



Entre
l'église
et la place



23 Rue Félix Armand, 11500 Quillan, France



42°52'28.4"N 2°11'05.4"E
42.874562, 2.184844



130 m



350m Gare de Quillan



Key Safe



Spare Key

This Information guide is put together for our guests by our guests, to assist in planning your holiday and let you know what the area has on offer please note that many activity's are seasonal or may require a certain level of expertise, the local tourist office is a great resource for official activity providers, maps and local information. To help us keep this information relevant suggestions and feed back is always welcome and can be emailed to richjsim@yahoo.co.uk.

Restaurants et cafés

Guests' favourites

- **Café du Fleuve (55m)**
- **Asily (120m)**
- **Café Brasserie Le Palace (120m)**
- **Le Terminus (230m)**
- **Hôtel Canal (350m)**
- **Pizzeria Les Platanes (350m)**
- **Auberge le Demi Sel (500m)**
- **Le Bistrot (2.7 Km)**
- **Auberge du Chalet (3.8 Km)**

Boulangerie (Bakeries)

- **Au Coin Des Gourmets (180m)**

Good to Know

Office de Tourisme des Pyrénées Audoises (210M)

Monday to Saturday

9:30 am–12:00 pm, 4:00pm–6:00pm

Sunday

Closed

Swimming pools and lakes

Quillan municipal swimming pool (from June to August) (400M)

Axat leisure swimming pool (from June to August)

Quillan Lake 42°53'37.4"N 2°11'44.0"E (2.3 KM)

The new St Bertrand space offers 2 lakes : the first for swimming and the second for activities including standing paddle board.

Puivert Lake 42°54'57.0"N 2°02'40.0"E (July and August)

Belcaire Lake 42°48'57.6"N 1°56'55.9"E (July and August)

Montbel Lake 42°59'00.3"N 1°56'14.3"E

Hot baths and natural hot springs

Rennes-les-Bains 42°55'19.0"N 2°19'14.3"E

Old Roman spring running into the river. Seasonal outdoor naturally heated pool available.

Ax-les-Thermes is a lovely market town and ski resort with thermal pools and fountains. It also has an indoor/outdoor heated pool and spa for adults only.

Market towns

Quillan weekly market: Wednesday & Saturday;.

Mirepoix weekly market: Thursday & Monday

Mediterranean coast

A number of delightful coastal towns are in easy reach of Quillan for day trips. We recommend:

Le Barcarès 42°47'15.5"N 3°02'16.9"E (Great For Kids lots of summer activities) (1h20 min Drive)

Collioure 42°31'33.5"N 3°05'00.1"E (Beautiful coastal town great beach and restaurants) (1h40 Min Drive)

Cathar Castles

Quillan is Ideally located to explore the Cathar Castles

with a trip to *La Cite* in Carcassonne (43°12'24.7"N 2°22'06.5"E) a must

<http://www.catharcastles.info/>

Cinema

Cinem'Aude 2000 Vilatges Al País (300m) cinemaude.org

Scenic train Trip /Themed Trains (Easter, Christmas Halloween)

Le Train Rouge <https://www.lettrainrouge.fr/>

Return journey to and from Axat (Aude).

Axat → Rivesaltes → Axat

Axat → S Paul → Axat

Forest Grimp

Tree top adventure in Quillan

Here you will find more than 15 activities in the trees, between 3 and 10m-high and 200m-long with suspension bridges, Tarzan jumps, zip lines and many other activities.

La Forge - Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 20 23 79 - www.laforgedequillan.fr

Events:

Up to date events can be found at

audetourisme.com

Annual Events

"La Carach Bike": a regional cross-country competition taking place in May in Quillan.

"Ronde VTT des 3 Quilles": a mountain bike event taking place in October in Quillan.

"Festival Sports Nature" : an outdoor sports festival (introduction weekend to outdoor sports).

Horse-riding Festival : every year in May/June in Quillan

Hiking Festival of the Pyrénées Audoises area (Festival de la Randonnée en Pyrénées Audoises): every year on the third weekend of June

The Pays de Sault transhumance (La transhumance du Pays de Sault): every year on the first weekend of June. More information...

The Fir Tree Tour (La Ronde des Sapins): every year at the end of August.

