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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, the "To find out more..." chapters providing addresses and links to useful websites. 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. Your first steps in Provence



## 1. YOUR FIRST STEPS IN PROVENCE

### 1.1. Administrative procedures

#### 1.1.1. First application for a residency permit

When you first arrive in France, contact your local town hall, or *mairie*, for information about the administrative procedures you need to complete. The *mairie* is a mine of information on children's schooling, registering them for extra-curricular activities, school bus services, organized events etc.

If you are a non-European national and wish to apply for a first residency permit, you will need to go to the Bouches-du-Rhône Prefecture in Marseille. To obtain a residency permit, you will need to provide a number of supporting documents, pass a medical examination (save exceptions) and pay a fee.



**Practical advice!** If you are an EEA national, you do not need a residency permit to live in France. Official documents must be translated by a sworn translator certified by the Aix-en-Provence Appeals Court.

Moreover, 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)

#### 1.1.2. Exchanging your driver's license

If you hold a driver's license issued in one of the European Economic Area countries, you may use that license in France for an indefinite period.

If you are a non-EEA national holding a non-EEA driver's license, you may drive in France for a maximum period of 1 year with effect from the first day of validity of your first French residency permit or from the day of validation of your long-stay visa by the OFII (French Office for Immigration and Integration).

To be able to continue driving beyond these deadlines, you will need to exchange your foreign driver's license for a French one. The application must be made at your local prefecture or sub-prefecture.



**Practical advice!** For a foreign permit to qualify for an exchange with a French license, the issuing state must have signed a bilateral agreement with France.



### 1.1.3. Opening a bank account

If you are planning to stay in France for a long period, you will need to open a bank account at the bank of your choice. The procedure does not take long, but you will need to present a number of documents to the bank: your passport, the long-stay visa providing equivalence of a residency permit issued by a French Consulate, a proof of domicile (gas, electricity or landline telephone bill, rent receipt).

Once your account is opened, the bank will provide you with a *relevé d'identité bancaire* (RIB) summarizing your account details that you can use to make transfers to your account or provide to creditors for direct debit operations (rent or utilities payment etc.). Your current account is then operational, and you can request a checkbook and payment card.

## 1.2. Housing

### 1.2.1. House prices

To help you in choosing where to live, here are a few examples of average real estate rental and purchase prices in a selection of towns in the Bouches-du-Rhône\*:

Cities	Average selling and rental prices					
	Selling prices - Apartments (Av. price €/sq.m)			Rental prices Apartments ( <sup>1</sup> )	Selling prices Houses (Av. price €/sq.m)	Rental prices Houses ( <sup>2</sup> )
	In need of renovation	Renovated	Prime property	Rent (Av.per month)	Standard price	Rent (Av.per month)
Aix-en-Provence						
Grand-Sud / La Duranne	2845	3235	4995	832,50	4220	1433,00
Plateau de Puyriscard	3310	4155	5240	761,50	4170	1075,00
Centre-Ville Mirabeau	3585	4830	7195	896,00	5190	NC
Sud-Universités	3065	4075	5945	896,00	5390	1433,00
Aubagne	2270	2810	4060	678,00	3595	1061,50
Bouc Bel Air	3895	4395	6000	844,00	4155	1300,00
Cabriès	3605	4170	5655	870,00	4370	1221,00
Châteauneuf-les-Martigues	2330	2825	4220	732,00	3285	943,00
Istres	2115	2555	3700	686,70	2655	1030,00
La Ciotat	3650	4305	6130	809,55	4325	1281,50
La Penne-sur-Huveaune	2540	3125	4445	711,00	3065	1004,00
Marseille						
Joliette / Hôtel de Ville	2560	3185	4760	681,00	2950	NC
Baille / La Conception	2385	2835	4030	677,25	2870	NC
Castellane	2765	3275	4680	706,85	3620	NC
Endoume / St Victor	3425	4255	6270	899,50	5830	NC
Périer / St Giniez	3210	3995	5920	854,00	5000	NC
Ste Marguerite	2320	2865	4230	621,00	3775	1064,00
Montolivet / St Barnabé / St Julien	2395	2960	4345	678,00	4315	1504,00
Martigues	2070	2615	3825	715,00	3065	981,00
Salon-de-Provence	1890	2350	3455	623,70	2925	1002,00
Sausset-les-Pins	2670	3625	7425	915,00	4330	1223,00
Vitrolles	2105	2555	3660	728,00	3480	890,00



*\*Sources: Côte Immobilière 2020 de L'Obs / ODL 13 – Prices for information and not contractual*

*(1) Average rent for a 2-bedrooms apartment (surface: 58 to 70 sq.m)*

*(2) Average rent for a house (surface : 80 to 100 sq.m)*



**Practical advice!** Many websites publish free lists comparing prices in each city and housing market reports that may be useful when making a housing decision. Also, organizations such as the FNAIM (real estate agents' federation) or the ADIL des Bouches-du-Rhône (government's housing information office) can help new arrivals in their search for a home. Don't forget to take out home insurance (compulsory for tenants in France) if you are renting accommodation.

### 1.2.2. Choosing an energy supplier and telephone company

Since 2007, consumers in France have been able to choose their electricity and gas supplier. The established supplier, EDF, is no longer the sole authorized electricity supplier. A dozen or so suppliers now have energy supply offers.

As with energy, there is a wide choice of telephone service suppliers in France. There are those who have their own networks and the MVNOs, virtual mobile network operators who do not have their own infrastructure but who have signed agreements with the main telephone operators to "piggyback" on their networks.

Whether it's for your cell phone, landline, Internet access or TV plan, you will find a huge choice of different offers from the main operators in the market.

## 1.3. Health

### 1.3.1. 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.

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).



**Practical advice!** Private supplementary health insurance is recommended to top up the amounts reimbursed by social security.





### 1.3.2. Health 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* has one of the largest hospital hubs in Europe, the Marseille Hospitals Authority AP-HM (*Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Marseille*) with **4 hospital sites**:

- Centre Hospitalier de la Timone,
- Hôpital Nord,
- Hôpital de la Conception,
- Hôpitaux Sud (incorporating Ste Marguerite and Salvator Hospitals).

These hospitals are equipped with cutting-edge facilities and provide renowned expertise. They offer a comprehensive range of specialist care, from daily health care to the latest treatments for adults and children for complex and rare diseases.

This public organization is complemented by a number of foundations and private hospitals, all with leading-edge care facilities:

- Marseille's **Paoli-Calmettes** Institute is the leading cancer center in France.
- **Saint Joseph's Hospital** in Marseille 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 Marseille) and houses its largest maternity facility. The hospital has one of the country's top three cardiology units.
- **Clairval Hospital** in Marseille 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 **European Hospital**, created by the merger of Marseille's Paul Desbief and Ambroise Paré hospitals, opened in August 2013 in the heart of the Joliette business district. Its location bridges the gap between Marseille's north and south health care zones.
- **The Hôpital Privé de Provence** in Aix-en-Provence, which opened in June 2019, has 25 operating rooms and 300 beds. On the same site, the Maison Médicale de Provence hosts a medical laboratory, with 80 medical practitioners on hand for specialist consultations.

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



### 1.3.3. A density of medical facilities above the national average

"Marseille has always had outstanding medical doctors," says Professor Yves Baille, director of Marseille's Conservatoire du Patrimoine Médical.

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.

For example, the number of GPs per 100,000 inhabitants is 145 in the Bouches-du-Rhône against 109 for mainland France; the figure for specialists is 148 against 87 in the rest of the country.<sup>1</sup>

Furthermore, facility capacity is high, with an overall hospital bed ratio of 2.1 per 1000 inhabitants, against 1.7 for mainland France.<sup>2</sup>

## 1.4. A welcome network for new arrivals

### 1.4.1. Social networks

As an open and multicultural region, Provence takes pride in welcoming new arrivals and taking care of their integration needs.

A network of organizations helping new arrivals settle in has sprung up in the Bouches-du-Rhône. Here is a selection of its main contributors:

- The **AVF (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.
- The worldwide **InterNations** expat network has a branch in Marseille. Its members meet and exchange with other expats and take part in various activities.
- **Marseille Autrement** is a network of locals, active in their community who are eager to meet new people. The association organizes group visits aimed at showing the diverse attractions of Marseille and its region, its historical and artistic heritage, parks, economic and cultural life, local government institutions...
- Since 1987, **Le Citadine** has been sharing its "best places to go" in Marseille. With 100,000 copies published, the free guide is available in shopping malls, town halls, the tourist office, station, airport and on student campuses. It can also be ordered online by clicking on "Recevoir un guide" on the Citadine website. The concept has since evolved, with an English-language version called **Crazy City** appearing in 2012.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Agence Régionale de Santé Paca

<sup>2</sup> Lits et places publics et privés - Source: Agence Régionale de Santé Paca



- **On Va Sortir (OVS)** is a free website that brings its members together for sociable jaunts in their cities or regions, including going to the movies, exhibitions, sporting events, artistic or culinary activities etc. The proposed activities are presented by date.
- **Marseille Provence Greeters** are Marseille residents who freely give their time to welcome visitors from all over the world and take them on a walk around Marseille to discover some of the lesser-known city sights.

#### *1.4.2. An all-in one relocation offer: B'WellCome*

You are going to need help organizing your move and finding a place to live and a school for your children. Provence Promotion, with its public and private partners, has put together a scheme called **B'WellCome** that provides employees and talent relocating to Provence with an all-in-one service through a single contact person.

The **B'WellCome** service helps each new arrival to:

- Discover his or her new neighborhood prior to arrival with its customizable Discovery Tours;
- Obtain assistance with any administrative formalities (opening a bank account, exchanging a driver's license...);
- Find a home without hassle, with the help of a relocation company;
- Find a school;
- Address the issue of the spouse's employment with a full outplacement service provided by a B'WellCome HR partner.

Thanks to the **B'WellCome** service, you will be able to step into your new home with total peace of mind. Concentrate on your job, your service provider will look after the rest!



## 1.5. To find out more...



### Administrative procedures

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

<https://www.service-public.fr> Heading: *Etranger*: Official French government website and essential reading to know your rights and the procedures to follow.

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

#### *Foreign diplomatic missions*

[www.consulats-marseille.org](http://www.consulats-marseille.org) (*in French*): Web directory of the consular corps in Marseille.

#### *Certified translators*

[www.annuaire-traducteur-assermente.fr/](http://www.annuaire-traducteur-assermente.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.

#### *Driver's license exchange*

<https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/services-aux-francais/documents-officiels-a-l-etranger/article-permis-de-conduire>: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs website has a list of issuing states whose driver's licenses qualify for the exchange with a French license.

#### *Bank account*

[www.service-public.fr](http://www.service-public.fr) (Heading: *Particuliers / Argent / Banque*): Useful information on the French government's Service Public website for those needing to open a bank account in France.

