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> Peter Mayle (writer)



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Mont Ventoux © Alain Hocquel

# Nature



Plains planted with orchards and olive groves, wooded hillsides or planted with soft green vines in spring, red after the harvest, plateaux lined with lavender, lands of ochre ... And above the Luberon, the Dentelles de Montmirail and Mont Ventoux. This sets the stage for the department of Provence, so full of colour.



## Mont-Ventoux

Visible from one end of the department to the other, and even beyond, Mont Ventoux rises to 1912 metres. Its nickname is the Giant of Provence.

As you approach, you discover its natural wealth. As you climb it, you think of a Tour de France moment. From its bare white stone summit, which gives it the year-round look of a snow-capped mountain, the view is breathtaking.

#### A biosphere reserve listed by UNESCO

The mountain has a diversity of contrasting landscapes with its bare peaks and a unique variety of flora and fauna. You'll find Mediterranean plants as well as rare species such as the Greenland poppy, pale orchid, saxifrage ... Over 120 species of birds and large mammals - wild boar, fox, Corsican mouflon, red deer, chamois etc - coexist on the site.



Mont Ventoux © Alain Hocquel

#### A sporting icon

Since the inauguration in 1900 of the road that leads to the summit, Ventoux has been a Mecca for cyclists: its 1600 vertical metres over a length of 21.5 km, with some sections having a 10% incline, amid a lunar landscape, attract all cycling enthusiasts. Mainly thanks to the Tour de France, it has become a mythical destination and a challenge for every cyclist. This is one of the most feared climbs, and is only suitable for true athletes. Three routes to the top are possible, via Bedoin, Malaucène, and the least arduous, via Sault.



Lavender in Sault © Alain Hocquel

#### Discovery tour of the villages of Ventoux

A loop of 115 km, from Mazan to Malaucène, lets you discover the treasures of Ventoux: the Gorges de la Nesque (panorama), Sault and its lavender landscapes, the valley of Toulourenc (the clifftop villages of Aurel, Brantes and their artisans), the Gorges du Toulourenc, Entrechaux (Roman bridge that spans the Ouvèze) and Malaucène (route to discover the Romanesque chapels of Ventoux).



Rocher du Ciret and Gorges de la Nesque © Alain Hocquel

#### The Gorges de la Nesque

Between Villes-sur-Auzon and Monieux (D. 942) you can discover this magnificent wild canyon from the cantilevered road punctuated with tunnels and viewpoints, including that of Castellas, opposite Rocher du Cire. This site is classified as a "Natural Area of Ecological Fauna and Flora Interest". Topographical guide on walks and discovery trails in the gorges available at the Monieux Tourist OfFice (see page 75)



Aurel © Alain Hocquel

#### Other things to do and see:

- Night-time ascent of Mont Ventoux in summer, from Malaucène or Bedoin to watch the sunrise. Bookings at the Tourist Offices page 75
- The Station at Mont Serein at an altitude of 1350 metres. In summer or winter, it offers a range of activities. Please note: the summit road is regularly snowed up in winter and the pass is closed. Information on activities, accommodation and snow cover at the Chalet d'Accueil.

T. +33 (0)4 90 63 42 02 www.stationdumontserein.com

 Station Ventoux Sud, Chalet Reynard. Bike park, mountain biking, cross-country and downhill skiing in winter.
 Bédoin Tourist Office (see page75)





## The Luberon

Light and colour bathe the Luberon Regional Nature Park and its villages, five of which are ranked among " The Most Beautiful Villages in France ". Stone walls turned to gold by the sun, facades coloured with natural ochre, shaded squares and Fountains, all speak of the sweetness of life. On the hillsides grow vineyards and cherry trees. On the hills, Forests, lavender and cereals vie for space. Herds of animals still graze there among unspoilt nature listed by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve.

#### A Regional Nature Park

Rising to 1125 metres, the Luberon is also a mountain where nature offers up all its vitality for the pleasure of walkers and lovers of Fauna and Flora. This is the nature which the Luberon Regional Nature Park watches over.

Maison du Parc in Apt: T. +33 (0)4 90 04 42 00 www.parcduluberon.fr



#### Forest walks.

At 700 metres in altitude, when you climb up from Bonnieux, there's 10 km of centuries-old cedar Forest to explore. The hiking trails and the track open to cyclists let you marvel at the spectacle offered by the changing seasons. The discovery trail has several information points on the plant species typical of the Luberon.

Disabled access. Paid parking. Access controlled in summer.





Gordes © Maxime Coquard / Bestjobers.com

#### Delightful villages

The Luberon is also a mosaic of picturesque villages clinging to the Ranks of the massif, several of which are listed among the Most Beautiful Villages in France:\*

Ansouis \*

Bonnieux

Gordes \*

Lacoste Lourmarin \* Lauris

Ménerbes \*

Murs

Oppède le Vieux Roussillon \*

Saignon

(list is not exhaustive)



Beaux Villages de France®



Hikers in ochre landscapes © Marc Laurin

#### Other things to do and to see

- the ochres of the Luberon (see pages 8 - 9)

- Tour of the Luberon by bike. 236 km right around the massif, signposted in both directions, and the Calavon greenway (for cyclists only)

- numerous hiking routes





## The ochre

A sight to behold, the ochre illuminates the landscapes of the Luberon with its flamboyant colours, from Roussillon to Gargas via Rustrel and its Colorado Provencal. Here, the land is full of oxides whose colours cover the full spectrum of red and orange. The beauty of these ochre-filled sites is the result of the combined work of man and nature. A Provence rich in colour!



Ochre path in Roussillon © Alain Hocquel

#### The Ochre Trail in Roussillon

A true geological curiosity, the "blood and gold" cliFFs of this village, classed among the Most Beautiful Villages in France, help make Roussillon one of the most famous sites of the Luberon. You walk through a veritable multi-coloured labyrinth, following the panels explaining the formation and working of the ochre quarries. Unaccompanied visits from March to November and guided tours in winter by reservation with the Okhra Society. Entrance Fee.

#### The Colorado Provencal in Rustrel

In the 19th and 20th centuries, the village of Rustrel lived to the rhythm of the iron and then the ochre industry. Since the quarry stopped working, the balance born of the ochre industry has been fragile. You can walk the ochre trails that follow the communal paths but also cross private land. A detailed map of the paths is available free at the (paid) Parking des Mille Couleurs car park. Please respect the site and its information posts.

#### Roussillon Ochre and Colour Conservatory.

In an old ochre Factory (Usine Mathieu) founded in 1871, you can Find basins, kilns, red and yellow ochre mills as well as a dye garden.

The Okhra Society welcomes the public and professionals for guided tours, courses for professionals and amateurs, educational workshops for children, lectures and advice on colour usage. It also organises temporary exhibitions.

T. +33 (0)4 90 05 66 69

www.okhra.com



Ochre pigments © Alain Hocquel



Mines de Bruoux © Alain Hocquel

#### The Bruoux Mines at Gargas

A monumental leftover from the ochre industry, this unique site consisting of 50 km of underground galleries is a true cathedral of colour sculpted by the ochre men from the Apt area in the 19th century. This labyrinth can be visited in small groups from March to November. Outside, information panels tell a page of the industrial history of the area.

T. +33 (0)4 90 06 22 59 www.minesdebruoux.fr

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#### Other things to do and see

- The Industrial Adventure Museum in Apt T. +33 (0)4 90 74 95 30
- The ochre cycle route, a loop of 50 km signposted in both directions www.leluberonavelo.com
- The walking route from La Bruyère to Villars. Apt Tourist Office (see page 75)



## The Dentelles de Montmirail

It is a true natural sculpture rising into the sky 755 metres above Provence. These limestone needles, finely carved by erosion, take their name from their shape and draw the eye from miles around.

#### Vineyard landscapes, prestigious wines

The people of Provence have tamed these rocky slopes by planting vines which now produce some of the most prestigious wines, such as Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Beaumes de Venise and so on. This land "Around the Dentelles de Montmirail", where winemakers, restaurateurs and accommodation owners are ready to welcome you in and share their passion, has been awarded the label "Vignobles & Découvertes" ("Vineyards and Discoveries") by the Ministries of Agriculture and Tourism.



Harvest © Alain Hocquel



Dentelles de Montmirail © Thieury - Shutterstock

### Nature provides a wonderful backdrop for hikers, mountain bikers and climbers

From the leisurely walker to the intrepid climber, everyone can enjoy the Dentelles de Montmirail in their own way. There are hiking trails, marked bicycle routes, tracks for riders, downhill or free-stylers that open onto exceptional panoramas and climbing routes to the north for summer use and south for winter practice

#### Other things to do and see:

- The Gigondas Sculpture Path
- The picturesque villages of Gigondas, Suzette, Le Crestet, Le Barroux and Séguret (ranked among the Most Beautiful in France)
- The Romanesque chapel of Notre Dame d'Aubune in Beaumes de Venise
- The many wineries and olive oil mills



# In the garden

Discovering nature also means recognising and being able to put a name to plants. When the Vaucluse – garden of France and paradise of aromatic plants- is home to 1500 plant species, the walker naturally becomes a botanist. You pass through the landscaped gardens of a château, the cultivated terraces and mountain trails in the footsteps of Jean-Henri Fabre...

