

Press Kit

Cassis

2023



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With its grandiose scenery and colourful harbour, Cassis stands out thanks to its typically Mediterranean lifestyle. You can live here all year round to the rhythm of nature and human activity. You can hike, sail, dive, cycle, you can discover the savours of an inimitable *terroir*, and listen to some jazz. You can meet fishermen, writers, people whose roots lie in Provence or who adopted Cassis as their home and proclaim their love for their exceptional surroundings and the importance of protecting them. In Cassis, the professionals have managed to adapt and reinvent themselves to meet new expectations and offer the best possible welcome: outings in small groups or private events, discovery of the wide open spaces, mobility and parking rethought for a smoother traffic flow... Those are just some of the points that capture the special spirit of Cassis.



HIGHLIGHTS & WHAT'S NEW IN CASSIS IN 2023



SETTLING IN

Settling in

New: La Suite 23



La Suite 23 is a story of passion. This beautiful, light and spacious house offers a charming setting for recharging your batteries, entirely thought out by Magali. The owner - author of books on art, gastronomy, gardening and wellbeing - accumulates her passions and shares them in her new house... Each room reflects her taste for beautiful materials, plants, designer furniture and each object has a story to tell. Magali proposes two 35 sq.m suites, with every comfort, opening on to a lush garden with swimming pool. The plus: cooking classes and flower arranging workshops, coming soon...

Rates: €220 in the low season / €320 in the high season.

Home-made organic breakfast included and served on the terrace facing the sea.

<https://www.suites23.com/>

The Green Key commitment: Cassis's offer is growing

The Green Key international label is the Number One "Sustainable Tourism" Label for accommodation. It promotes the development of ecologically virtuous and socially responsible tourism.

In Cassis, besides Les Volets Rouges hotel, which was the first, along with the Auberge de Jeunesse de la Fontasse, to receive this label, two hotels have been added to the ecoresponsible offering at the end of 2022. The **Cœur de Cassis 3*** hotel, which offers rare views of the village's roofs and benefits from a superb space dedicated to wellbeing, has been joined by a legendary establishment: Les **Roches Blanches 5*** hotel

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Les Jardins de Cassis 3* hotel should be added this spring.



Settling in

The Address Guest House

A magnificent home, somewhere between a B&B and a luxury boutique hotel, overlooking a swimming pool and luxuriant garden. New: a fifth 35 sq.m suite, with a spectacular view of the Mediterranean.

Starting from €257 for the Spa room (22 sq.m) with private Jacuzzi, seasonal healthy organic breakfasts included. Room service on request.

www.theaddress-cassis.com

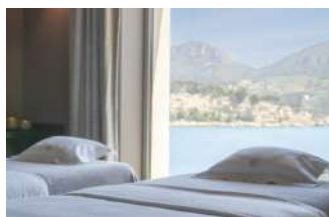


Les Roches Blanches hotel*****

Remarkable Art Déco building, right on the waterside, Les Roches Blanches hotel 5* offers a splendid, unique view of the Great Blue Sea and Cap Canaille, not to mention Cassis harbour. It proposes rooms, suites and two apartments in a magnificent villa perched on a terrace.

And to make the most of a day-long moment of pure relaxation: the Spa Sisley wellbeing space offers a swim & spa formula... combining the benefits of an exclusive beauty treatment with a 5* holiday break, access to the two pools offered.

www.roches-blanches-cassis.com



The Plage Mahogany hotel***



The owner - a decoration enthusiast - breathes new life each year into this superb waterside hotel. Besides the furniture renewed last year to emphasise the bohemian chic spirit, 2023 sees the transformation of some of the double rooms into family suites, for ever greater comfort. All the rooms open onto terraces, some with a seaview. Elegant cuisine at the Calanque M. And to prolong your wellbeing there's a spa, garden-view solarium and a pop-up boutique.

www.hotelmahogany.com

Soon...

Les Chambres de La Loco

Rare, not to say unique, guest rooms in a railway station!

These rooms, with every comfort, and a vintage atmosphere - François, will express the retro charm that he masters so well - will see the light of day in Cassis railway station in 2023.

And the icing on the cake: the seaview!

Spring 2024

The historic Hôtel Liautaud will be opening again after 18 months of works, upgraded to 4*

HIGHLIGHTS & WHAT'S NEW IN CASSIS IN 2023



FOOD'S READY!

New: taste the best of the *terroir*, in the heart of the wine estates...

Le restaurant Baïto, chez Cassis Bodin

Opening on 20 August 2022, the **Baïto** restaurant (little hut) is a country-chic address, in the heart of the Domaine Cassis Bodin vineyards. It proposes original Mediterranean ember cooking. The chef creates his dishes in an open space with braziers for grilled lobster and the conviviality. Each recipe is made with sun-gorged local fresh produce, such as the vegetables that come from the kitchen garden...

Wines from the Domaine Bodin complete the picture. Bales of straw to sit on for the aperitif, then prettily laid tables for the meal, all with a view of the vineyards...

The Baïto sets up a nomad tent in February to protect the guests from the last of the winter chills...

<https://baito-cassis.eatbu.com>



CHEERS



Enjoy an aperitif in the vineyards and dance under the stars at the Domaine La Dona Tigana

The Domaine **La Dona Tigana**'s Apéros'Vignes and musical evenings are convivial gourmet evenings in the image of the organisers, the Tigana family. In a lovely space opening onto the vineyards, overlooked by the Couronne de Charlemagne rock, enjoy the tapas accompanied by organic AOC Cassis wines from the estate. With music provided by a DJ, dance under the stars on a large terrace facing the vineyards.

From February to November, booking required.

www.domaineladonatigana.com

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FOOD'S READY!



