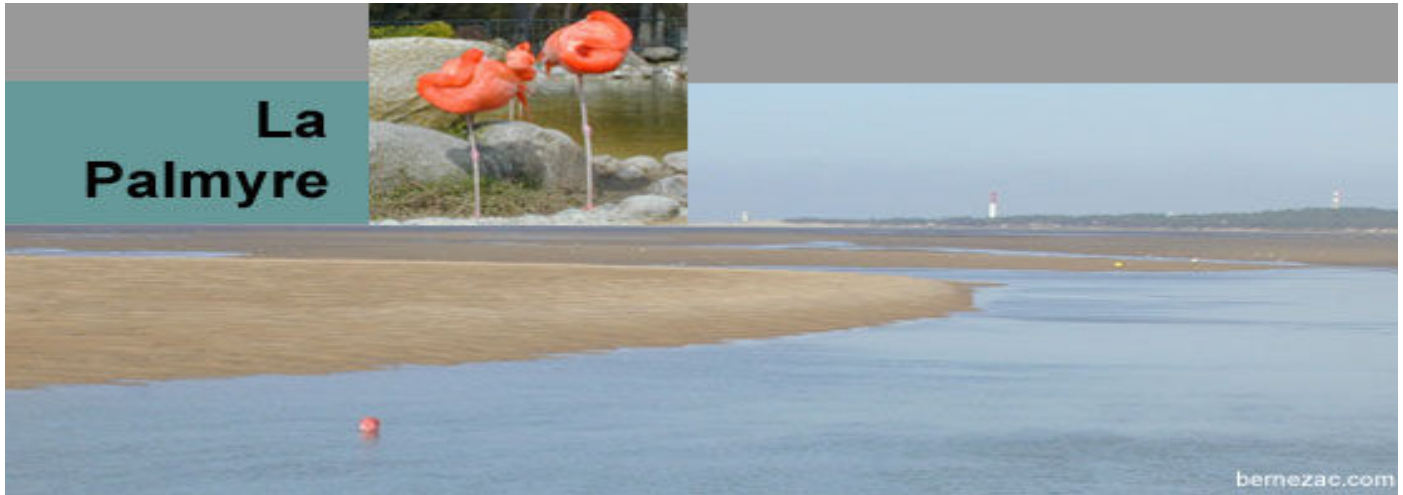


# La Palmyre



Distance from St Hilaire du Bois = 44.1 miles



**La Palmyre, a famous resort** La Palmyre is a famous resort for the beach, the forest and the zoo.

By walking along the road which goes from the centre to the beach, one can see some old, a little anachronistic, villas in this resort of modern buildings. These villas were built in 1900 in a location called "Le Clapet" (The Valve), which is the name of a device built to close a canal. At this time, the forest railway was put into service to serve the needs of the 'Water and Forests' administration. The holiday-makers took the forest train to go from Royan to Le Clapet. In 1966, Le Clapet became officially La Palmyre, sea resort of the municipality of Les Mathes, situated inland on a limestone hill.



**The beaches, the port, the bay of Bonne-Anse** All the houses have been built back into the forest a few hundred metres away from the shore, which makes them invisible from the coast and because of this, the beauty of the maritime landscape and its natural coastline are protected. The way the port is constructed with the long promenade along the sea front, makes it easy for all the seaside activities.



**Cycling and Walking** Cycling is the favourite means of transport for the holiday-makers. Everything is done to make it straightforward and uncomplicated for cyclists. From the port, the cycle track joins Saint-Palais-sur-Mer by following first of all the sea shore and then it goes through the forest up to the point of the Grande-Côte. For those who would like to walk, starting from the port, the path leads to the lighthouse of La Coubre by following the beach of Bonne-Anse.



## The best zoological park in France!!!!

When arriving in La Palmyre by the road which comes from Saint-Palais-sur-Mer, one cannot miss on the right-hand side, the rock with its waterfall and the magnificent pink flamingos which appear to be there to welcome the visitors. The most famous zoological park in France, open all year long, it is the place of interest most visited in the department of Charente-Maritime. It was created in 1966, as La Palmyre, and is one of the reasons the resort is famous. To visit or revisit absolutely.



### Opening Hours

Open all year round : 9am till 7pm from 1st April to 30th September  
 9am till 6pm the rest of the year  
 Except the sealion and Parrot show open April to October

Amenities: Bar with fast food, hot dogs, sandwiches and crêpes. Cold drinks machines  
 ice-creams and gift shop

Length of visit: approx 4hrs

The zoo is wheelchair access able and there is free parking available

Note: There are no dogs allowed even on a lead.

Prices: 2006 Adults 13€ children between 3-12 9€

2007 Adults 13€ children between 3-12 9€

How  
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Via the A10 motorway :

Paris > Bordeaux  
 Exit 35 (Saintes)

Bordeaux > Paris  
 Exit 37  
 (Mirambeau)

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## Surf School



The Côte Sauvage Surf School was created in 2003, based out of a hand-picked natural beach. It has been chosen for its beauty and its ideal conditions to learn how to surf

Olivier, your surf instructor, will share with you his passion and knowledge of surfing, along with help from the best of the surfing world:

- Clyde Aikau (Hawaiian Surf legend)
- FFS - French Surf Federation
- Schools of the French Surfing Association of Biarritz and Surf Spirit International

Discovering class	Credits	2h	37
Mini-training	3 days	2h/d	98
In depth	5 days	2h/d	139
Training course			-

(journée supplémentaire + 20 -)

Week-end	2 days	2h/d	70
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