#### The Harmas of Jean-Henri Fabre in Sérignan du Comtat

The Famous naturalist and entomologist Jean-Henri Fabre (1823-1915) devoted his life to the study of insects and flora. Ensconced in his house at Sérignan du Comtat, he published numerous books for use by schools and his major work "Entomological Memories". He turned a wasteland (Harmas) into his "field laboratory", ideal for observing insect life. His house and study contain his collections: fossils, minerals, manuscripts, boxes of insects and two prestigious collections: watercolours of mushrooms and a unique herbarium. Open from Easter to early November.

T. +33 (0)4 90 30 57 62 - www.mnhn.fr/fr/visitez/lieux/harmas-jean-henri-fabre



Gardens of Château de Brantes © Valérie Biset

#### Remarkable gardens

They can be classic, fun, Roman-style, mingling Rowers and vegetables. Six of them have the "Remarkable garden" label awarded for their cultural, aesthetic, historic or botanical qualities.

- The gardens of the Château Val Joanis winery in Pertuis -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 79 20 77 www.val-joanis.com
- The Garden of Dye Plants, Lauris -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 08 40 48 www.couleur-garance.com
- The gardens at Château de Brantes in Sorgues (upon prior booking)
- T. +33 (0)4 90 39 11 73 www.jardinez.com/jardindebrantes
- The Jarditrain leisure garden in St Didier -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 40 45 18 www.lejarditrain.com
- The Jardins de la Louve in Bonnieux Bonnieux Tourism Office Visits at set dates or upon prior booking (see page 75)

#### Other things to do and see:

- The Roman garden in Caumont sur Durance.
- T. +33 (0)4 90 22 00 22 www.jardin-romain.fr
- The French gardens at Château d'Ansouis.
- T. +33 (0)4 90 77 23 36 www.chateauansouis.fr
- The gardens of Château de Val Seille in Courthézon. Free admission. Châteauneuf du Pape Tourism' - Courthézon (see page 75)
- The Naturoptère of Sérignan du Comtat dedicated to insects and nature.
- T. +33 (0)4 90 30 33 20 www.naturoptere.fr (see page 56)
- Events: the Richerenches Flower Show, the Botanilles d'Ansouis, the Floralies de Lauris, Rare Plants and Nature Garden at Sérignan du Comtat.



## On the water

There's a surprising amount of water in Provence. And it certainly Flows! Mont Ventoux acts as a reservoir, Feeding springs and rivers. In summer, hikers often take a break in their walk and go for a swim. Rowers take to their canoes. Anglers give in to the lure to tempt the fish. Or you can simply take a break under the trees at the water's edge or take a dip in a lake and enjoy the activities of a leisure centre or wonderful waterpark...



Chasm at Fontaine de Vaucluse © Maxime Coquard / Bestjobers.com

#### Fontaine de Vaucluse

At Fontaine de Vaucluse, the Sorgue rises at the Foot of a huge cliff. Leaping and icycold, it offers, depending on the season, the spectacle of a motionless green lake or the rush of a raging torrent. This is the largest resurgence in Europe.

Its transparent emerald waters are admired by walkers, Fishermen and canoeists (canoe rental on site). A Footpath Follows the river to the swallow-hole. Along the way, a large paddle wheel still turns. This is the last paper mill, making paper by hand just like in the 15th century





L'Isle sur la Sorgue © Alain Hocquel

#### Isle sur la Sorgue, Little Venice

From La Fontaine de Vaucluse, the Sorgue plays hide and seek, gliding beneath the green tunnel made by plane trees and alders to the town of Isle sur la Sorgue. Originally a fishing village built amid a maze of rivers and canals, it has rightly been called "Little Venice". The paddle wheels that run on water recall its past textile industry. Today, ducks keep you company as you wander the quays, from bridge to bridge.



Floating market at L'Isle sur la Sorgue © Alain Hocquel

#### Other things to do and see:

- The Thouzon Caves at Le Thor -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 33 93 65 www.grottes-thouzon.com
- The Underground World Museum in Fontaine de Vaucluse -T. +33 (0)4 90 20 34 13
- Lac de Monteux, Lac du Paty in Caromb, Lac des Salettes in Mormoiron, Lac des Girardes in Lapalud, Lac du Revestidou in Caderousse, the Val de Durance campsite in Cadenet, the Etang de La Bonde in Cabrières d'Aigues, Prato Plage at Pernes les Fontaines, the Gorges du Toulourenc...
- The Splashworld Provence water-themed park in Monteux and other watersports (see page 60)







## Lavender

At the height of summer, from mid-June to early August - depending on the variety and altitude - lavender colours the landscape with it amethyst-blue and fills heaven and earth with its scent.

All around Sault, the capital of Fine lavender, huge purple ribbons stretch out across the countryside, undulating, forming patchwork landscapes with golden fields of wheat and einkorn spelt.

In the plain, around Valréas or Apt, the lavender mixes with scrub, oak and vineyards.

#### The Essence of Provence

Lavender once grew wild in the arid soil of our mountains between 500 and 1800m in altitude. The development of perfumery in the 19th century led to its cultivation in the lands of Provence. From Fine lavender, essential oil is extracted for use in perfume, and that from Vaucluse boasts the AOC "Essential oil of Haute Provence". Aspic lavender is another natural variety, with a more camphor scent. Crossing the two has produced "lavandin" whose qualities are ideal for the soap industry. For both varieties, the distillation technique is the same.

In summer, growers and distillers open their doors to visitors around Apt and Sault.

Information available from Tourist Offices (see page 75)



Butterfly © Alain Hocquel



#### The Lavender Museum

The Lincelé family, owners of the Château du Bois lavender-growing estate, invite visitors to discover, in this museum which they created, the origins, history and benefits of lavender through documentaries on agricultural methods and a unique collection of stills from the 16th century to today.

Château du Bois is also a registered trademark of natural cosmetics made of Fine lavender. Distillation demonstration from 1 July to the last week in August.

T. +33 (0)4 90 76 91 23 www.museedelalavande.com



Lavender pickers © Alain Hocquel



Lavender drying © Alain Hocquel

#### Other things to do and see:

- The lavender route in Sault, a 5 km loop for walkers and cyclists with interpretation panels. Information from Sault Tourist Office (see page 75)
- La Maison des Producteurs in Sault, a Cooperative Society (lavender, honey, aromatic plants...)
- T. +33 (0)4 90 64 08 98
- The AromaPlantes distillery in Sault, plant garden, marked walking paths, Aromatic'bar and regular events
- T. +33 (0)4 90 64 14 73 www.distillerie-aromaplantes.com - The Vallon des Lavandes distillery in Sault
- T. +33 (0)4 90 64 14 83. - Les Agnels distillery in Apt
- T. +33 (0)4 90 04 77 00 www.lesagnels.com
- Gerbaud Farm in Lourmarin (specialised in aromatic plants) T. +33 (0)4 90 68 11 83 - www.plantes-aromatiques-provence.com
- The Lavender Farm in Sault (summer by appointment) T. +33 (0)4 90 64 00 24 - www.la-Ferme-aux-lavandes.com
- The Lavender Routes: tours, holidays, accommodation and general information www.grande-traversee-alpes.com
- The Lavender Festival in Sault, 15 August





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# Heritage



Before becoming a French départment, in 1793 (three years after the others), the Vaucluse was the scene of a unique and turbulent history which today gives it a strong and singular identity.

The Romans, who felt at home here, built theatres, today the best preserved in Europe. The Popes built their palaces here, welcomed in the Jewish communities and planted their vines. Lords built their châteaux, monks, an abbey among the lavender fields. The faithful dotted the countryside with chapels, built villages on the hills, and shepherds found shelter in stone huts...



## In Roman times

Sometimes we like to say that it wasn't the Romans who conquered Provence, but Provence that won the hearts of the Romans. In the First century BC, they found here a land turned golden by the sun, made a pact with the local people and settled in these lands blessed by the gods. Their building skills opened up new routes and filled the area with bridges, cities and monuments: Orange, Vaison la Romaine, as well as St Rémy, Arles, Nîmes...



Roman Theatre in Orange © Bertl123 - Shutterstock

#### The Ancient Theatre and Triumphal Arch of Orange

Built in the 1st century BC on a very regular plan, as evidenced by the Roman records exhibited in the museum, the Roman colony of Orange hosted the veterans of Julius Caesar's second legion. Commanding a large area, it was adorned, at that time, with prestigious monuments including two which have survived and are now listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites: the ancient theatre and the memorial arch.

T. +33 (0)4 90 51 17 60 www.theatre-antique.com



#### Pont Julien in Bonnieux

Located 8 km downstream of Apt, it is the major work on the ancient Via Domitia along its route through Provence. Built in the year 3 BC, it consists of three semicircular arches, measuring 68 metres long and spanning the Calavon River. Beautifully preserved, it is still used by cyclists and pedestrians.



Pont Julien © Alain Hocquel

#### Vaison la romaine

The town is an open-air museum. Over 15 hectares, the remains of ancient Vasio, partially reconstructed, represent the largest archaeological field in France. Two sites contain the Foundations of wealthy houses, baths, shops... Bearing witness to the town's prosperity, the Ancient Theatre is one of the Few public buildings still visible which made up this monumental city, with its Roman bridge over the Ouvèze, the link between the mediaeval town and the lower town, which has survived intact.



