

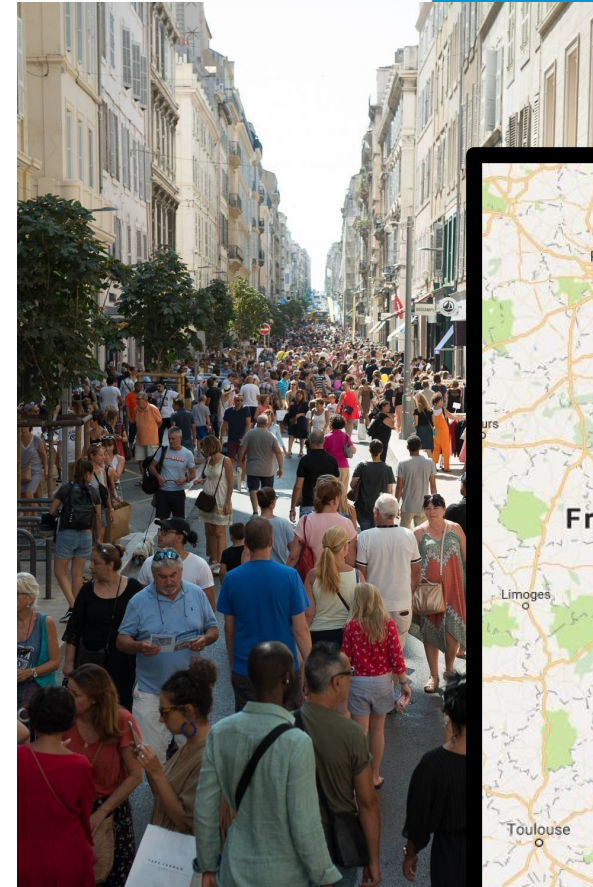


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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Location: Southeast of France, on the **Mediterranean coast**
- Region: **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur**
- Status: **Second-largest city in France**
- Population: approx. **870,000** (metropolitan area over 1.5 million)

