



Marseille

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Marseille is the undiscovered jewel in the crown of France's Mediterranean coastline. The rocky hills of Provence look down onto the ancient port and the thousands of boats docked in its clear blue waters. Countless artists have been seduced by the sunny climate and the hustle-and-bustle of the town. France's second city has all you could ask for - beautiful beaches, ancient buildings, thriving arts, and a dynamic nightlife. Welcome to a place fiercely proud of its unique cultural heritage, dubbed "Planet Mars" by its youthful population.



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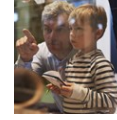
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THE CITY



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Founded by Phocaean Greeks 2 600 years ago, Marseille is France's oldest town, a melting pot of peoples and cultures, and a gateway to southern Europe and North Africa. Today, the city is still dependent on the port for its revenue and is dominated by fishing boats and people selling fresh produce.

Marseille is cut in half by La Canebière, one of the main shopping streets, which runs west to east from the Vieux Port. The city is divided into 15 arrondissements (districts), ranging from gentrified to run-down, and is famed for its fish-dominated culinary menu and its potent aniseed tippie, called pastis.

The exclusivity increases as you head further south to the corniche and Prado, the city's best beach, with three kilometres of fine sand.

DO & SEE



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Marseille is an urban cultural hot spot, a French city with historical and maritime museums, lovely architecture and beautiful nature in the form of parks and a stunning beach. Visit the main harbour and take a stroll around the Abbaye Saint Victor, explore the narrow streets of the old quarter, or make time for one of the beaches not too far from the city centre.

Château d'If



Château d'If was, historically, France's very own Alcatraz, built in 1527 and used as a prison in the 17th century. This place was the inspiration for Alexandre Dumas's novel "The Count of Monte Cristo", and occupies an island of its own 1.5 km offshore.

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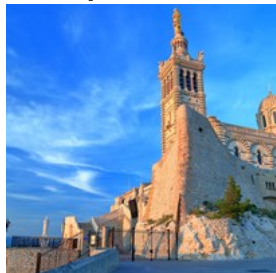
Public Transport: Boat leaving from Quai des Belges (Vieux Port)

Opening hours: Opening hours depend on the season

Phone: +33 6 03 06 25 26

Internet: www.chateau-if.fr/en

Basilique Notre-Dame de la Garde



The defining symbol of Marseille towers on a hilltop 154 metres above the city, with the gilded statue of the Virgin Mary stretching skywards. The views from up here are simply stunning. Take the shuttle for convenience or embark on a just-under-an-hour-long hike up from the old port.

Photo: Inu / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rue Fort du Sanctuaire, Marseille

Opening hours: Opening hours depend on the season

Phone: +33 4 91 13 40 80

Internet: www.notredamedelagarde.com/?lang=en

Email: contact@notredamedelagarde.com

Vieux Port Fish Market



There is a bustling fish market in the Vieux Port (old port) well worth exploring. The intense smell of fish and salty sea breeze contributes to making this experience engaging to the senses. Why not buy some fresh fish and try your hand at the local speciality fish stew (bouillabaisse)?

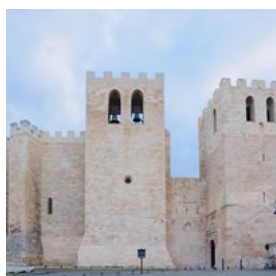
Photo: Artens / Shutterstock.com

Address: Quai des Belges, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Daily 9am-12am. May not take place in case of bad weather.

Saint Victor Abbey



Abbaye Saint Victor is Marseille's oldest church. The abbey is built by the graves of Marseille's first martyrs. Throughout history, the building was

used as a church, prison, warehouse and barracks. Entry is free of charge, but a small fee is collected for seeing the crypt containing important historical artefacts and sarcophagi.

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Address: 3 Rue de l'Abbaye, Marseille

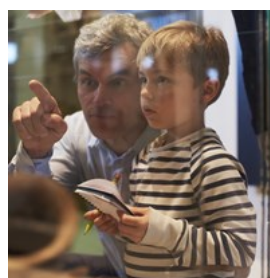
Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Opening hours depend on the season

Phone: +33 4 96 11 22 60

Internet: www.saintvictor.net/?lang=en

Marseille History Museum



Musée d'Histoire de Marseille is an interesting and well-visited museum with historical and archaeological artefacts dating back to the city's founding times. You can find it ideally located next to the Old Port. An English audio guide is available to visitors.

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Address: 2 Rue Henri-Barbusse, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +33 4 91 55 36 00

Email: musee-histoire@marseille.fr

Prado Beaches



Located at the end of the corniche are the Plages du Prado, Marseille's stretches of sandy beaches. With a steady sea breeze, the beaches are excellent for kite-flying or a first windsurfing lesson. Prado encompasses several compact beaches with multiple shopping and dining opportunities in the vicinity.

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Address: Avenue Mendès, Marseille

Park Borély



Park Borély (Parc Borély) is a stunning development covering many hectares, situated not too far from the Prado beaches. Along with the

18th-century château, there are the superbly well-maintained English and French Botanical Gardens and a rowing lake.

Photo: Ulrike Haberkorn / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue du Parc Borély, Marseille

Opening hours: Daily 6am-8:45pm

Roman Docks Museum



Roman Docks Museum (Musée des Docks Romains) is situated on the site of a Roman docks warehouse discovered after World War II. Here

you can find a range of impressive artefacts discovered during the reconstruction of the old harbour. One of its primary attractions are the "dolia" - large ceramic containers once used to store oils and wines.

