

VS013 Camping L'Oceano d'Or
Jard sur Mer ★★★★★



"This campsite is excellent in every way. The facilities are superb and the staff very helpful!" The Furnival Family

Campsite Contact Details:

Camping L'Oceano d'Or
Rue Georges Clémenceau
85520
Jard sur Mer
France
Tel: 0033 251 330 505

Arrival Procedure

Eurocamp Independent customers should go straight to the campsite reception on arrival. Reception, where English is spoken is open from 10am to 5pm in low season and from 8am to 8pm in high season. Customers unavoidably delayed, arriving after the barrier is down (11pm to 6.30am) should leave the car outside the site and go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late. Barrier passes are issued upon arrival for no charge.

As Eurocamp couriers (on site from 22nd May to 5th September) will be unaware of your arrival, we recommend that you visit their reception area as soon as you have settled in. Please take your completed courier card with you.

Please note – if you have booked an overnight stop in a mobile home or ready erected tent please see the special arrival procedures on your accommodation voucher.



Don't forget we're on the end of the
phone if you need us
Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:
Monday- Friday
Saturdays
Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm
10.00 am - 2.00 pm
closed

Life On Site

This large and lively site is within walking distance of an excellent sandy beach and the pretty harbour and charming village at nearby Jard sur Mer.

Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There are two swimming pools in total on the campsite. The first is an outdoor pool which is heated, suitable for all the family and open from mid May – mid September. This pool has a high sided water chute which is suitable to children aged 6 years and above and also has an adjoining plunge pool for the slide. The second is an outdoor pool for toddlers which is heated and also open from mid May – mid September. Customers must purchase a wristband whilst on site for use of all pools which is 2€ and refundable. French regulations stipulate that traditional swimming trunks and not shorts must be worn in the pool.
- **Washblocks:** There are five sanitary blocks on the campsite which are all unisex. Please note that most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the wash blocks, and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Charcoal and gas barbecues only are allowed on site.
- **Internet access:** This is not available on the campsite. However, WiFi is available all over the site.
- **Gas bottles:** These cannot be exchanged on site.
- **Motorhome Service Point:** There is a motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** Fridge hire is available on site. We would be happy to book this for you. Please contact us for more details.
- **Electricity:** Pitches have 10 amp two pin electricity connections. A continental adapter will be required and these can be hired on site.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on site, but they must be kept on a lead. If you require any up to date information on taking your dog abroad, please get in touch. We'd be happy to book any necessary vets appointments on your behalf.

Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

During the day

- There is an impressive on site children's play area which is set around a pirate ship. Facilities include swings, slides, a climbing frame, a see-saw and a roundabout laid out on a large sand pit play surface.
- Floot lit boules pitch on site. This French game is so popular here that there are site arranged tournaments held in high season for customers staying on the campsite. Free to enter. Registration at reception.
- The site run children's club operates from mid June to late August and is for children aged 5 years and above. Activities typically include sports and game events. This children's club is run in French.

During the evening

Entertainment is organised six evenings a week from mid June until late August in the campsite amphitheatre (adjacent to the bar) and typically includes bingo games, music concerts, magician shows and "Mussels and Fries" nights. Family discos are also held occasionally in the campsite bar in high season.

Excursions

The campsite organises coach trips to Le Puy de Fou attraction park (1.5 hours away from the site) in July and August. This can be booked upon arrival at the campsite reception.

For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 08448 440 440

click: www.eurocampindependent.co.uk

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

Food and Drink

Although there is not a restaurant on the campsite, there are several restaurants in and around the nearby town of Jard sur Mer. The harbour at Jard sur Mer especially has a number of attractive waterfront restaurants of varying cuisine at reasonable prices. There is a take-away on the campsite which serves chips, pizzas, sausages and sandwiches, which is open from mid May until mid September, and there is a bar on site which is also open from mid May until mid September which serves local and internationally branded drinks and has a television showing local channels.

Shopping

There is a small sized shop on the campsite which sells basic supplies including bread, milk, water, croissants, crisps, sweets, magazines, sun cream, wine and beer from mid May until mid September. The nearby town of Jard sur Mer (2km away from the site) has a post office, a pharmacy, a petrol station and a Super U supermarket. Stamps, postcards and telephone cards can also be bought from the campsite reception and there is a currency exchange facility.