### Housing

#### *Classified advertisements:*

In addition to the free magazines distributed every Monday in local real estate agencies, there are a number of websites with classified ads for housing, both for rent and to buy:

[www.paruvendu.fr](http://www.paruvendu.fr)

[www.logic-immo.com](http://www.logic-immo.com)

[www.entrepaticuliers.com](http://www.entrepaticuliers.com)

[www.seloger.com](http://www.seloger.com)

#### *Several websites specialized in furnished apartments and houses:*

[www.hiflat.fr](http://www.hiflat.fr) (furnished apartment rentals in Marseille)

[www.homemarseille.com](http://www.homemarseille.com)

[www.izi-home.com](http://www.izi-home.com)

[www.location-aixenprovence.com](http://www.location-aixenprovence.com)



*For more information on the real estate market:*

FNAIM (national federation of real estate agents)

[www.fnaim.fr](http://www.fnaim.fr)

ADIL des Bouches-du-Rhône (local government housing information service)

[www.adil13.org](http://www.adil13.org)

*For prices on real estate:*

<https://barometre.immobilier.notaires.fr/>

*If you are thinking of buying real estate:*

Conseil Régional des Notaires (regional council of public notaries)

[www.cr-aixenprovence.notaires.fr](http://www.cr-aixenprovence.notaires.fr)

*Information on home insurance:*

On the Service Public website: [www.service-public.fr](http://www.service-public.fr) (Heading: *Particuliers / Argent / Assurances*)

*Energy and telephone companies (non-exhaustive list)**Main energy suppliers*

Planète Oui <https://www.planete-oui.fr>

Proxelia [www.proxelia.fr](http://www.proxelia.fr)

EDF <https://particuliers.edf.com>

Enercoop [www.enercoop.fr](http://www.enercoop.fr)

Engie <https://particuliers.engie.fr>

Alternat <http://www.alterna-energie.fr>

Energem [www.energem.fr](http://www.energem.fr)

Total Direct Energie <https://total.direct-energie.com/>

*Energy supplier comparing websites*

<https://www.jechange.fr/energie/electricite>

<https://comparateur-offres.energie-info.fr>

*Main telephone companies*

Orange [www.orange.fr](http://www.orange.fr)

SFR [www.sfr.fr](http://www.sfr.fr)

Bouygues Telecom [www.bouyguestelecom.fr](http://www.bouyguestelecom.fr)

*MVNO operators (virtual operators using host networks)*

Free [www.free.fr](http://www.free.fr)

Coriolis Télécom [www.coriolis.com](http://www.coriolis.com)

## 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](http://www.cleiss.fr)



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

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

<https://www.ameli.fr/bouches-du-rhone/>

There are several websites on which you can compare supplementary health insurance deals and find the one right for you. Furthermore, some health companies specialize in expat health insurance and have multilingual telephone operators. A selection of some of the websites:

<https://mutuelle.fr>

<https://www.lecompareurassurance.com>

*The main public hospitals in the Bouches-du-Rhône are listed in an online directory:*

<https://www.hopital.fr/annuaire/13/>

### **A Welcome network for new arrivals (*non-exhaustive list*)**

#### *Social networks*

AVF (Accueil des Villes Françaises) network

<https://www.avf-marseille.com/>

Inter Nations website

<https://www.internations.org/marseille-expats/fr>

Marseille Autrement website

[www.marseille-autrement.fr](http://www.marseille-autrement.fr)

Citadiningue website

<https://citadiningue.com>

On Va Sortir (OVS) website

<https://marseille.onvasortir.com>

Marseille Greeters website

[www.marseilleprovencegreeters.com](http://www.marseilleprovencegreeters.com)

### **An all-in one relocation offer: B'WellCome**

Tel. : + 33 (0) 4 13 94 04 50

E-mail : [contact@club-apex.com](mailto:contact@club-apex.com)



## 2. Schooling in Provence: From Day Nursery to University |



## 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. In France, 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<sup>3</sup>

#### 2.1.1. Care options for the very young

Several care options exist for pre-school-age children (2 months to 3 years old): public nurseries, parental nurseries, family nurseries (or family care service) and day-care centers.

**Public nurseries** can be managed by either the local authorities, associations or private companies. They are supervised by the local PMI (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 PMI and are under the control of the Conseil Général (local *département* authority) and the *Caisse d'Allocations 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**.

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).

<sup>3</sup> See the table of equivalent grades by age from day nursery to high school in the section « To find out more »







**Practical advice!** For information regarding care facilities for pre-school-age 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.

### 2.1.2. Nursery school and primary school

**Nursery schools** take children from 3 to 5 years old. Schooling focuses on socialization, the foundations of language skills and learning to live in a group.

**Primary schools** take children from 6 to 10 years old. 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.

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.



**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”<sup>4</sup>, the child’s vaccination certificates or health record (“Carnet de Santé”)<sup>5</sup>, and a proof of residence less than 3 months old<sup>6</sup>.

### 2.1.3. Secondary education

In France, secondary education includes the “collège” and “lycée”.

The **collège** takes children from the ages of 11 to 14 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 (CAP – *Certificat d’aptitude professionnelle*);
- National vocational diploma (BEP – *Brevet d’aptitude professionnelle*);
- Vocational Baccalaureate.

<sup>4</sup> “Livret de Famille”: an official document issued when a couple is married and containing a record of all the certificates issued by the register of births, marriages and deaths for that family unit.

<sup>5</sup> The “Carnet de Santé” is a booklet containing all the information regarding a child’s health and his/her health records

<sup>6</sup> Electricity, gas or landline telephone bill.



The **lycées d'enseignement général** offer a three-year course leading to the **Baccalaureate**. 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.



**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

The Aix-Marseille Académie (schools district) has 102,000 students, providing a wide choice of higher education courses, with one university and 12 elite schools. AMU (Aix-Marseille University) is one of the world's top 200 universities (in a list of 500) and one of the top six in France<sup>7</sup>

### 2.3.1. Post-Baccalaureate education in high schools

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.

### 2.3.2. The University

**Aix Marseille University (AMU)** came into being on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the result of the merger of the region's three universities.

The multidisciplinary **AMU** awards diplomas within the LMD (*Licence-Master-Doctorat* / Bachelor's-Master's-PhD) framework in **five subject areas**: arts, humanities, languages and social sciences; law and political science; economics and management; health sciences and science and technology.

The University also offers a **comprehensive range of higher education courses** in its IUTs (institutes of technology) and *Ecole Supérieure du Professorat et de l'Éducation* (School of Teaching and Education):

<sup>7</sup> Shanghai Ranking 2013



- **Aix-Marseille Institutes of Technology (IUTs)** offer secondary and tertiary vocational courses leading to a DUT (university diploma in technology - 2 year post-Baccalaureate) or a Bachelor's Degree (3-year post-Baccalaureate);
- **Ecole Supérieure du Professorat et de l'Education** awards Master's Degrees in Teaching, Education and Training (MEEF). The school has set up a number of partnerships (training, skills and research) with other entities in the region, in France and overseas.

### 2.3.3. Engineering schools and Grandes Ecoles (elite schools)

#### Engineering schools:

- **Ecole Polytechnique Universitaire de Marseille (EPUM):** A multidisciplinary school, the EPUM offers 4 engineering courses: civil, industrial & computer, microelectronic & telecommunication and mechanical & energy.
- **The Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Luminy (ESIL):** The ESIL offers engineering courses aimed at the high-tech sector (computer sciences, networks & multimedia, biotechnology and biomedical engineering) and has partnered a "twinned skills" course with Kedge Business School in Marseille.
- **Ecole Centrale Marseille (ECM):** The school provides business and research-oriented general engineering courses with a strong international content.
- **ParisTech (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Métiers Aix-en-Provence):** ParisTech 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 Supérieure Maritime (ENSM):** This state school comes under the supervision of the Maritime Affairs Agency, part of the Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Energy. The ENSM trains merchant navy officers and offers a five-year engineering degree course to students aiming to pursue their careers in fields related to the maritime industry.
- **Ecole Nationale des Techniciens de l'Équipement – Les Milles campus:** Part of the network of training facilities put in place by the Ministry of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Energy, the ENTE is a nationally-recognized institute that provides initial training for senior technical and administrative staff in the field of public works.
- **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 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.
- **Kedge Business School:** This new business school is the result of a merger between BEM (Bordeaux) and Euromed Management (Marseille). It offers courses in all aspects of international management leading to Master's, *Mastère* or MBA degrees. Other diploma courses and vocational training courses are also available.
- **MOPA (Motion Picture in 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

### 2.4.1. 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 Lycée Saint Charles, Marseille
English	Collège Mignet, Aix-en-Provence Collège Jacques Monod, Les Pennes Mirabeau Lycée international Georges Duby, Luynes Lycée Saint Charles, Marseille
Arabic	Collège Marseilleveyre, Marseille
Spanish	Collège Marseilleveyre, Marseille Lycée Marseilleveyre, Marseille Lycée de la Méditerranée, La Ciotat Lycée Saint Charles, Marseille
Italian	Lycée Marcel Pagnol, Marseille Collège Marseilleveyre, Marseille Lycée Marseilleveyre, Marseille

Part of the syllabus is 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 pupils in these bilingual streams to sit the Baccalaureate and the corresponding foreign exam at the same time.

Thus, the **Abibac** prepares students to sit the German **Abitur** and French Baccalaureate concurrently; the **Bachibac** and **Esabac** allow students to sit the Spanish **Bachillerato** and the Italian **Esame di State** respectively at the same time as the French equivalent.



#### *Manosque International School*

*In addition to the measures in place at 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 the 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 to 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.

#### 2.4.2. International education in the private sector (non-exhaustive list)

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

- The **CIPEC** (*Centre International Privé pour l'Education & la Culture*) in Luynes has international classes from nursery school to 5th grade/year 6;
- The **Ecole Pérel**, in Bouc-Bel-Air, offers bilingual education (Montessori pedagogy) for 3 to 10-year old children;
- The **Université des Petits** in Bouc-Bel-Air offers bilingual education for children aged between 2 ½ and 11;
- The **IBS** (International Bilingual School of Provence) in Luynes has put in place bilingual curricula from nursery 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.
- The **Sainte Victoire International School** in Fuveau takes students from first grade to senior/year 13, with a bilingual English/French curriculum. Students may sit the Baccalaureate International Option in English in addition to the *Brevet* and Baccalaureate. They may also sit all the English and US exams.

#### 2.4.3. Institutes offering French language tuition

Several establishments provide FLE (French as a Foreign Language) and foreign language classes:

- **Alliance Française Marseille-Provence** in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille: A Private Higher Education Institute founded in 1883, the Alliance Française provides French language classes for foreign students. The organization has also been a certified examination center for the DAEFLE (Diplôme d'Aptitude à l'Enseignement du Français Langue Etrangère) and TCF (Test de connaissance du français) tests since January 2010.
- **The American Center** in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille: This organizations offers French as a Foreign Language classes as well as English classes as part of vocational training



courses. The teachers also prepare students for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) exams.

- **The IS (Institut Suédois)** in Aix-en-Provence: An international language school set up by a University of Stockholm-affiliated organization, the Swedish Institute specializes in French classes for foreign students.
- The **SUFLE (*Service Universitaire de Français Langue Etrangère* - Institute of French Studies for Foreign Students)** in Aix-en-Provence offers classes in French language and literature classes for foreign students.
- Located close to Marseille's Old Port, the **Institut Destination Langues** provides French as a Foreign Language classes and prepares students for the DELF (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) and DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de la Langue Française) diplomas as well as the TCF (Test de connaissance du français).
- Located close to Marseille's Old Port, **Transcultures** provides French as a Foreign Language classes to facilitate mobility of persons and promote mutual knowledge of cultures





To find out more...

## 2.5. To find out more...

### Schooling in Provence: From Day Nursery to University

#### *The very young*

For information regarding care facilities for pre-school-age 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 are also under the responsibility of the town hall.

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/allocataires/caf-des-bouches-du-rhone/coordonnees>

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

Pre-school (*école maternelle*) classes generally cater for children aged 3 to 5. Primary school (*école primaire*) starts at 6 years old. To register your child for pre-school or primary school, contact your town hall.

#### *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

[www.ac-aix-marseille.fr](http://www.ac-aix-marseille.fr) / then click on Ecole, collège et lycée / Rechercher un établissement, une formation ».

