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Located in the deep south of France, Perpignan is the capital of the Pyrénées Orientales. Its geographical and cultural identity is directed naturally toward Spanish Catalonia since it's a border city, looking out onto the Mediterranean coast and the highest mountains of the French Pyrenees at once. Perpignan is a busy place greatly influenced by Mediterranean cultures and benefiting from 2,500 hours of sun per year. No wonder Salvador Dali saw it as the “Centre of the World”.

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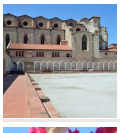

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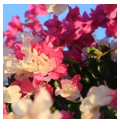

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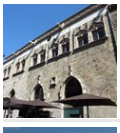

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Perpignan, often referred to as the "Catalan Perpignan," stands as a testament to its rich history, having once been the capital of French Catalonia between the 10th and 17th centuries. Its golden era can be traced back to when it was the crown jewel of the Kingdom of Majorca. The city's architectural marvels, many of which were conceived during this period, continue to captivate visitors.

Nestled between the Pyrenees and a stone's throw from the Mediterranean Sea, Perpignan is a melting pot of Catalan, Roman and Mediterranean influences. This rich tapestry of cultures is evident in its language, traditions, and the harmonious blend of ethnicities. Landmarks like the Palace of Kings de Majorque offer a window into the bygone era of the Majorcan Kingdom, while the Old Town, with its historic charm, is a walk down memory lane.

In additions to its deep-rooted history, Perpignan pulses with modern vibrancy and extends a warm invitation to international guests. Positioned in the Roussillon plain and serving as a gateway to the Iberian Peninsula, it's more than just its picturesque setting. The city plays host to the International Festival of Photojournalism and the medieval Trobades festival, and boasts a longstanding garnet industry.

DO & SEE

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There are many things to do and see in Perpignan, including cathedrals, castles, thermal springs and world-class museums. If you are looking for an adrenaline-packed holiday, the region offers a wide range of challenging outdoor activities like skiing, hiking or nautical sports.

Palace Of Kings of Majorca

Built in the 13th century, the Palace Of Kings of Majorca is one of the most remarkable examples of medieval civil and military architecture in southern France. The main courtyard and its ensemble of Gothic buildings, as well as the garden, are worth your attention, but this majestic palace is worth a visit even just for the views of the city.

Photo: Jean-Pierre Dalbéra/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Palais des Rois de Majorque, Rue des Archers, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 34 96 26
Internet: www.tourism-mediterraneanpyrenees.com/palace-kings-majorca

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

This beautiful building was first named a church in the 14th century and later given the status of Cathedral in 1601. It's a Gothic masterpiece, where the atmospheric darkness, the presence of an organ and countless statues create a mysterious and solemn atmosphere. Admission is free.

Photo: Ymblanter/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Basilique-Cathédrale de Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Perpignan, Place Gambetta, Perpignan
Opening hours: Daily 8am–5pm
Phone: +33 4 68 51 33 72

Hyacinthe-Rigaud Art Museum

Situated in a typical 18th-century townhouse, the Hyacinthe-Rigaud Art Museum displays rare and rich collections of art and cultural artefacts of the Oriental Pyrenees from the 13th century to the present, displayed in the permanent collection or in occasional temporary exhibitions.

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Address: Musée d'art Hyacinthe Rigaud, 21 Rue Mailly, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +33 4 68 66 19 83
Internet: www.musee-rigaud.fr

Loge De Mer Town Hall

Loge de Mer, or "Sea Lodge" in English, is one of Perpignan’s finest and oldest historical sites. Made of river stones, it represents the typical architecture of the region. It used to be a stock exchange and the maritime consulate, as symbolized by the hard-to-miss iron vessel.

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Address: Place de la Loge, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 66 30 30

Le Castillet

Standing at the crossing between the old and the modern city, this stunning castle used to be not only a city gate, but also a prison. Built by Guillame Gitard in the 14th century, today it isn't only an architectural monument, but often houses various temporary exhibitions.

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Address: Place de Verdun, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +33 4 68 35 42 05

Casa Xanxo

This beautiful private mansion in the heart of the Old Town is one of the few Gothic houses conserved in Perpignan, characterized by the grotesque depictions of the seven deadly sins. The house was built in 1508 by a rich cloth merchant and went through numerous alterations thought the centuries. In this way, it's an architectural representation of Perpignan's complex history.

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Address: 8 Rue de la Main de Fer, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–5:30pm, Mon closed
Phone: +33 4 68 62 38 84

Around Perpignan

The countryside has many interesting spots and villages worth a visit, such as Elne and its 2,700-year-old citadel, Riversaltes, renowned for its vineyards, or Saint Estève with its beautiful landscape at the edge of the Pyrenees chain. The coast has also some best-kept secrets, like the typical Catalan village of Saint-André.

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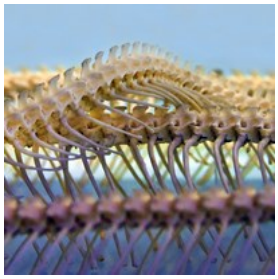
Doll Museum

At this museum, you'll discover a collection of 500 dolls, complemented by posters and photographs of artists and television stars. While the staff warmly welcomes visitors, it's essential to schedule an appointment for your visit.