The Plateau de Sault Potato Festival (La Fête de la Pomme de Terre du Pays de Sault): every year in September or August.

Car racing Course de Côte de Quillan (hill climb race) A hill climb race taking place every June on Whitsun weekend from the town of Quillan up the Col du Portel.

Quillan Cycling Criterium: the oldest in France! Every year, during the weekend of the 15th of August: cycling race in the streets of Quillan.

Rando Cyclo Quillanaise : Every year, on Ascension Day, cycling ramble starting in Quillan .

Carnaval de *Limoux* takes place for three months on the weekends between January and Mardi Gras and is conducted in Occitan, the area's traditional language in Nearby Limoux.

Festival de guitar July music Festival

Cultural and Dance Festival August

Quillan Christmas Market December

Activities

Horse-riding

Les Ecuries de Brézilhoul Horse-riding tours, lessons, livery stables Brézilhoul - 11260 Campagne sur Aude Tel: 00 33 (0)6 10 38 95 90 - vbauce@wanadoo.fr

Loc d'ânes Donkey rides Les Bufatières - 11500 Granes Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 20 49 22 - locdanes@free.fr

Orienteering

Permanent course in Callong forest: (Belvis) Path of the Giant Firs

Other permanent orienteering courses:

Lac d'Arques / Sougraigne : domaine de l'Eau Salée

Caving

The cave of Pierre-Lys, the caves of Saint-Georges, Muraille du Diable or Nentilla,

The "massif des Fanges" and the "Gorges de l'Aude" are among the most interesting underground networks in the Pyrenean foothills, with more than 350 cavities and sinkholes in the Fanges forest alone.

Grotte de l'Aguzou (Cave of Aguzou)

www.grotte-aguzou.com

Microlighting

Departing from Nébias, a microlight flight is a great way to discover the Cathar Country.

M. Bostivironnois - Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 20 80 95

Gliding

Introduction flight: half an hour in a two-seater with dual command. Licensed holiday-makers can sign up for a day or a week.

Les planeurs de Puivert en Quercorb

Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 20 80 14 - email: puivert@wanadoo.fr

Motorcycling

Every year many rides and rallies are organised. Rallye Découverte: every year, in June, experience the Aude area and its heritage via this rally.

Lasserre Stamina Trail Bikes: every year in September, Languedoc Roussillon League Championships.

The Rallye Découverte: The Rallye Découverte takes place every year on the last Sunday of June and it is open to all.

With the help of a "Road Book", the competitors must find their way with numerous tests along the way consisting of cultural questions and games. The event takes place in the morning. Then, lunch is taken together followed by the prize-giving at the end of the afternoon. It is organised by the Diablocs 6 Temps.

Quad biking and trail biking

Many tracks are accessible to practice quad biking and trail biking. Rules of good conduct and respect for the nature are essential to preserve the beauty of the countryside.

Quad rental and quad biking in Campagne-sur-Aude

www.quad-cathare.com

Fishing

The Aude is ranked highest in the area for fishing and the Mediterranean Fario Trout is found naturally occurring throughout the region. There is also a good stock of Common Grayling which were introduced into the Aude in 2000.

The lake of Montbel is another huge water of 550 hectares with some fantastic fishing to be had with many Carp well over 20Kg and Catfish to over 75Kg and Monster Pike and Perch.

Hiking

Walking in the "Pyrénées Audoises"

Nested at the foot of the Pyrenees, the "Pyrénées Audoises" area is perfect for hiking and trekking while discovering the beauty of local villages. You will be amazed by stunning landscapes: gorges, golden vineyards, shaded fir tree plantations, magnificent forests, verdant hills...

The hiking trails of the "Pyrénées Audoises" area are surrounded by breathtaking landscapes such as the "Pic de l'Ourtiset" or the "Forêt d'En Malo", by historical monuments such as Puilaurens Castle or Puivert Castle and by magical atmospheres as in the Green Labyrinth or in forests of giant fir trees.

You will have the choice between 70 walks on a total of more than 400mi of walking trails. To these walks must be added transversal trails such as the Cathar Trail (GR 367), the Voie Verte (Green Way), the Route Vauban, the Route des Sapins (Fir Tree Route) and the GR 7.

