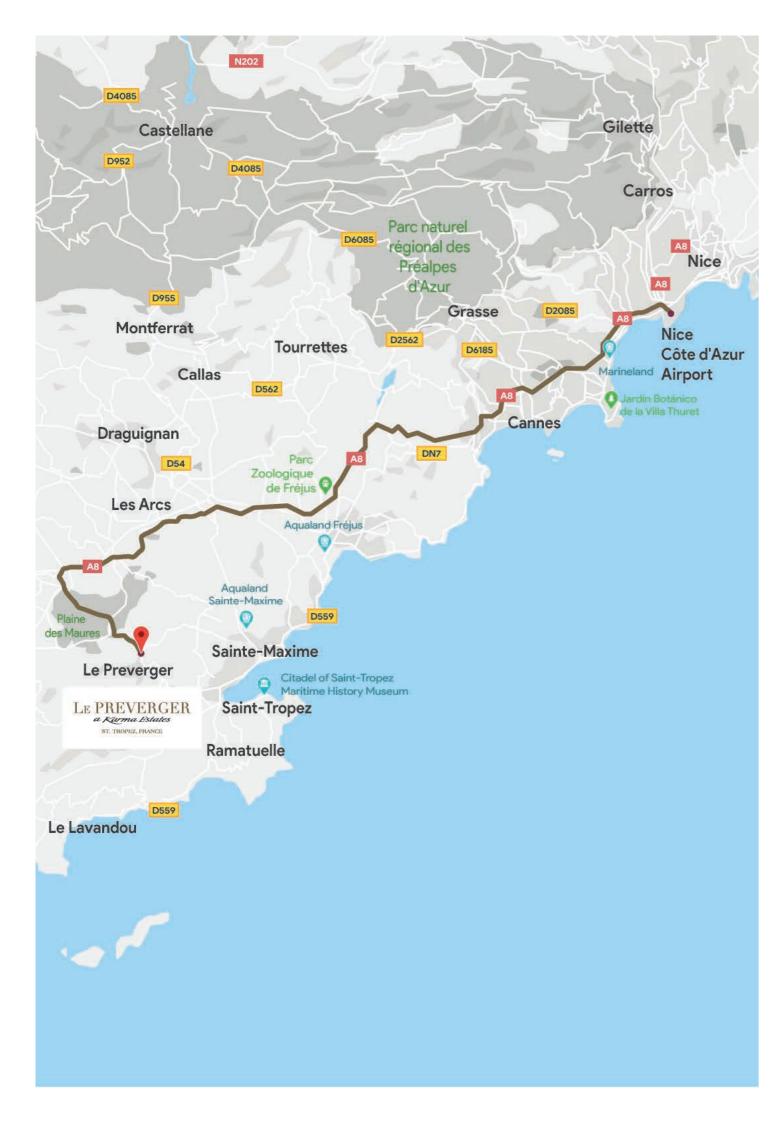
## LE PREVERGER a Karma Estates

ST. TROPEZ, FRANCE



## **DESTINATION PROFILE**

WE CREATE... EXPERIENCES





## **Getting There**

Arrive into Nice Airport and we can arrange a taxi or limousine to meet you and escort you to Le Preverger, the drive is about 1.5 hours depending on traffic. Alternatively you can fly into Toulon Airport (roughly 1 hour drive) or La Mole Airport, St Tropez (roughly 30 minutes drive).

Le Preverger also has its own helicopter pad onsite for guests who truly wish to arrive in style! Simply let us know your arrival details and everything will be arranged for you!

Our onsite Estate Managers will happily organize every aspect of your stay at Le Preverger, from a pre-arrival grocery shop, to taxis and the best restaurant recommendations. Simply let us know your preferences and we'll make it happen!

## ST. TROPEZ ON THE PLATE

## **OUR TOP PICKS OF RESTAURANTS** IN THE REGION







## **Bello Visto**

(Saint-Tropez)

Nestled in the vineyards with stunning views overlooking Saint-Tropez and Sainte Maxime this is the perfect place for local Provençal cuisine.

> **Open daily** 12:00 - 14:30, 19:00 - 21:30 (June to September) April, May and October: Weekly closed on Wednesday evening and Thursday Place des Barrys, 83580 Gassin

> > +33 4 94 56 17 30 | bellovisto.eu

## Auberge des Maures

(Saint-Tropez)

Immersed in lavender and jasmine, this ambient restaurant prides itself in delicious traditional French cuisine.