Photo: Fatih Güney/pexels
Address: Musée des Poupée Bella, Espace Primavera, 6 Avenue du Languedoc, Perpignan
Phone: +33 6 61 57 60 92
Internet: oraseeetlespoupeesbella.fr

Natural History Museum



At this museum you can enjoy a permanent exhibition with rare and/or extinct animals of the Eastern Pyrenees including different bird species, great mammalians and African ethnological objects. Explore the exposition, and do not miss the Egyptian mummy from the XXIII dynasty.

Photo: DenisDoukhan/pixabay
Address: Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, 12 Rue Fontaine Neuve, Perpignan
Opening hours: October though May: Tue–Sun 11am–5:30pm, Mon closed. June through September: daily 9:30am–5:30pm
Phone: +33 4 68 66 33 68
Internet: www.mairie-perpignan.fr/culture-patrimoine/culture/musees/museum-dhistoire-naturelle

Campo Santo & Chapelle de la Funeraria

By the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, you can find the only cloister-cemetery in France that has been classified as a historical monument since 1910. Built in the beginning of the 14th century, it also has an ossuary and the current building consists of 4 galleries about 54 metres long each.

Photo: Cayambe/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Rue Amiral Ribeill, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 11am–5:30pm, Mon closed. Closed from the beginning of August to the beginning of October
Phone: +33 4 68 66 30 66

Parc Sant Vicens

The garden on Rue Sant Vicens is a delightful place with shaded walking paths, a duck pond, exotic flowers, orange trees and oleanders — a pleasant green oasis within walking distance from Perpignan's major attractions.

Photo: efes/Pixabay
Address: 40 Rue Sant Vicens, Perpignan
Opening hours: April through October: daily 8am–8:30pm; November through December: daily 8am–5:30pm
Phone: +33 4 68 66 30 30
Internet: www.santvicens.fr

Couvent Des Minimes

Couvent Des Minimes (Minimes' Cloister) was built between 1585 and 1620 in the ancient Jewish district of Perpignan. Here you will find a church with a courtyard and convent buildings. Exhibitions are held in the cloister all year long.

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Address: 12 Rue François Rabelais, Perpignan
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am–6pm
Phone: +33 4 68 51 25 63

Canet-en-Roussillon

Plan a field trip to the seaside town Canet-en-Roussillon, located only 12 km away from Perpignan. Here you can enjoy 9 km of beaches of fine sand, discover ancient ruins and a castle or stroll around in the old town. In addition, there are some water sport activities available here such as windsurfing, beach volleyball, kayaking and jet skiing.

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Castelnou

You should not leave the Pyrénées Orientales until you have paid a little visit to this charming medieval village called Castelnou. It is located approximately 20 km southwest of Perpignan and is nestled at the base of Les Aspres foothills and the Canigou. Castelnou is truly a beautiful village with cobbled streets that offers amazing views from the Castle.

Photo: Devisme.alain/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)
Internet: www.castelnou.com

Centre de Sculpture Romane Maître de Cabestany

Close to Perpignan, you will find the commune of Cabestany. One of its main attractions is the Centre of Roman Sculpture. If you're an art and history-lover you simply must stop by to see the reproductions of pieces by a celebrated, yet anonymous, sculptor from the 12th century — Master of Cabestany.

Photo: Jean-Pierre Dalbéra/cc by 2.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Parc Guilhem, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–12:30pm / 1:30pm–6pm; Mon closed
Phone: +33 04 68 08 15 31
Email: contact@maitredecabestany.fr

Deversud

If you are the kind of traveller who doesn't feel like sitting back while on holiday, check out Deversud. Here, you can go climbing, canyoning and explore a via ferrata in an enchanting setting guided by a professional instructor who will take good care of you and make you enjoy the experience no matter your level.

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Phone: +33 6 79 67 73 97
Internet: deversud.com

DINING

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In Perpignan, the food has Catalan influences and is always accompanied by great regional wines. Among the most popular items are snails smothered in garlic, salted smoked hams, and richly stuffed sausages. Of course, fresh Mediterranean-style seafood is also available. The Old Town is packed with lively venues. Beside the canal, Quai Vauban attracts those who look for a more romantic evening. Restaurants often offer good value set menus (carte du jour), but reservations may be necessary.

L'Assiette Catalane

L'Assiette Catalane is one of the best places to try the Catalan style gastronomy at a reasonable price. The restaurant, serving succulent tapas, paella, seafood, and more, offers also a great selection of wines, especially from "Côtes du Roussillon". Set menus are available.

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Address: 9 Rue de la République, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 34 77 62
Internet: restaurantguru.com/LAssiette-Catalane-Perpignan
Email: contact@assiettecatalane.com

La Roma

La Roma is highly praised, not only because of the pizzas traditionally cooked with wood fire and the great selection of house wines, but also for the friendly staff and the central location that makes this restaurant a convenient place to stop by for lunch when touring Perpignan.