New: Le Comptoir de la Plage

The new chic beach hut, standing on the sand of the Grande Mer beach will be opening in mid-April. The concept: loungers directly on the beach and a central counter with a view, to enjoy a cocktail or a meal. The menu is short, focusing on local seasonal produce: grilled fish and salads at midday, takeaway snacks, tapas aperitifs in the evening, and then the "signature" dishes such as the gnocchis figatelli or the bottarga salad to be savoured at your table, in the high season.

www.comptoirplagecassis.com

La Villa Madie***

Dimitri and Marielle Droisneau's gastronomic restaurant obtained its third Guide Michelin star in 2022. It rewarded the talent and commitment of this couple and of their team.

In addition, Dimitri was voted Chef of the Year 2022, by his peers.

New in 23: La Brasserie du Corton opens at midday and in the evening all year round. Succulent seasonal menu: a choice of starters, main courses and desserts.

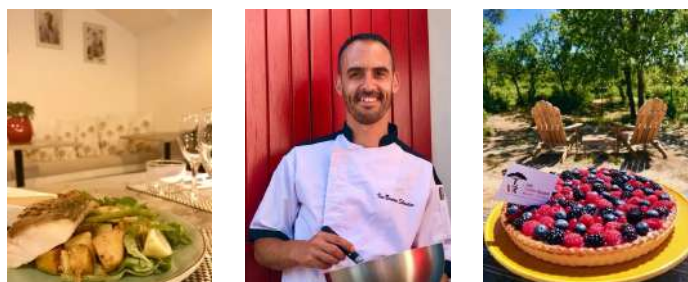
www.lavillamadie.com



The "Table d'hôtes" at Les Volets Rouges

Imagined in a "family home" spirit, the table at Les Volets Rouges gives pride of place to seasonal local cuisine. The chef Sébastien proposes generous, family cooking with accents of the south, from the starter: *poichichade* chickpea spread, goat cheese turnover with honey, not to mention the *alouettes sans tête* (beef stew), aioli, finishing gently with a home-made Tiramisu. New, until May, the table d'hôtes is open to all for dinner, from Tuesday to Saturday, booking required.

www.lvrcassis.fr



A new village bar



La Fontaine, the go-to address in the village for 30 years, opened again on 10 February with new owners. Fred and his son Léo are eager to perpetuate the place's family spirit and develop an attractive wine, cocktail and tapas menu. Seasonal home cooking, delicious daily specials with the unmissable Aioli on Fridays and gourmet delicacies to savour all year round, on the terrace.

The winebars



To benefit from the advice of a real connoisseur and experience the wines of Cassis, but not only: two go-to addresses in the village's narrow streets: **Le Divino** and **La Maison de Jo & Gaby**, platters of charcuterie, cheese, open sandwiches and tapas to share, as a gourmet side dish.

New: bar le XXème

The latest "baby" of the bars on Rue Victor Hugo is changing owner and becoming a tapas - winebar. To be cont'd...

NEW: le Café Liautaud



Le Liautaud, the famous institution on the harbour, has changed owner and will be re-opening after large-scale works this spring. Le Café Liautaud will propose a "brasserie" formula with a menu focussing on the Mediterranean. Non-stop bistro-snack service until midnight in the high season.

Le Same Same esprit beach club

Breakfasts, aperitifs, lunches or dinners, this cocoon space on Le Bestouan beach, proposes delicious Mediterranean cooking, made with fresh seasonal produce. The perfect place to while away the time facing the great blue sea and the majestic Cap Canaille.

New: private pétanque ground and lounge space

<https://www.facebook.com/samesamebeach>



Le restaurant Ô Rev

The embodiment of charm, nestling in the village. The chef here prepares creative gourmet dishes that will delight you from starter to dessert. A menu that's completely rethought each season. And if you still need a reason to discover this place: here, you're welcomed like a friend!

Midday Market Menu:

starter, main course and dessert: €30

www.orevcassis.com



Take your time in cosy and warm surroundings to enjoy a delicious tea or coffee with proud origins, that's what the New Cassis & romarin and Grain de folie tearooms propose. The latter has enlarged its tasting area, to propose a selection of "grands crus", on the spot or to take away...

Les belles Canailles at tea time or for brunch: enjoy the delicious specialities proposed by Valentin Fabry, the pastry chef... at Les Roches Blanches

Not to mention **Amorino's** coffees, capucino, mocaccino and artisan ice creams... Here, each product that enters into the composition of the ice creams and delicacies has been selected for its extreme quality: hazelnuts from the Piedmont, lemons from Sorrento, mandarins from Ciaculli (Sicily)...

www.amorino.com



HIGHLIGHTS & WHAT'S NEW IN CASSIS IN 2023



SHOPPING

L'Eau de Cassis

The artisan perfumer Fabrice Cicot perpetuates the know-how of the house founded in 1851.

The range is enriched each year with new fragrances evoking Cassis, the *garrigue*, the sea... completed by perfumes from famous perfumeries. The boutiques propose products from La Ciergerie des Prémontrés (Living Heritage Enterprise).

New in 2023:

Perfume creation workshops in the lovely Boutique Museum space.

www.leaudecassis.com



The 'Institut Pure Instant' adopts the Yon-Ka brand

Plant-based face care, that's what the Yon-Ka brand proposes.

This French brand combines dermatological effectiveness with beneficial olfactory and aromachological effects.

WELLBEING

Autrefois

This artisan biscuit-maker/delicatessen proposes the best sweet and savoury Provençal specialities, crunchy almonds, *navette* aniseed biscuits, chocolate-coated olives, candied fruits, tapenade and spreads...

Irresistible!



Take a stroll with Cassis Secrets

Downloading Cassis Secrets means downloading your personal audioguide allowing you to discover the best deals and routes between the vineyards and the sea around Cassis.

The app also proposes a weather and air quality forecast in real-time for each itinerary.

Breathe!

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SHOPPING

And also, for the fashionistas, pay a visit to some new addresses: [Esprit de femme, concept store](#), to be beautiful down to the tips of your fingernails. Here, you'll find designer articles, vintage garments, perfumes and a nailbar, not to mention a broad choice of accessories.

[Un jour à Cassis](#), pretty collections of fashion articles and items made on the spot. Accessories, jewellery, decoration... A multitude of gift ideas, for everyone whatever their budget.