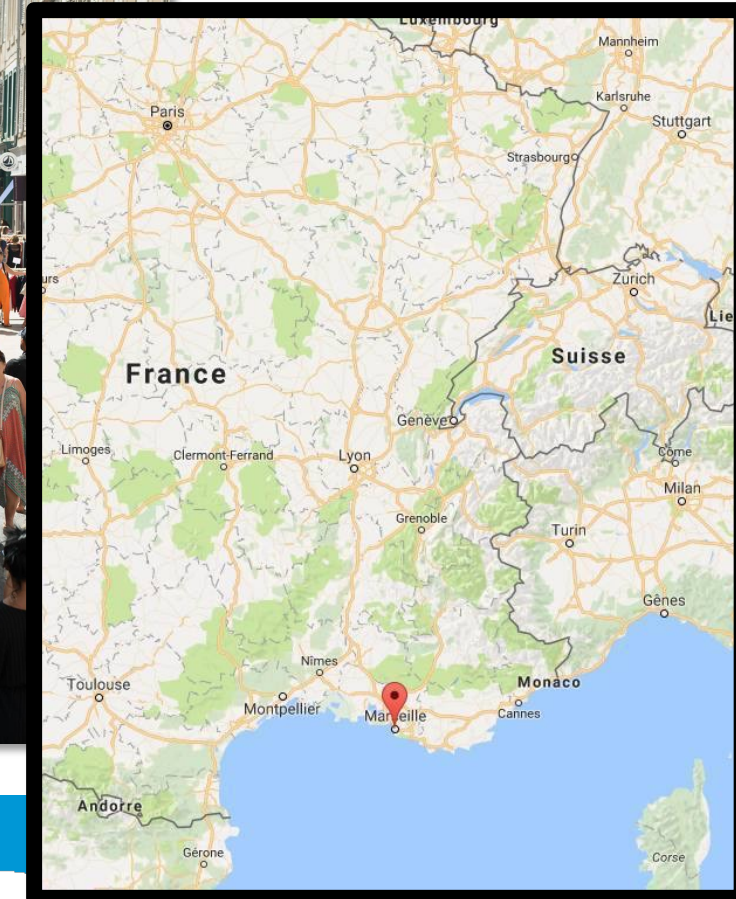


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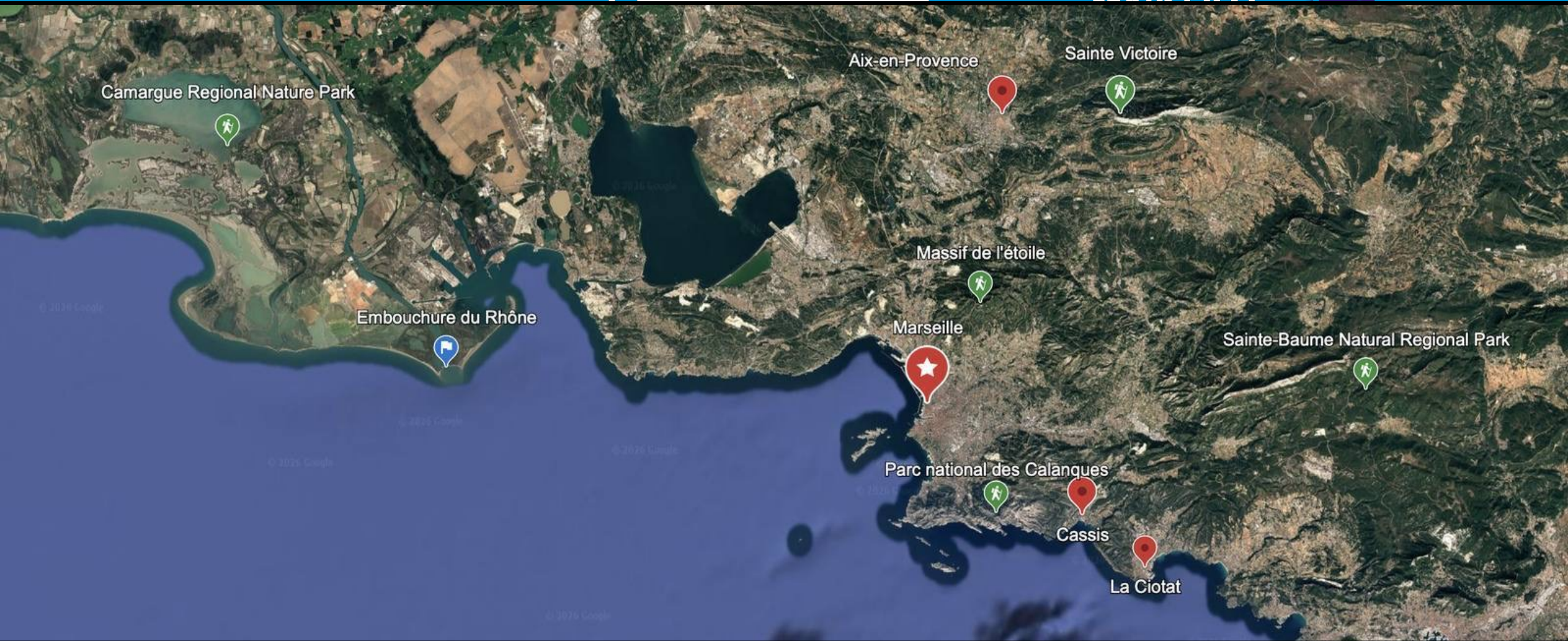