Photo: Jared Tarbell/cc by 2.0/wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: 3 Place François Arago, Perpignan
Opening hours: Daily noon–3pm / 7pm–11pm
Phone: +33 4 68 51 62 39
Internet: restaurantguru.com/La-Roma-Perpignan

L'Arago

L'Arago is a friendly place with good pizza and typical brasserie-style cuisine. You will find this restaurant on Place Arago, upon which you will look while having your meal on the lovely outside terrace during summer time, relaxing and watching the world go by.

Photo: Viktor Hanacek/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Place Arago, Perpignan
Opening hours: Daily 8am–11:30pm
Phone: +33 4 68 51 81 96

Café Vienne

Primarily a restaurant, Café de Vienne is also popular for its nice, refreshing terrace on Place d'Arago, ideal for an espresso or a refreshing drink. Here, you can also enjoy a fresh salad — a light meal perfectly suited for the summertime.

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Address: 3 Place Arago, Perpignan
Phone: +33 468 34 80 00
Internet: https://restaurantguru.com/Cafe-Vienne-Perpignan

Le Divil

You will find Le Divil only three minutes away from the Castillet. This brasserie is often full of locals and provides a laid back atmosphere. The attentive staff serves high quality fish and meat dishes, including special cuts cooked just right.

Photo: Jason Leung/unsplash
Address: 9 Rue Fabriqués d'en Nabot, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 34 57 73
Internet: www.restaurant-le-divil-66.com

Le Napoli

With more than 40 years of experience, the restaurant Napoli, serves mouth-watering Italian dishes. The food is prepared with quality products and the restaurant team is friendly and extremely service-minded. The comprehensive menu offers something for everyone, including vegetarians and vegans.

Photo: Danijela Prijovic/unsplash
Address: Place de Catalogne, Perpignan
Opening hours: Sun–Thu noon–2:30pm / 7pm–11:30pm; Fri & Sat noon–2:30pm / 7pm–midnight
Phone: +33 4 68 51 25 02

La Thailande

Eat as much as you can from the Thai buffet, where the variety of dishes offered is enviable. The staff might not speak perfectly fluent English, but the warm welcome and the tasty food will definitely compensate for it.

Photo: Alyssa Kowalski/unsplash
Address: 1 Chemin de la Fauceille, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 98 73 55
Internet: https://restaurantguru.com/La-Thailande-Perpignan

Les Saisons

Serves French cuisine that is perfectly cooked by the chef Adrien Joly. The atmosphere is elegant and slightly formal. This is a great place to have dinner with colleagues, but also friends and family.

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Address: 6 Rue Camille Desmoulins, Perpignan
Phone: +33 468 34 50 39
Internet: https://restaurantguru.com/Les-Saisons-Perpignan

Le Tartard

Le Tartard might be the best restaurant in the city to sample tartare, as well as other kinds of particular dishes such as the "tuna profiterole", accompanied by delicious French fries or vegetables. A must-try place that specializes on tartare, which always constitutes the main course.

Photo: berlandphilippe0

Address: 6 Rue Sainte-Magdeleine, Perpignan
Phone: +33 6 83 27 22 39
Internet: restaurantguru.com/Pti-resto-Perpignan

Le Clos des Lys

Le Clos des Lys is perfect for every occasion. Classy atmosphere outside as well, where there's a romantic fountain just in the centre of the colourful garden. Make sure to leave room the dessert buffet.

Photo: Viktor Hanacek/Shutterstock.com
Address: 660 Chemin de la Fauceille, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 56 75 00
Internet: www.closdeslys.com
Email: contact@closdeslys.com

Casa Sansa

A wide selection of traditional Catalan dishes is served by the attentive staff in a warm environment that perfectly represents the Catalan culture. Generous portions and affordable prices make it a very popular place, so make sure to book a table, especially during the weekend.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Rue des Fabriqués Couvertes, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon 7pm–11pm; Tue noon–2:30pm / 7pm–11pm; Sun closed
Phone: +33 468 50 48 01
Internet: www.instagram.com/casa_sansa1846

Crêperie du Theatre

In the very centre of Perpignan, there is a charming crêperie where you can spoil yourself with different kinds of sweet or savoury delights (for the eyes and senses) such as the classic crêpe with chocolate or rich salads prepared with fresh, local and ecological ingredients.

Photo: Monika Grabkowska/unsplash
Address: 1 Rue Gustave Flaubert, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon noon–2:30pm; Tue–Sat noon–2:30pm / 7pm–10pm; Sun closed
Phone: +33 6 16 12 95 35
Internet: www.creperie-du-theatre.fr

CAFES

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The coffee culture in France is pretty impressive; most people start their day with an espresso shot and finish their lunch with a coffee. Of course, Perpignan is no exception. Many of the cafés offer an outside terrace where you can people-watch and enjoy your fresh coffee.

Le Grand Café de la Poste

Le Grand Café de la Poste is housed in a lovely, old building in a prime location, right next to Le Castillet. Here you can enjoy a coffee in a friendly Mediterranean atmosphere. Their shaded outdoor terrace is particularly pleasant when the weather is hot.