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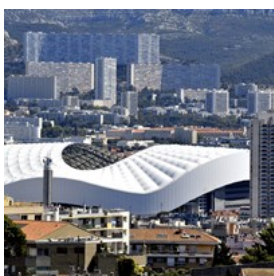
Address: 28 Place Vivaux, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Mid May-mid Sep: daily 10am-7pm. Rest of year: daily 10am-6pm - closed Mon

Phone: +33 4 91 91 24 62

Orange Vélodrome Stadium



The Orange Vélodrome is where the official football club in Marseille, Olympique de Marseille, is based at. Attending a football game here is a lot of fun thanks to the lively atmosphere created by

cheering locals, and will likely prove enjoyable even if football isn't exactly a passion of yours.

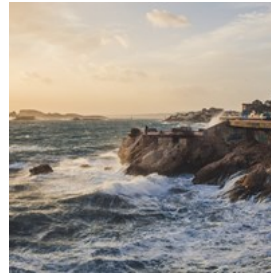
Photo: Gilles Paire/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Boulevard Michelet, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 13 64 64 64

Internet: www.orangevelodrome.com/en/accueil

La Corniche



Enjoy this romantic walkway along the sea and the stunning views that it provides. En route you will see the Château d'If, as well as beautiful

coves called "calanques". The entire 12-kilometre long Corniche leading down to the Prado Beaches is best explored by bike, with stops for photos and dining.

Photo: STUDIO M/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corniche du Président John F Kennedy, Marseille

Place Castellane



This is an impressive Marseille roundabout where many tourist photos have been taken. It is a major transport hub, whose focal point is

a large fountain with an interesting obelisk statue. There are several cafés around the square's perimeter and off down the streets of the neighbourhood.

Photo: Zyankarlo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Place Castellane, Marseille

Les Calanques



A "calanque" is an inlet, cove or bay, and the ones you find outside Marseille are no less than mesmerising. The impressive limestone

formations and the turquoise waters make for an excellent retreat. There are a wide range of sporting activities available here, as well as plenty of relaxation for the weary.

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Address: Les Calanques de Marseille, Marseille
Internet: www.calanques-parcnational.fr

The Old Charity

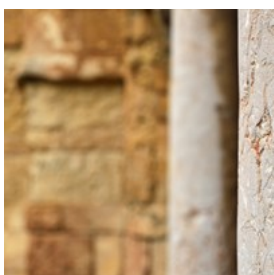


The 17th century brought a cruel repression of beggars to France, and in Marseille many of them were imprisoned.

Almshouses were opened to serve as workhouses for beggars and this specific building was just that. Nowadays the building, called La Vieille Charité in French, is a cultural centre and houses, among other things, museums such as the Museum of Mediterranean Archaeology and the Museum of Art of Africa, Oceania and Amerindia.

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Address: 2 Rue de la Charité, Marseille
Internet: www.vieille-charite-marseille.com

Garden of Remains

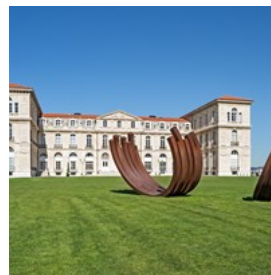


This archaeological site (the local name Jardin des Vestiges) was discovered as constructions of a shopping centre commenced here in 1967.

The garden contains an interesting mix of Greek and Roman remains. The majority of its finds are ruins of the old port.

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Address: 2 Rue Henri-Barbusse, Marseille
Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port
More Info: The entrance is located at the Marseille History Museum

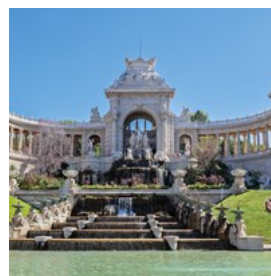
Lighthouse Palace



On the left hand side of the port you can find the Lighthouse Palace, a congress and conference building ideally located in a park with great views of the water and islands. Heralded as one of Marseille's most beautiful palaces, "Palais du Pharo" was first constructed for Napoleon III in 1858.

Photo: Zyankarlo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 58 Boulevard Livon, Marseille
Phone: +33 4 91 14 64 95
Internet: palaisdupharo.marseille.fr
Email: palaisdupharo@marseille.fr

Palais Longchamp



Palais Longchamp is an extraordinary, majestic building right in the middle of the city that throws you years back in time with its ornamental staircases and large fountains. The building houses the Musée des Beaux-Arts and the Natural History Museum.

Photo: Fabianodp/Shutterstock.com
Address: Boulevard du Jardin Zoologique, Marseille
Public Transport: Métro Cinq-Avenues
Phone: +33 4 91 55 25 51

Memorial of the Marseillaise



The Memorial de La Marseillaise tells the story of Marseille and the French national anthem. It is a compact museum found on Rue Thubaneau,

whose staff are very friendly to visitors and eager to share the story of the quintessentially French tune and how it came into existence - paradoxically, not in the city of Marseille at all.

Photo: guruXOX/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23-25 Rue Thubaneau, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Noailles

Phone: +33 4 91 91 91 96

OK Corral



OK Corral is a Wild West thematic amusement park, a great outing for the whole family. You can try water slides, different adventure rides and roller coasters, and much more. Stunt and cowboy shows are put on daily. The park is located near Cuges-les-Pins outside Marseille.

