

Twinning between Villenave-d'Ornon and Seeheim-Jugenheim - from 1982

Distance between our 2 cities : 1176 km

History of the twinning :

- Spring 1978 : First exchange between the association Sport pour Tous from Villenave-d'Ornon and the football and omnisport clubs, the TV Seeheim from Seeheim-Jugenheim.
- 1982 : Official signing of the twinning agreement in Seeheim-Jugenheim and Villenave-d'Ornon.

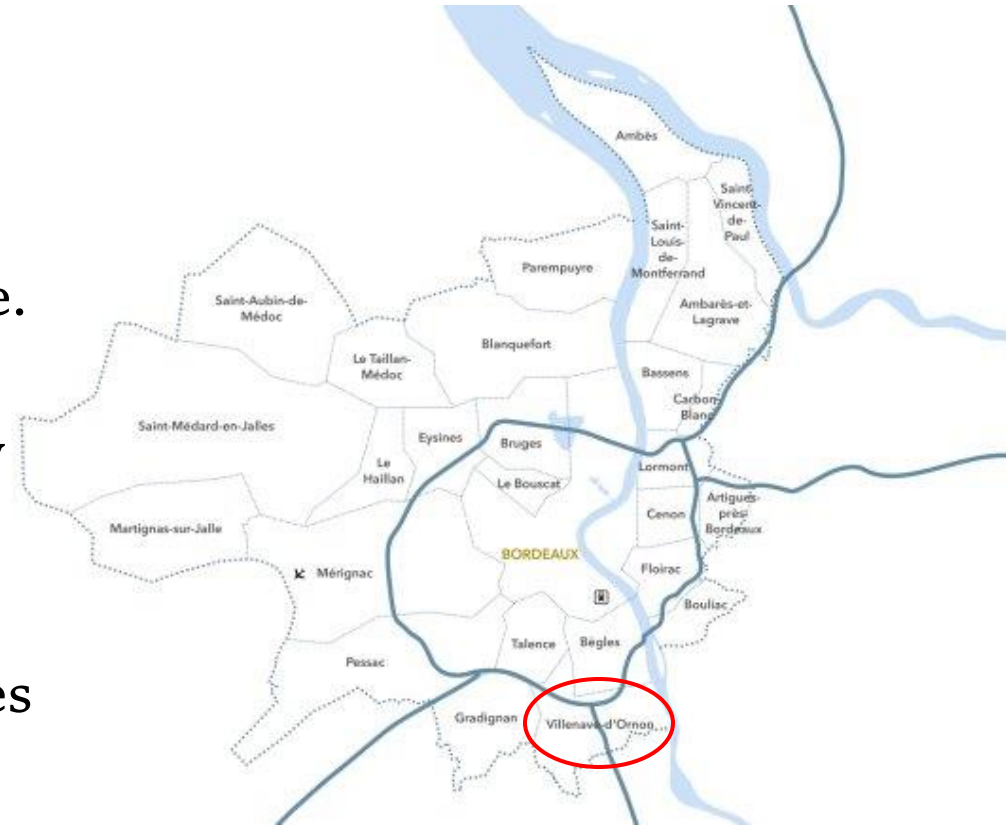
Location of Villenave-d'Ornon



Villenave-d'Ornon is located close to Bordeaux, in the South-West of France.

It is an hour away from Arcachon bay.

We count 6-7 wineries in Villenave.



The services and missions of the department of sport, culture, leisure and international relations

Heritage

Media Libraries

Municipal art schools – Municipal languages school

Live performance – Cultural mediation - Events

Le Cabrit (holiday camp) - Recreational activity/ Leisure

Sport

Associations

Heritage

- **Historical sites**

- The remains of the Gallo-Roman Aqueduct of Burdigala
- The megalithic necropolis of Peyrehaut
- The wreck of a Merovingian ship
- The Pruet Mill

- **Religious monuments**

- The Saint Martin's Church
- The Saint-Delphin's Church
- The Sainte-Jeanne-de-Lestonnac's Church
- The Bécquet's Chapel





• The Castles

- Municipal : Sarcignan (Jacques Brel Domain), Haute Barde (Sourreil Park), Canteloup (Town Hall),
- Wineries : Couhins-Lurton, Guiteronde, Baret, Carbonnieux, Couhins, Trigant, Pontac Monplaisir
- Private homes : Lahontan, Laferrade, Limbourg, Sallegourde, Baugé, Christau (restaurant "la Chartreuse de Parme"), Haut Madère, Beunon, du Bécquet (army hospital Robert Picqué), Galgon, Pont-de-Langon, La Hé...