La Sardine Pottery

The varnished earthenware creations from La Sardine workshop are re-imagined every year. New pieces of tableware, new shapes and new natural colours created by Delphine, are on show in the workshop. Jewellery and boxes made using the Raku firing method complete the artisan products.

www.poterielasardine.free.fr



HIGHLIGHTS & WHAT'S NEW IN CASSIS IN 2023

ACTIVITIES



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Unique in France: visits to the Méhari Club's workshops

Committed to the preservation of Citroën's heritage for many years and with the Living Heritage Enterprise label, the Mehari Club de Cassis proposes guided tours of its various automobile workshops from May onwards: upholstery, chassis production line, ironworks, reconstruction and electrification of old vehicles. To end the tour: an exhibition of some of the historic vehicles for which the double-chevron marque is famed.

Admission: €10.

Booking on ot-cassis.com

www.mehariclub.com



Around the Calanques Park

For the more athletic, who want to live a one-day experience, new supervised sea kayak outings with [Lokayak](#), a hike with the [Bureau des Guides](#) and mountain bike rides with [Trolib](#) and [Calanbike](#)

It's fun and it's new!

Introduction to wingfoiling with the [Club Sport Loisirs Nautiques](#)

La Grande Mer Beach

To adopt a Dolce Vita style and visit Cassis and the area by Vespa, new e-scooters and Vespa hire with [Calankscoot](#)

<https://calankscoot.fr/> [Trolib](#) also proposes e-scooters www.trolib.com

CASSIS, AN ECO-RESPONSIBLE AMBITION



Our values:

Sustainable tourism that respects our surroundings and people, to welcome our visitors under the best conditions, and offer everyone an unspoilt environment.

The Calanques National Park



Established in 2012, this is the largest peri-urban park in Europe, covering land and sea. 90% of the park's 158,000-hectare footprint is maritime. Its role: to encourage the various players to protect this amazing adventure park, and sustainably manage this extraordinary natural jewel, that is rich yet fragile.

Seawards, the Calanques National Park offers an exceptional heritage. Sixty heritage species can be found here. This protected wild paradise is home to several rare species such as the Herbe à Gouffé (*Arenaria provincialis*), the noble pen shell, the hatpin urchin; and further out to sea bottlenose dolphins and loggerhead turtles can be seen.

Landwards, the biodiversity is remarkable, 138 protected plant and animal species have taken up residence there: Bonelli's eagles, yellow-legged gulls, and European free-tailed bats. A succession of calanques, creeks and cliffs among the highest in Europe offer some breathtaking views.

The 15,000 hectares of the Calanques and Cap Canaille area are world-famous as a great place for hiking, rock climbing, diving and sea-kayaking...



Blue & green

Since 2009, The Blue Flag has floated over the beaches of Cassis. The quality of the water at the four swimming sites (Grande Mer, Bestouan, Arène, Corton) are classified "excellent" by the Regional Health Agency. The Calanque de Port Miou has the Blue Harbour label.

The Cassis Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée vineyard

is entirely integrated in the Calanques National Park

85% of the Cassis vineyards are organic or are in the process of converting to organic

The Green Key label

Besides Les Volets Rouges hotel and the Auberge de Jeunesse de la Fontasse, Le Cœur de Cassis 3* and Les Roches Blanches 5* hotels obtained the Green Key label at the end of 2022, others will follow in the future...

Time for electrics

Electricity is in the limelight at Cassis. E-mountain bike outings organised in the village, the Park and the vineyards, Tuktuk tours along the Route des Crêtes, scooter rides, sailing in the Calanques on a hybrid boat, boat rentals with no licence required... Everyone can choose what suits them best to appreciate - without too great an effort - these places to the full in peace and quiet.

Charging points for cars in the Mimosas car park and the Savon car park.

Hot tip: Gorguettes free car park

We all know how popular Cassis is in the summer! To ensure everyone can live an agreeable experience even in mid-summer, there's a free out-of-town car park where holidaymakers can park and then ride into the centre of the village or to the Calanques for the modest price of a bus ticket (€1.60 return).





FULL-SCALE NATURE!

From the ochre and golden Cap Canaille to the famous white limestone Calanques, the Cassis coastline is unique, and absolutely unmistakable. Nature is grandiose here, everywhere you look, the colours explode, the landscapes amaze, the vegetation reigns and the superlatives abound. Cap Canaille is the highest maritime cliff in Europe, the Calanques Park the Number One peri-urban park, Cassis stone was used for the quays of Alexandria, the Route des Crêtes that goes from Cassis to La Ciotat “stunning” and, as Frédéric Mistral said, “Anyone who has seen Paris but not been to Cassis, hasn't seen anything at all”. Cassis has a good nature and strives to protect it. Here, the protection of the environment is not an empty phrase, it is part of this area's DNA.

But what is a Calanque?

The Calanques were formed 120 million years ago. Situated to the west of Cassis, the Massif des Calanques consists of white limestone more than 400m thick. Marine valleys have been carved out, creating veritable miniature fjords, sometimes sheltering magnificent natural coves. Although the Calanque de Port Miou is the only one really located in the district of Cassis, visitors can extend their exploration to the nearby Calanques. Port Pin and its Aleppo pines or En Vau "the pearl of the Calanques" with its exceptional climbing routes.

Important! Access to the Calanques National Park is restricted from 1st June to 30th September, owing to the fire hazard. Only the Calanque de Sugiton requires booking in the summer.

Find out more: www.calanques-parcnational.fr

or

Application: Mes Calanques

A word of advice from a local: the Calanques can be seen at their best early in the morning in summer or, even better, out of season, to make the most of the tranquility of the place!

The village's beaches



Where to “chill”?

