

Geographic details

Arcachon is a seaside resort of the Gironde department, in Aquitaine, in the south-west of France, renowned in a beautiful setting with the ocean, sandy beaches and pine forests near the young and dynamic city of Bordeaux, famous for its castles surrounded by vineyards. Thanks to its particular climate, which offers ideal conditions for oyster farming, the Bassin d'Arcachon is the main oyster breeding area in France.

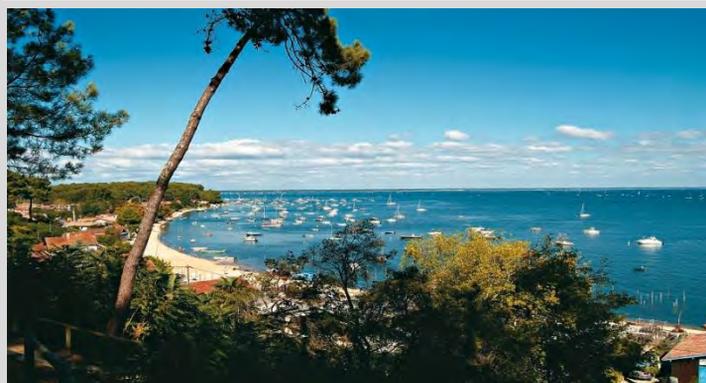
Surface Area : 7,56 km²

Population: 10 891 inhabitants

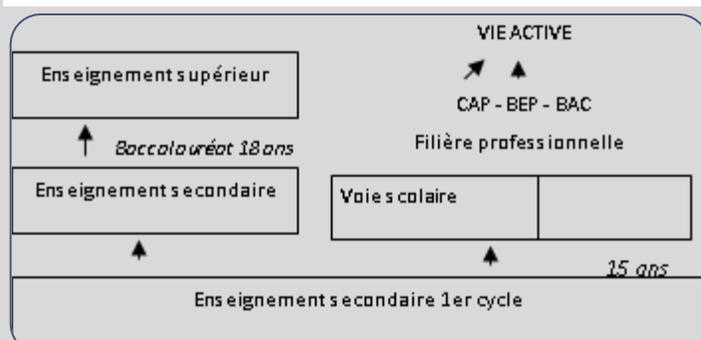
Events

The Sea Festival at Arcachon - the most traditional and popular festival in the city

The patronal feast: the feast of the Annunciation, March 25 of each year



French school system



Main sites to visit

Natural areas:

- The island of birds must thank the many birds for its name, which are there all year round.

- The Dune of Pilat is the highest dune in Europe; it is composed of 60 million cubic meters of sand. Despite the pine forests in the hinterland, he wins every year between 5 and 10 meters.

- The natural park covers 315 000 hectares and is covered by 80% of pines.

- Located between the Leyre Delta and the Landes forest in Gascony, the ornithological park is a real refuge for thousands of birds, because its natural richness offers them an ideal place to take a break and look for food. The singing of over 260 bird species offers visitors a sound concert.

World Cultural Heritage:

- The churches: the Notre-Dame Basilica, the Notre-Dame des Passes church or the Sainte-Jeanne d'Arc church in Arcachon.

- The Aquarium Museum, built in 1867, can observe a wide variety of ocean fauna: sea anemone, starfish, turtle, seabream, dogfish, etc.

The house of the oyster

Gastronomy

The cuisine of Arcachon offers a wide variety of specialties prepared in a traditional way.

Specialties of the sea: seaweed steamed fish, oysters from the Arcachon basin, salmon, hake, mussels

Meat: chicken, goose confit and other poultry meat, lamb

Cheese of goat, sheep or cow: Sweet Mountain, Moulis, Amou Eshourgnac,

The wines: Bordeaux, Cadillac, Côtes de Castillon, Médoc, Graves Supérieur.