

## PRESS RELEASE

### Saint-Raphaël

Home to 32,000 inhabitants, Saint-Raphaël is a **beautiful Riviera resort set at the foot of the magnificent Estérel Hills**, between Cannes and Saint-Tropez (38 km.)

Visitors to Saint-Raphaël can enjoy the town's exciting year-round events program and rich natural heritage, including a **breathtaking 36-kilometre coast, recreational activities in the Estérel hills and 4 international golf courses.**

To benefit from our incredible 300 days of sunshine per year and translucent Mediterranean waters, the town offers a wide choice of **sandy and shingle beaches, plus our famous "Calanques" (little fjords)**. And after trying your hand at our vast range of water sports, **walkers, cyclists and riders** can take off to explore the coastal footpath, the Estérel Hills and the Corniche d'Or coast road.

Sunny Saint-Raphaël harbours a **rare architectural heritage**, with luxurious villas – many dating back to the town's 19<sup>th</sup>-century golden age - attractive shops and delightful ports and marinas. Visitors can also enjoy guided tours of "Notre Dame de la Victoire de Lepante" cathedral, visit the archaeological museum, or take a stroll round the well-preserved old quarter and Provençal markets.

Aside from its great choice of leisure activities, Saint-Raphaël also hosts a packed **all-seasons events program**, with highlights including the "**Fêtes de Lumière**" street theatre festival in December and **Mimosa Week** in February, plus many fairs and traditional celebrations.

Saint-Raphaël is **quickly and easily accessible from the world over.**

Visitors arriving **by air** can choose between Nice-Côte d'Azur international airport (45 minute drive), Toulon-Hyères European airport (1 hour drive), or Marseille-Provence international airport, (1 ½ hour drive). Visitors arriving **by train** can opt for the TGV Méditerranée high-speed train, arriving directly at Saint-Raphaël rail station. Finally, for **drivers**, A8 highway junction 38 (Fréjus/Saint-Raphaël) is located just 5 km from the town centre.

**Saint-Raphaël boasts the Var region's biggest choice of accommodation for all budgets**, with 43 hotels, 18 apartment hotels, 11 campsites, 6 holiday villages and 259 seasonal rentals.

Saint-Raphaël's many facets and high touristic interest make excellent material for your features.

Set **between sea and country**, Saint-Raphaël is the perfect choice for fun and varied holidays on the French Riviera.

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