

Doctors/Nurses

There are around ten GPs in the village, and seven home-visiting nurses.

Emergencies

Immediate first aid in a GP's surgery. If necessary referral to a clinic or hospital A&E.

X Ray/Scans, etc.

There is a big radiography centre in Agde. Immediate response for emergencies.
The doctor will give his diagnosis on the spot.

Hospitals

Huge teaching hospital in Montpellier. Very big general hospital in Sète.

Clinics in Montpellier, Sète, Béziers. Normally two to a room, but singles are available.

Dentists

There are five dentists in Marseillan. Urgencies usually seen without delay.
Normal appointments - probably three or four days delay.

Pharmacies

There are two big pharmacies in the village. Pharmacists can offer practical medical advice so, for small matters, it is usual to consult the pharmacist in the first instance.
They also advise on which fungi are edible, and offer health advice.

Physio, Chiropodist, Medical Laboratory

Three physios, one chiropodist and a Medical Lab that processes blood tests same day.

Payment

Medical practitioners and pharmacies are paid on the spot. A refund is automatic and quick. (It takes longer for non-French because of the two-country bureaucracy.)
French have a plastic ID card. Non-French must have the appropriate EU health card.

Vets

One veterinary surgeon is in Marseillan. A superb animal hospital is in Béziers.

French Health Service

The service must be the best in the world. It demands massive funds from the State, but delivers a top class service.
Typically one can see a GP in the evening. Get a blood test and result next day, and see the GP the same evening.
Medication prescribed can be collected from the pharmacy until 19.00.
A Duty Pharmacy offers out-of-hours service.

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Marseillan Holiday

Facts & Travel



There are NO mosquitoes in Marseillan, nor in the area.
They were all eradicated some 30 years ago, and the potential breeding areas are regularly sprayed.

We even have an 0800 number to report any suspicious insects
So you can come and relax. No need for screens, mosquito repellent, smoke bombs, etc.

Marseillan beaches have been awarded the Blue Flag for cleanliness of beach and water every year in recent memory. Life guards and First Aid posts are on every beach in season.

The Etang de Thau is Class A water. Thus the shellfish can come straight from the Etang to the table. This cleanliness is, you will well understand, vigorously protected.

Municipal Police are on duty in the village 24/7. They are supported by the Gendarmerie with a response time of eight minutes.

The Fire & Ambulance Service also have a response time of eight minutes... which they achieve.

Route Guidance

From the East (Montpellier)

Take the autoroute A9 direction Barcelona. Until the Toll the speed limit is only 110kph

Leave at Junction 33. Signed for SETE. Keep to the right, for BEZIERS. Automatically you will then join the N113. Follow for Béziers and Mèze.

At Mèze turn 90 degrees right at the second roundabout. A mile out of Mèze on a fast downhill straight you will come to a large roundabout.

Turn left - signed MARSEILLAN. Follow this road through the vineyards to Marseillan.

From the West - Autoroute A9

Leave the autoroute A9 at Junction 34 - Agde. Follow south towards VIAS - AGDE - BEZIERS.

At the N112 turn left (east) for AGDE - SETE.

After some 5 miles you will swing around to the left and begin to descend. Take the right hand lane and you will back on to the N112 the other side of Agde.

Just under a mile carry straight on at a roundabout. In 800 yards you will come to another, large, roundabout.

Exit left for MARSEILLAN. *Not* right for Marseillan Plage.

In a couple of miles you enter Marseillan at traffic lights.

If you find yourself in Agde

Cross the bridge towards the east and swing left to a roundabout. Take the 3rd exit - MARSEILLAN.

Be careful, traffic may slip in from the right - it shouldn't because it is your road - but not everybody knows that. Marseillan is five miles. Follow into the town.

Once in Marseillan

Boulevard Lamartine is the main road that runs round the village. Whichever way you enter the village you must come into it.

If you come in from Mèze turn right at the roundabout with the anchor. No 11 is a yellow house on the left, opposite the estate agent *Clés du Soleil*.

If you come from Marseillan Plage - turn right at the traffic lights. No 11 will be on your right opposite the estate agent *Clés du Soleil*.

If you come from Agde - at the large roundabout as you enter Marseillan take the 3rd exit (follow straight on).

Follow down the slope and through a 90 degrees right turn. Through the traffic lights. No 11 will be on your right opposite the estate agent *Clés du Soleil*. PARKING: Pull up outside number 11. Park on an available space if possible.

If no official space then park across our double garage doors.

Enjoy your journey.



Travel

Road

The A75 from Clermont Ferrand is toll free, apart from a small charge to cross the spectacular Millau viaduct. It links to the A9 that runs along the south coast and so will bring visitors all the way to the Bessan/Agde exit. Only 15 minutes from Marseillan.

The A65 runs from Toulouse, past Carcassonne, to the A9.

Perpignan, Montpellier and Nîmes are on the A9. Beziers/Vias is on the N112 (come via Agde).

Air

It is impossible to keep up with airline changes, but the area is well served by a variety of airlines. These airports have all been used by our guests. (Driving time shown in brackets.)

Beziers/Vias (20); Carcassonne (90); Montpellier International (45); Nîmes (90); Perpignan (90); Toulouse (120).

Train

Eurostar and the TGV operate to Montpellier and Agde (4 hours from Paris). The easiest route, however, is via Lille where the change from Eurostar to TGV is simple. Senior Citizens, young people and the handicapped enjoy generous discounts on SNCF (French railways).

Travel Reservations

Guests have had bad experiences with travel agents who seem unable to locate the best ticket prices, and cannot find French train times. Direct contact is usually best - with the keenest prices on the internet. Swallows' Nest guests can take advantage of the Chez Nous Travel Service. Details are provided with our invoice.

Hiring

Cars:

For weekly or longer bookings it is usually best to make the reservation on the internet. Daily hire is easily arranged locally.

Boats:

Can easily be hired to explore the Etang de Thau, the Canal du Midi, or to go to sea. They can be hired with or without a certificate of competence.

Cerificates can be attained in one day from a local sailing school.

Other:

Available for local hire are: quads, jet skis, beach equipment, cycles, etc. (The list keeps expanding!)

Links & Contacts

- * www.marseillan.com Marseillan's own site, details of the commune.
- * www.marseillanhistorique.info Local English historical association.
- * www.languedoc.angloinfo.com Information about the Languedoc in English.
- * www.marseillanholiday.info Our site.

Questions? Just ask