Sometimes, the exquisite Calanques are overshadowed by the Grande Mer beach, nestling at the foot of the château. Easily accessible, this is ideal for everyone, including families (supervised swimming) and can satisfy any craving for an ice cream or for a stroll along the nearby harbour quays. The loungers at the [Grand Large](http://www.cassis-grand-large.com) - www.cassis-grand-large.com or - New in 2023 - at the [Comptoir de la Plage](#) allow you to treat yourself to a luxury moment of relaxation. Savoury seasonal cuisine. Their evenings are great fun too! Music, barefoot in the sand...

Le Bestouan beach, also supervised, is a more confidential pebble beach. Half way between the town centre and the Calanques, it is sheltered from the Mistral wind and the water there is crystal clear. Amazing view of the majestic Cap Canaille. Perched on the beach, [Le Bestouan](#) proposes cooking from the sea (straight from Jeff the fishmonger) in a friendly, refined atmosphere, and comfy deckchairs for a moment's meditation gazing at the sea.

L'Anse du Corton and l'Anse de l'Arène, intimate natural creeks, nestle at the foot of Cap Canaille, just a quarter-of-an-hour walk from the town centre.

On the Peninsula, the [Plage Bleue](#) proposes a private solarium with loungers and paddling pool. Relaxed cooking for another privileged experience by the waterside.

www.restaurant-la-presquile.fr/restaurant-la-plage-bleue-cassis

Find out all about the beaches, their services and access:

ot-cassis.com/mer.html Application: Cassis Infoplages

1001 THINGS TO DO OUTDOORS, CHOICE PIECES



Boat outing to explore the Calanques, boat hire with or without a license, sailing boats of every type... The offer is broad for making your own way. And for lovers of silence and effort, a kayak or stand-up paddle sea "hike" sliding over the waves at your own pace, with the lapping of the paddles as the only sound. A must, an outing at the end of the day to appreciate the variations of the light on the rocks of the Calanques and of Cap Canaille. Explore a world of silence and make some astonishing encounters: scuba diving and snorkelling will also offer you some lovely moments in Cassis.

The Cassis Guide Bureau organises multiple themed outings suitable for everyone. From a family hike to abseiling down Cap Canaille, not to mention the adventure trails, because the panoramic view is well worth some heady sensations! Programme on www.guides-calanques.com

The unmissable Cassis boatmen propose commented tours of 3 to 9 Calanques all year round. One-hour (€19) to two-and-a-half-hour cruises in the Calanques Park. Among the must-do experiences: four hybrid-powered boats for "better listening to nature" or the "Calanque & Détente" outing, a 3-Calanques tour with a stop-off to relax/go for a swim, Anse de l'Arène, June to September.

www.calanques-cassis.com

Take the helm and sail at your own pace, by hiring a 100%-electric Salt E. JCF boat's no-license self-drive boats, offering 4* comfort with swimming ladder, sun canopy, "sunbathing" and picnic table for four. www.jcfboat.com
Locbateau also proposes a lovely range for gently crisscrossing the Calanques, www.locbateau.fr

Thanks to its recent popularity, paddle-boarding has now been added to the wonderful kayak outing offer proposed in Cassis, for sliding noiselessly through the "secret" Calanques. Guided outings, snorkeling outings at sunset...

CSLN www.cassis-kayak.com

Lokayak www.lokayakcassis.com

New guided stand-up paddle hike for the Port Miou, Port Pin and En Vau Calanques, 4hrs skimming over the water to admire the limestone rocks and turquoise water close-up, www.ot-cassis.com

Scuba diving in good company with the experts from Narval www.narval-plongee.com or Cassis Calanques Plongée. www.cassis-calanques-plongee.com

CASSIS, A CERTAIN LIFESTYLE



All year round.

Some people prefer the unique early-morning light of January, others the copper tints of the grape harvest in the autumn, or their first swims in the month of May in the crystal blue of the Calanques. Cassis deploys its café-terraces all year round, the boatmen take the holidaymakers out to sea every day, the shopkeepers extend a warm welcome to their customers 7/7, as for nature, it offers its share of surprises with each passing season. There's an inimitable mildness about Cassis, a light sublimated by the outline of Cap Canaille (and vice versa!) and a lifestyle tinged with elegance and simplicity.

24 hours in Cassis

Step 1: Have a coffee as day breaks over the harbour, watch the town come to life. When the boats have come back to harbour, buy your fish at the fishermen's stall (every morning on the quay - seasonal fish and sea urchins). And because Cassis is in Provence, the market is a must-see: *tapenade* olive paste, *fougasse* flat-breads, sun-drenched fruit and vegetables, goat cheeses... Even in the middle of winter the stalls are mouth-wateringly fragrant. (Provençal market on Wednesday and Friday mornings, farmers' market on Saturdays.)

Step 2: Dive in to the Great Blue Sea, with your family on the supervised Le Bestouan and Grande Mer beaches, or wander along to the Calanques for a spot of snorkelling. Picnic or gourmet restaurant when you get back to the village. And at siesta time, two options: head off to Square Gilbert Savon to watch the lively games of pétanque (every afternoon) or enjoy a bit of shopping in the many shops in the town centre.

Step 3: In the evening, the choice is vast: winebars, bistro, gastro-restaurants, festive atmosphere, jazz concerts, evenings on a rooftop or in the vineyards, or the casino if you fancy a little flutter...

CHOICE OF BEST ADDRESSES



Where to stay?