Photo: Brocreative/Shutterstock.com

Address: DN8 Rue Nationale, Cuges-les-Pins

Phone: +33 4 42 73 80 05

Internet: www.okcorral.fr

Email: sherif@okcorral.fr

DINING



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Marseille boasts a culinary tradition heavily influenced by its surroundings. Fish dominates, and one dish in particular - bouillabaisse. This fish stew combines a variety of fish with saffron, fennel and orange zest. It is served with rouille, a garlic and chilli-flavoured mayonnaise. Olive oil, herbs, fresh fruit and vegetables are also quintessential elements of Marseille cuisine.

Le Miramar



This restaurant is located in the heart of the Vieux Port (along with all the other upmarket local fish restaurants). Le Miramar has earned its spotless

reputation much due to serving excellent bouillabaisse. The restaurant's menu is, however, rather varied, and includes meat dishes, too.

Photo: Larisa Blinova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Quai du Port, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12:30pm-2:30pm and 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +33 4 91 91 10 40

Internet: www.lemiramar.fr/en

L'Épuisette



L'Épuisette is located in the old port of Vallon des Auffes, which makes for a magical backdrop with great views of the sea and fishing boats close by.

The cuisine served is gourmet Mediterranean, greatly appreciated by both locals and tourists alike.

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Address: 158 Rue du Vallon des Auffes, Marseille

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-1:30pm and 7:30pm-9:30pm

Phone: +33 4 91 52 17 82

Internet: www.l-epuisette.fr

Email: contact@l-epuisette.fr

Toinou Les Fruits de Mer



Outside of Toinou there is a stall that sells high quality crustaceans. The restaurant itself serves pretty much all the seafood you can imagine:

crab, shrimp, mussels, crayfish, sea urchin, oysters... and the list goes on. To try several kinds at once, order the "plateau fruits de mer".

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Address: 3 Cours Saint-Louis, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 33 14 94

Internet: www.toinou.com/marseille

Le Café Thai



This traditional Thai restaurant has an exquisite patio garden, a refreshing green retreat with wrought iron chairs. Here, flavourful Thai food

comes served in an inspiring and fun environment. Food is reportedly authentic,

cooked to order by trained chefs.

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Address: 136 Rue du Rouet, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 25 44 45

Nul Part Ailleurs



Nul Part Ailleurs serves lunch and dinner in the old port area. This means the restaurant's location is favourable for sight-seers: it is located

in close proximity to many of the city's attractions. The menu holds dishes of Provençal cuisine, grilled meat, pasta and pizza.

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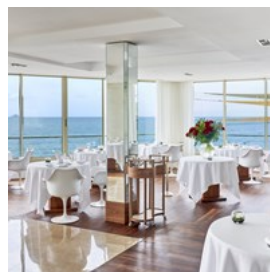
Address: 18 Quai de Rive Neuve, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 33 58 95

Internet: www.restaurantnulpartailleurs.com

Email: contact@restaurantnulpartailleurs.com

Le Petit Nice



Le Petit Nice is a lovely family-run seaside inn that seems almost to be trapped in time, keeping its nostalgic charm from days gone by. The hotel's

restaurant has been awarded 3 Michelin stars, thanks to head chef Gerald Passedat's exquisite sense for flavour and presentation, consistently offering unforgettable gastronomic experiences.

Photo: Le Petit Nice

Address: Anse de Maldormé, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 59 25 92

Internet: www.passedat.fr

Email: contact@passedat.fr

More Info: They don't accept payment by check.

Les Trois Forts



Make sure you book a table at this restaurant in advance, and ask for the corner table to get the best views of the Old Port. Gourmet restaurant

Les Trois Forts is located at the top floor of the hotel Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port, and offers a feast for all senses.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36 Boulevard Livon, Marseille

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12pm-1:30pm and 7:30pm-9:30pm

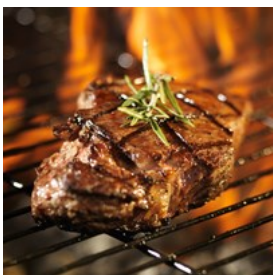
Phone: +33 4 91 15 59 56

Internet: accorhotels.com

Email: H0542-FB3@sofitel.com

More Info: Inside the Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port.

La Côte de Boeuf



Being in Marseille, you might experience seafood burnout. If you do, try and give La Côte de Boeuf a shot. This place serves gigantic steaks

grilled to perfection, and the wine list is just as impressive to match. Staff speak English, and will be glad to accommodate your requests.

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Address: 35 Cours d'Estienne d'Orves, Marseille

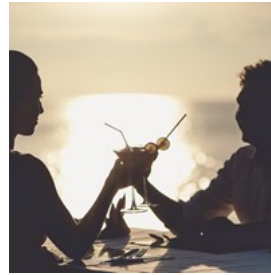
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12 pm-2:30 pm and 7pm-11:30pm

Phone: +33 4 28 31 26 03

Internet: www.lacotedeboeuf.net

Email: contact@lacotedeboeuf.net

Peron Restaurant



This restaurant is beautifully located on a cliff overlooking the sea, and offers diners the possibility of enjoying their meal outside on the terrace. The best time to go is in the evening, so you get to experience the stunning sunset while you dine.

