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Martigues and Port-de-Bouc business parks

The Martigues and Port-de-Bouc business parks are located along major highways, which make them remarkably easy to access. They include Ecopolis Lavera, a key development cluster for oil and petrochemicals; Ecopolis Martigues South, an industrial and service park; and La Grand'Colle industrial park, which is home to many subcontractors of large groups. It is a land of contrasts where industrial landscapes alternate with natural spaces, farms, scrublands and the banks of lagoons. **These business parks offer many places to live between the seaside and the Provencal back country.**



ARE YOU GOING TO BE WORKING IN MARS

CHOOSE YOUR LIFESTYLE!



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DO YOU LIKE CITIES WITH A HUMAN DIMENSION?

Martigues is an excellent compromise between city, farms, scrubland and the sea. It is nicknamed the «Venice of Provence» because of its canals, bridges and charmingly colorful buildings. Its many marinas (1,600 slots) and dry ports (1,400 slots) will win over boating enthusiasts. Meanwhile, the beaches and inlets of the Côte Bleue will delight anyone who loves the sea and water sports.

Istres, on the banks of the Étang de l'Olivier, is a large body of water with shore improvements located at the midpoint between Aix and Marseille. Istres is a dynamic city with many sports facilities and a thriving cultural scene.

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DO YOU LIKE THE COUNTRYSIDE?

Head to **Gignac-la-Nerthe**! Surrounded by the Nerthe massifs, this small town is 10 minutes from the sea (Calanque of Niolon) and a stone's throw from the Marseille-Provence international airport and the Aix TGV high speed train station. **Saint-Mitre-les-Remparts** lies between Étang de Berre and the seaside. This lovely 14th century walled village surrounded by farms is a straight shot to Marseille or Aix via the highway (45 km).

DO YOU PREFER TO LIVE BY THE SEA?

The small seaside resort towns of the Côte Bleue will win your heart! **Sausset-les-Pins**, **Carry-le-Rouet** and **Ensuès-la-Redonne** have gorgeous coastlines, punctuated by beaches and inlets. Thanks to local and national highways, they are just 30 minutes from the Marseille-Provence international airport, plus downtown Marseille can be reached by train in 30 minutes. These cities also have vibrant cultural and sports associations.



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MARTIGUES OR PORT-DE-BOUC ?

THE BUSINESS PARKS: INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE!

Going to work

Highway access: Via highway A55, equidistant from the international airport at Marseille-Provence and the Marseille and Aix high speed train TGV station (30 minutes).

Public transportation: The business parks are served by the Carreize and Ulysse bus systems.

Accommodation Rental rates (incl. charges)

Geographical sectors	1-bed apt.	2-bed apt.	House 1 or 2 bed
Istres / Martigues	€ 450-700	€ 640-900	€ 800-970
Carry-le-Rouet	€ 550-770	€ 750-1,000	€ 1400-2,100
Saint Mitre-les-Remparts / Ensues La Redonne	€ 500-650	€ 660-900	€ 900-1,000
Gignac-la-Nerthe	€ 530-620	€ 720-950	€ 980-1,100

Medical Services

The **Martigues General Hospital** has 510 beds, a heliport, full technical services and an emergency medicine department. There is also a private clinic in Martigues with 92 beds and a 170-bed private facility in Istres. These cities have many specialized medical centers.

Finally, the second-largest medical hub in France - the **hospitals in Aix-en-Provence** (762 beds) and **Marseille** (3,400 beds) - is quite close and offers some of the best healthcare services in the country.

A few purchase prices

One-bedroom in Ensues-La-Redonne **from €170,000**

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

Three-bedroom house Saint-Mitre-les-Remparts **from €234,000**



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



Sports

There are many options: fitness clubs at the Martigues and Port-de-Bouc business parks, public pools and multi-sport complexes in Martigues and Istres. For hiking and biking, head for the GR2013 and hug the shoreline or plunge into the woods. The water sports centers in Martigues and Istres have kayaks, rowboats, sailboats and catamarans. Lastly, the Côte Bleue serves up the best of the sea with fish stocks and designated areas for kite-surfing and windsurfing. Stroll through the fishing port and the fish market in Carro, take in the kite festival or play beach volleyball on the vast sandy beach at La Couronne.