#### Other things to do and see:

- The Théo Desplans Archaeological Museum in Vaison, a remarkable reminder of everyday life in Gallo-Roman times
- The Orange Art and History Museum
- T. +33 (0)4 90 51 17 60 www.theatre-antique.com
- The Roman Garden of Caumont sur Durance and its broad ornamental pond T. +33 (0)4 90 22 00 22 - www.jardin-romain.fr
- The alley of the 66 sarcophagi of Mazan
- The triumphal arches of Carpentras and Cavaillon
- The Musée Lapidaire in Avignon
- T. +33 (0)4 90 85 75 38 www.musee-calvet-avignon.com
- The 24-hour Vaison Pass includes entrance to the ancient sites (with audioguide) and to the cloister, regular guided tours with Family entertainment in the summer. Vaison la Romaine Tourist Office (see page 75)
- The 30-day Roman Pass includes entry to the Ancient Theatre and Museum of Orange, Arènes de Nîmes, Maison Carrée and the Tour Magne Orange Tourist Office (see page 75)
- Nearby: the Pont du Gard and monuments of Nîmes, Arles and St Rémy de Provence.





## Avignon, City of the Popes

In the 14th century, the history of Vaucluse took a quite unexpected turn thanks to an extraordinary event: the establishment of the papal court in Avignon. Nine popes reigned there for a century, transforming the city into a gigantic commercial and artistic crossroads. The physiognomy of Avignon was turned on its head, and well beyond, as the entire territory would remain their property for the next 400 years...



Palace of the Popes in Avignon © Go Production

#### The Palace of the Popes

It's the largest Gothic palace there is, classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. An imposing fortress and sumptuous palace that dominates the old town, it is the symbol of temporal and spiritual power exercised by the papacy in the 14th century. A visit lets you discover the grand halls that hosted ceremonies and Feasts, chapels with their painted decorations, the Pope's private apartments, the terraces from where you can discover a wonderful panorama of the city of Avignon and the Rhône.

Visits with audio guide in 11 languages, themed tours including, out of season, "Secret Palace", a special tour of rooms usually inaccessible to the public.

T. +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74 - www.palais-des-papes.com



Pont Saint Bénézet © Alain Hocquel

#### The Pont d'Avignon, a legendary bridge

Also classified as a World Heritage site by UNESCO, it is the major witness to the history of Avignon and the Rhône. Originally built in the 12th century, the Pont Saint-Bénezet was repeatedly damaged and rebuilt following wars and river floods, then finally abandoned in the 17th century. Only 4 of the 22 original arches remain. A space is devoted to its history, legend and the children's song that made it famous worldwide.

Audio guides in 11 languages. T. +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-pont.com

#### The Avignon Festival

Founded by Jean Vilar in 1947, the Festival is one of the oldest and most famous theatre festivals in the world. During three weeks in July, it presents the best of contemporary creativity. The "In" Festival (official) takes over twenty or so venues including the courtyard of the Palais des Papes. The "OFF" (Fringe Festival) takes over the whole city, its theatres, squares and streets. The Maison Jean Vilar has preserved the Avignon Festival's archives since its inception, as well as multiple collections devoted to the Performing Arts.

Festival In: T. +33 (0)4 90 27 66 50 - www.festival-avignon.com Festival Off: T. +33 (0)4 90 85 13 08 - www.avignonleoff.com Maison Jean Vilar: T. +33 (0)4 90 86 59 64 - www.maisonjeanvilar.org



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#### The Luminessences

A monumental video show in the heart of the Palais des Papes. An impressive mix of sound, light, voices and new technologies. From August to October.

T. +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74 - www.lesluminessences-avignon.com



Luminessences © Nadine Tardieu

#### Other things to do and see

- Avignon Pass'ion: a free pass to discover, at little cost, the heritage of the city, that of Villeneuve lez Avignon, and enjoy reductions on tours. Avignon Tourism (see page 75)
- The city's many rich museums (see pages 32-34)
- The Rocher des Doms and its lovely garden which overlooks the city
- The metropolitan basilica of Notre Dame des Doms and the churches of St Pierre, St Didier and St Agricol
- The Carré du Palais, dedicated to the Wines of the Rhône Valley (opening 2016)
- Les Halles, a large covered market with its vertical garden (open every morning except Monday)
- The Opera Theatre and the dozen permanent theatres





## From Fortresses to châteaux

The end of the Middle Ages transformed the ancient fortresses into Renaissance châteaux. The windows were unlocked, the terraces opened up, and the gardens landscaped. Independent or guided tours allow you to discover these places. Some house museums and collections, others host summer festivals.

#### Château de la Tour d'Aigues

Burned down in the 18th century, this jewel of the Renaissance today invites you to view the remains of its triumphal gate, dungeons, towers and pavilions. A museum of pottery with remarkable pieces from the 18th century has been built in its restored cellars. (reopening planned for 2016)

T. +33 (0)4 90 07 42 10 - www.luberoncotesud.com

#### Château de Lourmarin

The first Renaissance château in Provence, the old château (late 15th century) is adorned with an Italian-style loggia. The Renaissance wing contains collections from the 15th to the 19th century. This little "Villa Medici of Provence" becomes a summer residence for artists and hosts a music festival and various performances. Children's treasure hunt. Open all year, guided and independent tours.

T. +33 (0)4 90 68 15 23 - www.chateau-de-lourmarin.com

#### Château d'Ansouis

Originally a classic fortress, reconfigurations (12th and 13th centuries) and numerous additions including the elegant southern Facade, soften the severity of the building. The groves, French-style gardens and terraces that surround the château provide a green setting that adds to the charm of the site. The château has been fully refurbished and a mere grand staircase separates the Middle Ages from the Enlightenment: a beautiful decorated series of plasterwork where the furniture recalls the lifestyle in the Ancien Régime.

T. +33 (0)4 90 77 23 36 - www.chateauansouis.fr



#### Not to be missed:

- The Renaissance Château de Gordes -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 72 02 75 www.gordes-village.com
- Château du Barroux T. +33 (0)4 90 62 35 21 www.chateau-du-barroux.com
- Château du Marquis de Sade in Lacoste (open for summer visits)
  T. +33 (0)4 90 75 93 12 www.lacoste-84.com
- The Templar city of Richerenches T. +33 (0)4 90 28 05 34 www.richerenches.fr
- Château de Simiane in Valréas (town hall) T. +33 (0)4 90 35 04 71 www.ot-valreas.fr
- The remains of Château des Papes in Châteauneuf du Pape -T. +33 (0)4 90 83 71 08
- Tour Ferrande in Pernes les Fontaines with its 13th-century frescoes.
- T. +33 (0)44 90 61 31 04



# From steeples to bell towers

Take a seat in a cloister and let your mind run free. Take the path lined with cypress trees and climb up to the isolated chapel in the vineyards. Taste the cool of the church as the summer sun beats down on the vineyard plots. Happiness is often very simple in Provence.

#### The Abbey of Notre Dame de Sénanque

Tucked away in a valley, it remains one of the purest examples of Romanesque architecture from the 12th century and is one of three Cistercian abbeys in Provence. Still inhabited by a community of monks, visits are very tightly regulated, guided at set times and by reservation.

T. +33 (0)4 90 72 05 86 - www.senanque.fr



Abbey of Notre Dame de Sénanque © RichardSemik-PHB-CZ - Shutterstock

#### The bell towers

In Provence, a village is often identified by the steeple which stands over it. The bell towers, which decorate and personalise these steeples, are graceful wrought iron cages, finely chiselled and ventilated so as not to catch the wind. They overtop the clock located on the town hall, a bulwark door or more rarely the steeple of a church and bear witness to the art of the village blacksmith.

Don't miss those of Carpentras, Loriol du Comtat, Aubignan, Modène, Caromb, Bedoin, Ansouis, Apt, Saignon, Cadenet, Villelaure, Oppède le Vieux, Ménerbes, Lacoste, Bonnieux, Cucuron...

#### Not to be missed:

- The Baroque collegiate of Notre-Dame-des-Anges at Isle sur la Sorgue
- The Romanesque Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-Nazareth and its cloister in Vaison la Romaine
- The Gothic Cathedral of St Siffrein in Carpentras
- The Cathedral of Notre Dame des Doms in Avignon and the numerous churches of the old town
- The 6th-century Baptistery of Venasque
- The Romanesque Chapel of Notre-Dame-d'Aubune in Beaumes de Venise 💦 🦻



# The Jewish heritage route

Driven in the Middle Ages from the Kingdom of France, the lewish communities took refuge in Comtat Venaissin, under the protection of the Popes of Avignon. Here, they left a visible legacy in which the synagogues of Cavaillon and Carpentras play a major role.

#### The Synagogue of Cavaillon

Rebuilt in part on Rue Hébraïque in the 18th century, the synagogue is among the most remarkable in France. Built in the heart of the "carrières" (lewish street or quarter), it is its main site. It is designed in two superimposed spaces, connected by an external staircase.

Grey wood panelling highlighted with blue and yellow, colourful walls in deep pink, shell motifs, scrolls, flowers and musical instruments create a decor inspired by that of Provence, exactly the kind of thing you might find in the halls of a private mansion.

Since the 1960s, the lower hall houses the collections of the Jewish Comtadin Museum, bearing witness to life in the "carrières".

Guided tours: Museums of Cavaillon:

T. +33 (0)4 90 72 26 86 - www.cavaillon.com

#### Carpentras Synagogue

Built in 1367, this is the oldest synagogue in France still in use.

The building, remodelled in the 18th century, reflects Judeo-Provencal civilisation past and oresent.