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Around & About

A region renowned for its beautiful, gently shelving sandy beaches and an enviable microclimate, the Vendée is the ideal choice for a holiday on the French coast. With bustling seaside resorts, attractive ports and a range of tourist attractions, there really is something for everyone. Inland, the landscape is varied with enchanting marshlands, meadows of sunflowers and dense pine forests. With miles upon miles of cycle and walking tracks, this is the ideal destination for those who love the great outdoors.

While you're here try...

MUSSELS. Seafood predominates in the cuisine in the Vendée and it is possible to spot one of the many mussel farms out at sea from the local beaches. Although served in a variety of different sauces from restaurant to restaurant, many of the locals prefer to eat them simply cooked in garlic.

BRIOCHE. Traditionally prepared in France at Easter or for important family occasions such as weddings, brioche is widely available in this region and is often cooked with fruit or chocolate chips. Served at breakfast or as a dessert, the Vendée is the largest producer of the pastry in the country.

JAMBON-MOGETTES. This regional dish comprises grilled slices of Jambon de Vendée which is a cured ham (similar to bacon in taste) which is served with Mogettes which are locally produced white haricot beans.



Beaches

Jard sur Mer (2km) – Noted more for its pretty harbour than its beaches, this seaside town has a number of seafood restaurants and bars making it worth the visit alone. The beaches to the north of the harbour have fine golden sand and the beaches to the south of the harbour has many rock pools at low tide.

La Plage du Bouil (9km) – The closest beach to the campsite. It is sandy, rocky at low tide and has a sailing school.

Le Petit Rocher (10km) – Sand yachting is available at this nearby beach.

La Tranche sur Mer (18km) – Although further away from the campsite, the beach at this popular resort is well worth a visit as it boasts the cleanest beaches in the Vendée region. In addition, there is a nautical centre on the beach and a sea water lagoon where many watersports are available to try.

Les Sables d'Olonne (28km) – This nearby resort has one of the safest beaches in the Vendée region. Sheltered from the harbour wall, the beach has gently shelving sand and a number of restaurants, cafes and bars nearby.

Sauveterre (29km) – This pretty beach between L'Aubraie and Les Granges lies adjacent to an extensive pine forest throughout which run several walking trails.

Bretignolles sur Mer (39km) – This seaside resort has a beach which is sandy, spacious and has a rocky coastline.

Notre Dame des Dunes (40km) – This small beach is close to Bretignolles sur Mer and is a naturist beach.

La Sauzaie (44km) – This beach is ideal for surf enthusiasts with waves rolling high on a regular basis. There are also a large number of rock pools nearby which are good for shrimping and crabbing.

Apremont (45km) – This inland lake is safe for swimming and has canoe and pedaloe hire in July and August.

Where to Shop

- **Jard sur Mer.** This pretty town is the closest to the campsite (400m away) and has a pharmacy, a petrol station, bars and restaurants and a Super U supermarket.
- **Talmont St Hilaire.** A little further from the campsite (8km away), this town also has a reasonable number of facilities including several banks (with cashpoints accepting most card types), a post office, a tabac (English newspapers available) and a Super U supermarket.
- **Les Sables d'Olonne.** This large resort (28km away) is one of the Vendée's busiest resorts and is home to the Marché des Halles Centrales which is a large indoor food shopping centre inside which over 50 local traders and producers gather to sell a variety of products including fresh fish, olives, dried fruit, cheese, wine, coffee, pastries, local delicacies and organic fruit and vegetables.

Local market days (usually mornings only) are as follows:

Monday – Longeville sur Mer.

Tuesday – La Tranche sur Mer.

Wednesday – St Jean de Monts.

Thursday – Bretignolles sur Mer.

Friday – La Roche sur Yon.

Saturday – St Gilles Croix de Vie.

Sunday – St Hilaire de Riez.

