The Camargue National Nature Reserve

Conceived within the Camargue Regional Nature Park, the Camargue National Nature Reserve is a 30,000 hectare reserve that covers the salt marshes of the Camargue, in the heart of the Scamandre Regional Nature Reserve. It is also an area of international importance and one of the most visited in France. This reserve is unique in Europe, being one of the largest and best-preserved salt marshes in the world. It is home to some of the most diverse and precious wildlife in France. The Camargue National Nature Reserve is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and is known for its many bird species, including the iconic Flamingo, and its unique wetland environment.

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Discover the park’s riches:
- Draw your own path following the signs
- Listen to the guided walks
- Buy your guidebook

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To explore the Camargue

Walking and cycling tours

Museum of the Camargue

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Home of RioC

RioC is a river that flows through the Camargue. The river is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including birds, fish, and insects. The river also provides a habitat for a number of plant species, including the popular annual saltwort. RioC is a popular destination for nature lovers and birdwatchers alike.

The cultural heritage

Camargue produce shop

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Home of the Saint-Louis Tower (La Tour Saint-Louis)

The Saint-Louis Tower is a historic landmark located in Arles. The tower is a symbol of the city and is a popular destination for tourists. The tower is open to the public and provides stunning views of the city and surrounding area.

A new life is being invented...

The Camargue Regional Nature Park offers 14 walking and cycling routes within its borders, in order to discover the full diversity of Camargue landscapes. From the wilderness of the north to the beaches in the south via the salt marshes and marshes, starting in Arles, in Saintes-Maries de la Mer or Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône, the whole area is to be discovered thanks to the booklet Legal Park Brand, available in French and English from tourist offices, the Museum of the Camargue and the Office of the Regional Nature Park of the Camargue (www.parc-camargue.fr) - labelled “Park brand”.

The natural heritage

With its 13 000 hectares of ponds, lagoons and salt marshes, the heart of the Camargue, which is known as the Camargue Regional Nature Park, is one of the world’s richest regions, and an important stopping-off point for migratory birds as they go back and forth between Europe and Africa. It’s also France’s only nesting sight for the flamingo, its world-famous emblem. And then there are the bulls, horses, beavers, owls, gulls, terns, herons and wading birds.

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13  The Pont de Gau bird park

La Cacharel lighthouse (Phare de la Cacharel)

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This museum provides an interesting introduction to the Camargue. The permanent exhibition is open from 9am to 7pm, and there are guided tours that run throughout the day. The museum is open every day from 10am to 6pm, and admission is free.

If you would like to receive more information or to book a guided tour, please contact the museum directly. Thank you for your visit!
The Camargue is a large wetland in the Rhône delta. It is exceptionally diverse in its flora and fauna, its scenery and the culture of Provence in all its historical grandeur.

Whether you are interested in nature or in the traditions of the Camargue, we can give you the information you need to appreciate the park, bearing in mind its vulnerability.

Visiting museums or natural features, between the sea and the pools, on foot or on horseback, following the tourist routes or resting on the beach - you can organise your visit according to your preferences, while also respecting the quality of your surroundings.

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**Fish are caught in the rice fields.**

**The Camargue has some 50 km of beaches.**

**These salt plains are a feature of the lower Camargue. Their side is also marked by white traces.**

**Home of rice (Maison du riz).**

**The salt ponds are to be found along the sea.**

**The salt marshes (sansouires) and meadowlands.**

**The salt plains are a feature of the lower Camargue. Their salt content is so high that only a few plants species such as glasswort, saltwort, obione and statice can survive there. They are prone to periodic flooding, and in summer, the salt is maximised by solar treatment.**

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