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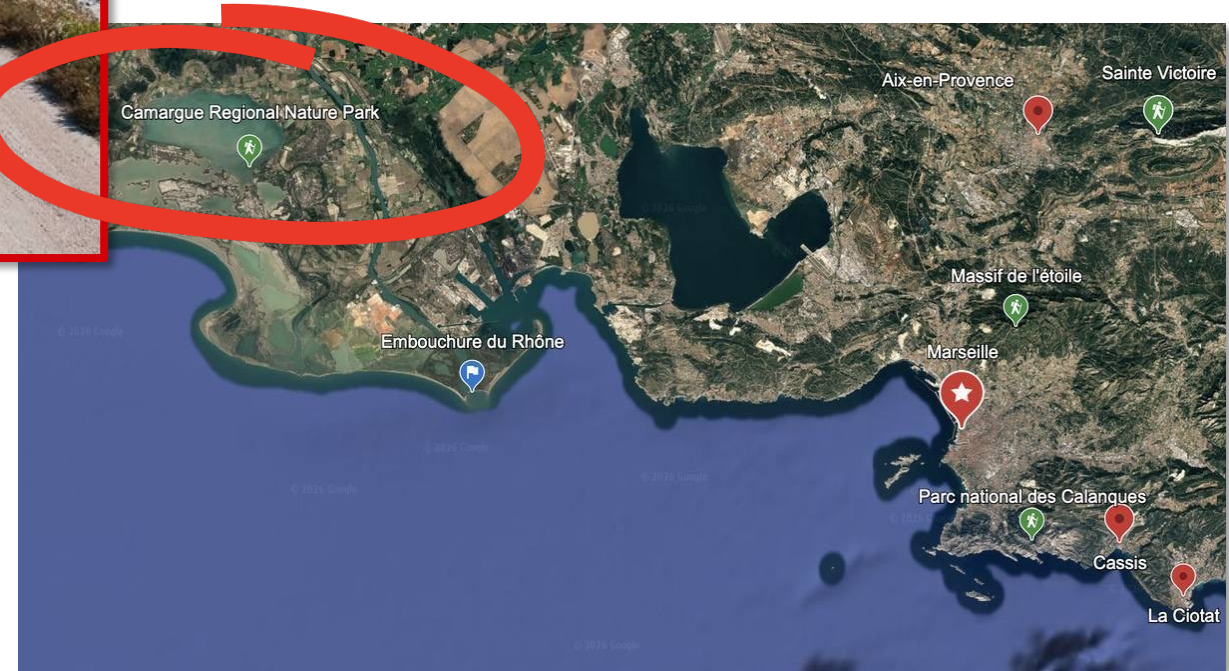
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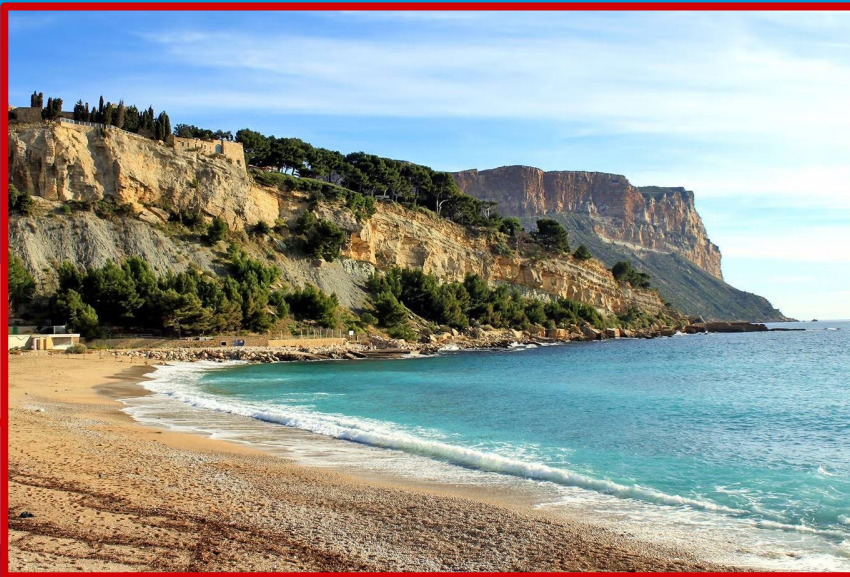
Large wetland in the **Rhône delta** with marshes, lagoons and salt flats.



Rich biodiversity:

- Known for flamingos, wild white horses and black bulls

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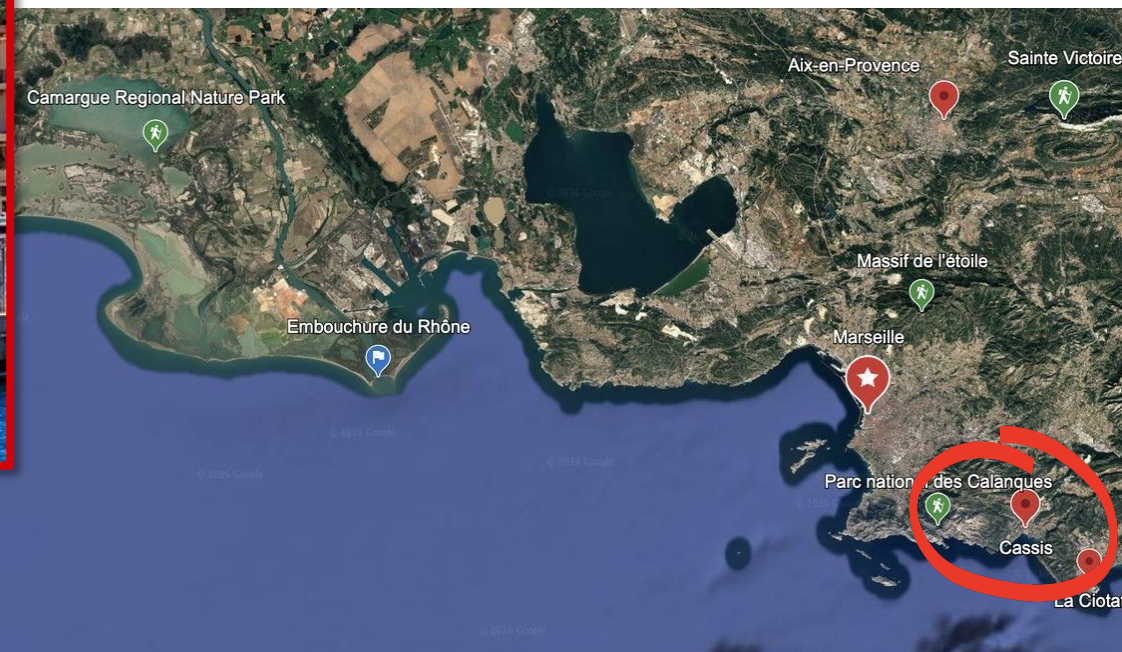
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- Small **harbour town** on the Mediterranean coast

- Known for the **calanques** and steep cliffs



- Famous for wine, beaches and Mediterranean atmosphere
- Popular tourist destination near Marseille

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Second-largest city in the region after Marseille



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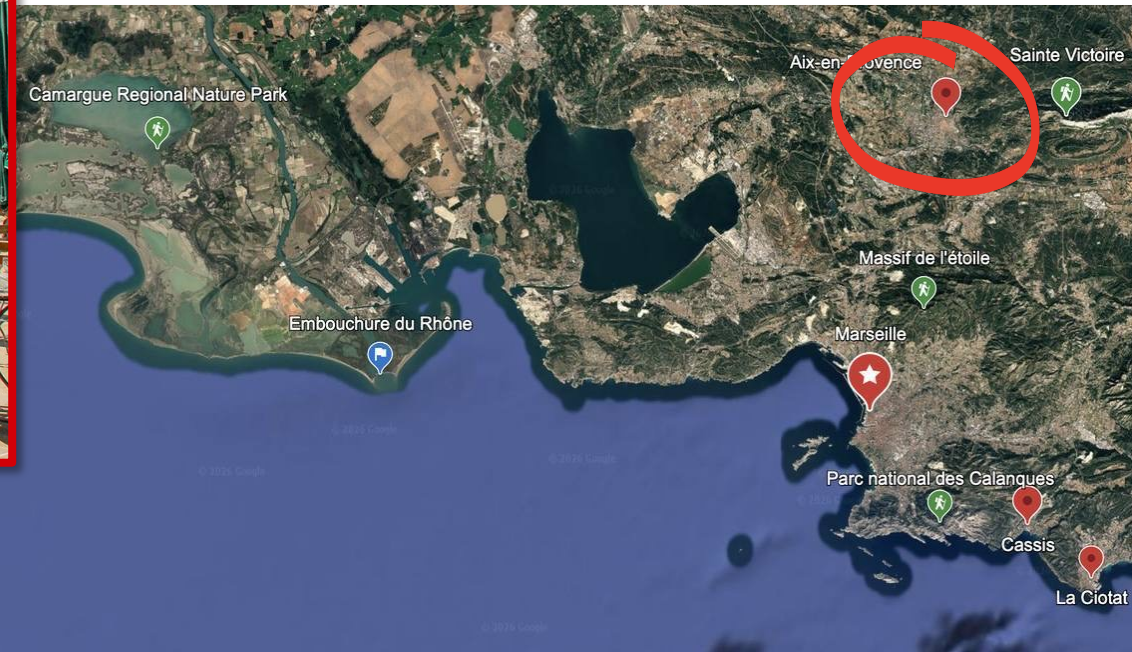
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- Elegant city in the heart of Provence
- Known for fountains, markets and historic old town

- University and **cultural city** with a vibrant atmosphere
- Birthplace of the painter **Paul Cézanne**



Brief History of Marseille

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Marseille is above all a port city.