#### *Higher education*

For information on the higher education options within the Aix-Marseille school 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

[www.ac-aix-marseille.fr](http://www.ac-aix-marseille.fr)

#### *Education provided by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research*

##### **Aix-Marseille University**

[www.univ-amu.fr](http://www.univ-amu.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: <http://suio.univ-amu.fr/>





***Institutes of Technology*** (Instituts Universitaires de Technologie - I.U.T.)

<https://iut.univ-amu.fr/>

***INSPE – Institut national supérieur du professorat et de l'éducation Aix-Marseille***

<https://inspe.univ-amu.fr/fr>

***Engineering schools and « Grandes Ecoles »***

***Engineering Schools***

*Ecole Polytechnique Universitaire de Marseille (EPUM)*

<https://polytech.univ-amu.fr/>

*Ecole Centrale Marseille (ECM)*

[www.centrale-marseille.fr/](http://www.centrale-marseille.fr/)

*ParisTech (Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Métiers Aix-en-Provence)*

<https://polytech.univ-amu.fr/>

*Centre Microélectronique de Provence Georges Charpak*

[www.ville-gardanne.fr/-CMP-Georges-Charpak](http://www.ville-gardanne.fr/-CMP-Georges-Charpak)

***Grandes écoles (elite schools)***

*Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP)*

<https://www.sciencespo-aix.fr/>

*Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)*

[www.ehess.fr/](http://www.ehess.fr/)

*Ecole de l'Air*

<https://www.ecole-air-espace.fr/>

*Ecole nationale supérieure maritime (ENSM)*

<http://www.supmaritime.fr/>

*Ecole Nationale des Techniciens de l'Équipement*

<http://www.ente.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/>

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

[www.marseille.archi.fr/](http://www.marseille.archi.fr/)

*Ecole Supérieure d'Art à Aix-en-Provence*

[www.ecole-art-aix.fr/](http://www.ecole-art-aix.fr/)

*Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Paysage (ENSP)*

[www.ecole-paysage.fr/](http://www.ecole-paysage.fr/)



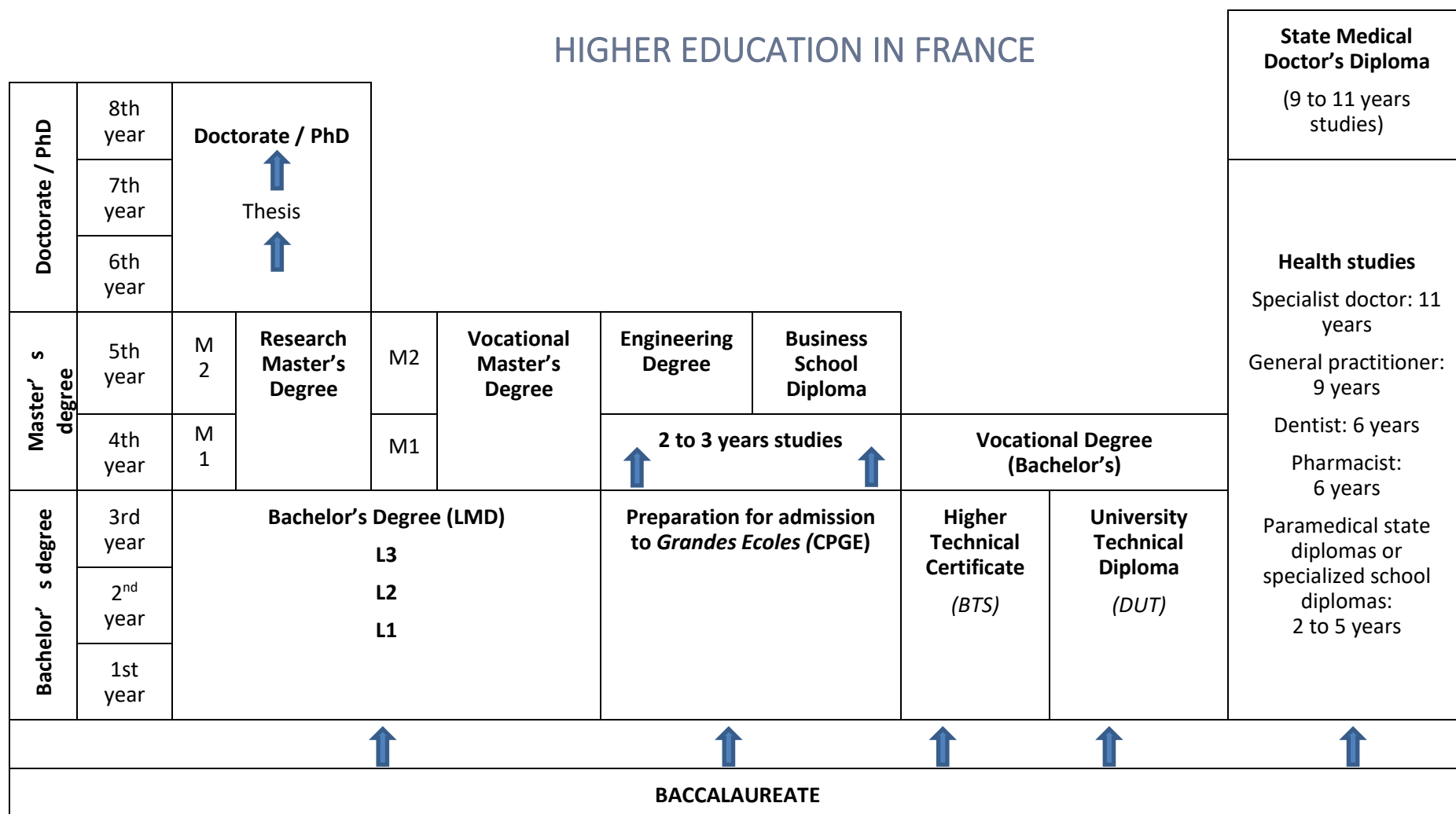
*Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Photographie*  
<https://www.ensp-arles.fr/>

*Kedge Business School*  
<https://kedge.edu/>

*Mopa (Motion Picture in Arles)*  
[www.ecole-mopa.fr](http://www.ecole-mopa.fr)



## HIGHER EDUCATION IN FRANCE



## International Schooling

### *International and European Sections in state schools (non-exhaustive list)*

SCHOOL	TEACHING PROVIDED
<b>Ecole élémentaire Pointe Rouge</b> 10 Boulevard Piot 13008 Marseille Tel. : +33(0)4 91 73 35 66 <a href="http://www.ec-roy-espagne.ac-aix-marseille.fr/spip/sites/www.ec-roy-espagne/spip/IMG/pdf/flyer_si_italien.pdf">http://www.ec-roy-espagne.ac-aix-marseille.fr/spip/sites/www.ec-roy-espagne/spip/IMG/pdf/flyer_si_italien.pdf</a>	- International section: Spanish - International section: Italian
<b>Ecole élémentaire ZAC de Bonneveine</b> 109 Avenue André Zenatti 13008 Marseille Tel. : +33 (0)4 91 72 17 24 <a href="http://www.ec-roy-espagne.ac-aix-marseille.fr/spip/sites/www.ec-roy-espagne/spip/IMG/pdf/flyer_si_espagnol.pdf">http://www.ec-roy-espagne.ac-aix-marseille.fr/spip/sites/www.ec-roy-espagne/spip/IMG/pdf/flyer_si_espagnol.pdf</a>	- International section: Spanish
<b>Collège Château Double</b> 2 Rue Alexander Fleming 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 52 52 20 <a href="http://www.clg-chateaudouble.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-chateaudouble.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- Dual foreign-language section: Arabic/English - European section: German - European section: Spanish
<b>Collège l'Estaque</b> 348 Rue Rabelais 13016 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 95 06 93 20 <a href="http://www.clg-estaque.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-estaque.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- European section: Italian
<b>Collège Jean-Claude Izzo</b> Place Espercieux 13002 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 01 55 10 <a href="http://www.clg-izzo.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-izzo.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- European section: Spanish
<b>Collège Lou Garlaban</b> Avenue de l'Amitié 13681 Aubagne Tel.: +33 (0)4 42 36 95 00 <a href="mailto:ce.0132412b@ac-aix-marseille.fr">ce.0132412b@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.clg-garlaban.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-garlaban.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- Dual foreign-language section: English/Spanish
<b>Collège Sophie Germain</b> 90 Rue Pierre Bartoletti 13080 Luynes Tel.: +33 (0)4 42 28 29 50 <a href="http://www.clg-germain.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">www.clg-germain.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	- Dual foreign-language section: English/German - European section: German



<b>Collège Marseilleveyre</b> 83 Traverse Parangon 13285 Marseille Cedex 08 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 17 67 00 <a href="mailto:ce0130038w@ac-aix-marseille.fr">ce0130038w@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.lyc-marseilleveyre.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">www.lyc-marseilleveyre.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: Arabic</li> <li>- International section: Spanish</li> <li>- International section: Italian</li> <li>- Dual foreign-language section: Russian/English</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Jules Massenet</b> 35 Boulevard Massenet 13014 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 09 53 90 <a href="http://www.clg-massenet.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-massenet.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oriental language section: Arabic</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Mignet</b> 41 Rue Cardinale 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 63 00 <a href="http://www.clg-mignet.ac-aix-marseille.fr/mignet">www.clg-mignet.ac-aix-marseille.fr/mignet</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: English (from sixth grade/year 7 to ninth grade/year 11)</li> <li>- Admission subject to test</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Jacques Monod</b> Avenue du Capitaine Brutus 13170 Les Pennes Mirabeau Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 51 00 26 <a href="mailto:ce.0132565@ac-aix-marseille.fr">ce.0132565@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.clg-monod.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">www.clg-monod.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: English</li> <li>- Dual foreign-language section: English/German</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Le Petit Prince</b> Chemin de la Fosse 13180 Gignac-la-Nerthe Tel: + 33 (0)4 42 30 50 88 <a href="mailto:ce.0133381e@ac-aix-marseille.fr">ce.0133381e@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.clg-petitprince.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-petitprince.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dual foreign-language section: German/English</li> <li>- European section: German</li> </ul>
<b>Collège des Prêcheurs</b> 30 Place des Prêcheurs 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 21 70 60 <a href="http://www.clg-precheurs.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-precheurs.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dual foreign-language section: German/English</li> <li>- European section: German</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Edmond Rostand</b> 50 Avenue Saint Paul 13013 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 12 21 30 <a href="http://www.clg-rostand.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">www.clg-rostand.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European section: English</li> </ul>
<b>Collège Saint Eutrope</b> 1 Chemin de Saint Donat 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: +33 (0)4 42 23 80 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European section: Italian</li> </ul>



<a href="http://www.clg-sainteutrope.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-sainteutrope.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	
<b>Collège Vieux Port</b> 2 Rue des Martégales 13002 Marseille Tel.: +33 (0)4 96 11 68 70 <a href="http://www.clg-vieuxport.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.clg-vieuxport.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- Dual foreign-language section: English/German



SCHOOL	TEACHING PROVIDED	DIPLOMAS ISSUED
<b>Ecole Internationale de Manosque</b> 159 Avenue du Dr Bernard Foussier 04100 Manosque Tel.: + 33 (0)4 92 74 23 11 <a href="http://www.ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.ecole-internationale.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	<b>Nursery and primary:</b> - International sections in German, English, Chinese, Spanish, Italian and Japanese Classes in Korean and Hindi are also provided for children of these nationalities <b>Secondary/High:</b> - International sections in German, English, Chinese, Spanish, Italian - European classes <sup>8</sup> English section from 6th grade (year 7) to Terminale (year 12) <i>Admission to the school is subject to a test</i>	- DNB (International Option Schooling Certificate) at the end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade/year10 - IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) - OIB - European Baccalaureate
<b>Lycée Arthur Rimbaud</b> Quartier des Salles - BP 50650 13800 Istres Cedex Tel.: +33 (0)4 42 41 10 96 <a href="mailto:ce.0132495S@ac-aix-marseille.fr">ce.0132495S@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.lyc-rimbaud.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.lyc-rimbaud.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>	- European section: English	- « European section » French Baccalaureate
<b>Lycée Georges Duby</b> 200 Rue Georges Duby 13080 Luynes Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 60 86 00 <a href="mailto:Ce.0133525I@ac-aix-marseille.fr">Ce.0133525I@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a> <a href="http://www.lyc-luynes.ac-aix-marseille.fr/">www.lyc-luynes.ac-aix-marseille.fr/</a>	- International section: English - International section: German - European section: English - European section: Spanish	- OIB - ABIBAC (German ABITUR and French Baccalaureate taken simultaneously) - “European Section” French Baccalaureate - “European Section” French Baccalaureate
<b>Lycée Marseilleveyre</b> 83 Traverse Parangon 13285 Marseille Cedex 08	- International section: Spanish - International section: Italian - Dual foreign-language section: English/German	- OIB

<sup>8</sup> The European Schools are official educational establishments controlled jointly by the governments of the Member States of the European Union. There are two in France located in Strasbourg and Manosque. Classes are taught 80% in English and 20% in French.