- **Natural heritage**
 - Gardens and parks
 - Sallegourde
 - Sourreil
 - Barron
 - Lakes and ponds
 - Raymond Carsac's Lake
 - Versein's Lake
 - Coutant la Roubine's pond
 - The trails of the White Water Valley (sensitive natural areas)



Media Libraries

Ornon - les Etoiles



MEDIA LIBRARY D'ORNON –
opened in 2006, 1000 m², west
district

MEDIA LIBRARY LES ETOILES –
opened in 2017, 580 m², east
district

6153 active subscribers

88 900 documents : 8350 DVDs,
6500 CDs, 42 000 youth and teen
books, 40 000 adult books,
magazines, sheet music, vinyls, ...

Between 175 000 et 185 000 loans
each year

15,6 staff members across the two
media libraries



Media libraries as...

- Suitable reception centers for everyone
- Diverse and suitable documentary offering
- Rich schedule of activities
- Partners in the territory's cultural projects
- Access to digital resources and multimedia tools

Municipal Arts Schools

Dance - Music - Theater



École
municipale
de danse

Dance School

- Created in 1975
- Classic, modern jazz and contemporary
- 3 teachers
- 350 pupils
- From 4 years old to adult
- All levels
- 2 studios



Recurring appointments :

- "Envolées artistiques"
Artistic flights (media library, twice a year)
- Christmas show (Le Cube)
- End-of-year show (in june)
- "Faites des arts"
(event at the Sourreil Park, every 2 years)



New Music School

- from September 2025
- HAUTE-BARDE Castle
- Sourreil Domain
- 7 hectares park



- **+ 440 pupils**
- **21 teachers**
- **18 disciplines** : accordion, drums, recorder, bagpipe, transverse flute, classical guitar, electric and bass guitar, harp, piano, percussion, saxophone, trombone, tuba, violin, cello
- **Collective practices** : workshops in contemporary music, improvisation, jazz and electronic music – adult vocal workshop – ceilidh band (traditional Scottish orchestra), children's choir, musical awakening, instrumental ensembles, woodwind orchestra, string orchestra



Rehearsal and recording studio

- The municipal recording studio fully embodies the City's commitment to **support local artistic creation and promoting access to professional tools for everyone.**
- Open to all musicians, equipped with modern equipment and **supervised by a skilled technician**, the studio provides an environment conducive to a variety of musical projects: **recordings, pre-productions**, as well as **educational and cultural activities** within the framework of outreach programs.



Theater school

- Created in 2011
- Acting classes, improvisation and on-camera performance
- 2 teachers
- 172 pupils
- From 7 to 77 years old
- All levels
- Where ? Théâtre Méliès - Toulouse road

Social and artistic activities

Participatory
performances and readings for
media libraries

Café-theatre for social centers

Work with teaching
department and CCAS
(seniors)

First parts of professional
shows at the Cube

Multi-disciplinary shows



Discovering and improving

- Movie option for kids and teens
- Themed workshops on public speaking and eloquence for middle and high school students
- Discoveries: puppets, Commedia masks, voice-over...
- Meetings with professional actors



Municipal languages school

- Created in 1992
- 5 languages (english, spanish, german, italian, portuguese)
- 8 teachers
- 165 pupils in 2025/2026
- Children and adults
- All levels
- Where ? Domaine Jacques Brel - 45 avenue du Maréchal Leclerc





Activities :

- Adult teaching for all languages
- Child teaching for english (trying to open also portuguese and german)
- School trip at the end of the year to improve the language
- Link to be developed with existing twinning committees (Bridgend – Wales, Seeheim-Jugenheim – Germany et Torres Vedras – Portugal)



Live performance

The cultural season : it is established by the head of the cultural service in accordance with the guidelines given by the elected officials and the budgetary constraints of the collectivity and tries to meet the expectations of the public in terms of cultural diversity as best as possible.

