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# **ECO-GESTURES**

Your actions count, our ecological conscience shouldn't go on holiday!
Water at the heart of the climate crisis



# HOLIDAY FOR THE TASTE BUDS

Pleasures and good addresses to enjoy your holiday in Vias-Plage

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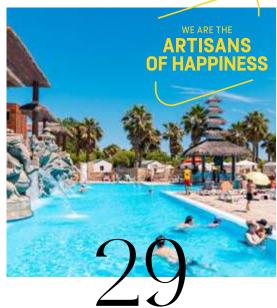
# **EDITORIAL**

Opting for Club Farret entails embracing a distinctive holiday experience—a complete departure from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, enriched with rewarding encounters. Within these pages, expect to discover not only inspiration and exciting information but also the quintessential Farret ethos.

We count ourselves fortunate to occupy a privileged position on the Mediterranean coast. Yet, it remains paramount to safeguard the natural splendour of our surroundings by embracing eco-conscious practices to minimize our ecological footprint and thus contribute to the preservation of our environment for future generations.

Club Farret proudly upholds a respectful ethos and continually pioneers new environmental and social initiatives. However, the responsibility for sustainable holidays rests with each of us. Let us collectively endeavour to reduce our impact on nature by incorporating simple, eco-friendly actions into our daily routines.

Rest assured, our dedicated teams spare no effort in ensuring your holiday experience is nothing short of unforgettable. All that's left for you to do is savour every moment.



# WORLD OF FARRET

Immerse into the universe of Le Farret:
Bars, pools, accommodation, entertainment...
What's new? p.23 The Clandestino
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# CLUB FARRET'S COMMITMENT

# We all have the power to change things on our own scale

Together, let's preserve the environment and limit our impact on nature by simple gestures every day.

AND BECAUSE ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

CLUB FARRET HAS SET ITSELF 3 MISSIONS, 3 CHALLENGES.

TO HELP MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.



## WATER, ENERGY, WASTE: OPTIMISING RESOURCES Club Farret acts every day to reduce

its energy consumption:

we do everything we can to save
the drinking water that we extract
from the Astienne aquifer. This
groundwater, fed by rainfall, is our

only water resource.

we recycle waste water from the swimming pools, reusing it to irrigate the grassed areas and the flowers.

We also use a drip irrigation system to control consumption.

we track down water leaks and maintain our pipes. One litre of water in five is lost through leaks.

- we fit our sanitary facilities with water-saving devices
- we install low consumption lighting
- we sort and recycle our waste

We are undertaking eco-friendly transformations:

- in 2023 we equipped our 1st cottage with solar panels.
- for 2024, we have installed 358 of 410-Wp solar panels on roofs. The photovoltaic plant produces 146.78 kWp

# The goal: self-consumption using green, renewable energy.

- we are installing dual flush toilets with flow limiters in the Bananiers toilets, reducing the 9 litres per flush to 2 or 4 litres.
- we're replacing 290 remote controls on our air conditioners, which will now be able to block the minimum and maximum temperature for cooling and heating, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and energy consumption.



## A PROTECTED

# **ENVIRONMENT**

- we choose hydro-economical plants and trees adapted to the Mediterranean climate
- we have eliminated phytosanitary products to preserve the soil's biodiversity
- we give priority to local suppliers
  we provide customers with electric recharging points for their vehicles.
- our employees get around on foot, bicycle or electric golf cart.
- we give priority to mobile applications instead of printing on paper.
- In collaboration with a local company, we have chosen to renovate rather than replace our high-quality mobile homes. 5 rental areas have already been restored and in 2024 it's the Marina area that got a makeover.





Together, let's do the right thing every day, let's adopt responsible habits every day:

- park your car and use it only for trips outside the campsite. Do not use the car to take the children to the mini club, the swimming pool or the waste disposal area.
- on't throw your cigarette butts on the ground and don't bury them on the beach. One discarded cigarette butt means 10 years of microplastics in the sea and 500 litres of polluted water
- don't turn on the air conditioning while leaving the door of your rental property open.

We are susceptible to droughts and water scarcities, just like any other region.

- ) adopt the right habits to consume water carefully
- wash your car, yes, but don't waste it. Choose a professional carwash that depollutes and recycles water.



The water problem concerns us all. Let us take action, even on holidays!

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We all have an ecological mindset, but we don't like the restrictive side of ecology.

In light of recent events, the significance of water as a precious resource is continually emphasized. Now, more than ever, it is imperative for each individual to be cognizant of the actions we undertake in our daily lives and activities. Despite the ongoing health crisis and the release of numerous reports by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), the stark reality remains: there has been minimal alteration in societal habits, particularly when it comes to travel.

# Addressing this issue in the midst of a climate emergency necessitates a shift in behaviour.

While many strive to be mindful of water usage at home to mitigate costs, the laissez-faire attitude often adopted during holidays presents a challenge. Holidays, synonymous with pleasure and relaxation, tend to foster a more indulgent approach towards water consumption. Whether it's indulging in longer showers or absentmindedly leaving taps running while brushing teeth, our habits can significantly impact water usage during these periods.