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<p><b>Lycée Marcel Pagnol</b>  128 Boulevard St Loup  13010 Marseille  Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 87 64 00  <a href="https://www.atrium-sud.fr/web/lgt-marcel-pagnol-133951/accueil">https://www.atrium-sud.fr/web/lgt-marcel-pagnol-133951/accueil</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: Italian</li> <li>- European section: German</li> <li>- European section: Spanish</li> <li>- European section: Italian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ESABAC (bi-national certificate of secondary education – <i>Esame di State</i> and Baccalaureate)</li> <li>- « European section » French Baccalaureate</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lycée de la Méditerranée</b>  Avenue de La Méditerranée  13600 La Ciotat  Tel: + 33 (0)4 42 08 80 20  <a href="https://www.atrium-sud.fr/web/lpo-mediterranee-136001">https://www.atrium-sud.fr/web/lpo-mediterranee-136001</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: Spanish</li> <li>- European section: Italian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BACHIBAC (Spanish <i>Bachillerato</i> and French Baccalaureate taken simultaneously)</li> <li>- « European section » French Baccalaureate</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lycée Saint-Charles</b>  5, rue Guy-Fabre  13001 Marseille  Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 08 20 50  <a href="mailto:Ce.0130039x@ac-aix-marseille.fr">Ce.0130039x@ac-aix-marseille.fr</a>  <a href="http://www.lyc-stcharles.ac-aix-marseille.fr">www.lyc-stcharles.ac-aix-marseille.fr</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International section: German</li> <li>- International section: English</li> <li>- International section: Spanish</li> <li>- European section: German</li> <li>- European section: Spanish</li> </ul>	<p><b>UP2A section</b> (for newly-arrived non French-speaking students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ABIBAC (German <i>ABITUR</i> and French Baccalaureate taken simultaneously)</li> <li>- “International Section” French Baccalaureate</li> <li>- BACHIBAC (Spanish <i>Bachillerato</i> and French Baccalaureate taken simultaneously)</li> <li>- “European Section” French Baccalaureate</li> <li>- “European section” French Baccalaureate</li> </ul>





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<b>Collège Privé Saint Charles</b> 2 Rue de la Calade 13200 Arles Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 07 76 Fax: + 33 (0)4 90 96 03 84 <a href="mailto:secretariat@stcharles-arles.com">secretariat@stcharles-arles.com</a> <a href="http://stch-arles.com/">http://stch-arles.com/</a>	- European sections: English (6th grade/year 7 to 9 <sup>th</sup> grade/year 10)
<b>Collège Saint Joseph de Cluny</b> 160 Avenue du Prado 13295 Marseille Cedex 08 Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 13 77 00 <a href="mailto:college.cluny@wanadoo.fr">college.cluny@wanadoo.fr</a> <a href="http://www.college-st-joseph-cluny.fr">www.college-st-joseph-cluny.fr</a>	- European sections: English and German - Dual foreign-language section: English/German
<b>Collège et Lycée Sainte Trinité</b> 55 Avenue de Lattre de Tassigny Mazargues 13009 Marseille Tel.: +33 (0)4 91 41 11 98 <a href="mailto:contact@sainte-trinite.fr">contact@sainte-trinite.fr</a> <a href="http://www.sainte-trinite.fr">www.sainte-trinite.fr</a>	- European section: English (From 6th grade/year 7 to Terminale/12th grade/year 13)
<b>Ecole, Collège et Lycée Chevreul Blancarde</b> <i>Ecole:</i> 5 Rue Antoine Pons 13004 Marseille Tel.: +33 (0)4 91 24 74 29 <i>Collège et Lycée:</i> 1 Rue Saint François de Sales 13004 Marseille Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 49 10 73 <a href="mailto:secretariat@chevreulblancarde.com">secretariat@chevreulblancarde.com</a> <a href="http://www.chevreulblancarde.com">www.chevreulblancarde.com</a>	- Beginner's English from 5th grade/year 6 onwards - European sections: English and German (from 6th grade/year 7 onwards) - "European Option" Baccalaureate



<b>Ecole, Collège et Lycée Lacordaire</b> 7 Boulevard Lacordaire 13013 Marseille Tél.: +33 (0)4 91 12 20 80 <a href="http://www.lacordaire.com">www.lacordaire.com</a>	- Dual foreign-language section: English/German (from 6th grade/year 7 to Terminale/12th grade/year 13)
<b>Ecole internationale secondaire privée bilingue Val Saint André (VSA)</b> 19 Avenue Malacrida 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 27 14 47 <a href="mailto:ecolevsa@hotmail.com">ecolevsa@hotmail.com</a> <a href="http://ecole-val-saint-andre.fr">http://ecole-val-saint-andre.fr</a>	- Bilingual section: English from primary school to high school (Terminale/12 <sup>th</sup> grade/year 13) - Option of studying simultaneously for the Brevet des Collèges or Baccalaureate and the Cambridge exams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ First Certificate in English</li> <li>✓ Certificate of Proficiency in English</li> <li>✓ General Certificate of Education Advanced Level</li> <li>✓ International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)</li> </ul>
<b>Ecole Privée Perel</b> <i>Bouc Bel Air :</i> 36 Avenue de la Babiole 13320 Bouc-Bel-Air <i>Aix Les Milles :</i> 205 Rue Auguste Comté 13290 Aix-en-Provence <i>Aix-en-Provence centre :</i> 11 Avenue Jean et Marcel Fontenaille 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel. : +33 (0)6 62 53 35 06 <a href="mailto:ecole.perel@gmail.com">ecole.perel@gmail.com</a> <a href="https://www.ecole-perel.com/">https://www.ecole-perel.com/</a>	- Bilingual classes in French/English (nursery and primary school classes) - Montessori pedagogy
<b>I.B.S. (International Bilingual School of Provence)</b> 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 <a href="mailto:info@ibsofprovence.com">info@ibsofprovence.com</a> <a href="http://www.ibsofprovence.com">www.ibsofprovence.com</a>	- Bilingual classes in French/English from nursery to Terminale/12 <sup>th</sup> grade/year13 - Option of studying for the British or American exams - Certified University of Cambridge and IB World School examination center
<b>Sainte Victoire International School</b> Domaine Chateau l'Arc 13170 Fuveau Tél.: +33 (0)4 42 26 51 96 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 47 00 76 72 <a href="mailto:contact@schoolsaintevictoire.com">contact@schoolsaintevictoire.com</a> <a href="https://www.schoolsaintevictoire.com/">https://www.schoolsaintevictoire.com/</a>	- Bilingual classes in French/English from primary school classes to Terminale/12 <sup>th</sup> grade/year 13 - Option of taking the International Option Baccalaureate in English - Option of studying for the British or American exams
<b>L'Université des Petits</b> 134 rue des poivriers 13320 Bouc-Bel-Air Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 22 90 75 Mobile: + 33 (0)6 73 16 43 90	- Bilingual classes in French/English (nursery and primary school classes)



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[www.universitedespetits.com](http://www.universitedespetits.com)

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<b>American Center</b> 48 Avenue Robert Schuman 13090 Aix-en-Provence Tel. : + 33 (0)4 88 92 71 95 <a href="http://www.americancenter.fr">www.americancenter.fr</a>	<b>American Center</b> 27 Rue Aldebert 13006 Marseille Tel. : + 33 (0)4 88 92 72 54 <a href="http://www.americancenter.fr">www.americancenter.fr</a>
<b>I.S. Aix-en-Provence</b> 30 Avenue des Ecoles Militaires 13100 Aix-en-Provence Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 47 90 <a href="mailto:info@is-aix.com">info@is-aix.com</a> <a href="http://www.is-aix.com">www.is-aix.com</a>	<b>Institut Destination Langues</b> 66-68 Rue des Vertus 13005 Marseille Tel. : +33 (0)4 13 63 74 56 <a href="mailto:info@destinationlangues.com">info@destinationlangues.com</a> <a href="http://www.destinationlangues.com">www.destinationlangues.com</a>
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Age	France		Germany	United Kingdom	Australia	Spain	Italy	Japan	Quebec	Russia	Sweden	United States			
0 yr	Crèche	Maternelle	Krippe / Kinderkrippe			Educación infantil 1° ciclo	Asilo nido			Ясли		Nursery			
1 yr													Day nursery		
2 yr	Maternelle		Kindergarten	Nursery school	Kindergarte n	Educación infantil 2° ciclo	Scuola Materna	Kindergarten			Детский сад				
3 yr															
4 yr					Year 1							Primary school		Kindergarten	Kindergarten
5 yr															
6 yr	CP	Primaire	Grundschule	Year 2	Year 1	Educación primaria 1° ciclo	Prima Elementare	Elementary School	Primaire (1 <sup>ère</sup> année)	Начальное общее образование		1 <sup>st</sup> grade			
7 yr	CE1			Year 3	Year 2		Seconda Elementare		2 <sup>ème</sup> année		1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade			
8 yr	CE2			Year 4	Year 3	Educación primaria 2° ciclo	Terza Elementare		3 <sup>ème</sup> année		2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade			
9 yr	CM1			Year 5	Year 4		Quarta Elementare		4 <sup>ème</sup> année		3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	4 <sup>th</sup> grade			
10 yr	CM2		Hauptschule / Realschule Gymnasium	Year 6	Year 5	Educación primaria 3° ciclo	Quinta Elementare		5 <sup>ème</sup> année		4 <sup>th</sup> grade	5 <sup>th</sup> grade			
11 yr	6 <sup>ème</sup>			Year 7	Year 6		Prima Media		6 <sup>ème</sup> année		5 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade			
12 yr	5 <sup>ème</sup>			Year 8	Year 7	1° ciclo 1° curso	Seconda Media		Junior High School		Secondaire 1	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	7 <sup>th</sup> grade		
13 yr	4 <sup>ème</sup>			Year 9	Year 8	1° ciclo 2° curso	Terza Media				Secondaire 2	7 <sup>th</sup> grade	8 <sup>th</sup> grade		
14 yr	3 <sup>ème</sup>			Year 10	Year 9	2° ciclo 1° curso	Prima Liceo				Secondaire 3	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	9 <sup>th</sup> grade		
15 yr	2 <sup>nde</sup>			Lycée	Gymnasium ABITUR	Year 11	Year 10 School certificate		2° ciclo 2° curso		Seconda Liceo	High School	Secondaire 4		9 <sup>th</sup> grade
16 yr	1 <sup>ère</sup>	Year 12	Year 11			Bachillerato	Terza Liceo	Secondaire 5 DES	1 <sup>st</sup> grade Gymnasium	11 <sup>th</sup> grade					
17 yr	Terminale BAC	Year 13 A Level	Year 12 Senior secondary certificate			Bachillerato	Quarta Liceo	CEGEP (2 ans) DEC pré-universitaire	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Gymnasium	12 <sup>th</sup> grade					
18 yr							Quinta Liceo Esame di maturita			3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Gymnasium					



## 3. Transportation in Provence |



### 3. TRANSPORTATION IN PROVENCE

#### 3.1. Transportation infrastructure in Provence

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

- Port facilities and services at Marseille-Fos, the largest port in France and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest port in the Mediterranean.
- A dense freeway system linking directly into the European freeway network;
- An efficient airport hub: Marseille Provence International Airport is the number 3 regional airport in France for passenger traffic and number 1 for express freight.
- A high-capacity inland waterway linking the Gulf of Fos, the river port at Arles and Chalon-sur-Saône.



#### *Practical advice!*

*Business travel is fast and easy with a choice of transportation:*

- **Marseille-Provence International Airport**, which has daily flights to the main European capitals and Mediterranean countries, plus a Paris shuttle.
- The **TGV high-speed train** that puts Paris at only 3 hours from Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, Barcelona at 4 hours and 32 minutes from Marseille and Strasbourg and Brussels at just 5 hours.

#### 3.2. Public transportation in Marseille

The bus, subway and tram network in Marseille is used by more than 600,000 passengers each day. The density of the public transportation system means that 95 % of Marseille's residents live within 300 meters of a bus stop or subway station.

