the Provence area as a vacation destination with sunshine and beaches.

It is indeed sunny and that makes life sweeter. And I've discovered the beaches and the beautiful Calanques de Marseille which everyone should see. I work at Fos-sur-Mer and I decided to live in Salon-de-Provence where I appreciate the great quality of life and where there are many real estate options. Real estate is more expensive in the Provence than in Auvergne, which is where I'm from. But if I had to do all again, I wouldn't change a thing. I made the right decision in moving to this area. And it's where I met my partner!



Xavier PROMERAT,
ADF (La Feuillane)

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