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Address: 56 Corniche Kennedy, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 52 15 22

Internet: www.restaurant-peron.com

Email: info@restaurant-peron.com

Le Charles Livon



Le Charles Livon is a gastronomic sensation, a restaurant serving culinary creations such as beetroot mousse along with trusted classics like

beef tenderloin. The food is presented in a creative and appealing way, and the service is swift and friendly.

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Address: 89 Boulevard Livon, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 52 22 41

CAFÉS



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Numerous little shops and boutiques clutter the small streets in Le Panier, the oldest part of Marseille, whilst the trendiest spots are located in the south around the bohemian area of Cours Julien and Place Jean-Jaurès.

Les Arcenaulx



It is a diverse crowd that throngs to this intellectual restaurant that also functions as a bookshop, salon de thé and a Provençal produce seller. Dishes include the classic Filet de bœuf “Rossini” and set menus. The wine list include labels from all across France and beyond.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 25 Cours d'Estienne d'Orves, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2pm and 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +33 4 91 59 80 30

Internet: www.les-arcenaulx.com

Email: restaurant@les-arcenaulx.com

Noailles



It is hard to miss the intriguing entrance to this cafe, which looks more like a shop of curiosities than anything else. There are, indeed, some curious edibles and drinkables inside - coffee beans are imported from all over the world, and there is confectionery as far as the eye can see.

Photo: Shaiith/Shutterstock.com

Address: 56 La Canebière, Marseille

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-7pm. Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +33 4 91 55 60 66

Internet: www.noailles.com

Email: boutique@noailles.com

Le Café de la Banque



Le Café de la Banque is a classic Parisian-style cafe and bistro that seems charmingly stuck in time. The cafe offers a reasonably priced, varied menu and a good selection of drinks and coffees, and is certainly worth the short 10-minute walk from the old port.

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Address: 24 Boulevard Peytral, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 33 35 07

Internet: www.lecafedelabanque.com

Le Bar de la Marine



Le Bar de la Marine is a beautifully decorated 1930s bar made famous by French author Pagnol who used to frequent it. The bar is also known for being the set of a romantic wedding proposal in

the popular British comedy "Love Actually". Enjoy the views of the port and a fresh breeze in the outdoor seating area. The place is open all day long and gets buzzing at the weekends, when locals and visitors gather for assorted evening drinks.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 Quai Rive Neuve, Marseille
Opening hours: Sun-Wed 7am-2am. Thu-Sat 7am-3am
Phone: +33 4 91 54 95 42
Email: bardelamarine13@gmail.com

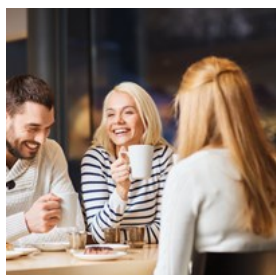
Victor Café



Victor Café has earned itself a reputation for its amazing brunches - on Sundays, the establishment teems with regulars. Regardless of which meal of the day brings you here, expect tasteful dish presentation, solid southern cooking, and a professional staff.

Photo: My Good Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: 71 Boulevard Livon, Marseille
Opening hours: Daily noon-2:30pm and 7pm-10:30pm
Phone: +33 4 88 00 46 00
Internet: www.victorcafemarseille.com
Email: info@victorcafemarseille.com
More Info: Victor Café is located inside the New Hotel of Marseille complex

Café Populaire



Whether you come during the day for lunch and a cup of joe or at night time for a low-key drink, the snug and friendly atmosphere of Café

Populaire will certainly pull you in. This charming and stylish bistro has a lot to offer - food is above par, and both the glass roof and

open kitchen add to the unique ambience.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: 110 Rue Paradis, Marseille
Phone: +33 4 91 02 53 96

Les Buffets du Vieux Port



The buffet you will find at this restaurant is more than enough to please just about anybody. It does not matter what you are in the mood for, you will find everything and more on tables loaded with fine meats, salads, seafood, an astonishing selection of cheeses and, naturally, dessert and pastries.

Photo: kckate16/Shutterstock.com
Address: 158 Quai du Port, Marseille
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3pm and 7:30pm-10:30pm
Phone: +33 4 13 20 11 32
Internet: www.lesbuffetsduvieuxport.com

La Caravelle



Ideally located in the port area (the first floor of Hotel Bellevue, to be exact), La Caravelle is a restaurant and live jazz venue that has become an institution in Marseille. It is a good place to enjoy a couple of drinks, breakfast or brunch, or maybe some exquisite French cooking in the evening.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com
Address: 34 Quai du Port, Marseille
Phone: +33 4 91 90 36 64
Internet: www.lacaravelle-marseille.com
Email: anthony@hotel-marseille.pro

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Marseille is all about bar culture - whether it be sipping on an aperitif at an outdoor cafe table in the late evening sun or standing around a bar chatting with friends, drinking beer and snacking on olives. The city's cultural diversity means there is a little bit of everything in Marseille to suit all tastes. Locals really go for it, partying until well into the morning hours, especially during the summer.

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Address: 15 Quai Rive Neuve, Marseille

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 7am-2am. Thu-Sat 7am-3am

Phone: +33 4 91 54 95 42

Email: bardelamarine13@gmail.com

Espace Julien



Espace Julien is the place to listen to live music in Marseille. Bands and genres played here vary - everything ranging from hip hop to jazz, reggae and chanson française has sounded here. Check their website to see who is performing when you're in town.