This coverage is provided by:

- **77 bus routes** serving the 93 sq. mi. that make up the city of Marseille. 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 12.45 am for the 12-route night service.
- **2 subway lines.** The subway is open from 4.50 am to 12.30 am every day.
- **2 tram lines**, in service since June 2007, and operating every day from 5 am to 12.35 am.



- **3 passenger ferry shuttle lines** (summer only) between the Old Port and l'Estaque, Old Port and Pointe Rouge and Pointe Rouge and Les Goudes (40 minutes journey each).
- **11 park-and-ride car parks**, free and open to holders of the Transpass Métropole card, valid throughout the Marseille Métropole Urban Community zone.

The ticket price is the same across the entire public transportation network whatever the day, time or trip distance. One ticket gives access to buses, subway or trams, with transfers allowed.

### 3.3. Public transportation in Aix-en-Provence

The “Aix en Bus” network covers the city center and outlying areas of Les Milles, Luynes, Puyricard, Le Tholonet, Saint Marc Jaumegarde and Venelles. Buses run from 6.30 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

Mobility has been a budget priority within the Pays d’Aix Urban Community. Statistics bear this out: public transport user numbers in the Pays d’Aix Urban Community rose from 8 to 16 million in the ten years between 2003 and 2013.

Five park-and-ride car parks located around the city of Aix-en-Provence (total of 1410 spaces) can be used by commuters wanting to travel to the city center without sitting in the traffic “snarl-ups”.

Furthermore, numerous services have been put in place to improve access to the Pôle d’Activités d’Aix-en-Provence. To this end, the Plan d’Aillane transport hub now has 300 parking spaces, 38 bicycle spaces and electric vehicle recharging stations. Ten bays are reserved for Pays d’Aix Urban Community and Cartreize buses serving Vitrolles, downtown Aix, Aix TGV station, Marseille-Provence Airport and the Technopôle de l’Arbois technology park.

### 3.4. Inter-city transportation

#### 3.4.1. Bus lines

The main towns in the *département* are served by the local Cartreize bus network, with 38 regular services covering 90 destinations.

To make travel within the Bouches-du-Rhône easier, a single transit pass, the TICKETREIZE pass, has been introduced. The rechargeable pass is valid on the Cartreize network plus all the *département*’s other public transportation networks including RTM, Transmétropole, Aix-en-Bus, CPA, Ulysse, Libébus, Envie&Vous, Bus de l’Etang-de-Berre and Bus de l’Agglo.



### 3.4.2. The TER PACA (Transport Express Régional) network in the PACA Region

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

The TER network in figures: 700 TER (regional express trains) and 172 LER (regional bus services) each day; 350 towns and villages served in the PACA Region's 6 *départements*; 147 stations and bus stops; almost 40 million passengers carried each year.

### 3.4.3. Inter-city combi pass

A new transit pass named "*Zou! Alternatif*" has been in use since September 2013. This pass allows users to travel between Marseille and Aix-en-Provence or Marseille and Aubagne on either the TER or Carreize networks using the same card and for a fixed price.

## 3.5. Alternative modes of transportation

Using one of the following modes of private transportation can contribute to lowering our travel carbon footprint:

- **Carpooling:** Several websites put people who want to share a car journey in touch with each other, whether for regular or occasional journeys;
- **Car sharing:** An alternative to owning one's own car, car sharing is becoming increasingly popular among city dwellers. The novel method provides users with a car on a self-service basis whenever they need one. Registering for the service is simple and a car can be reserved by telephone or online 24/7.
- **Bicycle:** The City of Marseille has put in place city bike hire stations all over town. Stations are around 300 meters apart, making finding a bike easy. It's also easy to sign up for the service online and the payment process is secure.  
**The Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile Urban Community** lends bicycles to all its residents. The loan period is three months, renewable twice (9 months total trial period). The aim of this novel initiative is to promote the use of clean transport modes over the car and to make cycling safer.

Other eco-measures have been implemented in the Bouches-du-Rhône. **The Terre de Provence Urban District**, in the north of the *département*, has introduced free shuttle buses for its residents. **In Marseille**, workers at the **Domaine Vallée Verte Valentine** Business Park have a free shuttle between their workplace and the train and bus stations.





To find out more...

### 3.6. To find out more...

#### Transportation infrastructure in Provence

##### Marseille-Provence International Airport

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BP 7 - Aéroport  
13727 Marignane Cedex  
Tel.: + 33 (0) 820 811 414  
GPS: N43°26,798' - E005°13.323'  
[www.mp.aeroport.fr](http://www.mp.aeroport.fr)  
[www.mp2.aeroport.fr](http://www.mp2.aeroport.fr)  
<https://www.facebook.com/AeroportMarseilleProvence>

##### Saint Charles Rail Station

Square Narvik  
13232 Marseille Cedex 1  
GPS: 43.30349,5.382236  
Information: 36 35 (0,34 €/min)  
[www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com) (reservation)

##### Aix-en-Provence TGV Station

RD 9  
Plateau de l'Arbois  
13592 Aix en Provence Cedex 3  
GPS: 43.455268,5.31723  
Information: 36 35 (0,34 €/min)  
[www.tgv.com](http://www.tgv.com)

##### Arles River Port

Chemin des Ségonnaux  
13200 Arles  
Tel.: + 33 (0) 490 994 620  
Fax: + 33 (0) 490 938 809  
E-mail: [portfluvial@arles.cci.fr](mailto:portfluvial@arles.cci.fr)  
[www.port-arles.com](http://www.port-arles.com)

##### Marseille Port Authority

23 Place de la Joliette  
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E-mail: [gpmmm@marseille-port.fr](mailto:gpmmm@marseille-port.fr)  
[www.marseille-port.fr](http://www.marseille-port.fr)

#### Public transportation in Marseille

For information on the public transportation network in Marseille, timetables and ticket prices, contact:

Espace Infos RTM  
6 Rue des Fabres  
13001 Marseille  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 91 92 10  
Or visit the website: [www.rtm.fr](http://www.rtm.fr)

RTM customers can receive free service alerts for the entire public transportation network by e-mail. To receive these service alerts in real time, just create a user account on the website, then click on "Alertes Trafic" on your home page and select the appropriate lines.



To make getting around by bus easier, the RTM has equipped its stops with WR codes that provide information on bus schedules at each stop. To obtain the information in real time, download the corresponding app from your app store (smart phone required).



## Public transportation in Aix-en-Provence

The “Pass Provence” smart card transit pass that covers the entire Aix-en-Bus network and school bus routes can be obtained from the company’s sales office:

Aix-en-bus  
300 avenue Giuseppe Verdi  
13605 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 1

The smart card can then be topped up in any of the numerous sales outlets in Aix-en-Provence and the outlying towns served by the network. A list of sales points, route details, school bus guide and network route map are available on the [www.aixenbus.com](http://www.aixenbus.com) website.

## Inter-city transportation

### Buses

Information on the public transportation networks is available on the [www.lepilote.com](http://www.lepilote.com) website.



*For real-time status updates, Le Pilote has put in place a range of e-services (accessed from the website user’s account) as well as an iPhone app that can be downloaded from the App Store.*

### The TER network in the PACA Region

Information available on the following website: <https://www.ter.sncf.com/sud-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur>



*For comprehensive real-time information, a free app is available on the website for Apple and Android mobile handsets*

### Inter-city combi pass

Information on the “ZOU! ALTERNATIF” transit pass is available by going to the <https://zou.maregionsud.fr/> website.

## Alternative modes of transportation

### Carpooling

<https://www.roulezmalin.com/communes/covoiturages/aix-en-provence>  
<https://www.blablacar.fr/ride-sharing/aix-en-provence/marseille/>  
<https://www.trajetalacarte.com/covoiturage/aix-en-provence>  
[https://www.mobicoop.fr/communes/covoiturages/\\*/marseille](https://www.mobicoop.fr/communes/covoiturages/*/marseille)  
<https://www.laroueverte.com/covoiturages/en/fr/france/provence-alpes-cote-d-azur/bouches-du-rhone.html>

### Car sharing

<https://provence.citiz.coop/>

### City bikes

[www.levelo-mpm.fr](http://www.levelo-mpm.fr)



## 4. Employment in Provence |



## 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 CVs, preparing a job interview ...).

#### Other organizations can also help jobseekers:

The **APEC** (*Association pour l'Emploi des Cadres*) helps both companies seeking staff and management job-seekers 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.

Present in several towns in the Bouches-du-Rhône, the **Cités des Métiers** and **Maisons de l'Emploi** are important contributors to local development. Counsellors are available to assist people with their employment needs, whatever the individual profile.

**GO CADRES** was set up in Marseille to assist senior managers undertaking a career change and to offer their skills to economic-sector stakeholders in the region. The association has already entered into several partnerships with major business groupings and clusters, including Cap au Nord Entreprendre, the Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée, Capénergies and Les Entreprises de l'Huveaune Vallée.

A non-profit organization with offices in Aix-en-Provence and Marseille, the **AVARAP 13** assists management staff in changing career path or reintegrate the labor market, thanks to its team of volunteers all from a business background. If you are looking for employment, the AVARAP will help you boost your potential job opportunities with introductions to professional networks within Provence and a program of conferences open to all.



**In the search for employment, no stone should be left unturned.** Today, the **Internet** has become a vital medium. **Employment websites** obviously have a selection of employment offers, but they also provide "toolboxes" to help job-seekers with advice on how to best present a CV or write a covering letter.

Candidates and employers increasingly use the **social networks** in their search for employment and employees. Posting your profile to be visible on the 'Net can give your employment chances a huge boost.

Another avenue not to be ignored is the **employment forums** and "job dating" events regularly organized in the region, which provide the perfect opportunity to meet companies who are hiring and to present your CV by hand.

An example of these initiatives is the Air and Space and Innovative Industries Forum, which is held each year in Marignane. Another yearly event is held by the Huveaune Valley business community, which brings together companies from all sectors and employment seekers. In a little over a year, the town of Gardanne has organized five job-dating mornings with companies in various job-generating sectors looking for different skills. In Marseille, the Job Rencontres employment event specializes in sales and distribution. Lastly, each April since 2016, the **Conseil Départemental des Bouches-du-Rhône has organized its Forum de l'Emploi en Provence**, an employment forum that has proven to be a resounding success. At the last edition in spring 2017, 75 companies (from all sectors) attended, with 1700 employment offers available to the job-seekers present plus 13 workshops and conferences that attracted full houses!

Whether sector-specific or general, for young graduates or seniors, these events can potentially fast-track your employment search.

## 4.2. Clubs, Associations and Professional Groups

Economically and socially, the Bouches-du-Rhône is a very active *département* and is home to a large number of professional bodies and associations representing local business sectors.

These groups can give your employment prospects a real boost, or even help you bring to fruition your enterprise creation project –if you're the entrepreneurial type!

Developing the local economy, generating new business, moving things forward and enhancing the Provence region's image are at the core of their motivation. Today, there can be no doubt in anyone's mind: the South means business!

### Agribusiness

**ARIA SUD (Association Régionale des Industries Alimentaires):** A member of the ANIA national association of food industries, the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regional branch ARIA provides support for enterprise competitiveness, the development of employment and new market expansion.



## Chemicals

- **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/SMEs in the cosmetics industry, uphold and defend their interests, pool and publish information and provide training.

## Metalworking

- **France Chimie Méditerranée** is a professional association that brings together and assists chemical sector companies in the Mediterranean area. Its 130 members employ nearly 13,000 people across the chemical sector, from base to fine chemicals. Working with the local economic, social and political institutions, it is an important representative body.
- **UIMM Provence** (*Union des Industries et Métiers de la Métallurgie*): The UIMM Provence brings together leaders in the metalworking industry. Made up of professionals from the metalworking, mechanical and electrical engineering, electronics and microelectronics sectors, and a hub of innovation and skills, 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.
- The **Maison Mode Méditerranée (MMM)** is a non-profit association supported by Territorial Collectivities and Private Partners. Over the last 30 years its missions have been devoted to:
  - Academic **EDUCATION**, by offering a full **Bachelor** and **Master** degrees in Fashion Business Management;
  - The training of fashion designers through the **OpenMyMed Prize** competition and the **MMM Fashion Academy** to train them;



- The cultural influence of Marseille to the general public by maintaining the strong relationships with the Museums of Marseille.