On the harbourside, The Originals Cassitel **, this is the perfect address to experience Cassis from the inside for a reasonable price.

www.cassitel.com

A different spirit at the Jardin d'Émile ***. Colours and incredible charm for this little hotel (7 rooms) opposite Le Bestouan beach. New: out of season, this lovely building can be rented as a whole, like a holiday home.

www.lejardindemile.fr

Facing the bay and Cap Canaille, lounging on the wooden decking at the Best Western Plus La Rade *** you can swim nearly all year round in the heated outdoor pool with hydromassage.

www.bestwestern-cassis.com

In the middle of the bougainvilliers and pines, the Hôtel Les Jardins de Cassis ***, offers a perfect setting for a quality stay, mixing authenticity and modernity. Heated pool, sunbathing and parasols in green surroundings.

www.hotel-lesjardinsde-cassis.com

Value guaranteed, le Royal Cottage ***. A veritable cocoon, a ten-minute walk from the harbour proposes rooms with a balcony, taking in the scenery, seaview, Cap Canaille and the lush Mediterranean garden.

www.royal-cottage.com

Night in the stars at the Château de Cassis, overlooking the village in all its majesty, it opens its rooms to a few privileged guests. Authentic luxury and an absolutely unique panorama.

www.chateaudecassis.com

Le Cap, this 5-room guest house is the ideal place to stay: magnificent view of Cap Canaille, infinity pool, tropical garden, sauna, e-bikes and paddle-boards available.

www.lecapcassis.com

La Demeure Insoupçonnée, a lovely traditional building offering an unobstructed view of the sea, Cap Canaille and the Couronne de Charlemagne rock. The pluses: pool, fitness room. Green Key certification in progress.

www.la-demeure-insoupconnee-cassis.com

For everyone wanting to go everywhere on foot: L'hôtel L'Eden***, a charming little hotel situated in a peaceful setting, a three-minute walk from the harbour and the beach, proposes rooms and apartments. Heated pool from March to November, Jacuzzi, car park.

www.hoteldefrancemaguy.com

Les Volets Rouges, this is quite simply THE address in the Massif des Calanques, where you can make the most of the terraces with a view of the hills... and set off with your hiking boots on. Table d'hôtes

<https://www.lvrccassis.fr/fr>



Where to eat?

Opposite the railway station, with a garden view, sitting down at a table at La Loco means savouring authentic Italian cuisine - powerful, with a strong character. The flavours and aromas abound, it's a lesson in gastronomy. Without forgetting the surroundings and François' deliciously retro decoration.

Phone +33 (0)4 42 41 65

Like a real local, seek out "À Table" in a narrow street and congratulate yourself you've made this discovery. Short menu, fresh, seasonal produce. In the evening, tapas mixing the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean.
www.atablecassis.com

It says it all. At La Poissonnerie, we serve fresh fish to eat on the spot or take away! Family spirit, flavoursome cooking, tables on the harbourside and straight talking. Phone +33 (0)4 42 01 71 56

For more than 30 years, a coffee, a glass of white wine, salads, dish of the day, burgers and tartars, at all hours facing the harbour, looking forward to seeing you at the Bar Le France.

Home cooking for this go-to place for lovers of Provençal flavours. On the menu at La Vieille Auberge, fish soup, mussels au gratin, bouillabaisse, grilled fish... not to mention "Hot & cold apple, salt butter caramel".
www.restaurantvieilleaubergecassis.com

Fresh fruit cocktails, burgers and breathtaking view of Cap Canaille. The Same Same Beach seems to plunge straight into the sea at Le Bestouan beach.

www.hotelmahogany.com



THE GO-TO SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

The Cassis Great Sale

1st weekend in October

Ready-to-wear, accessories, deco...

Great end-of-season bargains

Where to fill your shopping basket?

Objects made of Cassis Stone, but not only - Bazarette, is the Aladdin's Cave for interior decoration in Cassis. You're sure to find what you're looking for.

2 Rue du Jeune Anacharsis

Varnished earthen tableware in summer colours. Delphine "La Sardine" welcomes you in her studio L'Atelier de la Sardine by appointment, and exhibits at the market on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the high season.

www.poterielasardine.free.fr

At the artisan perfumer's boutique L'Eau de Cassis visitors will hear how Lorenzo Salvaire - the great-great-grandfather of the presentday nose Fabrice Cicot - created this unique fragrance in 1851 for a lady from Marseille who was on holiday in Cassis. Since then a multitude of "eaux" have completed the collection.

New: perfume composition workshops in the Boutique Museum space, rue St Clair.

www.leaudecassis-shop.com

Fashion and accessories, we were familiar with the lovely garments made by top-notch designers selected by the Boutique Chez Lulli. A second space - dedicated exclusively to shoes - has now seen the light of day.

www.lulli-sur-la-toile.com

Specially for the kids



To take a break between two swims at the beach, kids can climb the trees at the Cassis Forest treetop adventure trail, and on rainy days (even if they are few and far between!), the CAP Provence swimming pool will allow them to perfect their crawl. Reduced rate for the treetop trail with the Tourist Office: www.ot-cassis.com

And so your kids can become detectives and try to solve the mysterious Calendal's riddles in Cassis: the "Treasure Hunt" booklet, on sale at the Tourist Office.

Not forgetting, the little train, which offers children and adults alike a lovely commented tour to the Presqu'île quarter...

FORKS & WINE GLASSES



Provençal cuisine

Colourful, aromatic and traditional, it is based on the freshness and quality of the raw materials. It gives pride of place to the produce of a rich soil and fish-filled sea.

A glance at the Cassis markets allows you to sense all their richness and variety: strawberries, peaches, melons, figs, tomatoes, courgettes, peppers, aubergines, violet artichokes... Thyme, rosemary, myrtle, garlic and basil, not to mention Provence olive oil, goat cheeses, fish, anchovies and sardines, sea urchins (depending on the season)... The scene is set, all the ingredients are there for simple, family cooking, everyday slow-cooked dishes, great classics, as well as refined original recipes imagined or revisited by our chefs.

Cassis-on-sea! There are still about ten fishermen working in Cassis and they have their own prud'homie* on the harbour, a real manifesto in this day and age!

Some stalls are set up on the quays each morning, where you'll find sea bream, red mullet, John Dory, red scorpion fish, red gurnard, conger eels, rockfish, comber, monkfish... Not to be missed, from November to March, sea urchins with reddish-orange coral to be enjoyed on a slice of bread and butter accompanied by a glass of Blanc de Cassis.

*fisheries tribunal

Remarkable addresses for gourmets!



