

At km 41.5, when you arrive at the **Van Gogh bridge (Pont Van Gogh)**, turn north toward Arles. 100m further on, **follow signs for the BOATEL** (River boat hotel and restaurant), go between the big rocks and take the tow path along the canal for 1.2 km. Then continue straight ahead on the paved road to the Stop sign. Cross the road on your left and take the gravel path to the metal foot bridge in front of you (former railroad bridge) that goes over the road you just left. (Follow the bike path signs toward the **Alyscamps and the city center**).

After 500m, at km 44, go through the two big stones at the Stop sign at the end of the path, then turn right. 50m further on, cross the street and take **rue du Maréchal Foch** on your left (you will go by the **youth hostel**). Fournier Stadium (stade) is on your right. At the end of the street at the Stop sign turn right and continue along the back side of the stadium on Avenue du Maréchal Lyautey **19**. At the red light go straight ahead across the bridge over the canal. Go through the Fourchon shopping mall : you will go by the Géant Casino, Mr. Bricolage, the Post Office sorting center. At km 46.5 go under the railroad bridge. 250m further, when you reach MASSA Pneus, take the **"CR des Arcades" 20** (cycling trail) toward Pont de Crau. At the end of the path, after the two metal barriers, continue in the bike lane and go under the aqueduct arches. At the red light (km 47.5) cross the street to your left and follow the signs for "Salle polyvalente," then take the **Route Coste Basse 21**. At the third red light turn left on the **Route de Barbegal** (after 7 km) **22**, go by the "Mas de la Roseraie" hotel and continue straight until you reach the junction, then turn left toward **Fontvieille** (11 km further).



The golden triangle of bio-diversity

The land of Arles is blessed with three exceptional protected landscapes : **the Alpilles regional nature Park**, a true "Provence in miniature" with its countryside shaped by man, its old villages and its traditional art of living; **the Crau Nature Preserve**, the last steppe-like plain in Western Europe with traces of numerous Roman sheep farms, and the **Camargue regional nature Park**, a vast wetlands within the Rhone River delta with its wealth of wildlife and its strong cultural identity.

Emergency numbers

SOS European emergency number **112**  Marseilles treatment center for poisoning **+33 (0)4 91 75 25 25**

 **15**  **18**  **17**  **3250**

 **Caution! Consult the weather forecast before starting and avoid the mistral wind.**



The Capeau swamps

Along the way

Bar and restaurant

- Bars and restaurants in Arles, Fontvieille and Raphèle
- Ferme-auberge (Farm-inn) (Barbegal) : +33 (0)4 90 54 63 69
Reservation necessary

Rent a bike

- Europbike (Arles) : +33 (0)6 38 14 49 50
- Hôtel Régence (Arles) : +33 (0)4 90 96 39 85
- 1Véloc (Arles) : +33 (0)7 68 21 76 68
- Holiday Bikes (Arles) : +33 (0)4 90 52 07 27
- Taco and Co (Arles) : +33 (0)6 50 29 60 00

Don't miss

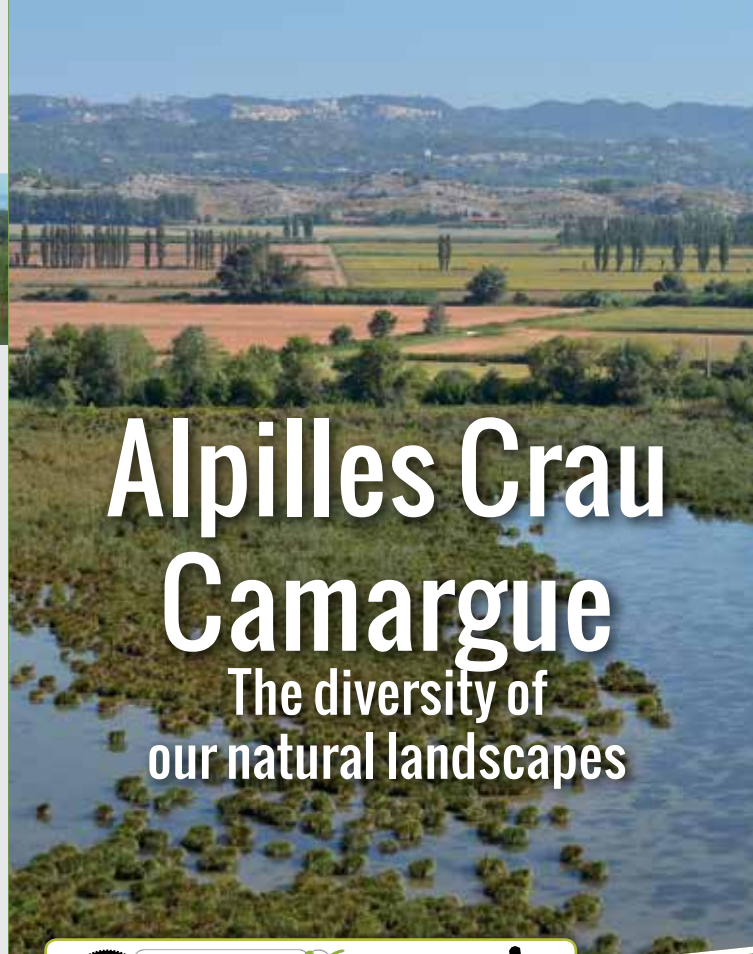
- Daudet's windmill (exterior only)
- Roman aqueduct at Barbegal and remains of Roman gristmill
- Château de Barbegal (room rental)
- Mas Baracan (wine from the Arles region) : +33 (0)4 90 96 40 05
- Storks' nest at the Haras d'Anibert (stud farm)
- Van Gogh bridge

