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Population

47,000

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most shops are open Monday to Saturday from 9:00-19:00, but smaller shops may be closed at lunchtime (from 12:00-14:00). Stores are closed on Sunday and public holidays, except for annual sales events.

Internet

www.carcassonne.org, www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

Newspapers

La Dépêche du Midi, Le Midi Libre

Emergency numbers

17 (Police/emergency), 15 (Ambulance), 18 (Fire)

Tourist information

Office Municipal du Tourisme

28 rue de Verdun

Tel: +33 (0)468 10 24 30

www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

CARCASSONNE

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Located in South of France, Carcassonne is at the crossing of two major routes: from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean coast and from the heart of France to Spain, both used since antiquity. It's a beautiful and diversified region but the city itself has enough to fulfil your curiosity. The medieval fortified Cité is a UNESCO world heritage site. No wonder that Carcassonne is home to a unique historical and cultural past. And if you add the local traditional dishes, the hospitality of its inhabitants and some of the best vineyards in the south of France, your stay will be a most memorable one!

THE CITY



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Carcassonne has been influenced by over 2,000 years of conquests, crusades, and the prosperous period of Catharism's religion. Before its restoration, the Cité was an abandoned place in an outlying area in a town made wealthy by the wine trade and the clothes manufacturing industry. Today, Carcassonne offers a unique historical and architectural asset. In the absence of any heavy industry tourism is undoubtedly the city's strength both because of its geographic position and its exceptional heritage. The medieval walled town, the "Cité," lies on the right bank of river Aude, and is still home to its population of around 120, with a large number of shops and craftsmen. On the left bank, the modern city Bastide Saint Louis has kept its historical roots. You will be amazed by its outstanding variety of architectural styles, including buildings dating from the 14th to the 18th century, such as the Saint Michel Cathedral. The mix of modernity and historical wealth offer a very rich cultural life. Within a unique scenery and authenticity, the city has managed to provide all amenities for both tourists and business travellers. If you have time, the whole region has much more to show, like going on a "péniche" (or barge) on Canal du Midi or explore the huge vineyards' hectares.



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DO & SEE



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The Medieval Cité

This UNESCO world heritage fortress is unique in Europe for its beauty and size. Walking along its 3 kilometres of ramparts is a must. Free access, but a tour on the small train is original and carries a small price.

Train tours starts at Western gate, "Porte Narbonnaise," from 1 May to 30 September

Address: Western gate, Porte Narbonnaise
Phone: +33 468 244 570

Basilica Saint Nazaire

The "Jewel of the Cité" is a prime example of Norman and Gothic architecture existing comfortably side by side. It is home to the tomb of Bishop Pierre de Rochefort (14th century) and one of the oldest and most important organs of South of France.

Address: Medieval Cité, Carcassonne

Comtal Castle (11th-13th Centuries)

Originally the dwelling of powerful feudal lords, it has undergone many changes over the centuries. For a visit you have to book a guided tour with a member of the Historic Buildings (40 minutes) or with a lecturer from the Historic Buildings (1h 30mins).

Address: Medieval Cité
Phone: +33 468 117 077 and +33 468 117 587

Bastide Saint Louis

The heart of Carcassonne, built in 1260, to a checkerboard layout around the Place Carnot and its colourful market. Wandering in rich southern French charm, you will see beautiful religious buildings like Church Saint Vincent, private mansions as well as restful parks and gardens. Among top attractions is the Gothic-styled Saint-Michel Cathedral, which features a wealth of objects of worship and art work. All places of interest are available from the tourism office, which also organizes tours during the summer season.

Phone: +33 468 102 430
Internet: www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

Canal du Midi

Nearby Bastide Saint Louis, you can continue your visit along the famous Canal, suitable for great trekking.

Internet: www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

Vineyards

If you have time, Carcassonne and the surrounding region are home to some of the best French vineyards, a real pride of the city.

Internet: www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

EATING



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The Aude region offers an incredible variety of wines to be accompanied by special traditional dishes. Traditional local food is usually heavy, such as the Cassoulet, the famous specialty – a mixture of haricots and duck and pork. There are over fifty restaurants within the Cité walls, with great views all around. Those who love Mediterranean food will also find heaps of everything to fulfil their appetite. Expect great food!