On holiday, our water consumption is multiplied by 2 and our energy consumption by 4.

## **Global warming**

Global warming is an increasingly serious threat to the planet and its residents. Average temperatures are rising and rainfall becoming more erratic, leading to droughts and floods around the world.

#### The Astian aquifer on alert

The water shortage in the Hérault Astian aguifer is due to a number of factors, including drought and overuse of water

**Drought** is the result of abnormal weather conditions, such as insufficient rainfall and excessive heat. The over-use of water resources, for its part, can be attributed mainly to the open-air hotel industry (over 30 establishments at Vias-plage) and agriculture, which require large quantities of water for their activities. Groundwater pollution also contributes to the water crisis, as it prevents access to drinking water. In the Hérault department, the Astienne water level, one of the largest in the region, is currently at alert level and is threatened by persistent drought. The Astienne water ressource is the only means of providing the population of Vias with drinking water. The city has no other source of drinking water. The consequences of this water shortage are manifold and urgent action is required.

### Worrying consequences

If the Astian aguifer dries up, there will be negative consequences for the environment and the people of the region. Agricultural production could be damaged because it could no longer be irrigated. Holidaymakers would be restricted in their leisure activities. Finally, residents would face water restrictions and higher prices for drinking water.

### The urgency to act: we're all concerned

As the planet heats up, forest fires multiply and regions face waves of extreme drought, travelling comes with its own set of responsibilities.

# Water consumption is constantly on the increase, but resources are constantly diminishing.

Faced with this situation, action is urgently needed. Measures must be taken to protect and conserve drinking water. It's everyone's business. We take a look at the best practices to adopt. The first step towards solving the water shortage is to reduce water consumption.

This can be done by using water-efficient technologies and reusing waste water.

# At Club Farret, we do everything we can to reduce our consumption:

- Sanitary facilities fitted with water-saving devices (aerators that inject air bubbles into the water, reducing the flow by 30% to 50% without reducing the pressure)
- Timer systems for washbasins, sinks and showers in sanitary facilities
- · Recycling of filtered swimming pool water to irrigate green spaces
- Landscaping with water-saving Mediterranean plants
- Gradual replacement of natural lawns with artificial turf
- Installation of drip systems
- Maintenance of pipes to track down water leaks.

by Sophie R.

Don't forget: every little thing counts! You can contribute against water shortages and ensure water security for future generations.

# Each holidaymaker is responsible

Your actions count too. It's important to maintain good habits even on holiday.

In the realm of individual water conservation, which eco-conscious action yields the most significant impact?



#### A SHORTER SHOWER

On average, a quick shower (1 to 3 minutes) uses between 35 and 60 litres of water, according to the ADEME. A 5 or 10 minute shower is more like around 100 to 200 litres



# DON'T WASTE WATER Don't play with water

#### TURN OFF THE TAP

when soaping up, brushing your teeth, shaving, washing the dishes...

#### **CAR WASH**

in a professional car wash that recycles water (60 litres instead of 200 litres with a garden



# The main domestic uses of drinking water



# Drought: prefects and town authorities appeal for «common sense»

In order to preserve this precious resource, the French government and local governments have introduced alert levels and restrictions on the use of water that will have a direct impact on you during your holidays:

- closing of beach showers
- · closing of water fountains on pitches
- · car washing bans...

Residents of the region are also directly affected:

- · watering banned between 8am and 8pm in summer and between 10am and 6pm in autumn and winter • swimming pools banned to be filled
- · car washes only permitted at professional carwashes
- higher bills

The Association of Mayors of the Hérault, the Prefect and the President of the Departmental Council met in July 2023 to sign an action plan to deal with the drought. There is an urgent need to raise public awareness: «Too often the gravity of our predicament escapes notice. Many assume all is well at the sight of rain.» However, our rainfall has largely remained superficial, failing to replenish the groundwater levels over an extended period.

>> Even if we understand that these restrictions are restrictive, we encourage you to respect them. Changing your habits now is the key to a peaceful future.

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# the BRASSERIE

What could be better than a good lunch on a terrace in summer, maybe a lunch right next to the swimming pool?

It's the perfect place to take a break for a meal. The menu is simple and tasty, offering salads, grilled meats, fish, burgers, a daily dish and homemade desserts.

On the snack side, you can take away roast chicken, chips, burgers, paninis..





# Kiosk side,

thanks to his expertise, our pizza-maker offers you tasty pizzas to take away. Make your choice by consulting the menu on mobile app.



# On site or takeaway

# It's fresh, simple and good!

The Brasserie is open all day. At breakfast or to satisfy an afternoon hunger, for lunch or dinner on the terrace. An address for all your gourmet desires.