> **Opening Times** for dinner from 6:45pm 4 Rue Dr Boutin, 83990 Saint-Tropez

+ 33 (0)4 94 97 01 50 | www.aubergedesmaures.fr









## **Chateu des Launes**

(La Garde-Freinet)

Situated in a beautiful chateau with stunning views from the terrace, lovely spot for lunch and a glass of rosé.

> Open daily all day, except Tuesday & Thursday. 7270 route du Luc, 83680 La Garde-Freinet, France

> +33 4 94 85 29 10 | chateaudeslaunes.com

## **La Claire Fontaine**

(La Garde-Freinet)

French/Mediterranean cuisine in a lovely setting with fabulous simple food, the filet mignon is not one to miss!

Open daily for lunch

Place Vielle, 83680 La Garde-Freinet, France

+33 4 94 43 63 76

## La Table du Mareyeur

(Port Grimaud)

This waterside restaurant with a stunning terrace is often referred to as one of the best seafood restaurants specialising in grilled Mediterranean fish, shellfish and crustaceans.

Open daily for dinner

10 & 11 Place des Artisans, Port Grimaud

+33 4 94 56 06 77 | www.mareyeur.com

# PLACES TO VISIT WHILE STAYING AT LE PREVERGER







Fort Freinet is an old fortified village from the late twelfth century, perched on a rocky mountain overlooking the current village of La Garde Freinet. The Fort Freinet is registered as an environment exceptional site. From the top of Fort Freinet (450m) you can marvel at the panoramic views from the Mediterranean Sea to the Alps. Roughly thirty houses, steps, a chapel and a moat were cut into the rock face to make it fit to live in. The moat surrounding the fort is 8-10 meters deep and entirely cut into the rock. The trail up the mountain is sign posted, take some water and wear some walking shoes, the views from the top are not to be missed!

## La Tarte Tropezienne, St. Tropez

La Tarte Tropezienne is the most famous dessert known to St. Tropez, consisting of a pie with 2 creams layered with strawberries between a gourmet bun and sprinkled with grains of sugar. The most famous shop is situated in Places des Lices, St. Tropez but they have expanded to 20 cities in France now. This pie became a favourite of Brigitte Bardot while shooting And God Created Woman and she proposed the name to be La Pie Tropizienne. You simply can't visit St. Tropez without stopping by La Tarte Tropizienne to try the famous pie or other mouth-watering pastries.









Sunset at Saint-Tropez

## La Garde-Freinet

(50 meters from the resort)

La Garde-Freinet village dates back to the 8th century and is the very essence of Provence. You can still see the ruins from a medieval village and a fort on the hilltop. The big cross erected on the slope is a famous landmark in the region, and the view from its foot is breath-taking. The charming village is just the right size, with narrow streets and tiny stone houses. There's always something to see, do – or eat! The village has two bakers, two butchers, two small grocers', antique shops, art galleries and a select handful of restaurants and bars.

## Sainte-Maxime

(30 minutes' drive from Le Preverger)

Sainte-Maxime with a marina is a popular seaside resort, locked into the Massif des Maures by a vast area of woodland which extends well beyond the surrounding hills. The most populous town in the Gulf it is very welcoming and one of the liveliest in the area. You'll be spoilt for choice with boutique shopping and water sports available (weather dependent) from sailing and diving to jet-skis and water skiing! There is also the option of golf, tennis, mountain biking, horse riding or stroll with the family in the Myrtes botanical garden.

## Saint-Tropez

(40 minutes' drive from Le Preverger)

People are often drawn to this idyllic part of the peninsula. There's the emblematic purple and gold clock tower; the domes of the Miséricorde and convent chapels; fortification towers; and the elusive lighthouse flashes at sunset, over a bay that disappears into the open sea against a backdrop of snow-capped peaks in the Southern Alps.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SAINT TROPEZ









## **Port Grimaud**

(50 meters from the resort)

Port Grimaud is part of the commune of Grimaud in the Var department in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. Located on the French Riviera, it is seven kilometres west of Saint Tropez and seven kilometres south east of Sainte Maxime.

Port Grimaud began to rise out of the sand dunes around the marshes of the river Giscle on the north shore of the Golfe de Saint-Tropez in 1966. This extraordinary architectural experiment was the idea of François Spoerry who envisioned a town built in the manner of Venice with channels of water and traditional French fisherman's houses, each with a personal boat mooring space at the end of the garden.

Port Grimaud today is a charming village with an extended development history encompassing attractive Provençal-style houses on a network of canals. The houses are designed to be individually different, painted with soft pastel colours of ochre, pink and turquoise and feature shutters with wrought iron balconies with roofs of terracotta Roman tiles. Known as the 'Venice of Provence' and arranged into four little islands, the colourful houses are linked by bridges over the waterways and surrounded by gardens.