- Founded around 600 BC by Greek seafarers
- Former name: “Massalia”
- **Important port city since antiquity**
- One of the oldest cities in France

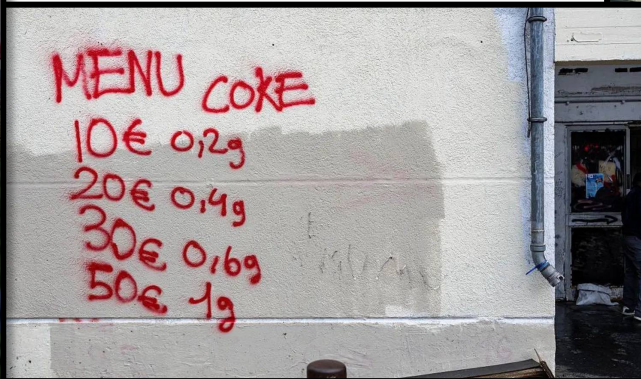
Marseille is a gateway to the Mediterranean and its trading culture. As a port city, Marseille **connects Europe with North Africa.**

The city has long been a place **where different cultures meet.**



Social Challenges in Marseille

- Major port city with social inequality and integration challenges
- Important entry point for European drug trafficking
- Increase in violence and criminal networks
- The internet facilitates drug trafficking and the recruitment of young people
- Many young people are drawn by quick money and prospects of advancement



Marseille in a few words

- Basilique Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde
- Massif de l'Étoile
- Parc national des Calanques
- Historic city centre
- Blend of cultures and cuisines
- Vieux-Port de Marseille



Current situation of churches in Marseille

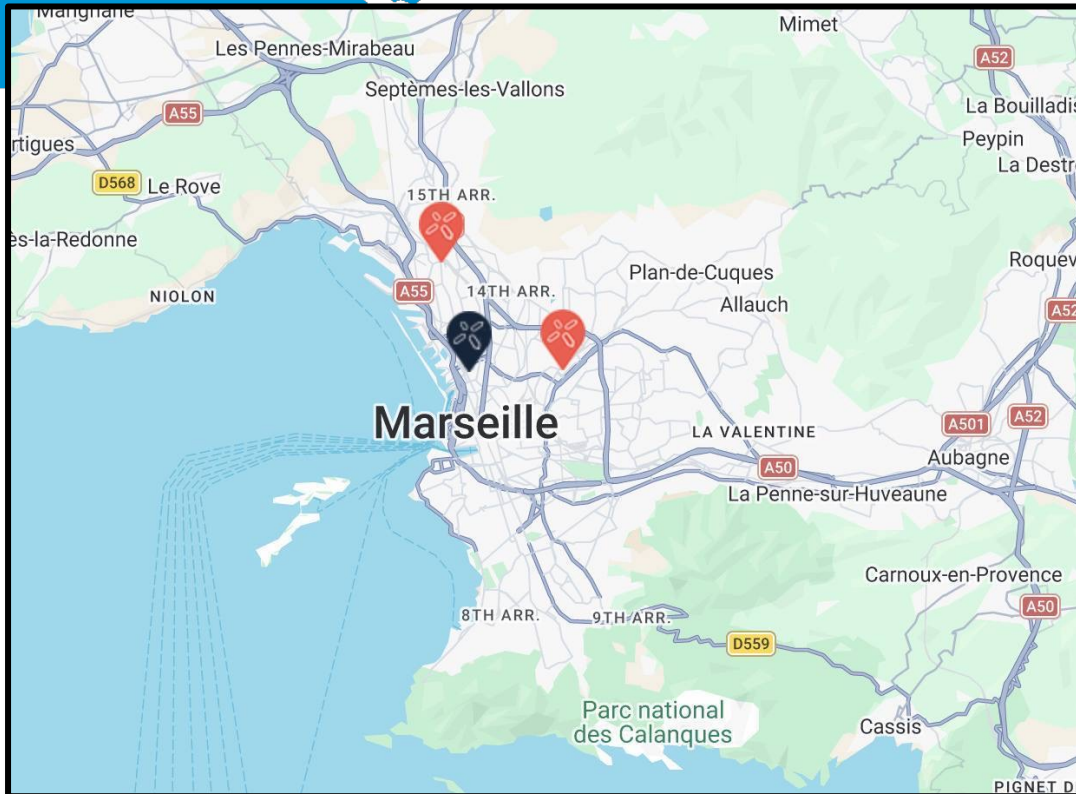
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- Three Perspectives churches:
 - 1 church in the deprived area of St-Louis (quartiers nord)
 - 2 churches in the centre of Marseille
 - Many neighbourhoods still need new church plants
 - Large areas without regular evangelical Protestant presence
 - **Areas with fewer than 1 evangelical free church per 50,000 inhabitants**
- Marseille has grown much faster than the churches and the Christian witness.