# LA PALMERAIE

n addition to presenting a traditional menu that is both reimagined and abundantly crafted, drawing from the finest, freshest ingredients, Restaurant La Palmeraie extends to its patrons a welcoming and intimate ambiance within its two elegantly appointed dining areas. Adorned with expansive windows offering scenic views of the swimming pool and the entertainment stage, guests can bask in the serene atmosphere. Moreover, the air-conditioned space provides respite from the elements.

The culinary experience is elevated with carefully selected cuts of meat, expertly seared over the glowing embers of a Josper oven, resulting in a tantalisingly braised flavour while retaining succulence. Fresh catches from the sea grace the menu, promising a palate-pleasing indulgence. To conclude, tantalise your taste buds with the homemade profiteroles or the caramelised pineapple crowned with coconut-infused ice cream, a delightful ending to a sumptuous meal.

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Vou'll enjoy the classical French dishes on the menu. You'll love the personalised welcome and attentive service. An experience to be repeated!







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# Don't you ever say no to a little ice cream?

Why eating ice cream makes us happy?

Eating ice cream is a summer pleasure for many of us. But did you know that it can also have positive effects on our body and mind?

First of all, the sensation of freshness and sweetness of ice cream can be pleasurable for the palate. But there is a scientific explanation. When we eat fat and sugar, sensors in our mouths send a signal to release dopamine in our brains. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter associated with pleasure and reward, and it helps to make us happier! Finally, eating ice cream can be associated with pleasant memories and experiences, such as summer holidays or happy childhood moments. This may also contribute to the positive effect ice cream can have on our mood.

But no study was needed to tell us that.

# Where can you find the best ice cream maker in Vias?

It's at La Fabrique that you'll find the best ice creams and enjoy a moment of happiness. La Fabrique makes its own homemade ice creams and sorbets in its onsite laboratory in Vias-plage.



Enjoy our ice creams in the bars and restaurants of Club Farret & Domaine Sainte Cécile

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# WHERE TO SHOP?

The campsite minimarket is a must if you want to do your shopping without taking your car.

Pastries, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetables, fresh produce and also beach items and souvenir shop... you will find everything you need there. It is open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.











# The essential address for seafood lovers

Whilst holidaying in proximity to the Bassin de Thau, certain rituals are simply unavoidable, chief among them being the indulgence in a delectable seafood platter. At the cabane on the campsite, under the adept hands of Nico, one can anticipate a meticulous preparation of oysters and an assortment of shellfish platters. Meanwhile, along the Avenue de la Méditerranée, one is afforded the opportunity to savour an array of sea-inspired tapas. Such culinary delights are to be relished without restraint, ideally accompanied by a well-paired glass of crisp white wine.

Is your palate already tantalised? Waste no time in savouring the authenticity of local cuisine. Whether savoured on-site or procured for takeaway, disappointment is simply not on the menu.

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### VIAS

- Vias-centre on Wednesday and Saturday mornings
- Local producers' market
- Vias-plage on monday morning from mid-June to mid-September

### AGDE

- Thursday morning
- BESSAN
- Sunday morning
- BÉZIERS

- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning
- Friday

# CAP D'AGDE

- Saturday morning Farmers' market
- Rochelongue, Monday morning from mid-June to mid-September
- GRAU D'AGDE

Traditional market

Sea Front, Thursday morning from mid-June to mid-September

## MARSEILLAN

Traditional market

- Marseillan-ville on Tuesday morning
- Marseillan-Plage on Tuesday morning from mid-June to mid-September

Flea market and second-hand goods

■ Marseillan-Plage on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 7.30 am

### PÉZENAS

Traditional market

■ Saturday morning

#### PORTIRAGNES-PLAGE

Traditional market

■ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning from mid-June to mid-September

### SÉRIGNAN

Traditional market

■ Monday and Friday morning

### SÈTE

Traditional market

- Wednesday morning Halles covered market
- Every morning

### VALRAS-PLAGE

Traditional market

■ Monday and Friday morning from June to September

# The evening markets

In summer (July and August), stroll through some villages from around 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The craftsmen show their creations to visitors: jewellery, decoration, fashion, crafts... Savour the pleasure of strolling and enjoying the mild summer evenings

# GRAU D'AGDE

Monday evening

# LA TAMARISSIÈRE

Wednesday evening

# MARSEILLAN

At the port, Thursday evening At the beach, Friday evening

#### MÈZE

Thursday evening

# PÉZENAS

Night opening of shops in the historic

Wednesday and Friday evening

# PORTIRAGNES-PLAGE Tuesday and Friday evening

VALRAS-PLAGE Monday evening

# VIAS

Tuesday evening

# FRUIT AND VEGETABLES BURSTING WITH SUNSHINE

Ahhh, summer... the cicadas, sunny meals, fresh dishes... Craving some local flavours? Kickstart your day with a visit to the nearby market! You'll discover an array of fantastic summer produce.