Photo: Aron Brand/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Cours Julien, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 24 34 10

Internet: www.espace-julien.com

Ice Club Bazar



Ice Club Bazar throws big parties for the city's young and trendy. There are four bars and an outside VIP area to enjoy, and drinks are professionally crafted. Do mind that dress code and face control apply, and bring your dancing shoes along with the pair you're wearing.

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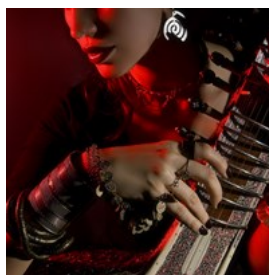
Address: 90 Boulevard Rabatau, Marseille

Phone: +33 6 58 52 15 15

Internet: www.bazarmarseille.com

Email: mendossa1@gmail.com

Dock des Suds



Dock des Suds has hosted musicians and bands from all over the world, including artists from countries like Cameroon and South Korea. Housed inside a former warehouse, it is a spacious venue where a concert or event is on most days of the week. Check the schedule to see what's on when

you are in town.

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Address: 12 Rue Urbain V, 2e, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 99 00 00

Internet: www.dock-des-suds.org

Email: contact@dock-des-suds.org

The Shamrock



This jolly Irish pub is conveniently located in the Old Port. The Shamrock is great for drinking beers (lots of them - a dozen varieties on draft and many more bottled varieties on offer) and watching sports. The atmosphere is good fun, partly due to the daily happy hour.

Photo: UnaPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Quai de Rive Neuve, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 33 11 01

Internet: www.pub-shamrock.com

O'Brady's



Another good Irish pub (along with the old port's Shamrock) is the O'Brady's. Here you can enjoy a beer or two in a cosy atmosphere in the company of good friends. They also host live bands and broadcast sporting events, and - rumor has it - serve the cheapest pint of Guinness in the city.

Photo: Piotr Piatrouski/Shutterstock.com

Address: 378 Avenue de Mazargues, Marseille

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-01:30am. Sun 12am-12:30am

Phone: +33 4 91 71 53 71

Internet: www.obradys.com

The Red Lion



The Red Lion is one pub worth writing into your itinerary if you're heading out of the stuffy town to a more relaxed beach area. This busy British pub offers a genuine British feel, hosts live band performances and broadcasts sporting events. Enjoy the breezy outdoor seating or head inside for a game of darts - the choice is entirely yours.

Photo: Claudio Divizia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 231 Avenue Mendès, Marseille

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 4pm-2am. Fri-Sat 4pm-4am

Phone: +33 4 91 25 17 17

Internet: www.pub-redlion.com

Polikarpov



The Polikarpov is a famous bar ideally located near the Old Port. This is a good place to go for some pre-party drinks, shots or aperitifs. Enjoy your drink outside, on the breezy outdoor terrace in one of the old town squares. It tends to get rather busy in the evenings.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 Cours d'Estienne d'Orves, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 91 52 70 30

Email: polikarpovmarseille@gmail.com

SHOPPING



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Marseille's main shopping areas are in the central and southern parts of town and cater to all tastes, from Côte d'Azur luxury and large department stores to quirky little boutiques and stores.

If you want smaller shops then head to the Cours Julien area, which has built up a reputation as an alternative, bohemian quarter. The area is also great for food and antique markets at weekends. Le Panier, Marseille's oldest neighbourhood, is the best place for local products. Rue des Petits Puits and places des Pistoles are good streets for Provençal pottery and shops selling lavender soap and olive-based goodies.

Vieux Port Fish Market



There is a bustling fish market in the Vieux Port well worth exploring. The intense smell of fish and salty sea contribute to making this experience one you will not soon forget. Why not buy some fresh fish and try a hand at the Marseille speciality Bouillabaisse stew?

Photo: Artens / Shutterstock.com

Address: Quai des Belges, Marseille

Public Transport: Métro Vieux Port

Opening hours: Daily 9am-12am. May not take place in case

of bad weather.

Les Terrasses du Port



In May 2014 a new shopping experience opened its doors. Les Terrasses du Port, a waterfront shopping mall, is ideally located north of the port and is a unique building complex full of shops, restaurants and a fitness park. Shop for everything under the sun, under one roof.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Quai du Lazaret, Marseille

Opening hours: Shops open daily 10am-8pm. Restaurants open daily 10am-1am

Phone: +33 4 88 91 46 00

Internet: www.lesterrassesduport.com

Centre Bourse



The Centre Bourse is a massive shopping centre, with about sixty stores and department stores, a stone's throw away from the Old Port. It is a great place for getting all your shopping done in one place - from fashionable clothing, to cosmetics, to anything else you may possibly fancy.

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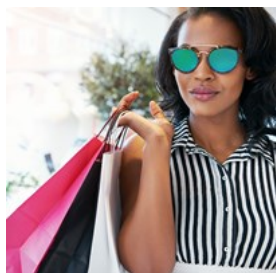
Address: 17 Cours Belsunce, Marseille

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7:30pm

Phone: +33 4 91 14 00 50

Internet: www.centre-bourse.com

Rue de la Tour



Rue de la Tour is your best bet for serious designer luxury, including chic evening wear. If you are looking for something nice to wear for the evening you can head here - there is certainly no shortage of classy, elegant and sophisticated designs.