ARLES TOURISM OFFICE

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 **Trek Mountain bike / Trekking bike** 14



Alpilles Crau Camargue


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 mountain bike  trekking bike  city bike  

5h to 8h

 **Starting point** : Fontvieille Tourism Office

 **Distance** : 59 km

 **Take note** :

- The trip is long
- Several dangerous roads must be crossed
- Difficult in the mistral wind



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How to get there

From Arles take Route N570 toward Avignon, then turn onto Route D17 to Fontvieille. In Fontvieille take Route D33 toward Raphèle. The Tourism Office is located on your left, 200m further on. You can park in the Tourism Office parking lot.

From **the Tourism Office 1** continue up Route D33 toward Raphèle and Moulès, as far as **Daudet's windmill 2** 400 m further on. Go on to the top of the hill and then down to the junction with Route D82 **3**, at km 2.5. Turn left to visit the **Roman aqueduct at Barbegal** and the remains of the **Roman gristmill 3bis**. Come back to Route D33 (toward Raphèle-Moulès) and go by the **Château de Barbegal** (on your left). At km 3.9 just after the château, take Route 33b **4** toward **Pont de Crau** and Arles. At km 6.6 take **Route VC46 "Draille du Mas de Fallet" 5** toward **Mas Baracan** (wine from the Arles region). 500m further on and just after Mas Baracan (km 7.3) **6**, turn right on Route **VC45 "Draille de Baracan"**. After 600m of a nice dirt path and then 800m of gravel track, at the Stop sign, go straight ahead, to the west. At km 9.3 continue on your left (leave the Chemin du Pin on your right). At km 9.7 you will go by the foot of the television-relay antenna. After 2.8 km you will meet the **Chemin de Margailan**. Take this road to the intersection **7** with the Chemin de Fallet at km 10.5. Go toward Pont de Crau, then, after 200m **8** take a left-hand hairpin turn **to rue de l'Agasse**. 200m further on **9** (⚠) cross Route D83 (km 11) and take Route VC54 "de Servannes" across on your left. At km 12.3, at the "Yield" sign at the junction with the "CR de l'Ormeau", go straight ahead on the **V54 "de Servannes"**. **10** At km 13.1 at the junction with the "CT de Bigard", turn right onto the paved road. At km 13.7 cross Route **VC55 de Bousicaud**. At km 14.2 continue on Route VC54 "de Servannes" on your right (do not take the "CR de Soulier"). Between km 14.5 and 15.5 take advantage of

the magnificent view of the Alpilles hills as you go through the pastureland of the irrigated part of the Crau. **11** At km 15.7 (⚠) cross Route D33 and continue straight ahead on the other side. At km 16.5 you will cross the **Servannes bridge**. After crossing the bridge keep right and go 300m **12** then turn right (to the south) on Route **VC58 "de Bellombre"** toward Raphèle. After 2km you will meet Route N453 (⚠) at km 18. Turn right **13** and cross the whole village of Raphèle toward Arles-Pont de Crau. At km 20 **14**, after about 2km, as you leave the village, go by the church and turn left on Route **D33-D83d**, "Route de la Gare", toward **Mas-Thibert**. Take the bridge across Route N113 and continue straight (⚠ dangerous road). 500m after the bridge on your right, on the corner near the **Haras d'Anibert** (stud farm) (km 20.9), stop to observe one of the rare storks' nests in the Camargue. After the stud farm, go 2.5 km further (on your right you will have a good view of the swamps where there are always bulls and Camargue horses). After the "Petit Beyne" at km 23.4 turn right on **VC 66 15**. At this crossroads you will notice a large sign saying that you are entering the territory belonging to the Camargue regional nature Park. Go almost 4 km, by Mas l'Espinard, Blanc, Tapie, St-Léger and L'Hoste farms. At km 27.2 turn right on Route **C65 du Calada 16** toward Arles. 300m after the Mas de l'Hoste, at km 27.2, turn right (north-west) toward the **Pont du Poissonnier** (bridge), then you will cross successively three bridges. Immediately after the third, called **"Pont de Mollegès" 17**, (at km 28.9) which crosses the Arles-Bouc Canal, you have two possibilities :

- Either you turn right and go to Arles passing by the **Van Gogh bridge 18**, 6.5 km away. When you reach km 35 it will take you 12 km to get back to Fontvieille.
- Or you turn left and head for **Mas Thibert**, located 9.4 km away, and the **Vigueirat swamps**.

To return to Fontvieille see other side of this page ...