The Facade, deliberately understated, dates from 1909; the hall of worship provides a baroque setting from the 18th century, with Faux marble columns and decor, while the ground floor houses the oldest parts: ritual baths, the 2 bakeries – one reserved For daily bread, the other For making unleavened bread – and a room dedicated to Jerusalem in the prayer chamber.

Tours all year round with the local Jewish community and guided tours by a qualified guide at set dates from April to October and during school holidays, organised by the Carpentras Tourist OfFice

T. +33 (0)4 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com

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In Avignon, urban reconstruction in the 19th century has left few traces of the old "carrières". On Place de Jérusalem and Rue Jacob, some very tall houses still remain, along with the new synagogue from the 19th century which replaces that from the Middle Ages destroyed by Fire in 1845.

Still a place of worship, the synagogue is open to visitors by appointment from Monday to Friday From 9.00 to 11.00.

T. +33 (0)4 90 85 21 24 / 06 18 85 67 13 - www.aci-avignon.com

#### Not to be missed:

- The Carpentras Festival of Jewish Music in August Carpentras Tourist Office (see page 75)
- The Israeli Film Festival in Carpentras (Rivoli Cinema) in October http://festival-laissez-passer.com



## Local heritage

In the Vaucluse countryside, Provencal shepherds built "bories" for shelter at night. Always in search of water, they cut "ayguiers" into the rock. Were they artists without realising it? No, they were already cultivating an art of living in total simplicity. You'll find this spirit in the villages. The fountain is essential, and is made very ornate. The steeple must "take" the Mistral, so it is topped with a wrought iron bell tower.

#### The Village des Bories in Gordes

A Listed Historical Monument, this site is the largest grouping of bories – dry stone huts constructed without mortar. They form part of the 1600 creations in total recorded in the Luberon Nature Park. Here, you'll find sheep barns, bread ovens, wine vats, wheat threshing floors, alleyways, enclosures and boundary walls.

T. +33 (0)4 90 72 03 48 - www.gordes-village.com

#### The village of 40 fountains

Pernes les Fontaines counts among its jewels 40 fountains, four of them listed and all supplied with drinking water. Here since the 18th century, they give life with their crystalline murmur to each little square and every street corner. Take the time to wander through the maze of alleys to the Notre Dame Gate, so powerfully fortified, which opens onto the heart of the old town and the mediaeval covered market.

T. +33 (0)4 90 61 31 04 - www.tourisme-pernes.fr

#### The Plague Wall

March 1721. State of emergency! The inhabitants of Comtat Venaissin, at the time a Papal territory, had 100 days to build a wall 27 km long, in dry stone architecture, to protect the papal land and the local population from the terrible plague raging in Marseille.

OF it, there remains today a kind of "Little Wall of China" with gatehouses and guard posts, which bisects the Monts de Vaucluse From Lagnes and Cabrières d'Avignon to Monieux, and which you can follow in part along a pleasant Footpath (yellow-red, white-red, yellow-red markings – distance: 8.9 km/duration: 3 hr 30)



#### Not to be missed:

- The Bories Enclosure in Bonnieux
- The Pigeon Loft at Jas de Puyvert
- The Cultivation Terraces Conservatory at Goult

Ailestone along the Plague Wall © Alain Hocgue



## The Most Beautiful Villages

Seven villages in Vaucluse are classified among "The Most Beautiful Villages in France", including five in the Luberon. Often perched on high, their houses grouped around the château, the Provencal village dominates the surrounding vineyards or plains. Above stones weathered by time, the sun shines down just so that people can enjoy the shade of narrow streets and the coolness of Fountains on village squares. And if you hear yourself saying, "This is where I'd like to live", rest assured, this is normal: it's called falling in love with the place!

#### Ansouis

At the foot of the château, this charming little village arranges its houses in a semicircle on the slope of a hill protected from the mistral winds. Visiting it is to walk back in time.

Worth a visit: Château Furnished from the 13th and 18th centuries (see page 22). Extraordinary Museum of C. Mazoyer.



Gordes © Thieury - Shutterstock

#### Gordes

Sometimes called the most beautiful of the Most Beautiful Villages, its houses wrap around the rocky outcrop overlooking the valley of the Calavon. Don't miss the sunset when everything seems to glow, the houses staggered up the hillside and the renaissance château that crowns the village.

Worth a visit: Château, troglodyte caves of Palais St Firmin, Village des Bories (see page 27), Sénanque Abbey (see page 25)...

#### Lourmarin

This village on the plain is always lively. Luberon in the background, château, plane and olives trees, temple, belfry, the green hat of the church tower ... this village is a real gem.

Worth a visit: Albert Camus and Henri Bosco literary tours – two men who lie in the village cemetery – the Château, little "Villa Medici of Provence", many decorating and craft shops.

#### Ménerbes

Alleys and squares lined with houses from the 18th century give a crazy charm to this hilltop village. Famous artists lived here, including the painters Nicolas de Staël, Joe Downing Picasso and Dora Maar, whose house is today a residence for artists. The British writer Peter Mayle contributed in the 1980s to its world fame with the bestseller *A Year in Provence*.

Worth a visit: Corkscrew Museum, House of Truffles and Wine, Priory of St Hilaire.

#### Roussillon

Indeed, this village looks like no other. From porch to porch, staircase to staircase, walk the narrow streets which the ochre Facades light up with a soft apricot glow. Lively little squares, quaint shops, beautiful doorways ... It's the ochre quarries nearby to which the village owes this unique Feature.

Worth a visit: marked trail of the ancient ochre quarries, Conservatory of Ochre and Colour. (see pages 10-11)



#### Séguret

Often compared to a provençal "crèche" (nativity scene set in a provençal village), it dominates the Comtat plain and melts into the rock in the middle of a sea of vines. Its mediaeval character exudes from its cobbled streets, its posterns lined with old houses, its pretty Mascarons fountain and picturesque washhouse. From the ruins of the feudal castle, you'll discover a magnificent panorama.

#### Venasque

The village, perched on a rocky spur, gave its name to Comtat Venaissin. The main street is lined with houses from the 14th to the 18th century, broken up with little squares. Its pre-Romanesque baptistery is worthy of interest.



Lourmarin © Alain Hocquel

#### Not to be missed:

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Le Barroux, Crestet, Lacoste, Bonnieux, Saignon, Le Beaucet, Brantes, Aurel ... slightly less well-known villages that do not carry the label "Most Beautiful Villages in France", but certainly well worth seeing.





« Arbre de vie » From Ettore Greco at Lacoste © Alain Hocquel

# Land of the Arts



The Romans encouraged sculpture, the Popes of Avignon painting. From the Middle Ages to the 20th century, many artists have found inspiration here and left some of their works in the region's museums.

This art history continues to be written today in places inspired by contemporary creation.



## Museums of Art and Fine Arts

The great museums of Vaucluse were born from the passion of a few wealthy collectors. Enjoy walking among the masterpieces from Antiquity to the 21st century.

#### Musée Angladon -Avignon

www.angladon.com

In a beautiful town-centre mansion, the collection brings together prestigious names: works by Daumier, Degas, Sisley, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Picasso, Foujita, Modigliani ... Furniture and artworks decorate the 17thcentury rooms. Workshops For children. **T. +33 (0)4 90 82 29 03 -**

Van Gogh - Musée Angladon © C. Loury

#### Musée Calvet - Avignon

The beautiful 18th-century mansion that houses the museum is one of the most poetic places in Avignon. The importance of its collections has earned the Calvet Museum the right to Feature among the thirty-two listed French museums. The collections cover archaeology, the Fine arts (paintings, sculptures and drawings from the 16th to the 20th century), decorative arts (silverware, earthenware and porcelain, tapestry, ironwork) and ethnography (Asia, Oceania, Africa).

Heir to the curiosity cabinets of yesteryear, the museum also holds the major archives of old Avignon.

T. +33 (0)4 90 86 33 84 - www.musee-calvet-avignon.com



#### Musée du Petit Palais -Avignon

The residence of cardinals since the 14th century, this place brings together more than three hundred Italian Primitives. Unique in Europe, the collection is essential to understand artistic creation in Mediaeval and Renaissance Italy and the great Italian schools, with Botticelli, di Paolo, Carpaccio, Ghirlandaio... Avignon sculpture from the 12th to the 15th century and Avignon paintings of the 15th century. Children's workshops.

T. +33 (0)4 90 86 44 58 www.petit-palais.org

#### Musée Louis Vouland - Avignon

Decorative arts collection assembled in a late 19th-century mansion by Louis Vouland with a real taste for the 18th century: dressers, accent furniture, chairs signed by the great cabinet makers from the time of Louis XV and Louis XVI, earthenware and porcelain, silverware, clocks, tapestries, paintings, everyday objects. Works by artists from the Avignon School from the late 19th and early 20th. century. Temporary exhibitions in season.

T. +33 (0)4 90 86 03 79 - www.vouland.com



Musée Louis Vouland in Avignon © Lepeltier

#### Musée Comtadin-Duplessis - Carpentras

This venue presents collections from the study ofFice of Monseigneur d'Inguimbert, Bishop of Carpentras in the 18th century: works by 19th- and 20th-century artists from Comtat Venaissin or depicting this region, others from Western European schools from the 15th to the 20th century. The highlight of this museum: the reinterpretation of the library-museum founded in the Enlightenment. The museum also houses the collections of Folk art and traditions that evoke the history of Comtat Venaissin.