Photo: Uber Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rue de la Tour, Marseille

Cours Julien Area



If you want smaller shops then head to the Cours Julien area, which has a reputation as an alternative, bohemian quarter. The area is also great for food and antique markets at weekends - come here to find that one-of-kind vintage souvenir or item of clothing.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com
Address: Cours Julien, Marseille

Le Panier Area



Le Panier, Marseille's oldest neighbourhood, is the best place for local produce. Rue des Petits Puits and Place des Pistoles are good streets for Provençal pottery and shops selling lavender soap and olive-based goodies. Come here to pick up quintessential local souvenirs.

Photo: GalinaBahlyk/Shutterstock.com
Address: Le Panier, Marseille

La Maison du Pastis



La Maison du Pastis offers 65 different pastis and absinthes. They also have a tasting room which is worth stumbling upon, and then out of. Sample several varieties of liquor, and pick a favourite to bring home as a reminder of the good times had in Marseille.

Photo: 5PH/Shutterstock.com
Address: 108 Quai du Port, Marseille
Phone: +33 4 91 90 86 77
Internet: www.lamaisondupastis.com

Galeries Lafayette



Galeries Lafayette is one of the most spectacular and well-known department stores in France - there are multiple spread across the nation. You will find the most prestigious designer and cosmetics labels here. This is also home to huge toy, jewellery, home ware and delicatessen departments.

Photo: Nina Buday/Shutterstock.com
Address: 28 Rue Bir Hakeim, Marseille
Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm
Phone: +33 4 91 56 82 12
Internet: www.galerieslafayette.com

Monoprix



Monoprix is one of the most famous store chains in France. Here you can find everything from food to cosmetics, to interior design items and affordable clothing. If designer boutiques prove too pricey, Monoprix is solid alternative to find

nearly anything you're looking for.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com
Address: 258 Avenue du Prado, Marseille
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-9:30pm. Sun 9am-1pm
Phone: +33 4 91 32 00 50
Internet: www.monoprix.fr

Centre Bonneveine



In the southern part of Marseille, in the eighth district to be exact, you can find the bustling Centre Bonneveine. The Centre Bonneveine offers more than 60 shops, a cinema, several restaurants and a supermarket. It is the best one-stop shopping location in the southern part of town.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com
Address: 112 Avenue de Hambourg, Marseille
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm
Phone: +33 4 91 16 35 20
Internet: www.bonneveine.com

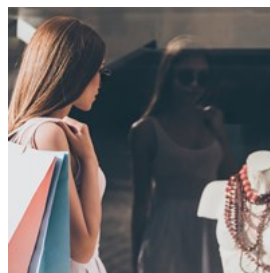
The Grand Littoral Retail Park



In the northern part of Marseille the go-to shopping centre is the Grand Littoral Retail Park. This shopping complex is one of the biggest in Europe. You can find it all here - fashion, food, eateries, bars, and much more. Come with time to really explore all this humongous centre has to offer.

Photo: Wayne0216/Shutterstock.com
Address: 11 Avenue de Saint-Antoine, Marseille
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-8pm
Phone: +33 4 91 09 88 06
Internet: www.marseille-grand-littoral.fr

Centre Valentine and Printemps



The well-known Printemps offers a wide range of fashion items and accessories. Printemps is located inside the large Centre Valentine, in the outskirts of Marseille. The shopping centre itself holds a plethora of shops, including independent boutiques.

Photo: g-stockstudio / Shutterstock.com
Address: Traverse de la Sablière, Marseille
Opening hours: Lun-Sat 10am-8pm
Phone: +33 4 91 89 52 03
Internet: www.centrevallentine.fr

Cours Julien Market



Cours Julien is located near the busy street of Cours Lieutaud. This little alley hosts various markets, one of the most popular ones being the local farmer's market on Wednesdays. Come for fresh, organic local produce and portable edibles to bring home.

Photo: Nikolay Dimitrov - ecobo/Shutterstock.com
Address: Cours Julien, Marseille

Prado Market



Next to the court house is the Avenue du Prado Market, which offers almost everything under the sun - food, clothes, knick-knacks, fruits and vegetables. Do not forget to bring your wallet and a big shopping bag - few have successfully ventured out empty-handed.

Photo: Matej Kastelic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenue du Prado, Marseille

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Marseille Provence Airport



Marseille Provence Airport is located 30 kilometres from the town centre. You can take the train to reach the city centre, and the journey

takes approximately half an hour. There are also shuttle buses that run between the airport and Marseille's train station, Gare Saint Charles.

From the train station you can easily reach other nearby cities. Taxis and car rental companies are represented at the airport.

Airport taxis

+33 4 42 88 11 44

www.taxis-aeroport.com

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Marseille Provence Airport, Marseille

Phone: +33 4 42 14 24 44

Internet: www.marseille-airport.com

Passport / Visa



France can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



Most people choose July and August for their stay in Marseille and Provence, due to the pleasant - although sometimes very hot -

weather, which allows for beautiful days at the beach. However, visiting in May or June can be a great idea as well: the city will be less crowded and the temperature nicer, spring at its best. Provence's famous lavender fields are in bloom from June to August.

Photo: VectorA/Shutterstock.com

Public Transport



The best way to get around in Marseille is by using the very efficient metro system which runs between 6 am and 9 pm.

With two lines, it is part

of a wider Marseille public transport network (RTM) that includes buses (which run later). The public transport network consist of the metro, buses, trams, trains and ferries.