# **SELECTING YOUR** MFLON

If you want it sweet, it should be rather heavy.

Touch it: its bark is tender, pale vellow in colour.

The stripes on the melon are a sign of ripeness. The greater the contrast the better the quality of the melon. Pale stripes on pale skin? The melon needs time. Dark green stripes on pale skin? It's ready to eat! Its aroma should be delightful vet subtly nuanced. As it ripens, the fragrance becomes more pronounced. Gently press near the stem; if your finger sinks in slightly, your melon is perfectly ripe and ready to be

# It's the summer fruit

The cultivation of melons extends across the entire Hérault region. Interestingly, did you know that the melon holds a dual identity as both a fruit and a vegetable? Belonging to the Cucurbitaceae family, alongside companions such as courgettes and pumpkins, the melon boasts versatility in its culinary classification. Whether enjoyed plain, in salads, or as a refreshing addition to gazpacho, this delectable fruit-vegetable hybrid is not only low in calories but also a rich source of vitamins. Indulge in its succulent flavors without hesitation, as the melon is an inviting option for a health-conscious and delightful dining experience!



# Do you know the cèbe, the local onion?

Introducing the Lézignan-la-Cèbe Sweet Onion, a delightful variety renowned for its flat and sweet profile. Sourced from the picturesque region of Lézignan-la-Cèbe and harvested in the early days of summer, this onion holds cultural significance as «Ceba» translates to «onion» in Occitan. Its unique flavour and texture make it an ideal choice for enhancing the essence of summer recipes.

Raw in a salad, so you can enjoy all its flavour and benefits but it can also be cooked in pissaladière or in an omelette.



# At the oyster farmers,

the cultivators of the famous «Bouzigues oyster»

To enjoy at Cabanes de l'Étang

### The Bouzigues oyster

is distinguishable by its crisp iodine essence, complemented by a subtle undertone of hazelnut. An intriguing characteristic of the Bouzigues oyster lies in its submersion throughout the entire maturation period, spanning 12 to 18 months. Given the absence of tides in the Thau Basin, this approach has mandated the implementation of 'tables'—trays where the oysters adhere.

Embark on an exploration of the oyster beds aboard the Etoile de Thau IV Excursion, meticulously orchestrated by our entertainment team. **Departing directly from the campsite, this journey promises an enriching experience.** 



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# The Tielle de Sète

a small pie crafted from homemade bread and filled with octopus cooked in a spicy tomato sauce, stands as the pride and joy of the people of Sète. But what is its true origin?

### The tielle, a culinary legacy

The Tielle holds a rich history, with its roots traced back to Italy at the end of the 19th century when Italian emigrants from Gaeta, a small fishing town north of Naples, brought it to the shores of Sète. Over time, the Tielle has evolved into the culinary emblem of Sète. However, it was a woman from the city of Agde who first introduced it to the market in the 1930s, marking the inception of the Adrienne and Bruno Virducci dynasty and their descendants. The recipe and craftsmanship were passed down through the generations, and today, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue to uphold the tradition, overseeing the artisanal Dasse and Cianni factories.

## **Picpoul de Pinet AOP**

is a fresh local white wine with citrus and floral notes that goes perfectly with seafood.







# At the Winery

Vineyards, an essential gathering for both women and men, a not-tobe-missed affair in the realm of vines.

# An Oenological Introduction at Domaine Saint-Pierre

Embark on a journey into oenology at Domaine Saint-Pierre in Vias-Plage, an estate with a history spanning over 200 years and adorned with the prestigious «Qualité Sud de France» label.

Dive into the intricacies of the winemaking process before immersing yourself in the tasting of 8 exquisite wines. From Merlot and Syrah to Sauvignon and Cabernet, you'll discover the art of observing the wine's nuances, savouring its aromas, and refining your palate. With a diverse selection of whites, rosés, and reds, this experience promises to elevate your appreciation for fine wines.

As tradition dictates, conclude your session by indulging in a winemaker's snack featuring a curated assortment of cheeses and hams.





Length: 2 hours Price 18€/adult and 15€ -18s

Visits available on Wednesday mornings by appointment, in groups with an animator (1 week out of 2, see the entertainment programme)



# Meet the winemakers at Domaine de Médeilhan

Embark on a delightful journey as you pedal through the tranquil countryside to Domaine de Médeilhan. Let the beauty of Vias envelop you as you glide along on your bicycle, immersing yourself in the stunning scenery between the Canal du Midi and the sprawling vineyards. This leisurely ride spans approximately 6 kilometers, punctuated with scheduled stops for you to fully appreciate each enchanting view along the way.

Christine, a dedicated and passionate winegrower, extends a warm invitation to explore the intricacies of her family winery. Venture into the winemaking cellar, gaining insights into the wine production process, and conclude the tour with a delightful tasting session featuring a selection of carefully chosen wines

Wednesday mornings requiring prior reservation (every other week, as per the animation schedule). The cost is €8 per adult and €14 per couple, with complimentary admission for children.