Apostolic trip 2026 with Liebenzeller students and Paul Cooke (France Mission)

A church service



Front view of EPE Saint-Just



Develop Churches and Mission in Marseille

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The EPE St-Just (Perspectives church) is launching
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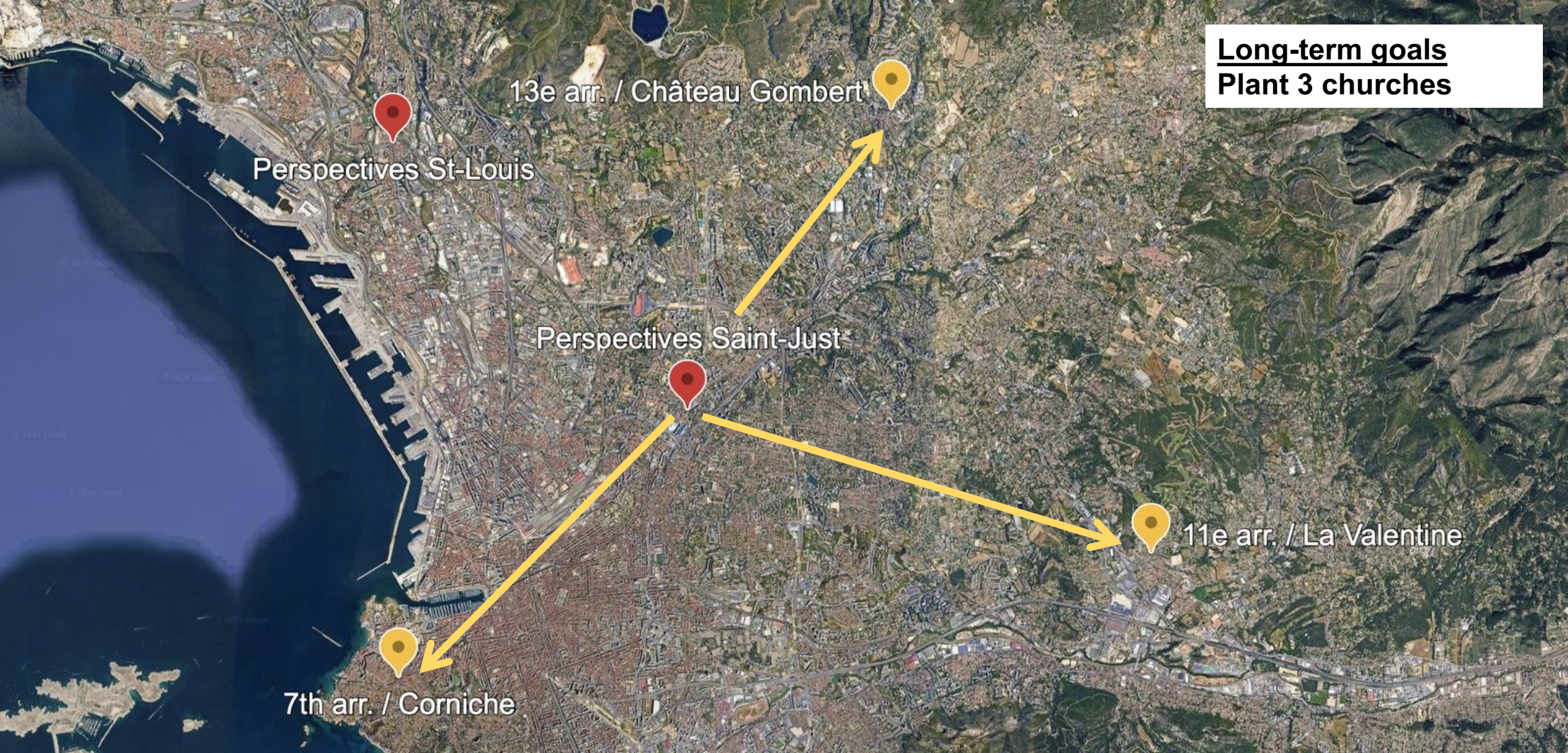
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Acts 13 Marseille

