



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 relaxing on the beach - you can organise your visit according to your preferences, while also respecting the quality of your surroundings.



Professionals commit to sustainable tourism in the Camargue with the « Valeurs Parc naturel regional » brand

Owned by the Ministry of the Environment, « Valeurs Parc naturel regional » is a brand to help foster sustainable development in local areas. It promotes local products and human-scale tourist businesses, local economy players who respect the specific features of the area and its environment.

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DISTANCES BETWEEN THE MAIN TOWNS :		
Aigues-Mortes - Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer		30 km
Aigues-Mortes - Arles		42 km
Arles - Salin-de-Giraud		37 km
Arles - Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer		37 km
Arles - Port-Saint-Louis		36 km
Albaron - Salin-de-Giraud (par bord du Vaccarès)		40 km
Salin-de-Giraud - Port-Saint-Louis (via bac de Barcarin)		5 km

Cultivated land

20% of the Camargue is used to grow rice. The water taken from the Rhône for this purpose desalinates the soil to a certain depth, and the rice fields are also home to nesting birds such as the heron. They are flooded in April and allowed to dry out in September for the harvest.



Freshwater marshes and reed beds

These are common in the upper Camargue and on the banks of the Rhône. Water plants such as bullrushes, cane and reeds are abundant in the marshes, which are used for hunting and, in summer, pasturage. They provide shelter for nesting and wintering birds. Reeds (« sagno », in Provençal) are cut in winter by the « sagneurs ». They are used as a roofing material.

The salt plains (« sansouires ») and meadowlands

Salt plains are a feature of the lower Camargue. Their salt content is so high that only a few plant species such as glasswort, saltwort, obione and static can survive there. They are prone to periodic flooding, and in summer are marked by white traces due to the presence of salt. Meadowland occupies only small, fragmented areas in which the effects of salt are less obvious.



The salt ponds

These are to be found along the sea. In reality they are lagoons that have been adapted to maximise their salt concentration. The salt ponds are extensive and rich in invertebrates, which makes them an important source of food for birds, and in particular the flamingos, which spend most of their time there.



NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES (presented overleaf)

- 1** Camargue produce shop (Maison des produits de Camargue)
- 2** Museum of the Camargue (Musée de la Camargue - Park reception area)
- 5°** Home of rice (Maison du riz)
- 8** Home of the Camargue Horse (Maison du cheval Camargue)
- 13** The Pont de Gau bird park (Parc ornithologique de Pont de Gau)
- 17** La Gacholle lighthouse (Phare de la Gacholle)
- 18** Flamingo reproduction site (Étang du Fangassier)
- 20** The Salt works observatory
- 21** Domaine de la Palissade
- 22** The Saint-Louis Tower (Tour Saint-Louis)
- 24** The Camargue National Nature Reserve (La Capelière)
- 29** The Vigueirat marshes National Nature Reserve
- 30** The Scamandre Regional Nature Reserve



The ponds and lagoons

The shallow ponds of the lower Camargue are separated from the sea by a sandbar. They are more or less salty, and communicate with the sea via sluice gates. They provide a refuge for birds and fish, and play a major role in water management.



The beaches and dunes

The Camargue has some 50 km of beaches. Outside the perimeter of the protective dykes - and thus subject to the caprices of the sea - the coastline is in a permanent state of change. The dunes are inhabited by spectacular flowering plants and a number of rare insects.

- Viewpoint**
- Tourist path (by bike / by car)**
- Discovery route for pedestrians and cyclists (closed to cars)**
- Cycle path ViaRhôna**
- Boundary of the Camargue Regional Nature Park**