# At a brewery

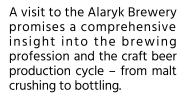


Explore the individuals, ingredients, and craftsmanship behind Alaryk craft beers.



BAR C57

# Indulge in 100% organic, locally sourced, and responsibly crafted beers.



Jérôme will guide you through the intricacies of hops, malt, yeast, and water. Concluding the tour, a tasting session awaits, offering you the opportunity to savour the diverse varieties on offer.

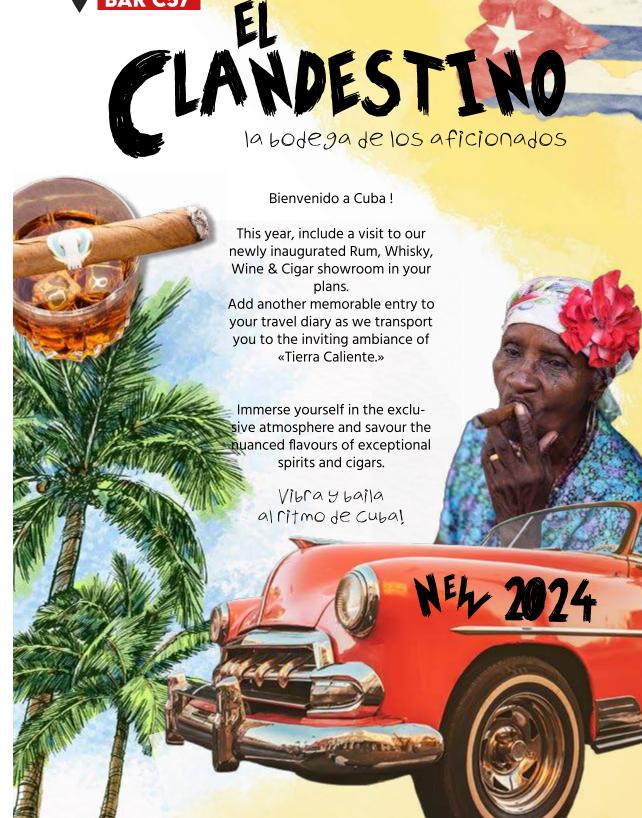


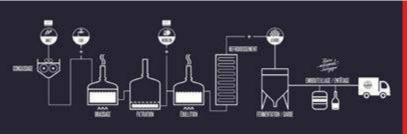


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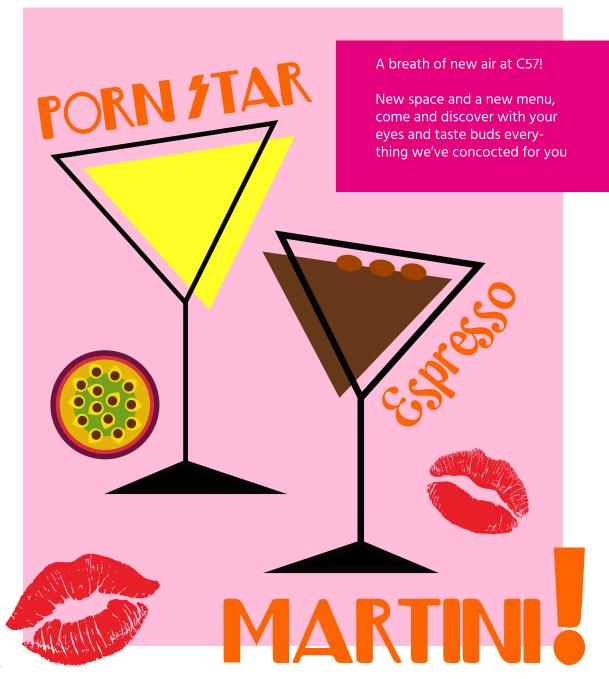






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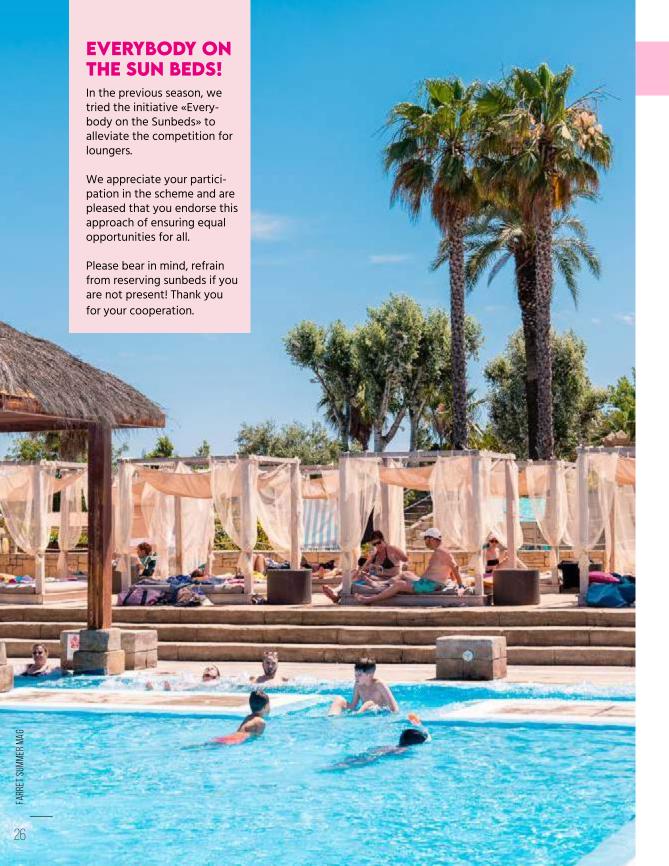
The Poulpy Bar is the place to be for a lively aperitif. Laughter and conviviality guaranteed.