Lunch near your workplace

Fast food to go, traditional Mediterranean cuisine or specialty restaurants...there is plenty to choose from at the Martigues and Port-de-Bouc business parks. Near the Ecopolis Lavera site, you can opt for a lunch by the sea and let the deep blue waters restore your energy.

Shopping

Martigues and Port-de-Bouc have bustling downtown areas with 517 and 305 shops, respectively, along with pretty Provençal and craft markets. You won't have to go far for superstores and shopping centers. As you settle in, drive out to the Saint-Mitre-les-Remparts shopping district and choose from the 80 stores that specialize in personal and home goods.

Finally, if you like window shopping, Marseille is a must: check out «Grand-Littoral», «Village des Docks» and «Terrasses du Port», which has a fantastic terrace with unbeatable views of the Mediterranean.

Did you know?

Poutargue is a Martigues specialty that dates back to at least the 16th century. Also known as «Martigues caviar» or «Mediterranean caviar», the delicacy is made from salted mullet roe that is pressed and dried, then served in thin slices on bread or grated over other dishes. A food with robust flavor and a complex scent.

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

From nursery to high school



Among the cities of Martigues, Istres, Châteauneuf-les-Martigues, Sausset-les-Pins, Carry-le-Rouet, Ensues-la-Redonne, Gignac-la-Nerthe and Saint-Mitre-les-Remparts, you will find ¹:

- **27** NURSERY SCHOOLS,
- **30** KINDERGARTENS,
- **30** ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,
- **11** JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS,
- **4** HIGH SCHOOLS,
- **3** VOCATIONAL 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 world².**
- **Elite higher education institutions** (Grandes écoles): Arts & Métiers ParisTech (Aix-en-Provence), Centrale (Marseille), Ecole Nationale d'Architecture (National School of Architecture, Marseille), Kedge Business School (Marseille), Polytech (Marseille), Sciences Po (Aix-en-Provence)...
- **IFP Training** for the oil & gas industries (**1,250 interns per year**).
- Nurses Training school (**200 students per year**).
- Water Rescue Training Center (National School for Applied Civilian Security (**1,100 students per year**)).

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

CINEMAGIS
specialized school for cinema and media

10 to 12

students per year (four-year curriculum)

5 large campuses

5

post-graduate
schools

12

WELDING INSTITUTE

1,200

trainees per year

2013 Shanghai Ranking:

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

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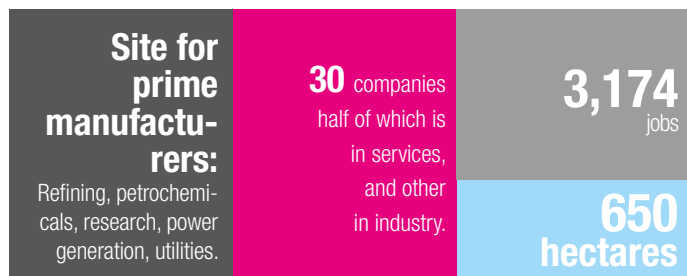
²Financial Times 2013 Ranking

KEY FIGURES

Ecopolis Martigues South



Ecopolis Lavera



La Grand'Colle industrial park Port-de-Bouc



Companies operating in THE INDUSTRIAL PARK

APM PROVENCE - APPRYL - ATELIER DE FOS - CEGELEC - EDF - FLUXEL GDE GEOGAZ - GETIM - GROUPE PONTICELLI - INSTITUT DE SOUDURE LAVERA ENERGIES - NAPHTACHIMIE - OXOCHIMIE - PETROINEOS - KEMONE INEOS CHEMICALS - PROVENCE STUDIOS - RICHARDSON SALT - SEAINVEST SECURITAS FRANCE - SERMAP - SGS - SOPROVISE - SPIE - TOTAL

“We were living north of Auckland in New Zealand in 2005 when the opportunity to come work here came up. I’m a New Zealander, but my wife is French and we wanted to come back to France. We were not familiar with the region, but we immediately loved the south because we found a similar lifestyle to what we had in New Zealand. Nature is nearby and there are lots of opportunities for outdoor sports: mountain biking, windsurfing, horseback riding...

We moved to Saint-Mitre-les-Remparts. Meeting people was really easy and our five-year-old daughter had an easy transition at school. We get the friendliness of village life just a few minutes from an airport and big cities like Aix and Marseille with a variety of cultural offerings. Now we are thrilled to be here and realize how lucky we are to live in Provence!



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