There are different types of tickets depending on your preferences. A useful ticket is the Carte Groupe for four to twelve people, which makes a single journey cheaper. A 24H/72H card is also available: it allows you to make as many journeys as you like on the RTM network.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: www.rtm.fr/en

Taxi



Remember that you will be charged for suitcases, unless it is hand luggage, when you order a taxi.

There are 98 taxi stations in Marseille, 31 of which

can be phoned.

Taxi Radio Marseille:

Photo: ArrivalGuides
Phone: +33 4 91 02 20 20
Internet: www.taximarseille.com

Post



Look for a yellow mailbox if you want to send a letter or postcard. Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 25 Rue Colbert, Marseille
Internet: www.laposte.fr

Pharmacy



Pharmacies take turns to stay open around the clock. Pharmacie du Vieux Port:

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: 4 Quai du Port, Marseille
Phone: +33 4 91 91 63 10
Internet: preparatoire.pharmacie-du-vieux-port.fr
Email: commande@pharmacie-du-vieux-port.fr

Electricity

230 V / 50Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone

Country code: +33 Area code: 04



Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

Marseille urban area: 1 750 000

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Normal opening hours for shops are 10 am-7 pm from Monday to Saturday. Some shops might be closed over lunch. On Sundays shops are normally closed or have reduced opening hours.