Auberge De Dame Carcas

It's a great venue to taste traditional regional dishes. You can try the Cassoulet, honey pork, and paned foie gras with red fruits!

Address: 3, place du Château, La cité
Phone: +33 468 712 323
Internet: www.damecarcas.com

Auberge Des Ducs D'oc

Just next to Dame Carcas – again a recommended restaurant offering a wide range of regional traditional food.

Address: 6 Place du Château, Cité
Phone: +33 468 479 190
Internet: www.auberge-des-ducs-doc.fr

Auberge Des Lices

In this elegant and medieval building you will obviously find the typical cassoulet, but also other dishes such as the 'parillada' made with fresh fish are worth a try. There is delicious homemade ice cream and bread!

Address: 6 rue Raymond-Roger Trencavel, Cité

Phone: +33 468 723 407
Internet: www.blasco.fr

Jardin De La Tour

With its outside tables, it's a good venue, offering both regional and Mediterranean food.

Address: 11 rue Porte d'Aude, Cité
Phone: +33 468 257 124

Le Vieux Four

This small but inviting restaurant serves traditional French food as well as Italian food, all cooked in wood-fired oven. Pizzas and cassoulet are delicious! A great atmosphere at reasonable prices.

Address: 9 rue Saint Louis, Cité
Phone: +33 468 478 880

L'arbre De Vie

Sit back and enjoy great local specialities with lovely views of the Medieval Cité at good prices.

Address: 3 place Marcou, Cité
Phone: +33 468 714 533

L'écurie

Located in an old stable, this place is something else! During summer time, you can eat romantically in the charming garden under hundred-year-old trees.

Address: 43 Boulevard Barbès, Bastide Saint Louis
Phone: +33 468 720 404
Internet: www.restaurant-lecurie.fr

Chez Fred

Just a short walk from Canal du Midi, "Chez Fred" serves sophisticated, traditional Mediterranean food. There is a nice shady terrace. The Cathary lamb is worth a try!

Address: 31 Boulevard Omer Sarraut, Bastide Saint Louis
Phone: +33 468 720 223
Internet: www.chez-fred.fr

CAFES



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Le Splendid

Near the main entrance of the Bastide Saint Louis, it's an attractive café with a blue façade. Perfect for a break after touring the city!

Address: 2 rue Courtejaire, Bastide Saint Louis
Phone: +33 468 263 282

Le Petit Moka

Near the river Aude, it's a charming venue offering a wide range of coffee and tea. Great for a break between tours in the Cité and Bastide Saint Louis!

Address: 4 Place Carnot
Phone: +33 468 256 887

Le Bistro Fruit

In the heart of the Cité, this is again a great venue to get some rest. A quiet and charming atmosphere. Be sure you try the homemade ice cream!

Address: 7 Place Marcou
Phone: +33 468 255 233

Bistro Florian

Is one of the favourite venues for tourists and students. You can sit on the sunny and popular terrace. Food is also available.

Address: 21 place Carnot
Phone: +33 468 727 728

Le Marcou

In the beautiful Medieval Cité, Le Marcou is another popular café among tourists who come to enjoy ice cream, teas and cocktails or simply a good coffee.

Address: 12 place Marcou
Phone: +33 468 473 748
Internet: www.lemarcou.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Carcassonne at night is simply magical, the walls and monuments are highlighted with golden lights. On your way to a bar or a discotheque, walking through this open-air museum is something you won't forget. Carcassonne is a small city, but as one of the top French tourism destinations, there is a wide range of trendy places to sample. Many people start the evening with an aperitif after a long day of visiting the medieval sites, and then go on to some great nightspots. Latino bars and clubs are very popular!

Café Du Dôme

A popular venue to start with an aperitif in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The homemade sangria is famous, and it's a great place to watch concerts!

Address: 35 rue des Trois Couronnes, Bastide Saint Louis
Phone: +33 468 250 348

L'éclipse

Karaoke bar that attracts tourists and locals alike. It's a good place to meet new people and have fun when singing one of your favourite songs.