Photo: Viktor Hanacek/Shutterstock.com
Address: Place de Verdun, Perpignan
Opening hours: Daily 7am–11pm
Phone: +33 4 68 80 41 98
Internet: www.grand-cafe-de-la-poste.fr

La Cafetière Catalane

A little hidden paradise for every coffee-lover, where you can enjoy your coffee indoors or at one of the picturesque tables positioned just outside the café. Have a look inside even if only to buy coffee or tea to take home with you.

Photo: Family Business/Shutterstock.com
Address: 17 Rue de l'Ange, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–7pm
Phone: +33 4 68 56 10 10
Internet: www.lacafetierecatalane.com

Cafés La Tour

The coffee enthusiasts will be delighted to pay a visit to Cafés La Tours, located in the northeast of Perpignan. Here you will find dozens of different kinds of artisan coffee from Guatemala, Peru, Ethiopia, and many other places. Have coffee on the spot or purchase beans to go.

Photo: acekreations/Pixabay(image cropped)
Address: 11 Avenue Emile Roudayre, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–12:30pm / 2pm–5:30pm; Sat & Sun closed
Phone: +33 4 68 61 24 18
Internet: www.cafeslatour.fr

Café Léo

Right in the heart of Perpignan, Café Léo offers a unique coffee-tasting experience. Embracing a minimalist and essentialist design, the all-white interior exudes sophistication. This isn't just about aesthetics; their limited but exceptional offerings, from the aromatic richness of their espresso and filter coffee to the perfectly balanced taste of their cold brews, speak for themselves. The cherry and pistachio cake is a must-try.

Photo: freddie marriage/unsplash
Address: 1 Rue de la République, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 9am–4pm, Sun & Mon closed
Internet: cafe-leo.fr

Cafe Tanger

Cafe Tanger is not your typical Third Wave coffee spot. Instead, think mint tea and Arabic desserts drowned in honey, and hot aromatic coffee at more than fair prices. Enjoy your drink with a famous Moroccan donut — Sfenj — on their breezy terrace.

Photo: Dina Nasyrova/pexels
Address: Carrer Denis Fustel de Coulanges, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9am–8:30pm, Sun 4:30pm–8:30pm
Internet: restaurantguru.com/Cafe-Tanger-Perpignan

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

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Although Perpignan is busier over the summer, there are plenty of great bars for all tastes in a buzzing atmosphere year around. The streets radiating from Place de la Loge offer a higher concentration of bars and clubs than any other part of the town. Discos usually open at 11 pm. During the summertime, the beachfront strip near Canet Plage is very popular with its seasonal venues.

Place de la Loge

Since many of the bars and venues that are worth a visit for the nightlife are located in the same area, locals usually start their nights out walking around Place de la Loge and enjoying not only the fresh air (especially in the summer), but also the vibrant atmosphere that Perpignan has to offer.

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Habana Bodeguita

Habana Bodeguita offers the best cocktails in town in an exotic atmosphere. This is a great place where you can relax with a tasty Mojito in your hand, dance all night to long Latin music, or even take a salsa course. Food is served indoors and at tables outside.

Photo: StockSnap/Pixabay
Address: 5 Rue des Grandes Fabriques, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 6pm–2am, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +33 4 68 34 11 00
Internet: www.lahabanabodeguita.com

The New Ascot

This music bar located in the heart of the city is the favourite evening venue for jazz lovers. Great local bands play every week, which makes coming here a good way to get to know the local music scene in a friendly yet elegant setting. May get crowded as the night progresses.

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Address: 12 Impasse des Cardeurs, Perpignan
Phone: +33 4 68 51 01 43
Internet: restaurantguru.com/The-New-Ascot-Perpignan

O'Shannon Perpi

The wide range of beers with an Irish accent is the main attraction of the Shannon bar. The atmosphere is warm and traditionally Irish, and the interior design is adorably rustic. Enjoy a pint of beer or a whiskey at this lively bar located to the north of Perpignan.

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Address: 3 Rue de l'Incendie, Perpignan
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 6pm–2am, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +33 6 12 75 42 39
Internet: o-shannon.business.site
More Info: Irish Pub

V&B

Just outside Perpignan, in the area of Cabestany, you'll find this venue that operates both day and night. At V&B you'll be offered an incredibly wide variety of beer and whiskey and during the weekend visitors are entertained by some live band performances.

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Address: 1 Rue James Watt, Cabestany
Phone: +33 4 68 86 36 68
Internet: www.vandb.fr

Vinochope

Have a beer or a glass of wine chosen from the great variety of drinks that you will find on the menu, and listening to some jazz or acoustic guitars sweetly playing. The genre always changes, so check the Facebook page before deciding when you want to give Vinochope a try.

Photo: suman/Pixabay
Address: 26 Rue Mathieu de Dombasle, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon 3pm–9pm; Tue–Fri 10am–12:30pm / 2:30pm–9pm; Sat 10am–9pm; Sun closed
Phone: +33 4 68 89 91 43
Internet: www.vinochope.fr

SHOPPING

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Perpignan is the largest Catalan city (after Barcelona and Lleida) and is situated just outside of Spain. Consequently, the indigenous style of Catalan is greatly reflected in both textiles and pottery, which are among the most popular items for travellers to buy. For fresh produce, visit some of the local markets, and explore the fragrant and flavourful regional wines.