At the Tao Bar, the exotic decor is a real eye-catcher. Sip a cocktail at the swimup bar or on a four-poster bed (prices & booking by the day, directly on site).

SO, ARE YOU TEAM POULPY OR TAO?

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# **TAO POOL**

Jacuzzis, bubble loungers, pool bar and canopy hire... At Tao, you can relax and enjoy the surroundings



# C57 POOL

Aquafun, Ninja Warrior, Olympics, water basketball... The C57 pool is the aquatic area reserved for entertainment. Here you can have fun and share a laugh with the animation team.



# **AQUADÔME**

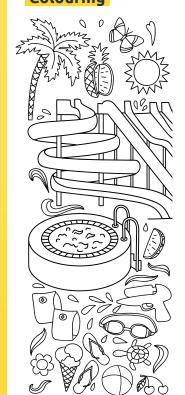
Looking for a thrill? You'll love the water slides at the Aquadôme. With its retractable roof, you can enjoy swimming in all weathers.

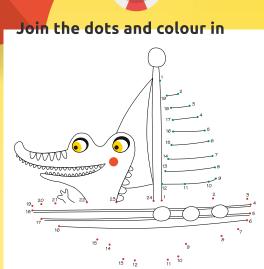


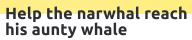
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- California California, USA CA
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- Santa Fé New Mexico, USA
- **Pirates** Caribbean
- **Pacific** French Polynesia
- Côté Plage Flamingo beach, Ecuador

- **Cabane** Arcachon, France
- Côté Mer South of France
- Happy Tent Ibiza, Balearic Islands
- **Africa** African Savannah
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# **HAPPENS FAST!**

As part of the fight against fires in natural areas, charcoal barbecues are now strictly

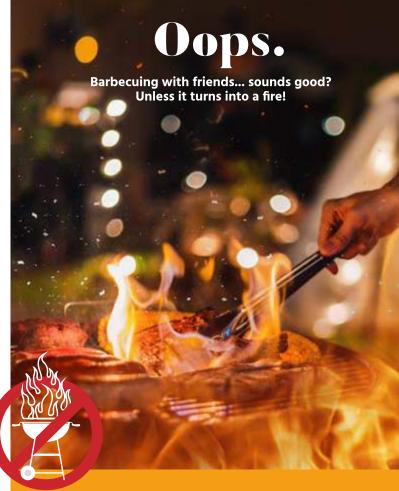
forbidden on campsites to avoid any risk of

fire hazard.

We have communal barbecues in the centre of the campsite for your BBQ desires!

However, you can use electric and gas barbecues or planchas on your pitches and terraces. You can hire these from our service provider, who will deliver them to you.





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# Château La





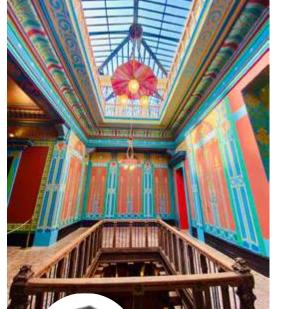
music room is one of the most

beautiful rooms in the villa.

Mosaics. wall paintings, stained glass, ironwork... during your visit, discover Emmanuel Laurens' taste for art.

A villa-palace that appears like an antique temple, Château Laurens is a unique example of Meridional New Art.

Initially envisioned by a 25-year-old resident of Agde, this historic monument, erected around 1900, stands as a testament to the opulent lifestyle of the French Belle Époque era. Its grandeur and exceptional interior decor blend influences from Egypt, Greco-Roman, and the Orient, creating a truly magnificent setting.





Emmanuel Laurens' small flats boast splendid stained glass windows and a magnificent bathroom.



The incredible story of **Emmanuel Laurens** 

As the heir to a vast fortune, he epitomised the refined tastes of an era, boasting a passion for art, an avid collection of fine works, a deep love for music, and a penchant for exploration. In 1897, he embarked on an ambitious endeavour: the transformation of his family's residence into a unique masterpiece, christened «Château Laurens,» a marvel of the 20th century. Enthralled by modernity, he commissioned the installation of central heating and running water, a rarity in its time.