La Villa Madie***

Nestled in Anse du Corton, facing Cap Canaille, the 3* restaurant La Villa Madie is an exceptional address. The chef Dimitri Droisneau, honoured by his peers in 2022, proposes a gastronomic cuisine there. Relying on local distribution circuits, he works with the best local farmers, to bring out the best of the seasonal produce, make great classics - ah! the lemon tart and his Norman shortbread - and create new recipes with talent, precision and passion...

Outstanding work, with his team, rewarded with a third star by the Guide Michelin in 2022. Another atmosphere, the same view and bistro-type cooking are proposed at the Brasserie du Corton, this is a convivial place where you can stop off to taste the moment in complete simplicity.

www.lavillamadie.com

Les Roches Blanches

Les Roches Blanches proposes refined Mediterranean cuisine at the Belles Canailles, for sharing at the Rocco and "crudo" style at the Loup Bar. Let's welcome the arrival of a new chef, Nicolas Sintes in April, who will be committed to working exceptional regional produce. "The artist" Valentin Fabry, pastry chef, works at his side to treat the sweet-toothed.

And also: La Pétanque. This is the friendly space by the sea to enjoy a cocktail, a glass of wine and spend a perfect moment, from the aperitif through to the end of the evening, in the shade of the stone pines, then under the strings of lights, in a *guinguette* spirit.

www.roches-blanches-cassis.com

Chez Gilbert

This establishment is a veritable institution and belongs to the select circle of the "Charte de la Bouillabaisse Marseillaise". Here, the bouillabaisse consists of at least six different fish (John Dory, red scorpion fish, red gurnard, conger eels, monkfish and rockfish), enhanced with *favouilles* (crabs). The tasting follows a precise ritual, the broth is served with a *rouille*, a spicy aioli with saffron and croutons rubbed with garlic. Then come the fish carved up in front of the guests.

www.chezgilbert.net

Le Baïto

Mediterranean cuisine, a superb view of the vineyards of the Domaine Cassis Bodin and wines from the estate... A "confidential" address where you can savour and share a delicious moment.

La Presqu'île

In the heart of a lovely pine forest, La Presqu'île benefits from such a lovely view of Cap Canaille, that you could easily forget why you came. Here, the chef Thomas Boulanger who has just taken over the kitchens, welcomes gourmets and proposes refined flavours, mixing Provence and Mediterranean. Thomas learned his trade in some of the great local restaurants, such as the Auberge du Revestel.

www.restaurant-la-presquile.fr

Mr Brun

With its lovely red terrace you'd almost think you were in St Tropez. The superb seafood platters, Land or Sea tapas, the dishes of the day... by Mr Brun, to be savoured facing the harbour.

Le Divino

The perfect pairing to enjoy a gourmet dish accompanied by a glass of Cassis and benefit from the expert advice proffered by Philippe, a sommelier for more than 30 years. A cosy, intimate space indoors, prolonged by a pleasant terrace.

www.divino-cassis.com

Le Grand Large

The go-to place for a family Sunday lunch, unrestricted view of the sea from the beach, le Grand Large serves fish, bouillabaisse, *bourride* fish soups, crustaceans and shellfish (October to April). Sushi menu in the evening.

www.cassis-grand-large.com

For the night-owls!

At the Cendrillon, the discussions are animated on the terrace till the small hours! Lively evenings, card games, musical atmosphere and your last glasses of white wine, it's here that it all happens!

Whether they're on a winning streak or not, the gamblers can try their luck till the small hours at the Casino Barrière, slot machines, gaming tables, electronic games, poker! Outdoor gambling space. Lounge bar and terrace with a view of the château for a starlit dinner.

www.casinosbarriere.com/fr/cassis

Here, enjoy a convivial moment till two in the morning, in season, and sit down on the terrace at La Maison de Jo & Gaby to discover and enjoy the best wines, tapas, fine produce, including a selection of cheeses matured for 24 months, Iberico, Corsican and Italian *charcuteries*. www.lamaisondejoetgaby.fr

From 7pm to midnight, tapas, wines and dance evening under the stars in the vineyards of the Domaine la Dona Tigana, booking required.



THE CASSIS VINEYARDS



The Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée Cassis which celebrated its 80th birthday in 2016, is the oldest of the Appellations in France. But you have to go back nearly 2,600 years, when the Greek colonies settled here, to tell the long story of winemaking in Cassis. As the centuries have gone by, the winemakers have learnt from this special *terroir*, and adapted their grape varieties and practices to produce a unique wine today.

CASSIS, LAND OF WHITE WINES

Pride of the AOC Cassis, the white wines represent the major part of the production and contribute greatly to its reputation. The white wines of Cassis have a light yellow colour with bright reflections. They give off their sweet citrus and white flower scent, enhanced by iodine notes, the imprint of their *terroir*. After a few years in the cellar, the aromas become more complex around a generally honeyed note. Round and lively on the palate, leaving an intense and wonderfully balanced freshness, typical of the wines of Cassis.



IN THE WINEMAKERS' WORDS...

"The profound identity of our wines can be summed up in just a few words: the minerality provided by the limestone surrounding us, the subtle salinity that is regularly brought by the sea breezes. Yes, the Mediterranean is close by at the gateway to the vineyards, and its influence cannot betray the provenance of our wines." Jonathan Sack - Clos Ste Magdeleine

"In Cassis, wine is like the village: it has managed to access modernity while preserving its authenticity." Sébastien Génovesi- Domaine du Bagnol

"When you adopt this profession, you do so to hand it down; when you plant a plot of land, it's for forty years." Olivier and Christophe Santini - Domaine du Paternel

ESTATES & WINEMAKERS

There are eleven estates, situated in a veritable amphitheatre that opens up on to the sea, and rises up to an altitude of between 10 and 200m. Some are gently sloping, others climb up in *restanques* (terrace cultivation), all benefit from the breeze, 3,000 hours of annual sunshine and low rainfall, mainly in the spring and autumn. The Cassis winemakers have shown a real commitment, and have resisted the call of the property developers, and turned towards organic wines. With passion, they watch carefully each day over the quality of their wines, respectful of tradition while adopting new techniques.