Newspapers

La Provence - www.laprovence.com

Marseille Plus - www.marseille-plus.fr

Le Monde - www.lemonde.fr

Le Figaro - www.lefigaro.fr

Emergency numbers

Ambulance: 15

Police: 17

Fire: 18

EU Emergency Number: 112

Tourist information

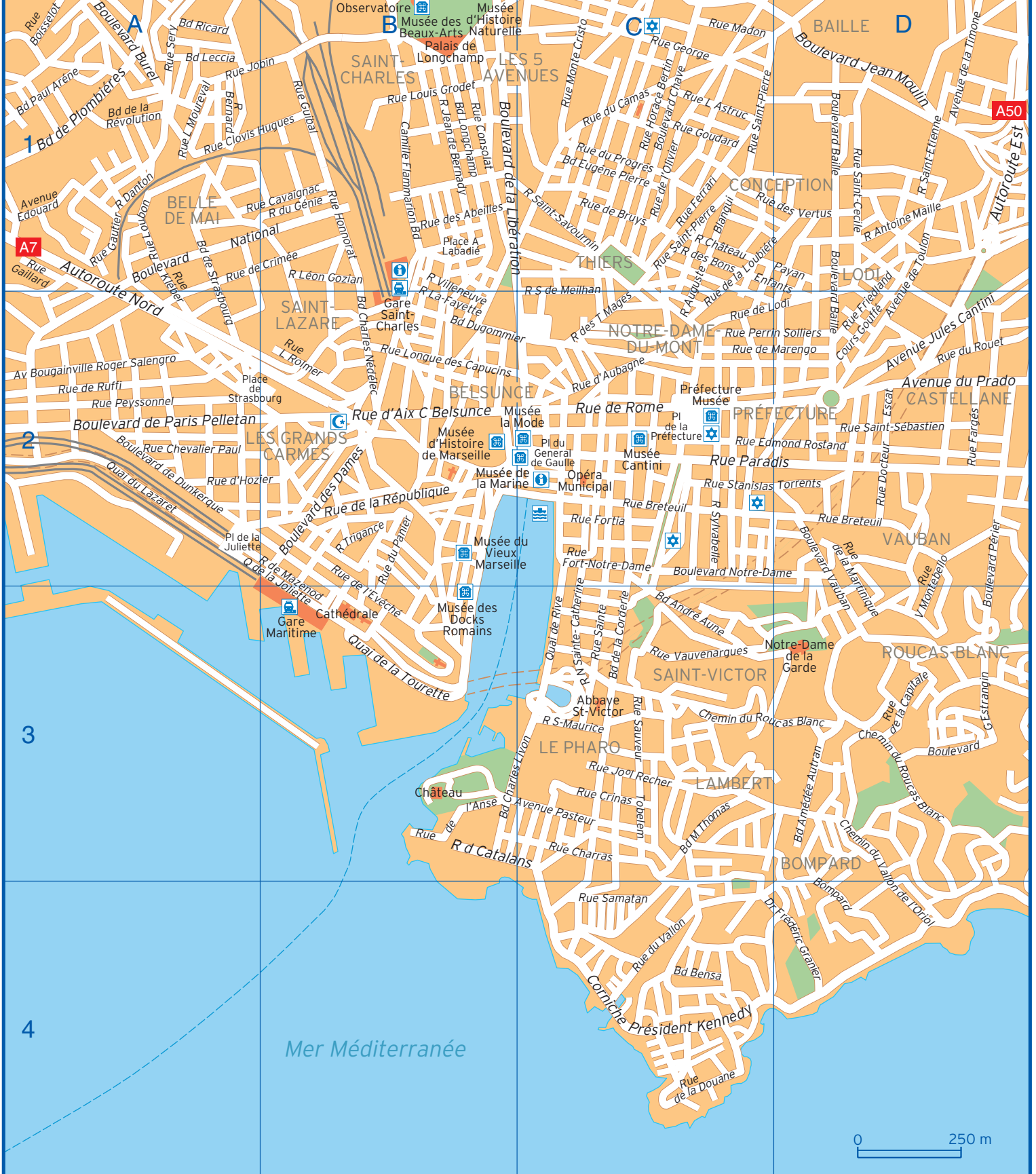
Main Tourist Office

11, la Canebière, Marseille

+33 826 500 500

Open: Mon-Sun 9am-6pm

info@marseille-tourisme.com



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		Place du General de Gaulle	C2	Rue d'Hozier	A2 B2
Autoroute Est	D1	Quai de la Joliette	A2 B3	Rue Edmond Rostand	C2 D2
Autoroute Nord	A1 A2	Quai de la Tourette	B3	Rue Fargés	D2
Avenue Bougainville Roger Salengro	A2	Quai de Rive	C3	Rue Ferrari	C1
Avenue de la Timone	D1	Quai du Lazaret	A2	Rue Fort-Notre-Dame	C2
Avenue de Toulon	D1 D2	Rampe Saint-Maurice	C3	Rue Fortia	C2
Avenue du Prado	D2	Rue Antoine Maille	D1	Rue Friedland	D1 D2
Avenue Edouard	A1	Rue Auguste Blanguie	C1 C2	Rue Gaillard	A1
Avenue Jules Cantini	D2	Rue Bernard	A1	Rue Gautier	A1
Avenue Pasteur	B3 C3	Rue Boisselot	A1	Rue George	C1
Boulevard Amédée Autran	D3	Rue Breteuil	C2 D2	Rue Goudard	C1
Boulevard André Aune	C3	Rue Cavaignac	A1 B1	Rue Guibal	B1
Boulevard Baille	D1 D2	Rue Charras	C3	Rue Honnorat	B1
Boulevard Bensa	C4	Rue Chevalier Paul	A2	Rue Horace Bertin	C1
Boulevard Bompard	D4	Rue Château Payan	C1	Rue Jean de Bernady	B1
Boulevard Burel	A1	Rue Clovis Hugues	A1 B1	Rue Jobin	A1 B1
Boulevard Charles Livon	B3 C3	Rue Consolat	B1	Rue Joël Recher	C3
Boulevard Charles Nédélec	B2	Rue Crinas	C3	Rue Kléber	A1 A2
Boulevard Chave	C1	Rue Danton	A1	Rue L Astruc	C1
Boulevard de Dunkerque	A2	Rue de Bruys	C1	Rue L Moureval	A1
Boulevard de la Corderie	C3	Rue de Crimée	A1 B1	Rue L Rolmer	B2
Boulevard de la Libération	B1	Rue de l'Anse	B3	Rue La-Fayette	B2
Boulevard de la Révolution	A1	Rue de l'Evêché	B2 B3	Rue Longue des Capucins	B2
Boulevard de Paris Pelletan	A2	Rue de l'Olivier	C1	Rue Loubon	A1
Boulevard de Plombières	A1	Rue de la Capitale	D3	Rue Louis Grodet	B1
Boulevard de Strasbourg	A1 A2	Rue de la Douane	C4	Rue Léon Gozian	B1
Boulevard des Dames	B2	Rue de la Loubière	C2 D1	Rue Madon	C1
Boulevard Dugommier	B2 C2	Rue de la Martinique	D2 D3	Rue Monte Cristo	C1
Boulevard Eugène Pierre	C1	Rue de la République	B2	Rue Neuve Sainte- Catherine	C2 C3
Boulevard Georges Estrangin	D3	Rue de Lodi	C2 D2	Rue Paradis	C2 D2
Boulevard Jean Moulin	D1	Rue de Marengo	C2 D2	Rue Perrin Solliers	C2 D2
Boulevard Leccia	A1	Rue de Mazenod	B2 B3	Rue Peyssonnel	A2
Boulevard Longchamp	B1	Rue de Rome	C2	Rue Saint-Cecile	D1
Boulevard Marius Thomas	C3	Rue de Ruffi	A2	Rue Saint-Etienne	D1
Boulevard National	A1	Rue des Abeilles	B1	Rue Saint-Pierre	C1
Boulevard Notre-Dame	C2 D2	Rue des Bons Enfants	C1	Rue Saint-Savourmin	C1
Boulevard Paul Aréne	A1	Rue des Catalans	B3 C3	Rue Saint-Sébastien	D2
Boulevard Périer	D2 D3	Rue des Trois Mages	C2	Rue Sainte	C3
Boulevard Ricard	A1	Rue des Vertus	C1 D1	Rue Samatan	C4
Boulevard Vauban	D2 D3	Rue Docteur Escat	D2	Rue Sauveur Tobelem	C3
Camille Flammarion Boulevard	B1	Rue du Camas	C1	Rue Sery	A1
Chemin du Roucas Blanc	C3 D3	Rue du Docteur Frédéric Granier	C4 D4	Rue Stanislas Torrents	C2 D2
Chemin du Vallon de l'Oriol	D3 D4	Rue du Génie	B1	Rue Sylvabelle	C2
Corniche Président Kennedy	C4	Rue du Panier	B2	Rue Sénac de Meilhan	C2
Cours Gouffé	D2	Rue du Progrés	C1	Rue Trigance	B2
Place A Labadié	B1	Rue du Rouet	D2	Rue Vallon Montebello	D2 D3
Place de la Juliette	A2 B2	Rue du Vallon	C4	Rue Vauvenargues	C3
Place de la Préfecture	C2	Rue d'Aix Cours Belsunce	B2	Rue Villeneuve	B1 B2
Place de Strasbourg	A2 B2	Rue d'Aubagne	C2		