## 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 help company executives integrate into the economic and social fabric of Marseille and to contribute to enhancing the city's status. To do this, the *Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée* regularly organizes themed conferences, breakfast briefings, company presentations and, each year, the Euromed Fiesta, a festive event that brings together more than a thousand persons at the Docks des Suds.

## Environment & Energy

- **Ea éco-entreprises:** *Ea éco-entreprises* brings together companies (mainly VSE/SMEs), 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.

## Finances

- **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

- **APEX** (*Association Régionale des Entreprises du Commerce Extérieur*): The role of the APEX is to assist local companies to expand in export markets. To this end, the APEX regularly organizes themed conferences, business breakfasts and overseas business missions.
- **UPE 13** (*Union pour les Entreprises des Bouches-du-Rhône*): This inter-professional organization brings together all the *département*’s companies whatever their sector or size or particular field of business. The UPE 13’s aim is to encourage closer ties between its member companies and to contribute to the development of the local economy.
- **PROCAMEX** (*Provence Camargue Export*): PROCAMEX is an association of exporting companies from the Arles area with more than 70 members 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.

### 4.3. Foreign consular bodies and bilateral trade organizations

The Bouches-du-Rhône is home to many foreign chambers of commerce and bilateral trade organizations:

- Franco-Armenian Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
- Franco-Belgian Chamber of Commerce,
- Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
- Franco-Israeli Chamber of Commerce,
- Franco-Turkish Chamber of Commerce,
- Italian Chamber of Commerce in France.

The different entities are all members of the **UCCAB (Union of Chambers of Commerce and Bilateral Business Clubs)**. Set up in 2010 by the various chambers of commerce and bilateral trade organizations in the South of France, the UCCAB's aim is to promote international exchanges and encourage cooperation between its members.

There are also several business-related organizations, including the **MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network)**, the **CAFAP (Franco-German Business Club of Provence)** and the **Business Club France-India**.





The MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network) is a non-profit organization that promotes and supports Franco-American and Franco-British business and cultural relations.

The **MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network)** was founded by company directors, consultants and economic development agencies. It has developed into an international platform for corporate and cultural exchanges and business networking in the Marseille-Provence region. The MAABN receives substantial support from the US Consulate General and the British Consulate in Marseille and is the Marseille-Provence region's representative of AmCham (the American Chamber of Commerce in France) and the FBCCI (Franco-British Chamber of Commerce and Industry).

Marseille's **Business Club France-Inde (France-India Business Club)** is a non-profit organization that seeks to develop economic and commercial ties between France and India. It is also able to promote cultural, scientific, tourism and humanitarian actions associated with this main objective.

The **CAFAP (Franco-German Business Club of Provence)** is the regional representative of the Franco-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Paris. The organization aims to promote business contacts between Germany and the South of France and, more generally, between North Europe and the Mediterranean Basin.

These structures, which are at the heart of the region's economy and in contact with international companies, are often used as relays for employment opportunities. Taking part in the events they organize is a good way to expand your network. Sometimes, the best business or employment leads come over an informal drink!



## 4.4. To find out more...

Employment in Provence



### Employment in the Bouches-du-Rhône

#### **Pôle Emploi**

Website: [www.pole-emploi.fr](http://www.pole-emploi.fr)

To find your nearest office, click on the heading “*Votre pôle emploi*”

#### **APEC**

Website: [www.apec.fr](http://www.apec.fr)

**Cités des Métiers & Maisons de l’emploi** (5 centers in the Bouches-du-Rhône)

Website: [www.citedesmetiers.fr](http://www.citedesmetiers.fr)

Tel.: +33 (0)4 96 11 62 70

#### **Go Cadres**

Website: [www.gocadres.fr](http://www.gocadres.fr)

E-mail: [contact@gocadres.fr](mailto:contact@gocadres.fr)

#### **Avarap 13**

Website: [www.avarap13.org](http://www.avarap13.org)

Tel.: +33 (0)4 84 25 37 96

E-mail: [avarap-13@avarap-paca.org](mailto:avarap-13@avarap-paca.org)

#### **Employment websites (non-exhaustive list)**

[www.emploi.org](http://www.emploi.org): A qualitative directory listing the best employment websites

[www.meteojob.com](http://www.meteojob.com): Non-specialist employment website

[www.pacajob.com](http://www.pacajob.com): Non-specialist employment website

[www.keljob.com](http://www.keljob.com): Non-specialist employment website

[www.indeed.fr](http://www.indeed.fr): Non-specialist employment website

<http://www.cadremploi.fr>: Management staff employment website

<https://www.apec.fr/>: Management staff employment website

[www.aerojobs.fr](http://www.aerojobs.fr): Website advertising jobs and internships at Marseille Provence Airport.

[www.emploipublic.fr](http://www.emploipublic.fr): Website advertising jobs in local or central government departments and hospitals.

#### **A few business-oriented social networks**

**LinkedIn**: leader in the business-oriented social networking field

**Viadeo**: leading business-oriented social network in France.

**Xing**: leading German-language business-oriented social network in Europe.



## Clubs, Associations and Professional Groups (non-exhaustive list)

### Agribusiness

**ARIA SUD** (Association Régionale des Industries Alimentaires)  
Cité de l'Alimentation  
Rue Pierre Bayle - BP 11548  
84140 Montfavet  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 90 31 55 19  
E-mail : [contact@ariasud.com](mailto:contact@ariasud.com)  
[www.ariasud.com](http://www.ariasud.com)

### Chemicals

**France Chimie Méditerranée**  
Marseille  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 14 30 89  
<http://www.chimie-mediterranee.fr/>

**COSMED**  
Les ocres de l'Arbois – Bât B  
495 rue René Descartes  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 22 30 40  
[contact@cosmed.fr](mailto:contact@cosmed.fr)  
<http://cosmed.fr>

### Metalworking

**UIMM Alpes-Méditerranée** (Union des Industries & Métiers de la Métallurgie)  
Tour Méditerranée - 65 Avenue Jules Cantini  
13298 Marseille Cedex 20  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 80 91 48  
<https://uimmalpesmediterranee.fr/>

### Fashion & Textile

**Chambre Syndicale de l'Habillement**  
11 La Canebière  
13001 Marseille  
Tél. : + 33 (0) 4 91 90 88 10  
<https://www.federation-habillement.fr/>

**Maison Mode Méditerranée**  
7 rue de la République  
13002 Marseille  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 14 92 01  
E-mail : [contact@m-mmm.fr](mailto:contact@m-mmm.fr)  
[www.m-mmm.fr](http://www.m-mmm.fr)

### Communication

**Club de la Presse Marseille-Provence**  
5 cours Jean Ballard  
13001 Marseille  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 55 07 59  
E-mail : [c-presse@wanadoo.fr](mailto:c-presse@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.club-presse-provence.com](http://www.club-presse-provence.com)  
[www.facebook.com/ClubPresseMarseilleProvence](https://www.facebook.com/ClubPresseMarseilleProvence)

**La Cité des Entrepreneurs d'Euroméditerranée**  
C/EMD  
Rue Joseph Biaggi  
13003 Marseille  
Tel. : + 33 (0)7 57 41 26 29  
E-mail : [la-cite@la-cite.com](mailto:la-cite@la-cite.com)  
[www.la-cite.com](http://www.la-cite.com)



**Environment & Energy****Ea éco-entreprises**

Technopôle de l'Environnement  
Arbois-Méditerranée  
Immeuble Marconi  
Av. Louis Philibert  
13545 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 4  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 97 10 15  
E-mail : [contact@ea-ecoentreprises.com](mailto:contact@ea-ecoentreprises.com)  
[www.ea-ecoentreprises.com](http://www.ea-ecoentreprises.com)

**Enerplan**

Le Forum – Bâtiment B  
515 Avenue de la Tramontane  
Zone Athélia IV  
13600 La Ciotat  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 32 43 20  
Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 08 44 94  
E-mail: [contact@enerplan.asso.fr](mailto:contact@enerplan.asso.fr)  
[www.enerplan.asso.fr](http://www.enerplan.asso.fr)

**Finance****CEFIM** (Communauté Economique et Financière Méditerranéenne)

Palais de la Bourse – 9 La Canebière  
13001 Marseille  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/cefim-marseille>  
[www.cefim.org](http://www.cefim.org)

**Information and Communication Technologies****CIP**

(Club Informatique Provence)  
CIP / EMD Marseille  
Montée de l'Université  
Rue Joseph Biaggi  
13003 Marseille  
E-mail : [contact@cip-paca.org](mailto:contact@cip-paca.org)  
[www.cip-paca.org](http://www.cip-paca.org)

**MedInSoft**

(Software publishers' cluster)  
Hôtel Technologique  
Technopôle de Château-Gombert  
13013 Marseille  
[www.medinsoft.com](http://www.medinsoft.com)  
[www.facebook.com/medinsoft](https://www.facebook.com/medinsoft)

**Other groups****Club WTC-APEX**

World Trade Center  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13001 Marseille  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 13 94 04 50  
[www.leclubwtc.com](http://www.leclubwtc.com)

**UPE 13**

(Union pour les Entreprises des Bouches-du-Rhône)  
16 Place du Général de Gaulle  
13231 Marseille Cedex 01  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 57 71 00  
E-mail: [upe13@upe13.com](mailto:upe13@upe13.com)  
[www.upe13.com](http://www.upe13.com)

**PROCAMEX** (Provence Camargue Export)

Avenue de la Première Division France Libre  
BP 10039 - 13633 Arles Cedex  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 90 99 08 35  
[www.procames.org](http://www.procames.org)



## Foreign and joint chambers of commerce (*non exhaustive list*)

### ARMENIA

#### Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Franco-Arménienne

World Trade Center  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13001 Marseille Cedex  
E-mail: [contact@ccifa-france.com](mailto:contact@ccifa-france.com)  
<http://ccifa-france.com>

### UNITED KINGDOM

#### Chambre de commerce et d'industrie Franco-Britannique

C/O MAABN (Mediterranean Anglo-American Business Network)  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13241 Marseille Cedex 01  
Tel.: + 33(0)4 91 39 58 89  
E-mail: [richard.bower@ccimp.com](mailto:richard.bower@ccimp.com)  
<http://francobritishchamber.org/provence-alpes-cote-dazur/>

### TURKEY

#### Chambre de commerce Franco-Turque

World Trade Center  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13241 Marseille Cedex 01  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 13 940 413  
[www.ccft.fr/](http://www.ccft.fr/)

### UCCCB

*(Union of Chambers of Commerce and Bilateral Business Clubs)*

World Trade Center  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13241 Marseille Cedex 01  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 91 54 14 92  
E-mail: [contact@u3cab.com](mailto:contact@u3cab.com)  
[www.u3cab.com](http://www.u3cab.com)

### BELGIUM

#### Chambre de commerce Franco-belge

c/o Cabinet Berthoz  
9A Boulevard National  
13001 Marseille  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 91 54 14 92  
E-mail: [marseille@ccfb-francesud.org](mailto:marseille@ccfb-francesud.org)  
[www.ccfb-francesud.org](http://www.ccfb-francesud.org)

### ISRAEL

#### Chambre de commerce France-Israël

ZA de Fontvieille  
Emplacement D123  
13190 Allauch  
Tél.: 04 91 44 10 88  
E-mail: [contact@ccfi-mp.org](mailto:contact@ccfi-mp.org)  
<https://www.u3cab.com/chambre-de-commerce-france-israel-delegation-regionale-marseille-provence/>

### ITALY

#### Chambre de commerce Italienne pour la France

2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13001 Marseille  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 90 81 17  
E-mail: [info@ccif-marseille.com](mailto:info@ccif-marseille.com)  
[www.ccif-marseille.com](http://www.ccif-marseille.com)

## Bilateral business organizations (*non-exhaustive list*)

### Business Club France-India

17 rue Henri Cheneaux  
13008 Marseille  
Tél. : +33 (0)6 11 50 62 30  
E-mail : [contact@bcfi.net](mailto:contact@bcfi.net)  
[www.bcfi.net](http://www.bcfi.net)

### CAP-R-CEI

*(Provence-Russia-CIS Business Club)*

World Trade Center Marseille Provence  
2 Rue Henri Barbusse  
13251 Marseille  
Email: [contact@cap-r-cei.org](mailto:contact@cap-r-cei.org)  
[www.cap-r-cei.org](http://www.cap-r-cei.org)



[www.cfaprovence.com](http://www.cfaprovence.com)

[www.maabn.com](http://www.maabn.com)



## 5. Malls and Markets in Provence



## 5. MALLS AND MARKETS IN PROVENCE

### 5.1. Markets and farm produce in Provence

In Provence, every town and village has its market day. The market is both a tradition and a way for those who prefer quality, seasonal produce to do their shopping. Going to the market is a journey of discovery of sun-filled fare, a chance to meet local producers and artisans and take in the local colors and aromas.