Open April to September T. +33 (0)4 90 63 04 92



Musée Comtadin Duplessis in Carpentras © OT Carpentras

#### Also worth a visit:

 The Petrarch – Fontaine de Vaucluse Museum Library (dedicated to the mediaeval poet, but also to Renaissance Humanism and the Italian spirit. An archive of ancient editions of the poet's works and collection of modern art perpetuating artists' links with the site. Works of Braque, Giacometti, Da Silva, Miró, Zao Wou-Ki, Picasso...

T. +33 (0)4 90 20 37 20 - www.vaucluse.fr

The Jean Garcin Museum of History: 1939-1945, the call of freedom– Fontaine de Vaucluse (history of the Resistance during World War II in Provence)
 T. +33 (0)4 90 20 24 00 - www.vaucluse.fr





## Contemporary Arts

While Vaucluse's fame is related in part to its rich heritage, the history of art continues to be written every day. A brief tour of the finest collections of contemporary art and places which inspire creation.

#### **Collection Lambert - Avignon**

The Parisian gallery owner and collector Yvon Lambert placed Avignon on the world map of contemporary art by moving his personal collection into the magnificent Hôtel de Caumont. Boasting 1200 works spanning the 1960s to the current era, the Lambert Collection prides itself on being the only place in France where you can admire so many contemporary masterpieces. All the top names in painting, sculpture, video, installation and photography are there, exhibited in the immense, luminous rooms of these two town houses. A place of creation, exchange and difFusion of contemporary art. Bookstore and restaurant on site.

T. +33 (0)4 90 16 56 20 - www.collectionlambert.com

#### Campredon - Art Centre - L'Isle sur la Sorgue

This elegant 18th-century residence hosts major exhibitions several times a year – painting, sculpture, photography etc – devoted to the greatest names in the history of art and contemporary art.

T. +33 (0)4.90.38.17.41 - www.islesurlasorgue.fr/campredon



#### Villa Datris - L'Isle sur la Sorgue

This beautiful house with its Florentine appearance has, since 2011, hosted a Foundation for Contemporary Sculpture. A subtle lighting scenography showcases contemporary works created in all types of materials by recognised artists and young talents.

Powerful works are also staged outdoors in the courtyard and gardens, installed among various species of trees. Temporary exhibitions complement the Villa's collection.

T. +33 (0)4 90 95 23 70 - www.villadatris.com

#### Also worth seeing:

- The Gigondas Sculpture Trail (semi-monumental sculpture route through the heights of the village) T. +33 (0)4 90 65 80 76
- The Blachère Foundation in Apt (Contemporary African Art) T. +33 (0)4 32 52 06 15 - www.fondationblachere.org
- The exhibitions of La Bastide Rose in Le Thor, the Arts Farm in Vaison la Romaine, Château de Lacoste... (see tourist office page 75)
- The Hall of Modern Art at the Calvet Museum in Avignon (see page 32)
- Superviews at Vaison la Romaine: For 3 days in December, contemporary art takes over all the rooms in a local hotel (www.burrhus.com)
- Contemporary art can also be seen and purchased at Easter and on 15 August during the International Art & Antiquities fairs at Isle sur la Sorgue www.foire-islesurlasorgue.com



## Museums of Popular Traditions

The museums of popular traditions highlight these "everyday treasures" that tell of the expertise, techniques and practices of yesterday and today: pottery and earthenware, basketry and musical instrument making, candy making, manufacturing figurines, cardboard and printing...

#### Apt Industrial Adventure Museum

Housed in a former candied fruit factory, the museum presents the main aspects of the industrial adventure which, since the 18th century, has shaped the history of Pays d'Apt and the life of its inhabitants. It sets the stage for the three jewels of the territory: ochre, earthenware and candied Fruits.

T. +33 (0)4 90 74 95 30 - www.luberon-apt.fr

#### Valréas Museum of Cardboard and Printing

This museum, unique in France, traces the history of the modes of producing and printing cardboard boxes in Valréas, the capital of French cardboard-making, from the mid-19th century to today. The museum has an extensive collection of original boxes and packaging and a reproduction workshop.

T. +33 (0)4 90 35 58 75 - www.vaucluse.fr

#### Museum of Santon Figurines and Traditions of Provence, Fontaine de Vaucluse

2200 items and figures evoke the tradition of santon Figurine-making in Provence and the work of artisans who perpetuate this art. From Lilliputian Figurines in a nut shell to large decorated Figurines, they are staged in sixty scenarios or little villages according to the whim of the 110 santon-makers, including 12 who are "Meilleur Ouvrier de France" gold medal winners.

T. +33 (0)4 90 20 20 83 - www.musee-du-santon.org

#### Also worth seeing

- The Maison Fléchier-Museum of Comtat Venaissin Traditions at Pernes-les-Fontaines. Pernes les Fontaines Tourist Office (see page 75)
- Museum of Comtat Venaissin Costume in Pernes-les-Fontaines T. +33 (0)4 90 66 51 45 - www.costumescomtadin.com
- Basketry Museum in Cadenet.
- T. +33 (0)4 90 68 06 85 www.vaucluse.fr
- Museum of the History of Glass and Stained Glass at Gordes.
- T. +33 (0)4 90 72 22 11 www.musee-verre-vitrail.com
- The Toy and Old Doll Museum at Isle sur la Sorgue
- T. +33 (0)4 90 20 97 31 / +33 (0)6 15 43 21 26 www.poupeesdelisle.com
- The Bakery Museum in Bonnieux
- T. +33 (0)4 90 75 88 34 www.vaucluse.fr
- The Mechanical Clock Museum in Entraigues sur la Sorgue
- T. +33 (0)4 90 82 99 11 www.musee-horlogerie.fr
- The National 7 Museum in Piolenc
- T. +33 (0)4 90 40 32 70 www.memoirenationale7.fr
- The Cycle Museum in Pernes-les-Fontaines
- Pernes les Fontaines Tourist Office (see page 75)

## The famous men of Vaucluse

Vaucluse was, and still is, home to many artists in search of inspiration. Some were born here, others came from elsewhere, but all succumbed to the charm of the life and landscapes of Provence. Is it because the light is pure, nature simple and time eternal?

#### François Pétrarque (1304-1374)

The Italian poet immortalised his love for Laure de Noves, writing the most beautiful sonnets at his home in Fontaine de Vaucluse, today the Petrarch Museum Library.

T. +33 (0)4 90 20 37 20

#### The Marquis de Sade (1740 – 1814).

Fleeing Paris and its scandals, the marquis settled a while at the Family château of Lacoste in Luberon (currently in the private ownership of couturier Pierre Cardin). He stayed several times at Château de Mazan, where his father was born, now transformed into a 4-star hotel. His uncle, the Abbé de Sade, himself lived at Château de Saumane.



François Pétrarque © X

#### Frédéric Mistral (1830 – 1914).

Nobel Prize winner For literature in 1904, he created at Châteauneuf de Gadagne the "Félibrige", the Renaissance movement of Provencal culture. The Palais du Roure in Avignon became its home. Now a museum of arts and popular traditions, history and Provencal literature, it is also a centre for Provencal and archaeological documentation. Palais du Roure - Avignon: T. +33 (0)4 90 80 80 88

Henri Bosco (1888 – 1975) and Albert Camus (1913 – 1960)

"Lourmarin, the most charming village in the Luberon", wrote Bosco, who Fell in love with the beauty of its landscape with its harmonious and bewitching curves. Camus could not resist this little corner of the Mediterranean which would convince him to buy a house here. Albert Camus and Henri Bosco were laid to rest in the cemetery at Lourmarin.

The Tourist OFFice organises literary walks in the Footsteps of the two writers, accompanied by readings. All year by prior appointment (in French).

T. +33 (0)4 90 68 10 77 - www.lourmarin.com

#### René Char (1907 – 1988)

A surrealist poet, he was born and lived in Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. With the Surrealists of his time, he wrote some of the most beautiful pages of the great story of Provence. His poems bear the titles of landscapes which stand in tribute to Vaucluse: *The Dentelles de Montmirail, The Plots of the Luberon, Cherish Thouzon, Eternity in Lourmarin* ... The collective memory will recall his commitment to the Resistance and his taste for philosophical dialogue. His Friendships and meetings with Paul Eluard, André Breton and Albert Camus bear witness to his creative activity. His close collaboration with artists made him one of the Founders of the Avignon Festival in 1947.


### Pierre Boule (1912 - 1994)

Writer born in Avignon (he recalls his childhood in Avignon in *L'Ilor)*, author of the Famous *Bridge on the River Kwai*, and the equally Famous *Planet of the Apes*, and quickly noticed by Hollywood, which brought them to the big screen.

### Pierre Salinger (1925 - 2004)

He was Spokesman to the US Government and President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The Bastide Rose in Le Thor was his last residence in Provence. The museum now Found there traces the career of an extraordinary man and each year hosts contemporary art exhibitions by internationally renowned artists.

T. +33 (0)4 90 02 14 33 - www.pierresalinger.org

### Peter Mayle (1939-)

In telling his everyday life in Ménerbes, British writer Peter Mayle made Luberon known to the whole world. His book *A Year in Provence* has been translated in more than 20 different languages.