#### **Guided tours**

Essential 40 min: €9 Reduced rate (6 to 26 years old): €7 Discovery 60 min: €14 Reduced rate (6 to 26 years):

\*2023 prices

#### **Location information**

Booking (recommended) on: www.chateaulaurens-agde.fr

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The ensuing years, spanning from 1905 to 1914, witnessed the zenith of Emmanuel Laurens' influence over the château. Oscillating between worldly adventures and extravagant soirées, he personified the excessive luxury of the Belle Époque era. Driven by his affection for an opera diva, he oversaw the creation of the most extraordinary chamber: the music room, a testament to his penchant for grandiosity.

However, the interwar period saw Emmanuel Laurens' fortunes take a drastic turn. A string of ill-fated investments coupled with his reluctance to curtail his extravagant lifestyle hastened his financial downfall. By 1938, his wealth depleted, he was compelled to sell his estate on a life annuity basis. With diminished means, he, his wife, and his sister retreated to the more modest «little flats,» leaving the remainder of the estate to decay. Following his demise in 1959, the château languished until its acquisition by the town of Agde in 1994, subsequently earning Historic Monument status two vears later.

After a decade-long restoration project, the largest in the Occitanie region, this architectural gem has been resurrected as a true masterpiece, meticulously crafted from the ground up.

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by Sophie R.

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# Highlighting our heritage





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At Club Farret, we support the promotion of our heritage, highlighting the history, culture and nature of our surroundings to offer our guests an authentic and memorable experience.

# **Brescou Fort in Agde**

An emblematic building on the agathoise coast, the Fort de Brescou is in need of restoration.

The island of Brescou, of volcanic origin, is the only island on the Languedoc coast. The Fort was built there in 1586 by the viscount of Joyeuse.

At one time a base for pirates and corsairs, it was saved from destruction at the King's request by Cardinal Richelieu, who saw it as the perfect place to set up a military port. The Cardinal's death stopped the work and the Fort became a state prison from 1680 to 1852.

The Fort has been listed as a Historic Monument since 1996. Its geographical location, environment and architecture make it an emblematic and historic site for the town of Agde, which acquired the site in 2009. After several centuries of being subjected to the ravages of the sea, it is now showing signs of exhaustion and can no longer be visited for safety reasons.

# The project: Restoration of the Fort

The town of Agde and the association «Les Amis du Fort de Brescou» have decided to save the fort by restoring it so that it can be reopened to the public.

The restoration of the fort could also offer economic and tourism development opportunities for the region. By attracting visitors and history lovers, the restored fort could become a major point of attraction, contributing to the local economy and promoting cultural heritage.

By investing in this exciting project, we are helping to preserve history while creating opportunities for the future.

Heritage in danger: the Bern mission will help the Fort de Brescou. As part of Stéphane Bern's mission to save endangered heritage, the Fort is the only site selected in the Occitanie region.

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# Replanting

The Canal du Midi

The Canal du Midi, an exceptional architectural jewel listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is now affected by the colour canker disease, which is a menace to its plane trees and all its biodiversity. The Giner family and the Domaine Sainte Cécile are supporting the preservation of the Canal du Midi.



# What is this incurable disease threatening the canal?

Since 2006, the plane trees on the Canal du Midi have been under attack from coloured canker, a microscopic fungus that decimates them in just a few months. There is only one solution to this problem: cut down and burn the dead or infected trees and replant with new species. The intertwined roots of the plane trees held the canal banks in place. It is therefore also necessary to rebuild the banks.

> 31,500 plane trees have already been cut down and 18,000 replanted









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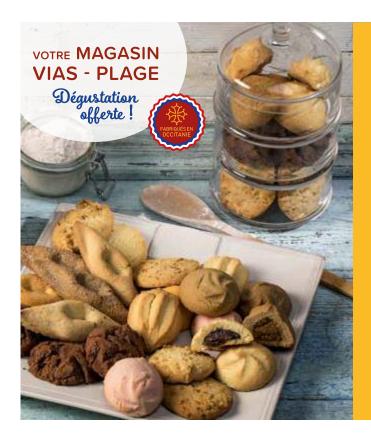
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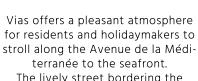
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# official CAMPING RULES

#### 1.CONDITIONS OF ADMITTANCE

No individual shall be permitted access to the premises without prior authorization from the Reception or management of the campsite. The act of occupying the campsite premises signifies acknowledgment and adherence to the prevailing internal regulations.

#### 2. FORMALITIES

Each guest intending to stay overnight at the campsite must register at the reception, providing identification documents and completing all necessary forms as required by law enforcement authorities. Compliance with these formalities must be completed prior to setting up camp on the premises. Unaccompanied minors will not be admitted in the absence of parental supervision.