IN A FEW FIGURES

215 hectares of vineyards

40 hectolitres per hectare

1 vine = 1 bottle

80 % whites, 17 % rosés 3% reds

1 vineyard inside a National Park

1 million bottles sold a year

7 hectares for the smallest estate

85% of the vineyards are organic
or in the process of converting to organic





ZOOM IN ON SOME ESTATES...

La Dona Tigana, the most recent estate in Cassis, was founded in 1999 by Jean Tigana, the famous footballer and wine connoisseur. The estate has 19 hectares of organic vines. The white is mineral, with a flinty taste. It is the only Cassis vineyard to propose a variety of guided tours with a presentation of the winemaking techniques, explanation of the vinegrowers' work, and tasting ... Gourmet boutique. Guided tour, booking required on www.ot-cassis.com New: gourmet musical evening, to dance under the stars, www.ladonatigana.com

Le Domaine du Paternel

Four generations have followed one after the other to cultivate their vines with passion, respectful of the land. The commitment of a family rewarded by the Guide Hachette, with the title of "Winemakers of the year 2023 in Provence". The white wines develop a beautifully rich fragrance. The estate also produces rosés and reds, all organic. 45 hectares. Tasting and sale at the cellar. www.domainedupaternel.com/

Le Domaine du Bagnol, founded in 1867 by the Marquis de Fesque, lies sheltered by Cap Canaille. The organically grown vines extend over about 17 hectares. The Blanc de Blancs has a refined, honeyed nose, and is fruity (pear, lemon) on the palate. An elegant, stylish wine. Tasting and sale on the estate.

www.domainedubagnol.fr

Le Clos Sainte Magdeleine, founded in the 19th century, becoming a farm in 1920, it was only in 1976 that the estate developed and was reorganised in its present-day structure. Since 2008, it is Jonathan, the son, who has ensured the vineyard's continuity. The estate extends under Cap Canaille overlooking the sea. 12 hectares of organic vines. The white has a white-flower, citrus nose, and on the palate it is a smooth sweet wine with a hint of honey and almonds. Tasting and sale on the estate.

www.clossaintemagdeleine.fr

Le Domaine de La Ferme Blanche. Nearly three centuries of history for this estate which, since 1714, has remained the property of the same family. Jérôme, the daughter, left her life as a school teacher to devote herself to it with passion. This 30-hectare estate proposes several whites, as well as some reds and rosés, all organic. Tasting and sale on the estate.

www.domainedelafermeblanche.com

Le Domaine Cassis Bodin, a story that began in 1901, with Emile Bodin. This lover of Cassis, a precursor defender of the environment and friend of Frédéric Mistral, was the first person to develop the Cassis vineyards and sell his wine in bottles. Today, his great grandchildren strive to follow on in their elders' footsteps, while innovating to elaborate new cuvées. The Cuvée Emile Bodin was awarded 1* by Guide Hachette. vins-cassis-bodin.fr

Find out more: vinsdecassis.fr

The AOC Cassis takes to the social networks with instructive,

funny and useful contents,

pages brimming with information. Take a look!

www.facebook.com/vinsdecassis/



DISCOVER THE VINEYARD DIFFERENTLY

Cycle through the vines, on an e-bike! Admire the terraced valley scenery of the AOC Cassis vineyard, the superb views of the sea and finally stop off for a tasting session on a wine estate.

www.trolib.com and www.calankbike.fr

Leaning on the bar at Le Divino, sitting at the counter or around the barrels on the terrace of this excellent winebar, Le Divino's customers chat till late at night enjoying the cellarman's gems, Philippe, a sommelier of 30 years' standing, and his wife Véronique give their expert advice. Tapas, slate-platters of matured cheeses and top-quality charcuterie, fresh truffles and caviar.

www.divino-cassis.com

And also for lovers of this *terroir*, La Maison de Jo & Gaby, www.lamaisondejoetgaby.fr

A difficult choice? Stop off at La Maison des Vins. Discover the wines, their *terroirs*, learn to know them, understand them... In its catalogue, La Maison des Vins de Cassis proposes an incredible selection of wines, the promise of some good moments with your family or friends.

www.maisondesvinscassis.com

The wines of Cassis are presented in the Guide du Routard special: wine tourism in Provence.

JAZZ, WINES AND CULTURE, IT'S LIVELY IN CASSIS

Culture

Alain Vielfaure "Stroll around Cassis" exhibition 11 March to 3 June
Musée d'Arts et traditions populaires

Spring Book Festival: 27-29 May
Literary encounters, debates, book-signings
Esplanade A. Briand et Oustau Calendal

Gwendoline Pieters "Cassis, view of the sea" exhibition 29 April to 14 May
Aux Salles voûtées

Evan de Sousa photography exhibition "Twelve months in a vineyard"
May-July
Grilles de l'Hôtel de ville

Video mapping: 30 June to 1 July
Projection of monumental images and videos on the Château's cliff, in the evening, on the theme "The Vineyards of Cassis"
Trials on 28 and 29 June

"As the water flows" exhibition 1 July to 27 September
Cimaises de la Villa Ariane

10th Cassis Jazz Festival: end of June to end of August
Programme on www.ot-cassis.com

Jazz on the Rooftop: 9 July to 13 August
On Sunday evenings, meet up on a rooftop terrace between the sea and the harbour for some dazzling evenings dedicated to jazz. Latin jazz, Gypsy jazz, Brazilian sounds, New-Orleans jazz and women's voices, not forgetting the organ!
Booking and programme on www.ot-cassis.com

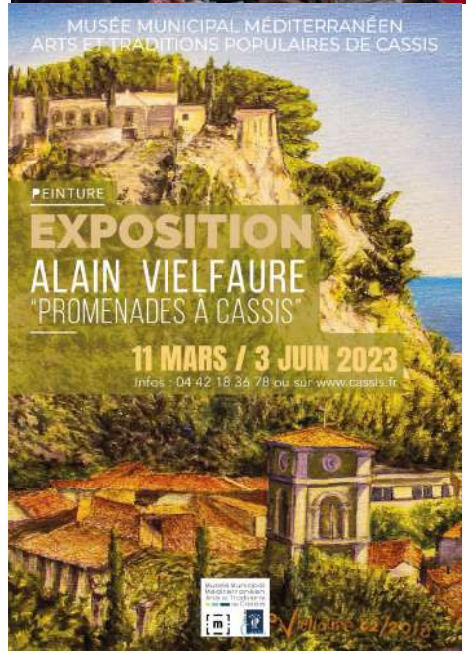
Cinema under the stars, Tuesdays and Thursdays in July and August,
Esplanade Aristide Briand (soirée)

Literary night: Thursday 3 August

The guided tours of the village

Our guide will reveal Cassis to you, its history, its artists,... all year round.