Peter Mayle © Carey Moore

Other Famous authors and artists were born in Vaucluse or loved it passionately: French poet Stéphane Mallarmé, English philosopher John Stuart Mill, French authors Alphonse Daudet (*Letters from my Windmill*), Alexandre Dumas (*The Three Musketeers*) and Stendhal (*The Red and the Black*), musicians Olivier Messiaen and Michel Petrucciani, singers Mireille Mathieu and Julie Fuchs, film director Ridley Scott, actress Keira Kneightley, etc..

### In just a few notes...

*Sur le Pont d'Avignon* is probably one of the most Famous tunes in the world. This children's rhyme was made popular by Adolphe Adam in his operetta *Le Sourd ou l'Auberge pleine* in 1853. A small museum here is devoted to the tourist circuit of the Saint Bénézet bridge.

### Vaucluse at the movies

With its village squares, small cafés, Farmhouses surrounded by centuries-old cypress and plane trees and the light for which we're envied, Vaucluse provides a natural setting for films. Among the films shot in the department: *The Horseman on the Roof* by Jean-Paul Rappeneau, *Surviving Picasso* by James Ivory, *Swimming-pool* by François Auzon, *Manon des sources* and *Jean de Florette* by Claude Berri, *Mr Bean's Holiday* with Rowan Atkinson, *A Good Year* by Ridley Scott based on a story by Peter Mayle, *A View of Love* by Nicole Garcia, *22 bullets* by Richard Berry...







Maison des remparts at Beaumes de Venise © Vincent Bourdon

### Arts and Crafts



Buying and restoring an old Farmhouse in Provence ... many dream and some succumb as they discover the country. Thick walls tinged with ochre, gateways, arbours and wrought iron Furniture, clay tiles to keep the heart of the house cool, glazed pottery and mixed earthenware, delicate needlework cotton quilts ... A paradise for decorators, artisans and craftsmen, antique and secondhand dealers, Vaucluse offers its materials and its colours through markets, workshops, boutiques and galleries.



### L'Isle sur la Sorgue **Capital of Antiques and** Flea Markets

Isle-sur-la-Sorque now ranks third in the European trade in antiques after Paris and London, with nearly 300 established antique dealers, second-hand goods sellers and decorators. They are grouped into 10 "antiques villages" and many shops and galleries open mainly on weekends and public holidays. Every Sunday, bargain hunters and onlookers can be found on the banks of the river Sorgue where for decades the flea market has stood.

At Easter and on 15 August, you'll Find 200–250 additional exhibitors on average joining in the two major international Fairs and offering their wares in the city's streets and park. Information on antiques and Fairs at the Tourist Office T. +33 (0)4 90 38 04 78 www.oti-delasorque.fr

Laurir Marc

Sorgue ©



'ase d'Anduze © Alain Hocquel

### Some key events

- Around the weekends of Easter and 15 August: International Arts and Antiques Fair in Isle sur la Sorgue
- Isle sur la Sorgue flea market on Whit Sunday and Monday and All Saints' Day - Whit Sunday Antiques Flea Market in Avignon
- Antiques Fair and Flea Market at Lourmarin on Whit Sunday and Monday
- Flea Market at La Tour d'Aigues in August

# Movement and material

The craftsmen of the Vaucluse region boast a skill and dexterity that date back a long way. Today, they retain this taste for a job well done, and many celebrate their ancestral know-how and master their material with verve and inventiveness.

### Wool spinners

This firm was the first French company to produce natural blankets and has perpetuated the tradition of weaving for more than two centuries. Blankets made of alpaca, cashmere, angora, mohair, yak or camel's wool, looking for noble fibres is a company tradition

Brun de Vian Tiran in L'Isle sur la Sorgue - T. +33 (0)4 90 38 73 31 - www.brundeviantiran.com

### IF you're sensitive to light, keep away!

Restoration of old items, reissuing, creating unique contemporary lighting, Lustrerie Mathieu has seen the most beautiful chandeliers on the planet pass through its workshops. Superb collection of lighting from the 15th century and contemporary works.

Mathieu Lustrerie in Gargas - T. +33 (0)4 90 74 92 40 - www.mathieulustrerie.com

### Table design

A bijou dish, elegant where gold and platinum play with the transparency of the glass and delicate porcelain: plates, cups, glasses embellished with precious metals where orange, ruby, brown, mauve and beige are burnished with old gold.

Workshop of Jacqueline Ducerf in Cairanne

T. +33 (0)6 87 03 02 32 - www.jacqueline-ducerf.com

### Wrought iron lace

Jean Philippe Fally, artistic blacksmith, specialises in the creation, restoration and reproduction of items of metalwork using traditional techniques: railings, gates, arbours and even bell towers. His creations, including his metal sculptures, display control and creativity.

### The Forge in Pernes les Fontaines -T. +33 (0)4 90 62 03 81 -www.art-ferronnerie.com

Fine earthenware from Apt

The potters of Apt gave birth three centuries ago to the mixed-earth technique. Sumptuous pieces inspired by silverware, showing remarkable finesse, made of natural clays coloured with pigments, many of which are contained in the region's earth. A tradition that continues and inspires new creators.

- Christine Jouval Eartheware Workshop Boutique in Apt T. +33 (0)6 73 61 79 56 - T. +33 (0)4 90 74 30 90 - www.apt-faience-luberon.fr
- Berdine André Nouaille-Degorce Workshop in Saint Martin de Castillon -T. +33 (0)6 78 29 91 10
- Earthenware and Creations Pascale Mestre in St Saturnin lès Apt (shop in Coustellet) -T. +33 (0)6 76 37 60 78 72 02 62 - www.pascale-mestre.com
- Savalli La Faïencerie d'Apt Workshop in Apt T. +33 (0)6 62 48 00 87 www.faience-apt.fr

### **Boxwood curtains**

They sway at the Farmhouse threshold with their harmonious clinking. Amélie makes them in the studio where her grandfather once turned these honey-coloured wooden beads. Turned and hooked together one by one, these Provencal-style beads are turned into under-sink furniture or curtains which are very effective against heat and insects.

### Amélie Ricard in Montfavet, near Avignon - T. +33 (0)4 90 23 58 37 - www.rideauxbuis.fr

The *Arts and Crafts Road* is a themed route that invites you to discover the local region in an original and lively way. You can even create your own route yourself based on the craftsmen you have chosen.

### www.artsetgourmandises.fr





Cherry! © Maxime Coquard / Bestjobers.com

## Local Flavour



Everything. Variety. And lots of it. We could use these words to express the flavours of Vaucluse. Between Rhône and Durance, Provence is a fertile place. It's a land of vineyards, it's an orchard, a vegetable garden, an olive grove. It's a land where truffles like to grow.

Then comes the pleasure of the market and, finally, the real art which is Provencal cuisine. And there's no lack of Michelin stars here for our chefs.



### Local produce

Vaucluse collects "appellations d'origine" (AOCs, or designations of origin): melon comes from Cavaillon, olive oil from Provence is an A.O.C, strawberries are from Carpentras, table grapes are Muscat du Ventoux, cherry comes from Monts de Venasque... And though truffle takes its name from Périgord, Vaucluse is still the nation's premier producer. And we can add a few ancestral gourmet flavours such as candied Fruit from Apt, nougat and berlingots from Carpentras etc.

### **Carpentras strawberries**

Strawberry cultivation has been developing in Carpentras since the end of the 19th century. Since then, it's replaced silk and madder, which have been in decline. Pajaro, Agatha, Ciflorette (perfect in pastries) and Gariguette (the most delicately scented) are the Four varieties of Carpentras strawberry, trademarked since 1987 and served on the grandest tables.

Production period: From mid-March to late June



### Aromatic herbs and garlic

Thyme, summer savory, rosemary, oregano, basil ... they all put the accent on our Provencal cuisine. They add the perfect smell to our pesto soup, our stuffed vegetables, ratatouille, vegetable or lamb tian, goat's cheese and many other dishes with a southern Flavour.

The term "Herbs of Provence" has often been overused. There is now a Red Label "Herbs of Provence" which guarantees the high quality of the mixture, but is not a guarantee of origin: 19% thyme, 26% rosemary, 26% savory, 26% oregano and 3% basil. The choice of species, rigorous production methods and defined drying and processing procedures now guarantee the guality of this product.

As for garlic, can you imagine for one second Provencal cuisine without it ... no more Aïgo Boulido, no more pesto, no more aïoli?! Garlic is the cedilla under the "c" in "orovencal"!



### Monts de Venasque cherry

With its juicy flavour, sweet and crunchy, its large size, and its crimson gloss with one-of-a-kind intensity, the Cherries of Monts de Venasque are the top brand of high-calibre French cherries. They are noted for their chubby appearance and exceptional gustatory and olfactory qualities. Producers, spread over 21 Vaucluse villages, observe very strict requirements and each year produce 1.000-1.500 tons of them. "Coteaux du Ventoux" cherry is also produced in the Foothills of Mont Ventoux.

Production period: mid-May to mid-July



Cherries © Valérie Gillet

### Cavaillon melon

The history of Cavaillon melon has many chapters and almost as many varieties. But the one that still makes the town Famous is the Cantaloupe or Charentais, grown since 1925 in smooth or rough type, raised in greenhouses or open Fields. As an appetiser, dessert or sorbet, with cured ham or Muscat from Beaumes de Venise, melon is mostly eaten raw.

Production period: May to September.