#### Wineries

There are many wineries in this region boasting stunning glasses of local wine! Most believe it would be wrong to go to the land of rose and not have a cheeky glass or two. There are so many incredible wineries that offer tastings but there's a couple below for inspiration to get you started and then you can follow your nose...

**Château Minuty** - Discover the three cuvées in their home setting, a stunning coastal property covering an immense 70 hectares. Open Monday to Friday all year round, and Saturdays in the summer months. Closed between 12 -13:30pm. 40 minutes' drive from Le Preverger.

**Château Saint-Maur** - This gem in the heart of Provence offers tours their cellar and impressive vineyard and tastings of their wines paired with their own range of selected meats and ripened cheeses. Enjoy views of the impressive cork oak trees, vineyards and hillside whilst relaxing with a lovely drop of wine in the sunshine! 25 minutes' drive from Le Preverger.

**Domaine Sainte Marie** - Located between Bormes-les-Mimosas and Saint-Tropez, in the Dom forest is this treasure of a winery. They offer tastings, tours and even mountain bike tours with tastings. Not one to miss! 45 minutes' drive from Le Preverger.

## Cannes

(75 minutes' drive from Le Preverger)

Cannes is a city which simply sparkles with glamour, whilst the grandeur of the coastal promenade (La Croisette) and the belle epoque buildings reflect an aristocratic history. Behind the glitz there is a softer side to Cannes - the district of Le Suquet is the heart of the old town and is filled with little lanes, ancient buildings and the old harbour (home to traditional fishing boats and luxury yachts). The old town of Cannes, Le Suquet dates back to the 10th century when it was a little fishing village serving the castle of Cannes (home to the abbots of Lerins). Charming little streets lead on to picturesque squares and at the top of the hill lies the ruined 12th century castle - now host to the Museum of La Castre. For foodies, Meynadier Street is an absolute must. This pedestrianized street will have your senses buzzing as you wander past enticing windows displaying the best of Provencal local produce. Wine, olive oil, honey, meats, cheeses, breads and exquisite macaroons are just a few of the delights you will see in some of the longest established delis of Cannes. There are also a few clothes boutiques and bookshops along this enchanting road on the way out of the Suquet area.

#### Monaco

(110 minutes' drive from Le Preverger)

Monaco is the second smallest nation in the world (after Holy See), and the second most densely populated. You'll know you've arrived from the moment you enter the impressive, elegantly appointed destination. Visit the Prince's Palace set high upon the rock of Monaco, and toast to the good life!











#### Le Cellier

A lovely little wine store in the village of La Garde Freinet, stocked with an array of Provencal wine and local and gourmet products such as locally made olive oil, sausage, cheese and jams. They offer fantastic wine tastings for groups or couples with plenty of wine and an array of olives, sausage, cheese and tapenade.

#### **Bar du Port Restaurant**

Anchored right in the port of Saint-Tropez, this sophisticated restaurant prides itself with high quality organic and local produce and serves mouth-watering breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

## Le Girelier

An incredible seafood restaurant in the port of Saint-Tropez with floor-to-ceiling windows offering breath-taking views so you can watch the world go by as you enjoy your meal, and of course a glass of wine! (Open daily from noon – midnight)

## The Parish Church of Saint-Clement

The church is home to a very curious bust of a pope's reliquary, an 18th century baldachin polychrome marble altar and a listed painting (dated 1702), representing Saint-Bernard and Saint Jeanne de France kneeling at the feet of the Virgin Mary. The porch was reworked in 1789 in Renaissance style. Dedicated to Saint-Clement, the bell on the clock tower is richly ornamented with garlands of Acanthus and fleurs de lys.

## Saint-Tropez Markets at 'Place de Lices' - Tuesday's and Saturday's only

This is a fantastic market which sells a huge range of foods including breads, pastries, cheeses, sausages, flowers, olives, spices, herbs, fruit and vegetables. Locals head to the market early to secure the freshest produce. There are also stalls for the souvenir hunter with good quality home accessories, antiques, mirrors, vintage posters, paintings and arts & crafts.

## Vidauban

Vidauban is a commune in the Var department in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, lying on the bank of the river Argens. Protected by the Ste Brigitte chapel built on top of 180 meters of high rocky outcrop and former volcano Vidauban spreads out into the eastern part of the Maures plain. There are a number of beautiful XVIth century relics in the village including Saint Pons the Aille waterfalls (magnificent pink sandstone), walking, canoeing, kayaking and fishing.