€8 gourmet tasting included. Booking on:
www.ot-cassis.com



Sport

The outdoor ice rink: until 16 February
Place Baragnon

Cassis Race, Sunday 23 April

300 rowers for a 6km rowing race. Starting every hour between 11am and 4pm.

Marseille-Cassis dugout race, Sunday 7 May and French Dugout Championship, Sunday 11 June, Cassis bay

The Sails of Cassis: 19 - 21 May

This 14th edition will bring together about thirty traditional boats, some with old-style rigging, as long as 25 m, from all over the Mediterranean for a series of trials and regattas in Cassis bay.

portdecassis.com

ATP Open Tennis Challenge: Monday 4 to Sunday 10 September
Tennis des Gorguettes.

Sardines Titus Triathlon, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October Grande Mer or Le Bestouan beach (afternoons)

Cassis Race: in September

Sea rowing, the largest French rowing regatta.

Marseille-Cassis semi-marathon: last Sunday of October, the 29th

Gastronomy

Cassis celebrates its wine: 14 May

Star-studded grape harvest: 22 to 24 September

The go-to fixture for gourmets to celebrate the gastronomy and wines of Cassis. More than forty chefs, for fantastic free culinary demonstrations organised outdoors, cookery and pastry classes for children and adults alike, the farmers' market... to share the best gastronomy!

The Italian Village: early November

Portofino & Cassis: *Baci di Cunese*, wines from the Piedmont, vespa, music and *dolce vita* liven up the heart of the village of Cassis.



Tradition

8th Cassis in the garden: 8 and 9 April

Traditional flower and plant market, Place Baragnon and public garden

Saint John's day: 24 June

Fire and dance blessing. Then, it's Saint Peter's day, the patron saint of fishermen who is celebrated on Sunday 25 June with a procession and aperitifs, 29 June

Night market, 1 July to 31 August: places Baragnon and Clémenceau

Quai des Artistes, 1 July to 25 September in the evening, quai Calendal

Fête des terrasses, evening of 1 July

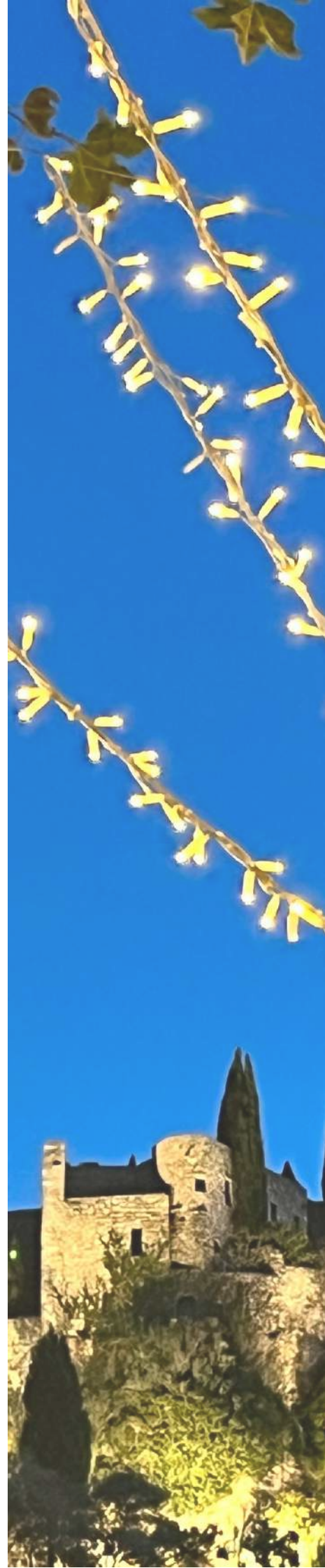
Fireworks display: 14 July (with ball) and 15 August

All together!

Organ Donation Day - 20 years of 'Maryse pour la Vie', Saturday 1 July, in the village

www.maryse-pourlavie.com

Téléthon, Friday 1 and Saturday 2 December



PRACTICAL ASPECTS

- Preparing your stay

The Tourist Office proposes all-in stays and escapades organised by specialists of the destination. On the programme: romantic escapade, detox or sports stay.

Information and booking: www.ot-cassis.com

The Cassis Secrets app proposes a host of activities and discoveries, themed routes interspersed with points of interest. Available on all platforms.

- Find out more

Cassis Tourist Office - quai des Moulins.

Phone: +33 (0)4 28 01 01 03 (new number from February)

A second tourist information desk is open in season at Les Gorguettes.

The booking centre allows you to book your hotel, visits, shows & events, your themed stay...

www.ot-cassis.com

- Getting here

By plane: Marseille Provence or Toulon Méditerranée airport

By train: TGV to Marseille St Charles then TER to Cassis

By car: A50 motorway, exit No 6 Carnoux-en-Provence or No 8 Cassis.

7 car parks in Cassis with real-time display of the number of parking spaces available.

The Gorguettes car park is free and proposes 220 parking spaces. The weekends from April to September and 7/7 in July and August, a shuttle leaves approximately every 20 minutes for the village centre (Casino bus stop) and the Calanques Park (Presqu'île bus stop).

By sea: Harbour-master's Office +33 (0)4 42 18 35 90 - Port Miou

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