

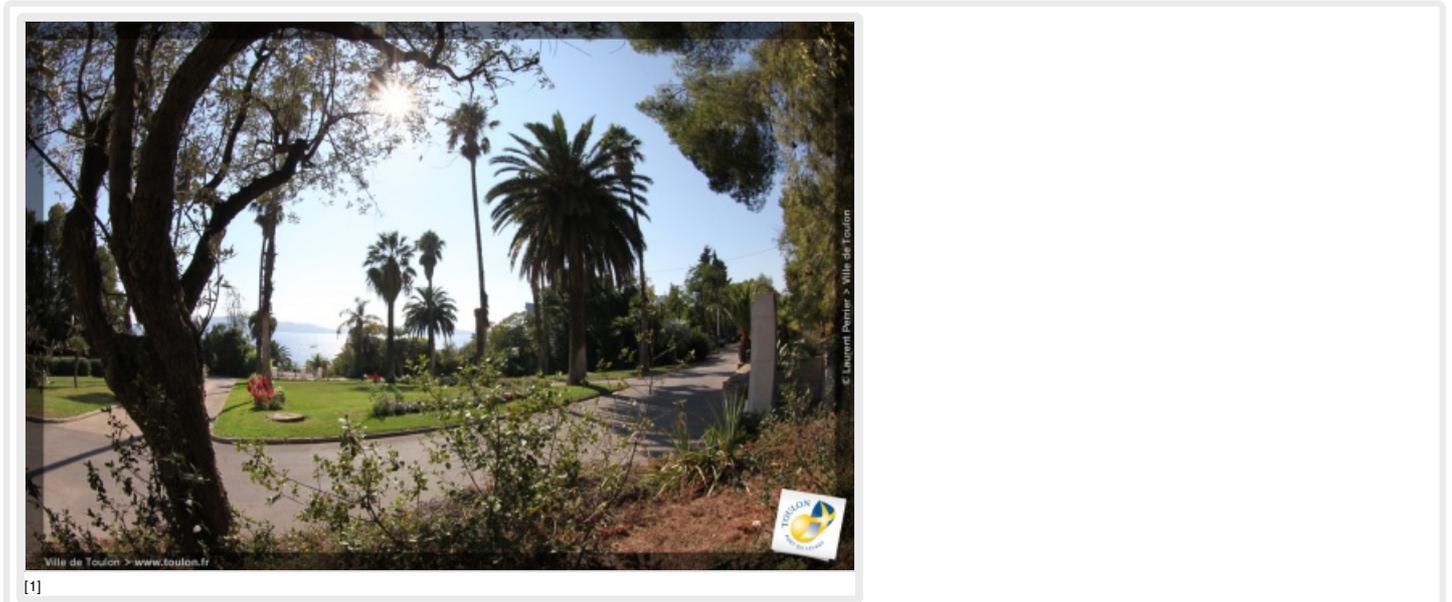


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## The living environment

Toulon will appeal to families as well as entrepreneurs wishing to settle down here.



Toulon is a human-sized, dynamic and attractive city, situated between the land and the sea in the heart of a region appreciated for its environment. A vibrant city endowed with state-of-the-art structures, it will seduce families as well as entrepreneurs wishing to settle down here.

### Child care facilities

The City of Toulon has been developing its child care facilities capacity to meet the needs of families, be it daycare centers or leisure activities for the young aged 3 to 17 years old. Altogether, 36 establishments have children under 6 years on the territory of the municipality. As for leisure activities for the young, the City has 32 children's recreation centers (3-6 years old, 6-12 years old and 12-17 years old). In the summer, "Toulon Destination Ados" program offers a list of activities for children aged 12-17.

### Porte d'Italie campus

The inauguration of a new university center, at the start of the school year in 2014, underlines the will of the urban area to replace the student life at the heart of the city. This Campus offers students quality equipment and an innovative academic education.

### The cultural assets and the sporting offer

The Zénith Omega, the Opera House, the Théâtre Liberté, the palais Neptune, cafés with live theater, the espace Comédia and Châteauvallon theater offer diversified programs. Toulon also offers the book festival or the comic strip festivals called Mangazur festival, music festivals (the Jazz festival, Rockorama, TLN, MidiFestival) as well as festive moments as the Night of the fishermen.

The diversity of landscapes and the Mediterranean Sea attract sailing, diving, climbing and mountain biking lovers without forgetting the mythical Mayol stadium and its RCT (Rugby Club from Toulon). Swimming pools, the "ferme des Romarins", the Palais des Sports, Léo Lagrange stadium (recently distinguished by an international architecture prize), are a part of the 35 municipal sporting facilities spreading out over the city.

### Soft modes of transport

Toulon Provence Méditerranée (TPM) urban community initiated the Mistral transport network operating through the 12 municipalities of the urban area for a 1.4€ single price fare.

The "Portes d'Ollioules et de Toulon" park and ride facility, inaugurated in September, 2013 and located on the West of the urban area offers 300 free parking spaces, and completes the structures already created to favor the use of public transport. Other park and ride facilities are situated at Sainte-Musse (400 spaces) and l'Escaillon (100 spaces) areas.

The natural harbor shelters the 1st French boat-bus network. Everyday about 6,000 passengers use the 3 shipping lines connecting Toulon, la Seyne, les Sablettes and Saint-Mandrier.

Out of 300 km of public road networks in Toulon, there are 56 km of cycle lanes and tracks today, compared to 6 km in 2001. Soft modes of transport have developed and spaces dedicated to cars are now shared.

### A free tunnel facilitating travel

Since September, 2002, the underground crossing of Toulon has been open to westbound traffic. Motorists can cross Toulon, free of charge, without leaving the highway. The 2nd tube (eastbound) has been open to traffic since March, 2014 and allows connecting highway A50 (Marseille to Toulon) to highway A57 (Toulon to Nice).

### The ecodistrict "Font-pré" for a simplified life

Toulon's first ecodistrict will be born on the site of former Font-pré hospital. With a capacity of 750 accommodations and with 10,000 m2 of green spaces, this program focuses on environmental and social concerns. Green spaces, convenience stores, and evolutionary accommodations will offer a living environment adapted to young professionals, families as well as senior citizens.

In 2006, the heart of Toulon was the first French city center to be classified as ZFU ("Zone Franche Urbaine" ie Urban Free zone). The perimeter of the ZFU extends from "avenue de la République" in the South, to the "Porte d'Italie" in the East, to "boulevard de la Démocratie" in the North and up to "avenue Lazare-Carnot" in the West. The objective is to revitalize the trade in the historic city center thanks to the introduction of fiscal and social charge exemptions. This plan will be extended until 2020 under the name "Territoires entrepreneurs".

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