However, if you don't have time to go out to the farm but would still like to buy quality fresh produce, you can join a community-supported agriculture scheme (AMAP - *Associations pour le maintien d'une agriculture paysanne*) and have fresh, organic produce delivered to you. The aim of the AMAPs is to create a direct relationship between farmer and consumer and encourage local production of organic produce.

### 5.2. Shopping centers in Provence

Being a local market lover doesn't mean you don't need to go to a shopping mall from time to time.

The Bouches-du-Rhône *département* has a very dense retail sector with **41 shopping centers providing over a million square meters of retail space**.

The local area has 6 major shopping centers<sup>9</sup>:

- **Plan de Campagne:** Created in 1960, this shopping center is the largest in France and the *département's* oldest. Plan de Campagne covers an area of 200,000 sq. m. (almost 50 acres) between Les Pennes-Mirabeau and Cabriès and hosts 400 stores;
- **La Valentine:** Located between Marseille and Aubagne, the Centre Valentine has more than 70 retail outlets;
- **Grand Vitrolles:** This shopping center features a hypermarket and 80 stores and restaurants;
- **La Martelle-Les Paluds:** These two shopping centers, located in Aubagne, include a hypermarket and more than 110 stores of all types;
- **Grand Littoral:** Located in Marseille, this shopping mall has a hypermarket and more than 200 stores on two levels;
- **La Pioline:** With its 120 stores and hypermarket, this shopping center on the southern edge of Aix-en-Provence is a local favorite.

In addition to these out-of-town centers, the retail offer has been further enlarged with new shopping malls constructed as part of several vast urban renewal projects. Among these is the **Allées Provençales** in Aix-en-Provence, which opened in 2007 and has been extremely successful. The new city-center complex features 15,000 sq. m. of retail space and acts as a bridge between the historic old city and its newer cultural venues.

<sup>9</sup> Source: CCI Marseille Provence





In Istres, the **Halles de l'Olivier** in the town's center is a gourmet's delight and a showcase for quality local produce. In addition to the sellers' stalls, there is an area set aside for monthly events around various themes (cooking classes, wine-tasting, displays of produce from other regions...).

In Marseille, the **Terrasses du Port** shopping mall, which was inaugurated in May 2014, features 61,000 sq. m. of retail spaces and opens onto a large terrace with a wonderful sea-view. In the same area, the **Voûtes de la Major**, located under the Cathédrale de la Major opposite the MuCEM, and the **Docks Village** complete the seafront avenue's shopping mall offer.

**Miramas** saw the opening of the **Village de Marques McArthur Glen** outlet mall in April, 2017. The design and layout of the South of France's first outlet mall take their inspiration from the traditional Provence village. The open-air mall includes a large number of stores selling luxury and premium brands and a selection of restaurants to make the shopping experience complete.





To find out more...

### 5.3. To find out more...

#### Malls and Markets in Provence

##### Markets and farm produce in Provence

For information on market days in the Provence villages and the events and tastings taking place throughout the year, one website stands out: “Provence 7”:

(<https://www.provence7.com/portails/traditions/agenda-de-tous-les-marches-de-provence/>).

Lastly, for more information on AMAPs (community-supported agriculture schemes) and how to join, go to [www.reseau-amap.org/amap-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur.htm](http://www.reseau-amap.org/amap-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur.htm)

##### Shopping centers in Provence

Here is a non-exhaustive list of the main shopping centers in the Bouches-du-Rhône:

Plan de Campagne: [www.plan-de-campagne.com](http://www.plan-de-campagne.com)

La Valentine (Marseille): [www.centrevallentine.fr](http://www.centrevallentine.fr)

Grand Vitrolles: [www.grand-vitrolles.fr](http://www.grand-vitrolles.fr)

La Martelle-Les Paluds (Aubagne): <https://www.au-magasin.fr/13400-aubagne/>

Grand Littoral: <https://grand-littoral.klepierre.fr/>

La Pioline (Aix-en-Provence): <http://aixpioline.fr>

Allées Provençales (Aix-en-Provence): [www.les-alles-provencales.com](http://www.les-alles-provencales.com)

Les Terrasses du port (Marseille): <http://www.lesterrassesduport.com/>

Les Voûtes de la Major (Marseille): <http://voutesdelamajor.com/>

Les Docks Village (Marseille): <http://www.lesdocks-marseille.com/fr/>

Le Village des Marques (Miramas) : [www.mcarthurglen.com/outlets/fr/fr/designer-outlet-provence/](http://www.mcarthurglen.com/outlets/fr/fr/designer-outlet-provence/)



## 6. Sports, Leisure and Cultural Activities in Provence



## 6. SPORTS, LEISURE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROVENCE

### 6.1. A paradise for sport lovers

Everyone knows that Marseille is crazy about soccer. But how many people know that the city hosts the annual **Beach Volleyball World Series**? Or that **Marseille** 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 Marseille supporters at the Velodrome Stadium. Alternatively, why not go along and support the local **swimming team** based at the **Cercle des Nageurs** in Marseille?

### 6.2. An inspirational setting for artists

Provence also is a center 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 Marseille 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 Marseille organize tours of the sites featured in many of the major works.

### 6.3. 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 Marseille, 18<sup>th</sup> -century private mansions in Aix-en-Provence, not forgetting Marseille's **Cité Radieuse**, built by the architect Le Corbusier 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 Marseille, 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.

## 6.4. 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. 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 the place to be for **festival-goers**, with a wide selection of events to choose from.

With numerous theaters spread over the Marseille-Provence region, theater-lovers have a wide range of works to choose from.

Here, all forms of art come together: **opera** in Marseille and during the ***Festival Lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence***, which both attract big 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 the ***Ballet National de Marseille***, and the now-famous ***Fiesta des Suds***. Since September 2011, Marseille has had a new cultural venue, the ***Silo***, an atypical 2000-seat auditorium in a converted grain silo on Marseille's docks.

This cosmopolitan aspect undoubtedly was a factor in **Marseille** obtaining the coveted title of **European Capital of Culture 2013**. The city's candidature won over the jury with its originality, with the Euro-Mediterranean element serving to underscore the genuine potential shown by the region.

Marseille's cultural heritage was enriched recently by the addition of new facilities. The year 2013 saw the opening of the ***MucEM*** (Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations) on the J4 esplanade, the ***FRAC*** (Regional Fund for Contemporary Art) and the ***Musée Regards de Provence***.

The title of European Capital of Culture 2013 was not Marseille's alone however. In all, **130 towns (including Aix-en-Provence and Arles) were full partners in the project**, which brought together a vast territory as one under the banner of culture.

Thus, a new **academy of music, dance and theater** was built in Aix-en-Provence. This new facility is both a school and a center for creation and dissemination of the arts.

Two museums took advantage of the leverage created by Marseille-Provence 2013. In Aix-en-Provence, the ***Musée Granet*** added a 700 sq. m. extension entirely devoted to 20<sup>th</sup> century artworks and in Arles, a new 800 sq. m. wing was added to the ***Musée Départemental Arles Antique***. The new wing houses the Roman barge that was salvaged from the River Rhône in October 2011 plus 500 or so other exhibits.



The year 2013 will also be remembered for the reopening of the **Eden Théâtre** in La Ciotat, built in 1889 and the birthplace of the cinema.

## 6.5. A vibrant community and cultural life

Community and cultural life is especially active in the Bouches-du-Rhône, with the cultural side having received a huge boost with the Marseille-Provence European Capital of Culture year in 2013.

Far from being the preserve of the major festivals or exclusive venues, culture here is shared by everyone. Each of the region's towns and villages has a dense community fabric and performing arts and live music are available to a wide audience.

With its cosmopolitan population, Provence is also home to numerous foreign cultural institutes and associations, including the **British American Institute**, the **Maison de Tübingen**, **La Noria** (a Franco-Spanish cultural association), the **Association Dante Alighieri** or the **Tagore Indian Cultural Center**.

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.

## 6.6. 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 Mouriès 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 region's finest artisans and producers. 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





To find out more...

## 6.7. To find out more...

### Sports, leisure and culture in Provence

#### Sports and leisure

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

##### **Bouches-du-Rhône Tourisme**

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13006 Marseille

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E-mail: [info@myprovence.fr](mailto:info@myprovence.fr)

[www.myprovence.fr/](http://www.myprovence.fr/)

[www.facebook.com/myprovenceofficiel](https://www.facebook.com/myprovenceofficiel)

##### **Comité Régional du Tourisme PACA**

Maison de la Région

61 La Canebière

13231 Marseille Cedex 01

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<https://provence-alpes-cotedazur.com/>

[www.facebook.com/ProvenceAlpesCotedAzur/](https://www.facebook.com/ProvenceAlpesCotedAzur/)



Free mobile apps are available for download from the two organizations' websites.

#### Two city guides also are worthy of mention:

Through the [www.yelp.fr](http://www.yelp.fr), you can book a restaurant table or places for a show online or find out what's on at the movies. You can also download the mobile app on the Yelp website.

**Le Citadingue** is a free guide to the best places to go in Marseille, with information on the best deals (leisure activities, shopping, going out, restaurants etc.). The guide is available at all the city hall sub-offices, the Marseille Tourist Office, subway station entrances, station, airport, student campuses or by clicking on "Recevoir un guide" on the Citadingue website <http://citadingue.com>. To make sure you don't miss a thing, sign up on their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/citadingue](https://www.facebook.com/citadingue)

#### 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](http://www.13olympique.com) website.

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

##### **Ballet National de Marseille**

Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Danse de Marseille

20 Boulevard de Gabès

13008 Marseille

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 32 72 72

[www.ballet-de-marseille.com](http://www.ballet-de-marseille.com)

##### **Ballet Preljocaj**

Pavillon Noir

530 Avenue Mozart - CS 30824

13627 Aix-en-Provence Cedex 1

Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 93 48 00

Tickets: + 33 (0)4 42 93 48 14 / [billetterie@preljocaj.org](mailto:billetterie@preljocaj.org)

[www.preljocaj.org](http://www.preljocaj.org)

##### **Feria d'Arles**

Comité de la Feria d'Arles

BP 11

##### **Festival international d'Art Lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence**

La Boutique du Festival





13633 Arles  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 93 61 01  
[contact@feriaarles.com](mailto:contact@feriaarles.com)  
[www.feriaarles.com](http://www.feriaarles.com)

***Festival international de piano  
de la Roque d'Anthéron***

Parc du Château de Florans  
F-13640 La Roque d'Anthéron  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 42 50 51 15  
E-mail: [info@festival-piano.com](mailto:info@festival-piano.com)  
[www.festival-piano.com](http://www.festival-piano.com)

***MuCEM***

*(Musée des civilisations de l'Europe et de la  
Méditerranée)*  
1 esplanade du 14  
13002 Marseille  
[www.mucem.org](http://www.mucem.org)

***Musée Granet***

Place Saint Jean de Malte  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 42 52 88 32  
[www.museegranet-aixenprovence.fr](http://www.museegranet-aixenprovence.fr)