Les Caves Maillol

Wine shop that also sells whiskey, champagnes and much more, staffed with knowledgeable shop assistants. Be consulted on wine pairings and select that perfect bottle to bring back and have with dinner. The shop also holds weekly wine and spirits tastings.

Photo: Amy Chen/unsplash
Address: 9 Cours François Palmarole, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9am–8pm, Sun 9am–12:30pm
Phone: +33 434 10 36 21
Internet: www.caves-maillol.fr

Galeries Lafayette

A known French department store on Place de la Résistance, whose four floors of fashion and cosmetics are definitely a place to visit especially during the big sales seasons (January and June). From Armani to Calvin Klein, from Chanel to Clinique — find all your favourite brands under one roof.

Photo: Watcharapol Ampraser/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1 Place de la Résistance, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–7:30pm, Sun closed
Phone: +33 4 68 35 26 91
Internet: www.galerieslafayette.com/m/magasin-perpignan

Rue Paratilla

This narrow and picturesque street is one of the most dynamic places in Perpignan. Check out the gourmet grocery store Sala that specializes in the Collioure (a nearby popular coast resort) anchovies, or any of the little and charming aromatic shops, one of the reasons for Perpignan's popularity among visitors.

Photo: Jorge Franganillo/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)
Address: Rue René Paratilla, Perpignan

Outdoor Markets

Shopping at outdoor markets is a popular pastime among locals, and it's a lively and picturesque affair. You could have a look at the flea market, held every Sunday on Avenue Palais des Exposition; the Art Market, every first Saturday on Allées Maillol; the Brocant Market, every Saturday at the same place or, finally, the bio market Marché République that takes place from Tuesday to Sunday at Place de la République.

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Internet: www.perpignantourisme.com/en/decouvrir/voir-faire/marches-et-brocantes

Boutiques around the City Center

The best way to enjoy shopping in this city is definitely just wandering around the city centre, without a particular destination, since one of the narrow streets you are likely to wander through on your way might just hide that specialty boutique you've been looking for.

For example, rue Sant-Vicens is one of the best places to find the finest pottery, furniture and carpets, while rue des Anges or rue Alsace Lorraine have a series of boutiques like Celini, offering an interesting choice of designer clothing.

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Aushopping Porte d'Espagne

If you need to buy lots of items of different nature, then pay a visit to this shopping centre where you'll enjoy the convenience of having all you may need under one roof. Have a look at well-known chain stores such as Mango, H&M and Sephora and get something to eat at Flunch.

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Address: Route d'Espagne, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9am–8pm, Sun closed
Phone: +33 468 68 10 10
Internet: perpignan.aushopping.com

TOURIST INFORMATION

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Perpignan–Rivesaltes Airport (PGF)

Perpignan is primarily served by Perpignan–Rivesaltes Airport. It's located near the town of Rivesaltes, just north of Perpignan. The airport handles both domestic flights within France and international flights.

The cheapest and fastest way to get into the town is by hopping on a bus run by Sankeo — Perpignan's public transportation company. The bus ride to the city will take about 25 minutes.

There is also a taxi rank just outside the terminal, a faster, but more expensive way to get into the city. The trip, in this case, takes about 10 minutes.

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Address: Aéroport de Perpignan – Rivesaltes, Avenue Maurice Bellonte, Perpignan
Phone: +33 468 52 60 70
Internet: www.aeroport-perpignan.com

Public Transport

Sankéo operates the public transport system within the Perpignan Metropolitan Region. They have expanded their services by not only increasing bus frequencies but also by introducing innovative and eco-friendly transport options like the Bus-tram and the P'tit Bus.

The network boasts three primary bus lines operating at 10-15 minute intervals, supplemented by P'tit Bus shuttles. For nocturnal travellers, there's a dedicated night service. And if you're navigating the Old Town, hop on the P’tit bus — a free shuttle service available every 7 minutes, excluding Sundays and bank holidays.

You can also use the Sankéo mobile application to take advantage of their customised transport offers.

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Phone: +33 468 61 01 13
Internet: perpignanmediterraneemetropole.fr/en/les-mobilites/en-bus-sankeo/reseau-sankeo

Taxi

Taxi Direct Perpignan +33 468 83 83 83 www.taxi-direct-perpignan.com 1 Rue Maurice Archambaud, Perpignan
Accueil Perpignan Taxis
+33 4 68 35 15 15
www.accueilperpignantaxi.fr
52 Rue Maréchal Foch, Perpignan

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Post

Stamps are available from any kiosk and newsagent and the mailboxes you will find in Perpignan are yellow, with "La Poste" written on them, in blue.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash
Address: La Poste, Quai de Barcelone, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Wed & Fri 9am–5:30pm; Thu 10am–5:30pm; Sat 9am–noon; Sun closed
Phone: +33 9 70 82 36 31
Internet: www.laposte.fr

Pharmacy

In Southern France, pharmacies are easily identifiable by their traditional green cross sign. These establishments not only provide prescription and over-the-counter medications but also offer health and beauty products.