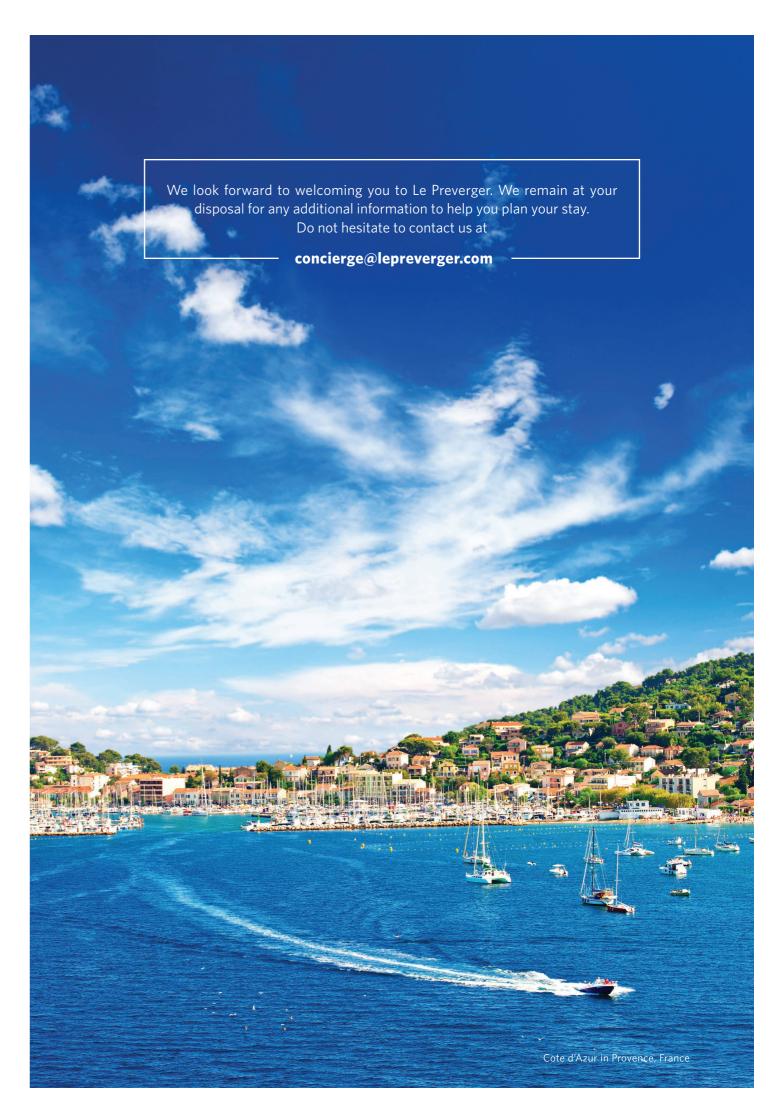


## **Pampelonne Beach**

The mythic Pampelonne beach is St-Tropez's crown jewel of beaches, even if the actual location is Ramatuelle. Nearly five kilometers of fine, white sand separate the Mediterranean Sea from acres of scrub-covered dunes. It's a site of remarkable natural beauty that offers a rural backdrop to the world's most glamorous beach party scene. At the same time, there's a bohemian side to St-Tropez that dates back to the 1950s. Juliette Greco and denizens of Paris's Left Bank postwar scene turned St-Tropez beaches into their summer headquarters.

With the recent closing of the celebrated (some would say infamous) Voile Rouge, there are now 26 beach- restaurants where you can contemplate the waves, dine, drink, show off or sleep from a comfortable lounge chair and/or mattress. Most of the "beach clubs" where celebrities, oligarchs, princes, presidents and models come to relax were constructed during the 50s and 60s and are still going strong. Although called "beach clubs", there's no membership required, only the price of lounge chair/umbrella rental (about €30, depending on the season).

Each establishment has its own ambiance. The queen of the clubs is undoubtedly Nikki Beach with its own pool, normally ringed by young clubbers recuperating from the night before. Technically, Nikki Beach is not a beach club as it is installed a few dozen meters away from the beach. Also well-known is Club 55 which manages to be hip, relaxed, chic and welcoming at the same time. It's a good place for celebrity-spotting. At the other end of the spectrum and at the southern end of the beach is the funky L'Esquinade beach with a low-key ambience and modest prices. Generally, the beach-restaurants at the southern end are more informal and slightly cheaper.



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