Address: 30 rue Minervoise
Phone: +33 468 255 285

La Fiesta Bodega

Tapas, bar, night club, outdoor terrace, this popular venue has everything to party all night long in a warm atmosphere!

Address: 49 avenue Henri Goût
Phone: +33 468 713 942

Habana Café

In a friendly atmosphere and a distinctly Cuban and salsa ambience, Habana Café offers excellent Latin music. Depending on the time you go, it's a great place to either relax with a cocktail or dance vigorously!

Address: 23 place Carnot
Phone: +33 468 712 878

Black Bottom

A recommended venue in Carcassonne, hosting great DJs in a hot atmosphere. This is the right place to party and dance to the latest hits.

Address: Route de Limoux
Phone: +33 468 473 711

Pop Bar

Not only a bar and restaurant, Pop Bar is also popular for its theme nights!

Address: 5 rue Armagnac
Phone: +33 468 715 021

Le Conti

This is another trendy venue dedicated to partying all night long with a warm Latino vibe. DJs are great!

Address: 16 rue de l'Aigle d'Or.
Phone: +33 468 253 940

Bulle

One of the most popular and best dance clubs in Carcassonne.

Address: 115 rue Barbacane
Phone: +33 468 724 770

O'sheridan's Pub

A typical Irish pub serving a wide range of beers with great live music. For those who miss the British style pubs and Guinness!

Address: 13 rue Victor Hugo
Phone: +33 468 720 658

SHOPPING



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Antiques, books and wine are the most popular items for travellers. Carcassonne has two distinct shopping areas. In the modern lower city, Bastide Saint Louis, there is a popular market for clothing on boulevard Barbès. Nearby, rue Georges Clémenceau and rue de Verdun are the major streets for shopping with a vast array of retailers, bookshops with rare or sold-out editions, shoes, cosmetics and perfume. On Place Carnot, the colourful market, with a mouthwatering selection of local delicacies is definitely worth a visit. Shopping in the walled Cité is more authentic, although most of the shops are dedicated to tourists. There are a large number of tiny stores, boutiques and craftsmen. All kinds of souvenirs can be bought such as original clothes in wool, old maps, or gift items like antiques and local art or crafts. Knives, swords and other medieval weapons are also found in speciality shops. You will find excellent souvenirs and toys for the kids! There are a couple of good souvenir shops at the junction of rue Cros-Mayrevieille and rue Saint Sernin. For genuine articles, try the "Antiquities," at the bottom of the rue Porte d'Aude. It's the oldest and most reliable shop for antiques. Last but not least, you can buy wine from the neighbouring wineries, at local stores or Place Carnot market. The Minervois (rosé wine) is the most popular in the region. In the Cité, Cellier des Vignerons on rue du Grand Puit is a

recommended shop offering a wide selection of regional wines.

SLEEPING



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Hotel De La Cité

Standing between the Romanesque Château Comtal and the Gothic Basilica of Saint-Nazaire, this hotel is set in its own glorious stone-walled gardens and offers luxurious hospitality.

Address: Place Auguste Pierre pont, Cité
Phone: +33 468 719 871
Internet: www.hoteldelacite.com

Domaine D'auriac

This charming country house hotel is an ideal place for relaxing in an exceptional environment. It combines comfort and luxury with top regional cuisine and fine wines. There is also a golf course and swimming pool.

Address: Route St Hilaire
Phone: +33 468 257 222
Internet: www.domaine-d-auriac.com

Mercure Porte De La Cité

Stunning views over the city walls and Canal du Midi, with a pleasant shady garden and a swimming pool. The food is great and at reasonable prices.

Address: 18 rue Camille St Saëns, Cité
Phone: +33 468 119 282
Internet: www.mercure-carcassonne.fr

3 Couronnes

Overlooking the medieval city, this hotel is a good value. There is an indoor swimming pool and the restaurant on 4th floor offers the best panoramic view over the city.

Address: 2 rue des 3 Couronnes
Phone: +33 468 253 610
Internet: www.hotel-destroiscouronnes.com

Pont Vieux

Located at the very foothills of the Old City, this hotel offers a phenomenal view and some rooms have a small balcony. In this category, it's definitively a recommended place!