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Address: Grande Pharmacie Lafayette de Catalogne, 19 Avenue Marcelin Albert, Perpignan
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8:30am–8pm, Sun closed
Phone: +33 4 68 54 01 31
Internet: www.pharmacielafayette.com/enseigne/pharmacies/perpignan

Telephone

Country Code: +33 Area code: 04

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Electricity

In France, you'll encounter two types of plugs: C and E. While both feature round pins, type E adds an extra earthing pin. The country's electrical system runs on a 230V supply voltage at 50Hz.

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Population
118,032

Currency
1 Euro = 100 cents

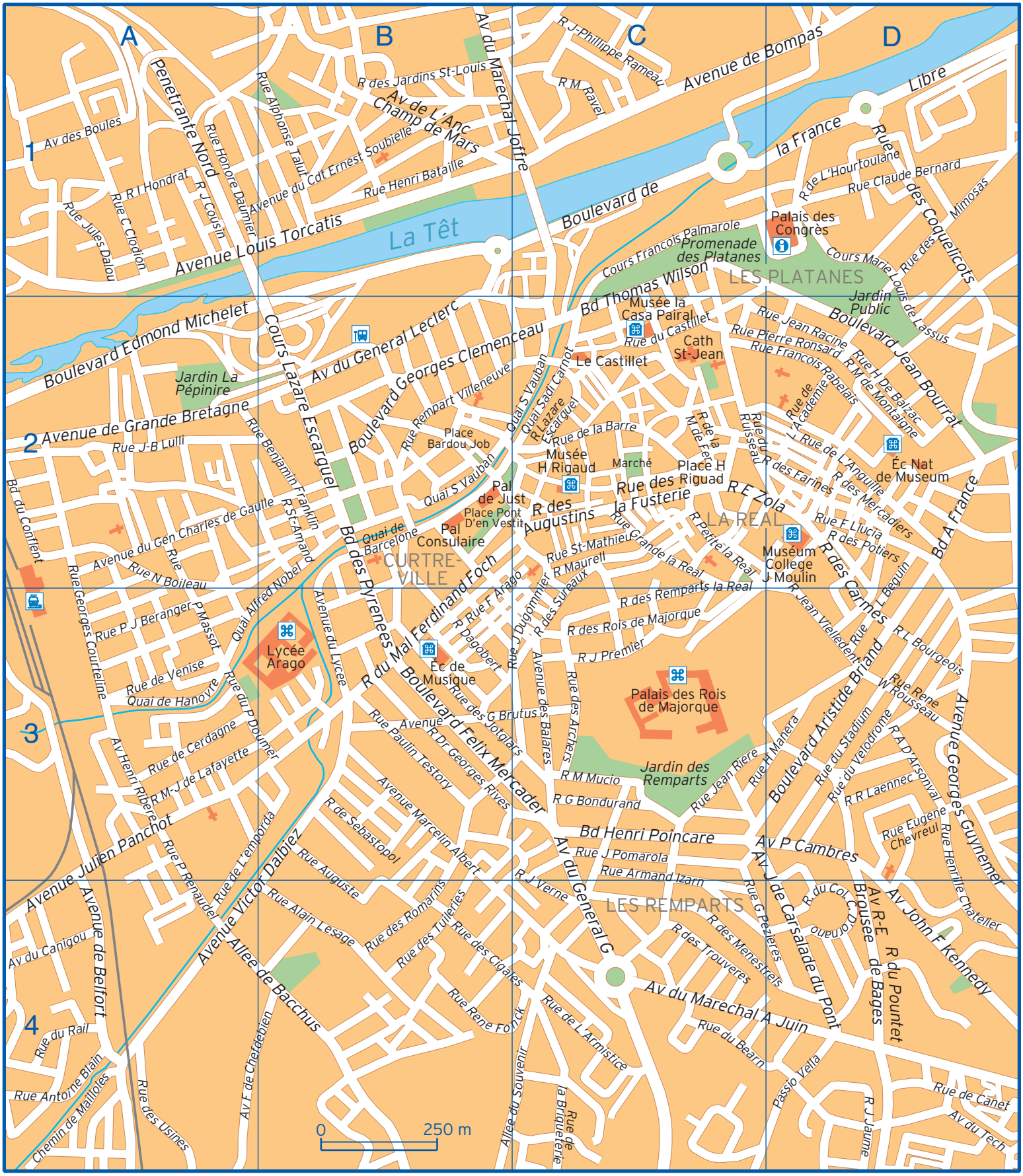
Opening hours
Most shops are open Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm, but smaller shops may close at lunchtime (from noon to 2 pm). Stores are usually closed on Sunday and public holidays, except for annual sales events.