A long-term vision to plant churches and make Marseille a hub for intercultural mission and training

Our ministry

- Charlie is a **pastor** and **church planter** in the **Perspectives church network** in Marseille
- Maria leads the “IMPACT” mission programme of **Liebenzeller Mission France**



Long-term goals
Plant 3 churches

Perspectives St-Louis

13e arr. / Château Gombert

Perspectives Saint-Just

11e arr. / La Valentine

7th arr. / Corniche



Train 5–10 young leaders for church ministry (pastoral care, evangelism, church planting)

Unsere Vision

Wir bauen eine „apostolische Straße“ zwischen Metz und Marseille (AS2M) – von den Toren Frankreichs bis zu den Stränden des Mittelmeeres. *Catch the Vision*, werde Teil eines französischen Teams und lerne Gemeindegründung *on the job*.

✘ Gemeindegründungen in:

- // Metz
- // Dijon
- // Bourg-en-Bresse
- // Marseille

○ Zentren für Sprache, Kultur und Ausbildung in:

- // Strasbourg
- // Lyon

✘ impact-base für Kurzeinsätze in:

- // Marseille



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New strategy of Liebenzeller Mission in France

Develop an apostolic route Metz – Marseille, in partnership with Liebenzell Mission and Perspectives, to create a cross-cultural mission network.

Develop Churches and Mission in Marseille

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We want to use our **multicultural church experience** from Britain and Germany to build shared mission projects between France, Germany and England.

Marseille could become a **centre for cross-cultural mission and training** in Europe.

Among other things, we want to organise **short-term mission trips in Marseille** to discover the church context of Marseille and the beautiful surroundings of Marseille.

Support network

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We are looking for 25 regular donors from the UK

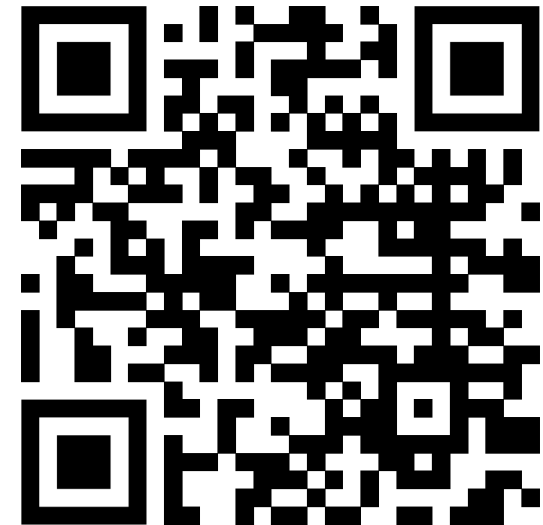
// £20–100 monthly*

*Annual need is approximately €30,000 per year

*In two years we will reassess our funding needs, as support from the local church increases.

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CHARLIE & MARIA

Villingen-Schwenningen, le 28 avril 2025

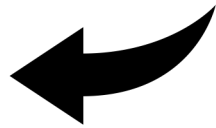
L'aventure continue

Cela fait maintenant environ 7 mois que je suis engagé comme pasteur jeunesse dans l'église Liebenzell de Schwenningen. Le temps passe vite, les jours filent comme des secondes. Nous sommes ravis que notre aventure

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