Sporting Activities

- **Indian Forest Tree Top Trail** – this ten hectare recreational park has tree top trails, orienteering trips and paintballing games set amongst ancient oak trees in Moutiers Les Mauxfait. www.indian-forest-atlantique.com
- **Waterskiing** – waterski hire available from Vykra Océanic (Forum Port La Vie) in St Gilles Croix de Vie. www.nowe.fr
- **Karting** – is available at the largest circuit in France (home to the prestigious French School of Karting) through Karting Energies (La Michetterie) in Fontenay Le Comte www.kartingenergies.fr
- **Sailing** - dinghies can be hired and instruction is available from La Centre Nautique (Avenue de L'Estacade) in St Jean de Monts. www.saint-jean-de-monts.com
- **Canoeing** - excursions available through the Vendée marshlands with Pinta (Place de la Vieille Eglise) in Sallertaine.
- **Motor Boats** – can be hired from Vykra Océanic (Forum Port La Vie) in St Gilles Croix de Vie. www.nowe.fr
- **Sea Fishing** – tourist trips in St Gilles Croix de Vie. Book at the Café Rochebonne (84 Quai République) in St Gilles Croix de Vie. Permits available from the local Tourist Information office.
- **Golf** – 18 hole course at Port Bourgenay or La Domangère. No handicap required but insurance is necessary. www.golfbourgenay.com / www.golf-domangère.com
- **Horse Riding** – lessons are available at Club Hippique Sablais (La Malbrande) in Talmont St Hilaire. www.clubhippiquesablais.fr
- **Scuba Diving** – equipment hire and instruction available from Le Club d'Exploration Subaquatique (Avenue Carnot) in Les Sables d'Olonne. www.cc-olonne.fr

Must Sees and Dos

Château of Talmont St Hilaire – 10km

Famed as the castle of Richard the Lionheart, this impressive listed fortress gives visitors a taste of the Middle Ages with crossbow shooting displays, knights on horseback, calligraphy demonstrations and medieval characters in costume.

www.vendee-guide.co.uk/chateau-de-talmont-st-hilaire

Zoo at Les Sables d'Olonne – 22km

The zoo at Les Sables d'Olonne has over 200 animals housed in environments designed to resemble their natural habitats. With plenty to see, the zoo has giraffes, wild cats and reptiles and feeding demonstrations of pandas, penguins, otters and wolves. The most recent additions to the zoo include a monkey island and a vivarium.

www.zoo-des-sables.com

Vendee Miniature Village – 44km

Situated in the village of Bretignolles sur Mer, this miniature village took 10 years to build and its attention to detail is really worth seeing. All housed indoors, so the attraction is perfect for a rainy day, the miniature village recreates the history of the Vendée with 1/10th scale models of farms, houses, mills, carts and over 650 figures.

www.vendee-guide.co.uk

Le Jardin des Olfacties – 46km

Translated as "the garden of scents" and the winner of the first national award for green tourism, this park has five hectares of over 3,500 perfumed plants and flowers. Throughout July and August on Wednesday and Friday evenings the gardens are brought to life with music and light.

www.lejardindesolfacties.com

Vélorail – 58km

Explore the stunning Vendéen countryside and enjoy the colourful scenery in pedal powered railcars. The 10km former railway track crosses over the River Vie and passes through the former railway station at St Maixent sur Vie.

www.veloraildefrance.com

Le Puy du Fou – 85km

One of France's most popular attractions, Le Puy du Fou recreates medieval life with features including a large Roman amphitheatre complete with chariots and shows such as the battles of the Vikings, the battle of Donjon, and the battle of the Gladiators. There are also stunning falconry displays and the park also has fifteen restaurants, two themed hotels and fifty hectares of colourful countryside.

www.puydufou.com

Please note: Eurocamp Independent has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

Getting To Your Site

Location

JCamping L'Océano d'Or is 2km from Jard sur Mer, which is situated on the coast between Les Sables d'Olonne and La Tranche sur Mer.

Directions

From La Roche sur Yon, take the D747 following signs for Moutiers Les Mauxfaits and La Tranche sur Mer.