Internet
www.perpignantourisme.com/en

Newspapers
Dépêche du Midi — www.ladepeche.fr
Midi Libre — www.midilibre.fr

Emergency numbers
17 (Police/emergency)
15 (Samu/ambulance)
18 (Fire)

Tourist information
Office du Tourisme de la Ville de Perpignan
Place de la Loge, Perpignan
+33 4 68 66 30 30
contact-office@perpignan.fr
Open Mon–Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 10am–1pm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Av de L'Anc Champ de Mars
Av du Marechal Joffre
R J-Phillippe Rameau
R M Ravel
Avenue de Bompas
Libre
la France
Rue des Coquelicots
R de L'Hourtoulane
Rue Claude Bernard
Mimosas
R I Hondrat
R J Cousin
Rue Jules Dalou
Rue C Clodion
Avenue du Cdt Ernest Soubielle
Rue Henri Bataille
Avenue Louis Torcatis
La Têt
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Palais des Congrès
Cours Francois Palmarole
Promenade des Platanes
Cours Marie Louis de Lassus
LES PLATANES
Bd Thomas Wilson
Jardin Public
Boulevard Jean Bourrat
Musée la Casa Pairal
Rue du Castillet
Cath St-Jean
Le Castillet
Rue Jean Racine
Rue Pierre Ronsard
Rue Francois Rabelais
Rue H De Balzac
R M de Montaigne
Boulevard Edmond Michelet
Cours Lazare Escarguel
Av du General Leclerc
Boulevard Georges Clemenceau
Jardin La Pépinire
Avenue de Grande Bretagne
Rue J-B Lulli
Rue Rempart Villeneuve
Quai S Vauban
Quai Sadi Carnot
R Lazare Escarguel
Rue de la Barre
Place Bardou Job
Musée H Rigaud
Marché
Place H Riguad
Rue de la M de Fer
Rue du Ruisseau
Rue de L'Academie
Rue de L'Anguille
R des Farines
R des Mercadiers
Éc Nat de Museum
Bd A France
Rue Benjamin Franklin
R St-Amand
Quai S Vauban
Pal de Just
Place Pont D'en Vestit
R des Augustins
Rue des Riguad
la Fusterie
R E Zola
LA REAL
Rue F Llucia
R des Potiers
Bd du Conflent
Avenue du Gen Charles de Gaulle
Rue N Boileau
Quai de Barcelone
Pal Consulaire
CURTRE-VILLE
Bd des Pyrenees
Rue St-Mathieu
R Maurell
Rue Grande la Real
R Petite la Real
Muséum College J Moulin
R des Carmes
R L Beguin
Rue Georges Courteline
Rue P J Beranger
P Massot
Quai Alfred Nobel
Avenue du Lycee
R du Mal Ferdinand Foch
R Rue F Arago
R Dagobert
Rue J Dugommier
R des Sureaux
R des Remparts la Real
R des Rois de Majorque
R Jean Vielledent
Rue
R L Bourgeois
Lycée Arago
Éc de Musique
R J Premier
Rue de Venise
Quai de Hanovre
Rue du P Doumer
Boulevard Felix Mercader
Avenue des Balares
Rue des Archers
Palais des Rois de Majorque
Boulevard Aristide Briand
Rue Rene W Rousseau
Avenue Georges Guynemer
Rue des G Brutus
Avenue
Rue Paulin Testory
R Dr Georges Rives
Rue des Jotglars
Rue de Cerdagne
R M-J de Lafayette
Av Henri Ribere
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R M Mucio
R G Bondurand
Rue Jean Riere
Rue H Manera
Rue du Stadium
Rue du Velodrome
R A D'Arsonval
R R Laennec
Rue Eugene Chevreul
Rue Henrille Chatelier
Avenue Marcelin Albert
R de Sebastopol
Bd Henri Poincare
Av P Cambres
Rue J Pomarola
Rue Armand Izarn
Av du General G
R J Verne
LES REMPARTS
Av J de Carsalade du Pont
Rue G Pezieres
R du Col. C. Dornano
Av R-E Brousee de Bages
Av John F Kennedy
R du Pountet
Avenue Julien Panchot
Rue P Renaudel
Rue de L'emporda
Avenue Victor Dalbiez
Rue Auguste
Rue Alain Lesage
Rue des Romarins
Rue des Tuileries
Rue des Cigales
R des Menestrels
R des Trouveres
Av du Canigou
Avenue de Belfort
Allee de Bacchus
Rue Rene Fonck
Rue de L'Armistice
Av du Marechal A Juin
Rue du Bearn
Rue du Rail
Rue Antoine Blain
Chemin de Mailloles
Rue des Usines
Av F de Chefdebien
Allee du Souvenir
Rue de la Briqueterie
Passio Vella
R J Jaume
Rue de Canet
Av du Tech
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Allee de Bacchus	A4 B4	Quai de Barcelone	B2	Rue du Colonell Conella D'ornano	D4
Allee du Souvenir	B4 C4	Quai de Hanovre	A3	Rue du Mal Ferdinand Foch	B2 B3