- Multidisciplinary approach and variety of aesthetics
- Accessibility to the largest number (from 3€ to 25€ depending on the shows)
- 2 theaters : "Le Cube" (with refreshment bar) and the auditorium of the House of Living Arts
- 20 à 25 shows per year (for 30 performances)
- 6000 spectators per year
- Partnerships with institutional partners (OARA, IDDAC, Bordeaux Métropole - FAB et Eté Métropolitain) and professional networks (Réseau 535, Chainon Manquant)



Artist residencies :

The City of Villenave-d'Ornon is fully playing its role in supporting local and regional artistic creation.

Associated artist :

The City began a cycle of close relations with an artistic company in 2022.

On January 1, 2025, the company "Le petit théâtre de pain" succeeded to "Adieu Panurge" to help give an identity to the eastern districts of the city for a period of 2 years.



Cultural mediation



- Key initiative aimed at making culture accessible to everyone
- Cross-disciplinary approach covering all cultural fields
- A variety of tools: escape games, school workshops, stage edges, radio mobile studio
- Shows, workshops, and meetings with artists for schools

Events

- Associations fair
- Craftsmanship festival
- Urban transhumance
- Christmas market
- Carnaval
- Early Childhood Festival
- Folies naturelles
- Music day
- National day
- VOJO – Ville Ouverte aux Joyeuses Opportunités (City open to joyful opportunities)



Zoom on associations fair

- For more than 20 years, the City of Villenave-d'Ornon has organised the associations forum at the start of the academic year. It brings together around a hundred organizations (municipal services and associations) and invites all audiences to discover all the activities offered in the area, in diverse and varied fields: sport, culture, history, or even mutual aid and solidarity.
- Each year, a twin town is being highlighted, during the Mayor's speech and especially at the twinning committee's stand.



- Located in Luz-Saint-Sauveur in the Pyrenees, at an altitude of 730 meters, between the thermal baths and the Pont-Napoléon, Le Cabrit is a municipal holiday and leisure center, welcoming both young and old throughout the year for mountain activities.
- The chalet has 71 beds spread across 21 rooms (ranging from 2 to 5 beds per room) over three levels. Meals are taken together in the dining room.
- In addition, the center has a family kitchen, a TV room, and a game room with table tennis and table football, available for the use of the occupants.
- During school holidays, Le Cabrit welcomes families and stays for children and teenagers.
- During the school term, it is open to discovery classes, retirees, and spa-guests.

Individual weekends can be booked by families and associations.

Le Cabrit - Holiday Camp



Recreational activity / Leisure

In Villenave d'Ornon, retirement is a time to be lived to the fullest, with dynamism. To support its senior citizens, the City offers a wide range of adapted activities and leisure pursuits, allowing them to maintain a rich social life, stay active, and perhaps even discover new passions!

- From 1986 (it became a municipal service as it is today in 1993)
- 315 members in 2025/2026 (whose 2/3 are from Villenave-d'Ornon)
- Organization of 2 one-week hiking trips per year (one in France, one abroad)
- Organization of 2 tourist stays per year (one in France, one abroad)
- Organization of day trips
- Sport activities from monday to friday during the day
- After-pétanque (evening tournament)
- Dance or "dancing tea" some weekends
- Guinguette evening
- "Grilled meat" day

Sports equipments



Gymnasium Nelson Paillou

- Total accommodation capacity : 568
- Seating capacity of the stands : 448
- **Composition :**
 - Gymnasium
 - Gymnastic space
 - Training room
 - Meeting room and offices
- **User associations :**
 - Handball
 - Gym
 - Municipal sports office



Gymnasium Elisabeth Riffiod

- Total accommodation capacity : 1 800
- Seating capacity of the stands : 1 200
- **Composition :**
 - Ground with parquet flooring
 - Ground with soft sport flooring
 - Outdoor playground
 - Training and reception room
 - Weight training room
- **User associations :**
 - Basketball (with a professional women's team in 3rd division)



Bocage Sports Complex

- Total accommodation capacity : 299
- **Composition :**
 - Gymnasium with soft sport flooring
 - Synthetic grass football field, not loaded, certified level 6 Sye
- **User associations :**
 - Gym
 - Cheerleading
 - Capoeira
 - Football
 - Futsal
 - Social association