#### 3. INSTALLATION

Your caravan, motorhome, or tent, together with any accompanying equipment, shall be situated upon the designated pitch as indicated by the management or a representative of the Reception.

#### 4. RECEPTION

The operating hours of the reception desk and the info point are displayed at the entrance. At the reception desk and info point, information pertaining to services offered on the campsite, sporting facilities, tourist guidance, and relevant culinary establishments is accessible.

#### 5. FEES

Payment of all fees shall be made at the Reception. The fee schedule is prominently displayed at both the campsite entrance and the Reception Office. Charges are levied based on the duration of occupancy. Campers are required to notify Reception of their intended departure at least one day in advance.

All patrons are obligated to settle their accounts at the Reception no later than 6 p.m. on the day preceding their departure.

#### 6. SILENCE AND NOISE

Campsite occupants are required to refrain from generating excessive noise, engaging in disruptive activities, or initiating conversations that may disturb neighbouring individuals. All noise-producing devices must be regulated accordingly. The operation of doors and vehicle trunks, as well as the use of equipment or materials, should be conducted with discretion.

Pets, including dogs and other animals, must not be left unattended at any time within the campsite premises, with their owners retaining legal responsibility for their supervision. Complete silence must be observed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

#### 7. VISITORS

After approval by the Management and reception staff, visitors may be permitted onto the campsite under the responsibility of the hosting camper. The hosting camper must register their guest(s) at the Reception. In the event that visitors are granted access to the campsite, the hosting camper may be required to pay a fee, the details of which are displayed at the campsite entrance and Reception Office. Visitor vehicles are not permitted within the confines of the campsite.

8. TRAFFIC INSIDE THE GROUNDS AND PARKING Within the campsite premises, vehicles must adhere to a maximum speed limit of 10 km/h, equivalent to a walking pace. Access to the site is restricted solely to registered campers. The operation of vehicles is prohibited between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., during which time vehicular entry and exit are not permitted. At this time, the barriers are closed, and vehicles must be parked off-site.

To facilitate unimpeded traffic flow, parking is strictly prohibited on pathways, passages servicing multiple pitches, and any area other than the designated pitch assigned to the camper.

# 9. BEHAVIOUR AND ASPECT OF PREMISES

All individuals are required to refrain from any actions that may compromise the cleanliness, hygiene, or appearance of the campsite, particularly with regard to sanitary facilities. It is prohibited to dispose of used water on the ground or in gutters; caravan owners must dispose of their wastewater in designated facilities.

Domestic waste, including all forms of rubbish and paper, must be deposited in the designated garbage area located at the main entrance of the campsite. Washing activities are restricted to designated washing facilities, and the hanging of laundry is permitted only if done discreetly, hanging laundry on or from trees is strictly forbidden.

Trees and plants within the campsite grounds must be treated with respect. It is expressly forbidden to drive nails into trees, cut branches, or plant anything on the premises. Any damage caused to vegetation, fences, hedges, terrain, or site installations will be the financial responsibility of the responsible party.

Prior to departure, campers are expected to ensure that their pitch is clean and left in the same condition as it was upon arrival.

#### 10. SECURITY

a) Fire:

Open fires and barbecues are strictly prohibited on the pre-mises. Only electric or gas barbecues and planchas are permitted for cooking purposes. Stoves must be maintained in good working condition and used with due regard for safety precautions. In the event of a fire, immediate notification must be made to Reception. Fire extinguishing equipment is available if required, along with a First Aid Kit located at the reception area.

The Management holds responsibility solely for items deposited at Reception. The camper retains responsibility for their own belongings and must promptly report any suspicious activity or individuals to the appropriate authorities. While security personnel are present on the premises, campsite users are advised to ensure the secure supervision of their possessions at all times.

#### 11. GAMES

No violent or disruptive games shall be organized in close proximity to installations on the premises. Lively games are strictly prohibited within the Game Hall. Parents are obligated to supervise their children's use of the gaming facilities and bear legal responsibility for their actions.

#### 12. UNOCCUPIED INSTALLATIONS (storage, parking)

Any unoccupied installation left on the site must receive prior approval from the Management. Otherwise, it will be relocated to a designated area as instructed. A fee, as displayed on the notice board at the Office, will be levied for dead storage.

## 13- INFORMATION

These regulations are prominently displayed at the entrance of the campsite and at the Reception area. They shall be provided to clients upon request.

14- NON-RESPECT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS If a resident causes disturbance to other present residents or fails to adhere to the conditions and regulations, the Manager or their representative is authorized to provide oral or written warnings to the said resident to cease the disturbance. In the event of repeated or serious breaches of the internal regulations, and following a directive from the manager to comply with said regulations, the resident's contract may be terminated. In instances of non-compliance with legal regulations, the Manager is obligated to involve law enforcement authorities.

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