***Rencontres photographiques d'Arles***

34 Rue du Docteur Fanton  
13200 Arles  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 96 76 06  
E-mail: [info@rencontres-arles.com](mailto:info@rencontres-arles.com)  
[www.rencontres-arles.com](http://www.rencontres-arles.com)

***Théâtre National de Marseille – La Criée***

30 Quai de Rive Neuve  
13007 Marseille  
Tickets: + 33 (0)4 91 54 70 54  
[www.theatre-lacriee.com](http://www.theatre-lacriee.com)

Palais de l'Ancien Archevêché  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel. : 0820 922 923 (12 cts € / min)  
From abroad: +33 (0)4 34 08 02 17  
[www.festival-aix.com](http://www.festival-aix.com)

***Fiesta des Suds***

Docks des Suds  
12 Rue Urbain V  
13002 Marseille  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 91 99 00 00  
[www.dock-des-suds.org](http://www.dock-des-suds.org)

***Musée départemental Arles antique***

Avenue 1<sup>ère</sup> division France libre  
Presqu'île du cirque romain  
BP 205  
13635 Arles cedex  
Tel.: +33 (0)4 13 31 51 03  
[www.arles-antique.cg13.fr](http://www.arles-antique.cg13.fr)

***Opéra de Marseille***

2 Rue Molière  
13001 Marseille  
Tel. : +33 (0)4 91 55 14 99  
<http://opera.marseille.fr>

***Le Silo***

35 Quai du Lazaret  
13002 Marseille  
Tel.: +33(0)4 91 90 00 00  
[www.cepacsilo-marseille.fr](http://www.cepacsilo-marseille.fr)

**Community and cultural life / Foreign cultural institutes and non-profit organizations (non-exhaustive list)**

**Anglo American Group of Provence**

Maison des Associations  
Mairie Aix-Sud, CD9  
75 Route des Milles - Pont de l'Arc

**L'arca delle lingue**

*(Italian non-profit organization)*  
185 B, rue de Rome  
13006 Marseille



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Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 37 67 92  
Mobile : + 33 (0)6 40 19 97 59 / (0)7 60 38 95 88  
E-mail : [stagedante@gmail.com](mailto:stagedante@gmail.com)  
<http://arcadellelingue.fr>

**Association Culturelle Franco-Japonaise**  
*(French-Japanese non-profit organization)*  
4 Traverse Notre Dame  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Mobile : + 33 (0)6 11 22 80 12  
[www.japonaix.com](http://www.japonaix.com)

**Association Dante Alighieri**  
*(Italian non-profit organization)*  
Maison de la Vie Associative « Le Ligourès »  
Place Romée de Villeneuve  
13090 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel. : + 33 (0)7 66 79 00 10  
E-mail : [dante.alighieri@hotmail.fr](mailto:dante.alighieri@hotmail.fr)  
[www.dante-aix.fr](http://www.dante-aix.fr)

**Association d'Echanges Artistiques Franco-Chinois**  
*(Cultural French-Chinese non-profit organization)*  
15 Rue Loubon  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
E-mail : [echanges.a.f.c@gmail.com](mailto:echanges.a.f.c@gmail.com)

**Association Norvège Provence**  
*(Provence- Norway non-profit organization)*  
1301 Route de Martina  
13590 Meyreuil  
[www.norvege-provence.com](http://www.norvege-provence.com)

**Association Provence Bulgarie**  
*(Provence-Bulgaria non-profit organization)*  
14 Avenue Marseille Pagnol  
13880 Velaux  
Mobile : + 33 (0)6 10 20 21 87  
E-mail : [afb.13@laposte.net](mailto:afb.13@laposte.net)  
[www.france-bulgarie.org](http://www.france-bulgarie.org)

**Association Taal Tarang**  
*Indian Arts Academy*  
Cité des Associations  
Boîte aux lettres n° 426  
93 La Canebière  
13001 Marseille  
<https://www.facebook.com/Association-TAAL-Tarang-1059774384109201/>

**British American Institute**  
38 Avenue Victor Hugo  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 27 24 23  
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E-mail : [bainstitute@free.fr](mailto:bainstitute@free.fr)  
[www.britishamericaninstitute.com](http://www.britishamericaninstitute.com)

**Centre Culturel Indien Tagore**  
*Tagore Indian Cultural Center*  
Cité des Associations - 93 La Canebière  
13001 Marseille  
Tel. : + 33(0) 6 11 50 62 30  
E-mail : [ccitmarseille@gmail.com](mailto:ccitmarseille@gmail.com)  
<http://ccitmarseille.e-monsite.com/pages/l-association/>

**Centre Franco-Allemand**  
*(French-German Center)*  
19 Rue du Cancel  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 21 29 12  
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[www.cfaprovence.com](http://www.cfaprovence.com)

**Chinafi**  
*(Chinese non-profit organization)*  
146 Rue Paradis  
13006 Marseille  
Tel. : + 33 (0)4 91 53 28 34  
E-mail : [contact@chinafi.fr](mailto:contact@chinafi.fr)  
[www.chinafi.net](http://www.chinafi.net)



**Fondation Hispanophone de Provence***(Spanish-speaking foundation of Provence)*

La Maison de l'Espagne

7 ter Rue Mignet

13100 Aix-en-Provence

Tél. : +33 (0)4 42 21 21 11

Mobile : +33 (0)6 68 79 94 05

E-mail : [contact@maison-espagne.com](mailto:contact@maison-espagne.com)[www.maison-espagne.com](http://www.maison-espagne.com)**Hay's Club du Pays d'Aix***(Armenian non-profit organization)*

60 Avenue du Dr Renée Antoine

13100 Aix-en-Provence

<https://www.facebook.com/ccaf.sud/>**Langue & Culture russes en pays d'Aix***(Russian non-profit organization)*

1 Rue Emile Tavan

13100 Aix-en-Provence

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41 Boulevard Aristide Briand

13100 Aix-en-Provence

Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 93 02 67

E-mail : [noria10@free.fr](mailto:noria10@free.fr)[www.aix-en-provence.com/noria/](http://www.aix-en-provence.com/noria/)**Perspectives***(French-Russian non-profit organization)*

Maison de quartier Ste Geneviève

211 Boulevard Romain Rolland

13010 Marseille

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E-mail : [perspectiva.as@gmail.com](mailto:perspectiva.as@gmail.com)<http://perspectiva.free.fr>**Polonica***(French-Polish non-profit organization)*

Maison de la Vie Associative « Le Ligourès »

Place Romée de Villeneuve

13090 Aix-en-Provence

Tel. : + 33 (0)4 42 50 62 26

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340 Chemin de la Ricarde

13610 Le Puy Sainte Réparate

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E-mail : [terprov-quebec@wanadoo.fr](mailto:terprov-quebec@wanadoo.fr)<http://terresdeprovencequebec.jimdo.com>**The one-stop website for information on cultural events and organizations:**[www.departement13.fr/nos-actions/culture/](http://www.departement13.fr/nos-actions/culture/) - The Bouches-du-Rhône Regional Council's culture portal.

## A few of the international bookstores

In today's world, it's easy to find foreign language books on the Internet... but nothing beats leafing through books at one's leisure in a real bookstore! For the page-turning diehards, here are a few good addresses:

### **Book in Bar**

4 Rue Joseph Cabassol  
13100 Aix-en-Provence  
Tel./Fax: + 33 (0)4 42 26 60 07  
E-mail: [bookinbar@orange.fr](mailto:bookinbar@orange.fr)  
[www.bookinbar.com](http://www.bookinbar.com)  
[www.facebook.com/bookinbarlibrairie/](https://www.facebook.com/bookinbarlibrairie/)  
*English bookshop and tea room*

### **Librairie internationale Maurel**

95 Rue de Lodi  
13006 Marseille  
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Fax: + 33 (0)4 91 94 24 40  
E-mail: [librairiemaurel@wanadoo.fr](mailto:librairiemaurel@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.librairie-internationale-maurel.com](http://www.librairie-internationale-maurel.com)  
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### **Office de Tourisme d'Aix-en-Provence**

Les allées provençales  
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[www.aixenprovencetourism.com](http://www.aixenprovencetourism.com)  
*(Website in 20 languages)*

### **Office de Tourisme d'Arles**

Boulevard des Lices  
13200 Arles  
Tel.: + 33 (0)4 90 18 41 20  
E-mail: [ot-arles@arlescamargue.com](mailto:ot-arles@arlescamargue.com)  
[www.arlestourisme.com](http://www.arlestourisme.com)  
*(Website in French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese)*

### **Office de Tourisme d'Istres**

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*(Website in French, Spanish and English)*

### **Office de Tourisme de Marseille**

11 La Canebière  
13001 Marseille  
Tel.: 0826 500 500  
[www.marseille-tourisme.com](http://www.marseille-tourisme.com)  
*(Website in French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Chinese)*



### 3. They chose Provence; Why don't you?



## 7. THEY CHOSE PROVENCE; WHY DON'T YOU?

They may be Mexicans, French nationals from Paris or Lorraine or even returning expatriates. They hail from many different parts of the world but they all have one thing in common: they have chosen Provence as the place to work and live.



**Alma CORONEL**  
*Tell Me strategic campaign  
manager WW  
GEMALTO  
(Gémenos)*

“ I was born in Mexico and came to France with my three-year-old son last year through a job opportunity at the Gemalto head office. I moved to Aubagne. To get to work I take public transportation, which is free throughout the metro area. It takes just 20 minutes to get to the office. Aubagne is a nice town. There is always a dance performance or a pottery fair to go to and, at Christmas, the santon fair is magical! The weather is mild (even in winter) and the natural setting is ideal: both the mountains and beaches are nearby. I don't regret the changes I've made. My only fear before coming here was about how my son would handle the change. It only took a few months for him to learn French and now his friends are learning Spanish with him! ”



**Aurélien FRECHET**  
*Manager of TRAÇAMATRIX  
Company  
(Graveson)*

“ I left Lorraine for Provence in 2009 to establish my company at Graveson. The welcome was excellent: the Mayor of Graveson, Mr Michel Pecout, has made every effort to facilitate our establishment. The property market in the region is varied. So I quickly found a home for my family in Graveson. Finding a childcare center for our baby was easy and the future education of my child will not be a problem because there are two schools in the town. The quality of life here is beautiful that and we have found the mild climate and the sun that we came here to find! The region is rich in festivities and traditions. The fairs and other cultural events provide many opportunities for socializing and broadening one's circle of friends. ”



**Arnaud PIERRES**  
*Engineering Manager  
INTEL  
(Meyreuil Business Park)*

“ Following the opening of the new INTEL site at Meyreuil in 2014, I came to live in Aix-en-Provence with my wife and my three children. We weren't familiar with Aix, or with Provence. After 8 years of expat life in Asia, in Seoul then Singapore, we didn't want to end up in the countryside. ”

We preferred to stay in town for the cultural life, activities for the children (they're at the academy of music), and the pleasure of being able to do everything on foot. We were lucky to find a house a stone's throw from the pedestrianized center; the children go to school on their scooters, and we have independent cinemas, theatres and a market nearby. It's easy here and Aix is well-connected; my office is 15 minutes by bus, the airport is 20 minutes away, and we're really not very far away from skiing and kite surfing spots! ”





**Estelle FERREIRA FOUREL** *Key Accounts Coordinator*  
*Market Clients Service*  
*PERNOD (Marseille)*

“ We moved to the region in July 2015. When I took advantage of the opportunity to transfer internally in 2014, I started out by commuting between Paris and Marseille, before bringing down my partner and 12 year old daughter. In the end, we chose Martigues, a good compromise between city and countryside, with a village feel where everything is in walking distance. Sure, it's a 35 minute drive to get to work, but really soon after joining Ricard they suggested that I carpool with colleagues and that's really great. The outlook is positive: we've found what we were looking for! The change of scenery right on our doorstep and the chance to try an abundance of outdoor activities in our spare time. Given the choice, we wouldn't hesitate to do it again, going back to Paris now is really hard and I'm always desperate to come back down!

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