Avenue de Belfort	A4	Quai Sadi Carnot	C2	Rue du Pountet de Bages	D4
Avenue de Bompas	C1 D1	Quai Sebastien Vauban	B2 C2	Rue du President Doumer	A3 B3
Avenue de Grande Bretagne	A2	Rue Alain Lesage	B4	Rue du Rail	A4
Avenue de L'Ancien Champ de Mars	B1	Rue Alphonse Talut	A1 B1	Rue du Ruisseau	C2
Avenue des Balares	C3	Rue Antoine Blain	A4	Rue du Stadium	D3
Avenue des Boules	A1	Rue Armand Izarn	C3 C4	Rue du Velodrome	D3
Avenue du Canigou	A4	Rue Arsene D'Arsonval	D3	Rue Emile Zola	C2 D2
Avenue du Commandent Ernest Soubielle	A1 B1	Rue Auguste	B3 B4	Rue Eugene Chevreul	D3
Avenue du General Guillaut	C3 C4	Rue Benjamin Franklin	A2 B2	Rue F. Llucia	D2
Avenue du General Leclerc	B2	Rue Claude Bernard	D1	Rue Francois Arago	B3 C2
Avenue du Général Charles de Gaulle	A2 B2	Rue Claude Clodion	A1	Rue Francois Rabelais	C2 D2
Avenue du Lycee	B3	Rue Dagobert	B3	Rue Georges Bondurand	C3
Avenue du Marechal A Juin	C4 D4	Rue de Canet	D4	Rue Georges Courteline	A2 A3
Avenue du Marechal Joffre	B1 C1	Rue de Cerdagne	A3	Rue Georges Pezieres	C4 D4
Avenue du Tech	D4	Rue de la Barre	C2	Rue Grande la Real	C2
Avenue Fernand de Chefdebien	A4 B4	Rue de la Briqueterie	C4	Rue Henri Bataille	B1
Avenue G Brutus	B3	Rue de la Main de Fer	C2	Rue Henrille Chatelier	D3 D4
Avenue Georges Guynemer	D3 D4	Rue de L'Academie	D2	Rue Honore Daumier	A1
Avenue Henri Ribere	A3	Rue de L'Anguille	D2	Rue Honore De Balzac	D2
Avenue John Fitzgerald Kennedy	D4	Rue de L'Armistice	C4	Rue Hyacinthe Manera	C3 D3
Avenue Jules de Carsalade du Pont	C3 D4	Rue de L'emporda	A4 B3	Rue Isidore Hondrat	A1
Avenue Julien Panchot	A3 A4	Rue de L'Hourtoulane	D1	Rue J Dugommier	C2 C3
Avenue Louis Torcatis	A1 B1	Rue de Sebastopol	B3	Rue Jaques Premier	C3
Avenue Marcelin Albert	B3	Rue de Venise	A3	Rue Jean Cousin	A1
Avenue Pierre Cambres	C3 D3	Rue des Archers	C3	Rue Jean Racine	C2 D2
Avenue Robert-Emmanuel Brousee	D4	Rue des Augustins	C2	Rue Jean Riere	C3
Avenue Victor Dalbiez	A4 B3	Rue des Carmes	D2 D3	Rue Jean Vielledent	D2 D3
Boulevadr des Pyrenees	B2 B3	Rue des Cigales	B4 C4	Rue Jean-Baptiste Lulli	A2
Boulevard Anatole France	D2	Rue des Coquelicots	D1	Rue Jean-Phillippe Rameau	C1
Boulevard Aristide Briand	D3	Rue des Farines	C2 D2	Rue Joseph Jaume	D4
Boulevard de la France Libre	C1	Rue des Jardins Saint-Louis	B1	Rue Joseph Pomarola	C3
Boulevard du Conflent	A2	Rue des Jotglars	B3 C3	Rue Jules Dallou	A1
Boulevard Edmond Michelet	A2	Rue des la Fusterie	C2	Rue Jules Verne	C3 C4
Boulevard Felix Mercader	B3 C3	Rue des Menestrels	C4 D4	Rue Lazare Escarguel	C2
Boulevard Georges Clemenceau	B2 C2	Rue des Mercadiers	D2	Rue Louis Beguin	D2 D3
Boulevard Henri Poincare	C3	Rue des Mimosas	D1	Rue Léon Bourgeois	D3
Boulevard Jean Bourrat	D2	Rue des Potiers	D2	Rue Marie-Joseph de Lafayette	A3
Boulevard Thomas Wilson	C1 C2	Rue des Remparts la Real	C3	Rue Maurell	C2
Chemin de Mailloles	A4	Rue des Rois de Majorque	C3	Rue Maurice Ravel	C1
Cours Francois Palmarole	C1	Rue des Romarins	B4	Rue Michel de Montaigne	D2
Cours Lazare Escarguel	B2	Rue des Sureaux	C2 C3	Rue Miguel Mucio	C3
Cours Marie Louis de Lassus	D1 D2	Rue des Trouveres	C4	Rue Nicolas Boileau	A2
Passio Vella	D4	Rue des Tuileries	B4	Rue Paul Massot	A3
Penetrante Nord	A1	Rue des Usines	A4	Rue Paulin Testory	B3
Place Bardou Job	B2	Rue Dr Georges Rives	B3 C3	Rue Petite la Real	C2
Place Pont D'en Vestit	B2 C2	Rue du Bearn	C4	Rue Pierre Jean Beranger	A3
Quai Alfred Nobel	A3 B2	Rue du Castillet	C2	Rue Pierre Renaudel	A3 A4

Rue Pierre Ronsard C2 D2
Rue Rempart Villeneuve B2 C2
Rue Rene Fonck B4 C4
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Rue Rene Waldeck Rousseau D3
Rue Saint-Amand B2
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