Einkorn spelt © Timolina - Shutterstock

### Haute Provence einkorn spelt

Widely consumed until the Roman era, then abandoned in Favour of wheat-corn for reasons of yield, einkorn spelt was recently rediscovered by the general public for its nutritional value far superior to that of other cereals. This rustic crop can stand the cold, grows at altitudes where wheat cannot live, and can tolerate poor earth of which it uses only very few resources. This probably explains its survival on the Plateau de Sault, next to the lavender Fields.

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It excites the imagination of chefs in search of new flavours and now sits proudly on the menus of the best restaurants in the region. It can be prepared in many savoury or sweet ways, in tabbouleh, salad, gratin, crème brûlée or other pastries.





The olive tree is inseparable from the landscapes of Provence. The orchards of Vaucluse today contain more than 300,000 trees.

Two varieties dominate: "Aglandau" or "Verdale de Carpentras", which gives an oil rich in aromas and benefits from its own A.O.C. "Olive oil of Haute Provence" and "La Tanche", a rounder, fleshier fruit which takes on a wrinkled look when mature, produces excellent black candied table olives, and benefits from the A.O.C. "black olives from Nyons". Since 2007, the A.O.C. "Olive oil of Provence" also covers 115 communes around the Ventoux massif and the Luberon.

Production period: November to January

### Muscat du Ventoux eating grapes

While from the vineyards of Vaucluse were born famous wines, the grape itself is also in demand. Vaucluse today provides over 50% of the national production of table grapes and is the leading French producer. The most prestigious product on its lands is "Muscat du Ventoux" with its exceptional flavour. The hard work of the producers has paid off with the awarding of the A.O.C. Muscat du Ventoux, a distinction reinforced by the European Union in 1999, which awarded it an AOP (Appellation of Protected Origin). Its production - from 1,500-2,200 tonnes - is concentrated on the slopes of Mont Ventoux and the Calavon Valley.

Production period: late August to October



### Black truffle

The south-east of France is the premier area for producing black truffles (Tuber Melanosporum, also called "Périgord truffles"), a botanical rather than a geographical name. So it is that 70% of black truffles sold in France come from the markets of Vaucluse, especially those of Richerenches and Carpentras. Here, the truffle is an object of worship: it is widely celebrated, has its own exhibition, it acts as currency during a mass in its honour, and its markets attract many of the most famous chefs in the area.

Production period: mid-November to mid-March



### And also

- The Black Fig of Caromb summer
- Saffron autumn

Dignac

- See cooking classes and workshops at www.provenceguide.com

### Delicacies

### Candied Fruit From Apt

Apt, land of orchards, has earned the title "Capital of candied Fruit" because of its traditional know-how. The secrets of candy-making are written on the sides of copper kettles in which generations of candy-makers have perpetuated the tradition. Candying is an art that requires special know-how and its processing calls for thoroughness and patience. No less than 15 successive operations are necessary. Pink apricot, figs, plums, clementines, melons, cherries, pears ... they are eaten as is and melt in the mouth, or used to dress Provencal "gâteaux des rois" (served for Epiphany). These delicacies have earned the town of Apt the title "Remarkable Site of Taste".

- Le Coulon Confectionery M. Ceccon in Apt T. / F. +33 (0)4 90 74 21 90 - Workshop T. +33 (0)4 90 74 10 68
- Marcel Richaud Confectionery in Apt Boutique T. +33 (0)4 90 74 43 50 - Workshop T. +33 (0)4 90 74 13 56
- Ets Marliagues in Apt T. +33 (0)4 90 74 15 30
- Aptunion in Apt T. +33 (0)4 90 76 31 31 www.aptunion.com
- St Denis Handmade Confectionery in Les Beaumettes -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 72 37 92 www.fruits-confits-apt-confiserie.fr

### Honey and almond nougat

Soft, melt-in-the-mouth and creamy, it's white. Gently caramelised and crisp, it's black. Provence's purists may tell you that the most traditional is black. Made of honey and almonds, they retain the flavour of their original products and make up part of the famous 13 desserts of a Provencal Christmas table.

- Silvain-Traditional Nougat-Makers in St Didier T. +33 (0)4 90 66 09 57 - www.nougat-silvain-freres.fr
- André Boyer Nougat-Makers in Sault
- T. +33 (0)4 90 64 00 23 www.nougat-boyer.fr



### Carpentras Berlingot

It's a little sweet, translucent, coloured and striped in white, cube-shaped, similar to "jacks" (the game) from which it takes its name (berlingaù in Provencal). It was a confectioner/pastry chef born in Carpentras in the 19th century who had the idea of using syrup left over from candied fruits to make the sweets. Berlingot then became a "local celebrity". It is made entirely by hand.

Factory tours organised by the Carpentras Tourist OFFice T. +33 (0)4 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com





### The vineyards

"A day without wine, a day without sun", says an old adage. No risk of that here, as Vaucluse has plenty of both. When the Greeks landed on our shores, they brought with them grapevines that were native to Greece. The Romans conquered the country and made the Rhône the primitive wine route. The Middle Ages brought the clergy into the vineyards, and the Popes of Avignon, fine connoisseurs and great consumers, developed the vineyards of Comtat and those of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

### Châteauneuf du pape

This is the "pontiFF" of the Côtes du Rhône, full-bodied and powerful red wines, and white wines of great finesse. The taste and power of this legendary grape vine is indisputable. Its secret: a range of different "terroirs" (a typical French concept, which can be described as a combination of the type of soil, the local climate and local geomorphology). Thirteen grape varieties grow there and produce every year internationally renowned wines whose yields are among the lowest in France.

### Côtes du Rhône

Most Vaucluse vineyards stretch out in an area bounded to the north by Valréas and Bollène, to the south by Avignon and to the east by the Dentelles de Montmirail. With production mainly of red Followed by white, A.O.C. Côtes du Rhône is divided into regional Côtes du Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages – Cairanne, Roaix, Sablet, Séguret, Valréas, Visan, Plan de Dieu, Massif d'Uchaux and Puyméras – and 5 "crus", Chateauneuf du Pape, Vacqueyras, Beaumes de Venise, Gigondas and Rasteau, not to mention the natural sweet wines of Beaumes de Venise and Rasteau.



With a glass of rosé wine © Jerome Ubassy

### AOC Luberon

It became established across a territory of 36 communes, all located within the Regional Nature Park. Luberon rosé, now the main colour produced in the area, stands out with its marked aromas of red Fruit (strawberry, gooseberry) and counts as one of the great rosés of Provence. Luberon red is rounded in the mouth, fruity and delicious. As for Luberon white, it's characterised by its vivacity and elegance, with a beautiful range of aromas, from grapeFruit to peach.

### **AOC Ventoux**

No less than 51 communes, from Malaucène to Apt via Carpentras, make up the Appellation Ventoux. Most of the production comes in red, with the exuberance of red Fruit and spice aromas tending towards truffles, conifers and leather. The rosés have more Fruity notes of cherry and raspberry.

### Avignon, Capital of the Côtes du Rhône

The City of the Popes had to present a prestigious venue to promote the wines of the Rhône Valley, of which it is the capital. The magnificent 18th-century mansion Calvet de la Palun, between Place de l'Horloge and the Palais des Papes, began its metamorphosis in 2014 in order to provide an exceptional new venue: the Carré du Palais. Wine school, Rhône wine bar, gourmet restaurant with renowned cheF and charming suites share the space (opening 2016).

Avignon also boasts the only A.O.C. city vineyard in France, that of the Clos du Palais planted on the highest part of the old city, the Rocher des Doms. In late August/early September, don't miss the great Harvest Celebration and, on the third Thursday in November, Millévin, celebrating the new vintage.

### Vineyard events

Many estates and wineries offer discovery activities out in the vineyards: walking tours, electric bike and e-moped tours, blending workshops, join in the harvest, introduction to wine tasting...). You'll Find them on the website www.wine-tourismprovence.co.uk, with the best estates, regional wine bars and bistros, local wine celebrations... You can even create your own itinerary as you wish by entering your starting town, one or more themes, places to visit that interest you, and your custommade route is ready to be printed or downloaded to your GPS or shared with Friends on the social networks.



Vineyard © Maxime Coquard / Bestjobers.com

### Not to be missed:

- Corkscrew Museum at the Domaine de la Citadelle in Ménerbes T. +33 (0)4 90 72 41 58 - www.domaine-citadelle.com/le-musee
- House of Truffles and Wine in Luberon, at Ménerbes T. +33 (0)4 90 72 38 37 - www.vin-truffe-luberon.com
- Museum of Wine Arts and Crafts at Château Turcan in Ansouis T. +33 (0)4 90 09 83 33 - www.chateau-turcan.com
- Brotte Wine Museum in ChâteauneuF-du-Pape T. +33 (0)4 90 83 59 44 - www.brotte.com
- Winemaking Museum at Domaine Beaurenard in Rasteau T. +33 (0)4 90 46 11 75 - www.beaurenard.fr
- Wine Sensory Trail at Cave de Cairanne Maison Camille Cayran
- T. +33 (0)4 90 30 82 05 www.maisoncamillecayran.com - The numerous wine festivals in Visan, Cairanne, Rasteau, Châteauneuf du Pape,
- Beaumes de Venise, Avignon, Vacqueyras, Gigondas... - The walking wine trails of Rasteau, Oppède, Châteauneuf du Pape, Cucuron,
- Vacqueyras, Enclave des Papes, Cairanne...