Address: 32 rue Trivalle
Phone: +33 468 252 499
Internet: www.hoteldupontvieux.com

Hotel Des Voyageurs

For small budgets, all basic comforts provided, walking distance from Bastide St Louis.

Address: 41 allée d'Inéa
Phone: +33 468 250 234

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

Carcassonne is served by an international airport, "Aéroport Pays de Cathare," located just 2 km west.

The cheapest and fastest way to get in town is the shuttle service. You can use your ticket for a connection with local transport. Shuttles run according to flight schedules and take you to the city centre, train station and the Cité.

Phone: +33 468 719 646
Internet: www.carcassonne.aeroport.fr

Public transport

The "Aglo'Bus" runs an efficient network of public buses and shuttles (8 lines). You can purchase tickets on board or at the company hub (Halte Centrale/Parking du Dôme on Square Gambetta).

There is a shuttle service between Bastide Saint Louis (market place) and la Cité during the summer season every 15 minutes. From May to October, you can also use the "tous" (electric vehicles) between the main

points of interests within Bastide Saint Louis.

Phone: +33 468 478 222
Internet: www.carcassonne-tourisme.com

Canal du Midi

If you have time and you're passionate of calm and nature, you may rent a boat on the Canal du Midi!

Address: Société Nautic, 15 quai Riquet
Phone: +33 468 718 895
Internet: www.nautic.fr

Bike

You can hire bikes at:

Evasion 2 roues

Phone: +33 468 119 040

Bike

Espace 11

Address: 3 route Minervoise
Phone: +33 468 252 818

Taxi

Radio Taxi Service

Phone: +33 468 715 050

Taxi

Taxi Chollon

Phone: +33 468 713 636

Post

Stamps are available from kiosks and newsagents.

Address: Main Post Office, 40 rue Jean Bringer
Phone: +33 468 117 100

Pharmacy

Listed in local papers.

After 20.00, contact the main Police station.

Phone: +33 468 112 600

Pharmacy

Doctors are found at the General Hospital.