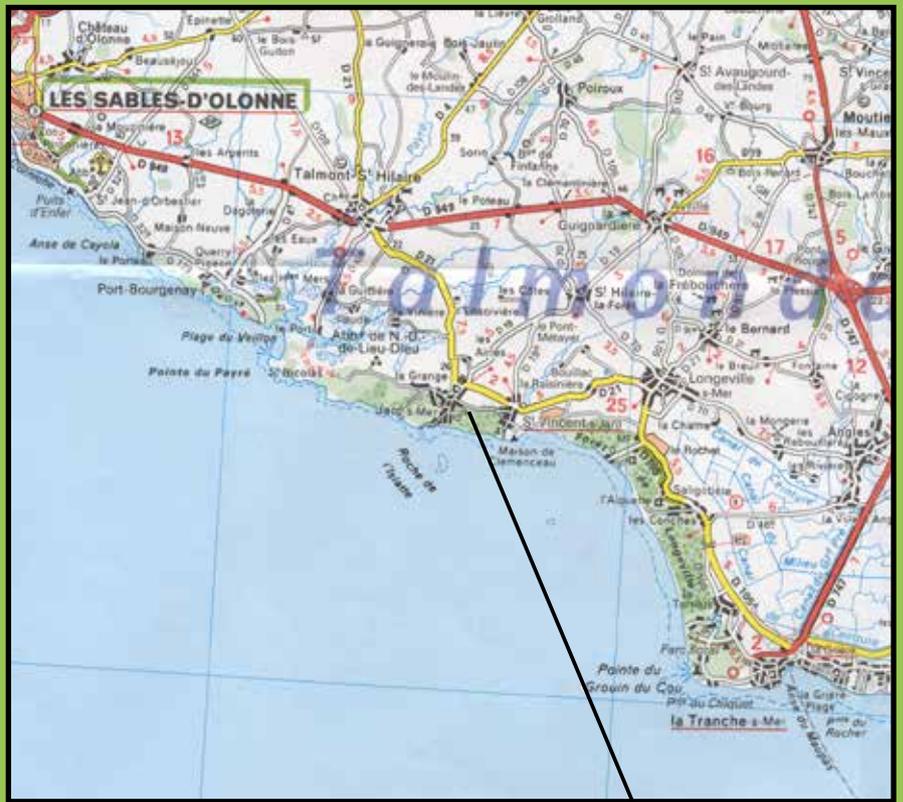
After about 20km you will enter Moutiers Les Mauxfaits.

Turn right onto the D19 following signs for Jard sur Mer and carry straight on through the villages of Avrillé and St Hilaire La Forêt until you reach Jard sur Mer. Turn left onto the D21 following signs for Longeville sur Mer and La Tranche sur Mer and the site is on the right.

From Avrillé, take the D19 and when you reach the main Les Sables d'Olonne to La Tranche sur Mer road (D21), you should turn left towards La Tranche sur Mer. The site is on your right about 50m further on. From Luçon, take the D949 towards Les Sables d'Olonne. When you reach Avrillé turn left onto the D19 towards St Hilaire La Forêt and Jard sur Mer. As you approach Jard sur Mer turn left onto the D21 towards La Tranche sur Mer and the site is on the right.

New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware that a new law came in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



GPS coordinates:

46.420686 / -1.569597 (lat./long.)

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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Key Dates

French Public (Bank) Holidays 2015

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Vendredi Saint)
Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday (Pâques)
Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lundi de Pâques)
Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Fête du Travail)
Friday 8th May - Victory Day (Fête de La Victoire)
Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day (Ascension Catholique)
Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Pentecôte)
Monday 25th May - Whit Monday (Lundi de Pentecôte)
Tuesday 14th July - Bastille Day (Fête Nationale)
Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (Assomption)
French organisations and businesses close on public holidays. Although some shopping centres and grocers open for part of the day, the majority of shops do not. Police stations and hospitals do not close. When a public holiday falls on a Thursday or Tuesday, it is common practice to "make the bridge" (faire le pont) by taking off the Friday or Monday so creating a very long weekend.

Handy Hints and Tips

Shop Opening & Closing - The classic French shopping days are Monday to Saturday, with shops generally open from 9 a.m. to Middy, and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Stores generally close on Sundays.

Please Note - Although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

Dialling Codes - If dialling the UK use 00 44 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code if dialling The Republic of Ireland use 00 353 and drop the first 0 from the dialling code

Tourist Information Office

Office de Tourisme, Place de Liberté, 85520, Jard sur Mer. Tel: 0033 251 334 047

Important Information

Car breakdown - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Eurocamp Independent should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Couriers on site will have information of local garages. Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

Personal Injury The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

Emergency Information

Emergencies. In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services.

Doctors	Jard sur Mer	0033 251 334 124
Dentist	Jard sur Mer	0033 251 334 326
Hospital	Les Sables d'Olonne	0033 251 218 585
Vets	St Vincent sur Jard	0033 251 201 050