Sports

Mountain biking

The mountain biking area "VTT-FFC Aude en Pyrénées" is the largest in the Pyrenees with 870km (540mi) of marked routes for all levels. There are 5 green routes, 15 blue routes, 18 red routes and 2 black routes.

Mountain Bike Rentals

Cycles Thomas Loisirs ZI Pastabrac - 11190 Couiza

Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 74 10 97 - Mail: thomas.loisirs@wanadoo.fr

La Forge Route de Perpignan - 11500 Quillan

Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 20 23 79 - Mail: laforge@ville-quillan.fr

Skiing

Camurac ski station www.ski-camurac.com

Chioula 42°45'23.2"N 1°50'30.7"E <http://www.chioula.fr/>

Ax 3 Domaines AX LES THERMES <http://www.ax-ski.com/fr/>

Station de Ski de Mijanès-Donzan donezan.com

Station Puyvalador puyvalador.fr

Les Angles Ski Resort lesangles.com

Station de ski de La Quillane laquillane.fr

Bolquère Pyrénées 2000 pyrenees2000.com

Le Cambre d'Aze cambre-d-aze.com

Climbing

The Pierre Lys Gorges

The Aude River has eroded the Pyrenees until creating a large rift, surrounded by sharp crests. In this majestic site, you will find nearly a hundred climbing routes, some of them allowing you to rock climb to the top of the 200-metre high cliffs. The routes are rated from 4a to 8a. The access to the routes can be made from the village of Cavirac or by zip-line from the other side of the river. If you like challenging routes and vertiginous views, this place is perfect for you!

The Cardou

This cliff near Rennes-les-Bains has 53 routes, rated from 3a to 7a, on 6 different areas. A beginner area, technique routes and routes of different lengths: the Cardou is a very complete site.

Saint Salvayre

When going up the village of Alet-les-Bains, next to the hamlet of Saint-Salvayre, you will find a nice cliff with 20 climbing routes, with difficulties rated from 3c to 7a. This site is perfect for an introduction to rock-climbing or climbing with your family because there are numerous easy routes with obvious grips and a large area to start your way up. You can park at the hamlet of Saint-Salvayre and follow the paved road for 200 m to find a little path on your left. It will lead you to the foot of the cliff (15-minute walk).

Whitewater Sports

Through Pierre Lys gorges and Saint Georges gorges, the 12km (7.5mi) of fast-flowing river is an ideal place for a wide range of activities such as rafting, kayaking, canoeing, riverboarding and tubing!

Rafting

Rafting dans les gorges de la Pierre Lys Discover the Gorges in the Aude River!

This is a river like no other in the Pyrenees. Rapids such as the "Triple Chute", the "Flippeur" and the "Dessert" have made this stretch famous. The river is accessible for raftings every day from the beginning of May until the end of August (natural streams and waterfalls).

Canoeing and kayaking

At the end of the gorges, the Aude River is more quiet. From Quillan to Limoux, there are 25km (15.5mi) of calm water, ideal for canoeing or kayaking.

The Slalom Run

A 600m slalom run has been created for river-running enthusiasts at the heart of the town of Quillan, with an exciting wave, to practise their freestyle abilities. This spot is perfect for kayaking, playboating and canoeing!

Canyoning

There are different opportunities in the Cathar Country for canyoning: in Galamus gorges and in the canyon of Termes. Both itineraries are beautiful and offer a large number of exciting jumps. A little further on, the canyon of Yek is perfect to satisfy both seasoned athletes and those looking for a thrilling experience that include abseiling under a waterfall and completing impressive jumps.

Riverboarding on the Aude River

Riverboarding is possible using a hydrospeed foam board and flippers, allowing you to be in direct contact with the water: an exciting experience! This sport is an individual sport, just like canoeing, but the beginners will be able to be in control and experience swimming in the impressive rapids of the gorges. This is an ideal way of learning how to swim in the river, playing with currents and surfing on waves.

Cycling

The Aude en Pyrénées Cycling Area enables to discover 20 different routes on the Upper Aude Valley roads, at the heart of the Cathar Country: more than 1200km (745mi) of fantastic roads and landscapes!