Pierre Brossolette Sports Complex

- Total accommodation capacity : 293
- Seating capacity of the stands (football field) : 450
- **Composition :**
 - Gymnasium
 - Grass football field (with stands)
 - Synthetic grass football field
 - A wrestling and fitness room
- **User associations :**
 - Wrestling
 - Handball
 - Football
 - Futsal



Espace d'Ornon Sports Complex

- Total accommodation capacity : 2 046
- Seating capacity of the stands : 1 209
- **Composition :**
 - Jaiï-Alai (also serving as major municipal and associative events)
 - 3 clay tennis courts and 4 outdoor courts with porous concrete
 - Sport Pour Tous Gym
- **User associations :**
 - Tennis
 - Pelota Basque
 - Sport pour tous Villenave (multi-sport)



Swimming pool Sports Complex

- Total accommodation capacity : 80
- Seating capacity of the stands (football field) : 230
- **Composition :**
 - Dojo
 - Grass football field (with stands)
 - Synthetic grass football field
 - Administrative building
 - Bump field for BMX
 - Sports orienteering course
- **User associations :**
 - Football
 - Judo – Karate - Tai chi
 - Swimming - Synchronized swimming
 - Diving
 - Water activities for people with disabilities



Georges Mandel Gym

- Total accommodation capacity : 599
- **Composition :**
 - Table tennis specialized room
- **User associations :**
 - Tennis
 - Table tennis



Bourg (old city center) Gym

- Total accommodation capacity : 357
- **Composition :**
 - Evolution room
- **User associations :**
 - Rhythmic gymnastics
 - Urban dance



Trigan Stadium

- Total accommodation capacity : 1 114
- Seating capacity of the stands (rugby field) : 299
- **Composition :**
 - Grass rugby field (with stands)
 - Synthetic rugby field
 - Synthetic resin athletics track with areas for discus, shot put, and javelin throws, as well as zones for high jump, long jump, and pole vault
- **User associations :**
 - Rugby
 - Athletics



Wangermez Stadium

- Total accommodation capacity : 670
- **Composition :**
 - Grass football field (without stands)
 - Throwing area (discus, shot put and hammer)
- **User associations :**
 - Football
 - Athletics



Junca sports plain

- Total accommodation capacity of the stadium : 1 074
- Seating capacity of the stands (football field): 306
- Total accommodation capacity of the boxing gym : 95
- **Composition :**
 - 4 grass football field (one with stands)
 - Boxing gym
 - Pump track
- **User associations :**
 - Football
 - Boxing
 - Full contact



Sport centers

- Present on all the different complexes
- Friendly places where members meet at the end of training sessions or matches
- Allows associations to support their annual projects
- Storage facilities for associations

Outdoor sports facilities with free access

- These are open-access infrastructures, some of which operate according to the opening and closing hours of the sites on which they are located.
- **Composition :**
 - 4 city stadium (1 is non-municipal) to practice basketball, handball, football and sometime roller at the four corners of the municipality.
 - 5 fitness areas
 - Sports orienteering course (Swimming pool Sports Complex)
 - Bump field for BMX (complexe sportif de l'espace d'ornon)
 - Pumptrack (Junca complex)
 - Health course in the Sallegourde Park



The associations (not exhaustive)

Culture

- *Visual arts :*
Aquabelle
Les Pot'ries de Berly
Pepit'Art
- *Music :*
Bagad de Bordeaux Porzh Al Loar
Chorale du lac
Edda
- *Circus :*
Imhotep
- *Dance :*
Association familiale Villenavaise (AFV)
- *Loisirs :*
Temps Libre Villenave

Sport

- *Martial arts :*
Union Sportive Villenavaise Judo et Ju-Jitsu
Groupe Arte Negra
Atual Capoeira
- *Aquatic sports :*
Club subaquatique Pagure
Tom plouf
- *Ball sports :*
Club des sportifs portugais
Jeunesse villenavaise
Saint-Delphin Basket
- *Gymnastics :*
Sport pour tous Villenave
- *Wrestling and bodybuilding :*
Villenave Lutte

Thank you and see you in Villenave-d'Ornon !