Phone: +33 468 242 424

Electricity

220/240 V AC, 50Hz

Telephone

Country code: +33, Area code: 468





Allée de la Plaine Saint-Nazaire	D1 D2	Rue Antoine Armagnac	B2 B3	Rue d'Alsace	C2
Allée de la Voûte	A3	Rue Antoine Marty	C2	Rue d'Isly	A3
Allée des Provinces	A1 B1	Rue Armand Tiffou	D3	Rue d'Isly	A3
Allée du Parc	A3 A4	Rue Auguste Delauné	A2	Rue Edmond Rostand	B1
Allée d'Iéna	B2 B3	Rue Auguste Fourrès	D3	Rue Elisée Reclus	B2
Avenue A Mullet	C3	Rue Auguste Rodin	A2 A3	Rue Emile Zola	A2 B2
Avenue Achille Mir	D2 D3	Rue Basse	C3 C4	Rue Ernest Renan	A2 A3
Avenue Bertrand Lamourelle	A2 B2	Rue Buffon	B2 C1	Rue Fernand Merlane	C4
Avenue Bunau-Varilla	A3	Rue Camille	D4	Rue Flandres Dunkerque	D3
Avenue des Berges de l'Aude	A4 B4	Rue Camus	A3	Rue Frédéric Soulié	B1
Avenue des Berges De L'Aude	C3 D2	Rue Clément Ader	A2	Rue Fédou	C3
Avenue du Docteur Gout	A3	Rue Coste Reboulh	C3	Rue Galilée	A1
Avenue du General Sarraill	D2	Rue Crozals	B2	Rue Georges Clémenceau	B2 C2 C3
Avenue du Général Leclerc	D3	Rue de Belfort	C2	Rue Gustave Nadaud	D3 D4
Avenue du President Franklin Roosevelt	A1 A2	Rue de l'Horte	C2 D1 D2	Rue Gérard Philippe	A1
Avenue du President Wilson	D2 D3	Rue de la Barbacane	C3 D4	Rue Henri Fabre	B2
Avenue Pierre Charles Lespinasse	A2 B3	Rue de la Fortune	B3	Rue Hugues Bernard	C2
Avenue Pierre Semard	A2 B2	Rue de la Liberté	B2 C2	Rue Jacquard	D3
Boulevard Barbès	B3	Rue de la République	B3 C3	Rue Jacqueline Auriol	A2
Boulevard de la Pierre Blanche	A1 B1	Rue de la Tour d'Auvergne	A3 B3	Rue Jacques Ourtal	B3
Boulevard de Varsovie	B2 B3	Rue de Lorraine	C2 C3	Rue Jean Bringer	C3
Boulevard des Acacias	B1	Rue de Madrid	A3	Rue Jean Racine	D3
Boulevard Henri Wallon	B1	Rue de Mazagan	C3	Rue Jean Richepin	B1 B2
Boulevard Irène Frédéric Jolit-Curie	D2 D3	Rue de Metz	B3	Rue Jean-Baptiste Perrin	A1
Boulevard Jean Jaurès	C2 C3	Rue de Montpellier	C2	Rue Jean-Jacques Melair	C1
Boulevard Léon Blum	B1 C1	Rue de Palais	C2 C3	Rue Jean-Sébastien Bach	A1
Boulevard Marcou	B3	Rue de Port Vieux	C3	Rue Joseph Salvat	B1
Boulevard Omer Sarraut	B2 C2	Rue de Saint-Hilaire	C4	Rue Jules Michelet	A1 A2
Boulevard Paul Langevin	A1	Rue de Strasbourg	C2	Rue Jules Sauzède	B2 B3
Boulevard Paul Sabatler	C2 D2	Rue de Séville	A3	Rue Lafayette	B3 B4
Chemin des Anglais	D4	Rue de Verdun	B3 C3	Rue Laraignon	B3
Impasso Fantasio	B1	Rue Denfert Rochereau	B2	Rue Littré	B3
Place du Gal de Gaulle	B3 C3	Rue Denis Diderot	D2 D3	Rue Louis Blériot	A1
Pont Neuf	C3	Rue des 3 Couronnes	C3	Rue Léon Bourgeois	A3 B3
Pont Vieux	C3	Rue des Amidonniers	B3	Rue Marin Marais	A3 A4
Quai Bellevue	C3 C4	Rue des Egantiers	C1 C2	Rue Maurice sarraut	C2
Quai du Païcherou	C4	Rue des Etudes	B3	Rue Michel Maurette	C4
Quai Riquet	C1 C2	Rue des Génévriers	D1	Rue Molière	D3
Route Minervoise	C1 C2 D1	Rue des Genûts	C1	Rue Parmentler	C2
Rue Achille Langé	A3 A4	Rue des Glycines	C2	Rue Pasteur	A3 B3
Rue Achille Rouquet	D1	Rue des Lauriers	C1	Rue Paul Lacombe	D3
Rue Alba	B3 B4	Rue des Quarte Chemins	A3	Rue Pierre Curie	A2
Rue Albert Tomey	B2 B3	Rue des Rames	B3 B4	Rue Pierre de Coubertin	A2
Rue Alexandre Dumas	D3	Rue Didier Daurat	A1	Rue Pierre Germain	C2 C3
Rue Alexandre Guiraud	D3	Rue Docteur Roux	C1	Rue René Descartes	A1
Rue Alexandre Soumet	A2 B2	Rue du 24 Février 1848	B4	Rue Romain Rolland	A3 A4
Rue Alfred de Musset	B1 B2	Rue du Cimetière Saint Michel	B4 C4	Rue Trassanel	C1
Rue Almé Ramond	B3 C3	Rue du Four Vicomtal	D3	Rue Trivalle	D3 D4
Rue Alphonse Daudet	A1	Rue du Général Laperrine	B3 B4	Rue Victor Hugo	B3
Rue Anatole France	C1	Rue du Moulain de la Seigne	B1	Rue Voltaire	B3 C3
Rue Andrieu	C4	Rue du Quatre Septembre	B2 C2	Square Gambetta	C3
Rue André Riffaut	D2	Rue Dujardin-Beaumetz	C3 C4		