

# The Vermeille and Sablonneuse Coasts

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## The 10 resorts of the Catalan coastline

The coastline stretches for over 60 km along the [Mediterranean](#), between the sea and the mountains, with an exceptional climate. From Barcarès to Cerbère, there are 10 seaside resorts with diverse landscapes and a wide range of leisure activities to discover.

The sandy coast known as “Marenda” with magnificent sandy beaches, bordered by the seaside resorts of [Barcarès](#), [Torreilles](#), [Sainte-Marie](#), [Canet-en-Roussillon](#), [Saint-Cyprien](#) and [Argelès-sur-Mer](#).

The rocky coast known as “Vermeille” is where the Mediterranean meets the Pyrenees. The name of this coast, overlooked by the Alpera mountains, comes from the red colour that the shale rock takes on in certain lights. From [Collioure](#) to [Cerbère](#), via [Port-Vendres](#), [Paulilles](#) bay and [Banyuls-sur-Mer](#), there are deep coves, rugged rocks and sheer cliffs plummeting into the sea.

## European Blue Flag

This label is awarded to towns who are committed to a sustainable development approach to tourism.

- ✓ [Port-Barcarès](#) (Lydia beach, village beach),
- ✓ [Torreilles\\*](#) (central beach, north beach, south beach),
- ✓ [Sainte-Marie-la-Mer\\*](#) (central beach, “1<sup>er</sup> Epi” beach, “2<sup>ème</sup> Epi” beach, “3<sup>ème</sup> Epi” beach, “4<sup>ème</sup> Epi” beach, Municipal campsite beach),
- ✓ [Canet-en-Roussillon](#) (Sardinal beach, Sardinal Nord beach, Port beach, Central beach, Marenda beach, Roussillon beach, Grand Large beach), Mar Estang beach
- ✓ [Saint-Cyprien\\*](#) (Capellans beach PS4, La Lagune beach PS6, Art beach PS2, Art beach PS1, Port beach PS3),
- ✓ [Argelès-sur-Mer](#) (Marenda Tamariguer beach, Centre Pins beach, South beach, Racou beach).
- ✓ Banyuls-sur-mer: central beach

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The “[Famille Plus](#)” label is a French national label with a global commitment to welcoming families. Resorts where children come first: Argelès-sur-Mer and Saint-Cyprien bear the “Famille Plus” label.