

Animal parks, shows and aquariums

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The Pyrénées-Orientales is full of endemic wildlife that must be preserved and protected. The animal parks showcase the local animal species in their habitats, and also welcome other species from all over the world. These parks contribute to educating people of all ages about the environment, and build ecological awareness of an area.

Come and visit **Angles Animal Park**, a one-of-a-kind park in the Pyrenees, for an intense mountain experience in any season. The park covers 37 hectares and by following the marked footpaths, visitors will discover all the animal species that can be found in the Pyrenees: Brown bear, wolf, wild boar, stag, deer, mountain sheep, Pyrenean chamois, marmot, ibex, bison reindeer and fallow deer.

At the foot of Mount Canigou, in Conflent, Casteil Animal Park covers 25 hectares, and visitors can discover many species including lions, bears, lamas, deer, monkeys and various bird species. The park came about thanks to the passion of a local family and there are two routes to visit the park, with different levels of difficulty and some uphill sections. A local family created this park that visitors can explore on foot, along a 3-km mountain footpath.

La Vallée des Tortues is a wonderful animal park right at the heart of the Vallée Heureuse in Sorède. There are 35 species of turtles in a 2-hectare park full of trees. Visitors can discover these turtles from all over the world along a very pleasant botanical trail. Visitors will be led through the garrigue to see local wildlife and then to a superb replica of a habitat in the Seychelles, to see turtles in their trip around the world. The visit is marked with arrows and informative panels about each species, so visitors can learn about the mysterious world of turtles...

Ecozonia: animal park dedicated to predators. In the heart of the Mediterranean forest, near the city of Perpignan, EcoZonia is a 26 hectare wildlife ecopark that takes you to discover the fascinating world of predators.

Oniria Aquarium (Canet-en-Roussillon): The new facility is 5 times the size of the old aquarium, now covers almost 3,500 m2 and contains a total of more than 1,200,000 L of water. It is made up of 83 pools which present to the public more than 3,500 individuals of 660 different species which are grouped around 10 universes.

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The Biodiversarium is made up of two separate but complementary places, the Aquarium and the Mas de la Serre Mediterranean gardens. These two places together present the terrestrial and marine biodiversity of the Pyrénées-Orientales, offering a scientific vision adapted to a wide variety of visitors. The Biodiversarium acts as a centre for scientific culture, an ecomuseum and an educational aquarium all at the same time. It is also the scientific mediation service for the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls-sur-Mer, and a place for the general public to come and meet researchers.

Biodiversarium Aquarium

This new generation aquarium is exclusively devoted to presenting local wildlife species, with around 300 species of fish, invertebrates and marine plants that can be seen in the various pools, decorated to represent as best as possible the natural underwater habitats of the local area. The aquarium building also houses some research tanks and laboratories, some of which can be seen by the public, so that visitors can see scientists at work and learn about what they do every day. This combination of presenting local biodiversity and research activities carried out at the Observatoire Océanologique de Banyuls makes this visit of the Biodiversarium Aquarium a unique one in Europe.

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