# Markets and the Food lover's diary

You can get big ones and small ones. But it's not the size that matters; the important thing – and the difficult one – in a market in Provence, is making your choice, somehow resisting the awful temptations. In Provence, you always know when you're going to market. But you're less sure when you'll be back. There are some pleasures that cannot be explained...

### Monday

Bedoin - Bollene - Cadenet - Cavaillon -St Didier

### Tuesday

Apt (Farmers' Market) – Gordes – La Tour- d'Aigues – Vaison-la-Romaine

### Wednesday

Malaucène – Sault – Valréas

### Thursday

Isle sur la Sorgue - La Tour d'Aigues (Farmers' Market) - Le Pontet - Orange **Friday** 

Bonnieux - Carpentras - Lourmarin -Pertuis

### Saturday

Apt - Cadenet (Farmers' Market) - Le Thor - Maubec (Farmers' Market From 30/05 to 18/09 From 5 to 7pm) -Pernes-les- Fontaines - Pertuis (Farmers' Market) - Petit Palais (Farmers' Market From late March to late December) -Sainte-Cécile-les- Vignes - Villeneuvelès-Avignon

### Sunday

Isle-sur-la-Sorgue - Maubec - Coustellet (Farmers' Market) - Saint-Christold'Albion - Saint-Martin-de-la-Brasque (Farmers' Market) - Saint-Saturnin-les-Avignon - Sorgues

Avignon Les Halles covered market every morning except Monday

www.marches-provence.com (in French only)



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### Selection of the best markets

- Apt: Saturday morning
- Carpentras: Friday morning
- Coustellet: Sunday morning from April to December
- L'Isle sur la Sorgue: Sunday morning
- Vaison la Romaine: Tuesday morning
- Velleron: From the beginning of April: open every evening from 6pm except Sundays and public holidays. From early October: open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4.30pm.



Floating market at L'Isle sur la Sorgue © Valérie Biset

### Dates for a foodie's diary:

### January

### August

Truffle Mass in Richerenches Truffle Festival in Pernes les Fontaines

February

Truffle Festival in Avignon

### March

Wine and Gastronomy Show in Pertuis **April** 

Strawberry Festival in Carpentras Wine Fair in Châteauneuf du Pape Asparagus Festival in Mormoiron Strawberry Festival in Pernes les Fontaines

Vaucluse From Farm to Farm **May** 

Provencal Day in Jonquières

Strawberry Festival in Velleron

Naturavignon in Avignon

Vine and Wine Festival throughout the Vaucluse

Olive Tree and Oil Mill Festival in Lagnes Summer Truffle Market in Carpentras

(May to August) June

Cherry Festival in Caseneuve

Cherry Festival in Malemort du Comtat Cherry and Local Produce Festival in Venasque

### July

Melon Festival in Caderousse

Black Fig Festival in Caromb

Melon Festival in Cavaillon

Apricot Market in Le Barroux

Melon and Local Produce Festival in Pernes les Fontaines

Truffle Night in Pernes les Fontaines Honey Festival in Goult

Bacchus Night (wine event) in Vaison la Romaine

Wine Festival in Cairanne, Séguret, Vacqueyras, Violès

Summer Chapter of the ConFrérie St. Vincent (wine guild) in Visan Veraison Festival in Châteauneuf du Pape Biodiversity Festival in Sarrians Lavender Festival in Sault Livestock Festival in Saint-Christol Wine Festivals in Valréas and Gordes Wine Night in Rasteau Garlic Festival in Piolenc

### September

Harvest Celebration in Avignon Einkorn spelt Festival in Monieux Muscat Grape Festival in Villes sur Auzon Gastronomy Festival in Vaucluse

### October

Ventoux Saveurs Nature Festival Tasting Week in Avignon, Beaumes de Venise, Carpentras, Valréas... Autumn Fair in Lauris

Festival of Olives and Autumn Flavours

in Robion

Mushroom Festival in Saint-Trinit

Gourmet Encounters & Soup Festival in Vaison la Romaine

### November

Millevin, Côtes du Rhône new vintage Festival in Avignon

Winter Truffle Market in Carpentras (Fridays from November till March)

Ventoux Bodega Primeurs Party, celebrating the new vintage in Carpentras Biodiversity Festival in Le Thor

Truffle Celebration and Truffle Market in Richerenches (Saturday morning from November till March)

### December

Truffle Festival in Carpentras Truffle Market in Ménerbes

> Check out the events calendar at www.provenceguide.com





Hôtel Crillon le Brave© Camille Moirenc

### Precious moments



The Fragrance of essential oils of lavender, rosemary or santoline, relaxing massages, whirlpool baths ... The mere suggestion of them makes you feel better already, doesn't it?

And why not try making natural cosmetics for yourself? And when it's in a lovely Provence farmhouse, a beautiful venue set aside just for this or on the premises of a producerdistiller, what more could you ask!

# - Wellness



### **Aroma'Plantes**

The lavender-producing LIARDET family decided to go organic more than 30 years ago. Over 80 hectares, lavender and other aromatic and medicinal plants are grown without the use of chemicals and then distilled. Organic soaps and cosmetics are also manufactured on site. Free guided tour of the distillery, plant collection, lavenderscope, Fun workshops, shop and herbal teas at the Aromatic'bar.

### Aroma'Plantes in Sault

T. +33 (0)4 90 64 14 73 - www.distillerie-aromaplantes.com



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### Distillerie Les Agnels

Distilling lavender and aromatic plants since 1895, the expertise of the Agnel Family is passed from generation to generation. Essential oil, floral water, eau de toilette and soap are all forms of distillation and manufacture carried out that you will discover through a wide range of products offered in the shop.

The hamlet of Agnels just outside Apt T. +33 (0)4 90 04 77 00 - www.lesagnels.com

### Huile & Sens - Centiflor

Situated close to Vaison-la-Romaine, the Centiflor Laboratory specialises in essential oils and the manufacture of organic cosmetics.

In the laboratory's workshop-boutique, a cosmetic trainer-technician will teach you the techniques to make your own cosmetics, creams, balms, scrubs ... "home-made" natural beauty products, custom-made, at a reasonable price, with the added pleasure of creating them yourself!

Centiflor Laboratory in Entrechaux T. +33 (0)4 90 36 22 03 - www.huiles-et-sens.com

### Terre des Sens – Algovital

Bastide de Gordes © Valérie Gillel

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The Algovital Laboratory, specialists in perfumes and natural cosmetics, marketed under the brand name, "Terre des Sens", is located at the Foot of Mont Ventoux. It

has its own research department and production unit, and has added an aromatherapy training centre as well as a ceramics workshop aimed at developing new techniques For diFFusing Fragrances.

The production site is open to the public with guided tours by appointment. Organic cosmetic-making workshops are also available.

Terre des Sens - Algovital in Mormoiron T. +33 (0)4 90 40 87 51 www.terre-des-sens-provence.fr





### Spa Ventoux Provence

At the foot of Mont Ventoux, this oasis of more than 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> dedicated to the well-being of body and spirit has opened its doors. A harmonious world imbued with elegance and charm, it oscillates between calm and movement.

A 10 metre by 20 heated pool, salt cave that's unique in the area, saunas, steam room, hydrotherapy, chromatherapy, massages, Facials and body care ... the equipment is top-notch, the products and protocols bear the mark of Sothys, giving very reasonable access to high-quality services.

Spa Ventoux Provence in Malaucène T. +33 (0)4.90.37 05 49 - www.spa-ventoux-provence.com



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Many hotels and charming guest houses have built-in spa or wellness areas. **Check out www.provenceguide.com** 

### Not to be missed:

- La Savonnerie des Dentelles (soap-maker) in Beaumes de Venise T. +33 (0)4 90 37 61 80 - www.savonneriedesdentelles.com
- La Savonnerie de Provence in Sault T. +33 (0)4 90 64 17 99 - www.lasavonnerie.com
- Dustau Safr'Âne (donkey's milk products) in Monteux T. +33 (0)6 71 45 02 21 - http://oustau-safr-ane.com





A bicyclette ! © Maxime Coquard / Bestjobers.com

## The great outdoors, the



By bike, on foot, on horseback, by canoe or in the air, all these activities are a great way to spend some time, enjoy and re-energise yourself in the heart of nature. With 39 marked bike routes and the Vaucluse Long Distance Mountainbike trail, with its hiking trails, rivers, lakes and the sun that shines on you throughout the year, the Vaucluse is a true playground.

# art of living in motion



### By bike, on foot, on horseback

With Mont Ventoux at the heart of its territory, Vaucluse has a strong commitment to cycling. This summit, the stage of some of the greatest feats in international cycling, has long attracted bike enthusiasts. Leaving this legendary mountain to the more athletic among us, Vaucluse reserves its country roads for families and nature lovers in search of new discoveries.

Landscapes, heritage and a Mediterranean climate lend themselves perfectly to this activity.

### Provence by bike

From the Luberon to the Dentelles de Montmirail, through the Pays des Sorgues and the Foothills of Mont Ventoux, there are 4 greenways and 35 marked routes that Follow the picturesque side roads, little used by motorists,

and invite you to take a leisurely stroll. You can go at your own pace amid the lavender fields, cherry orchards, vineyards and olive groves or along the river, stopping at a village fountain, enjoying a coffee or visiting a market...



All along the way, a network of more than 250 hotels, guest houses, cellars, bars, cycle hire companies and restaurants has been created: they are labelled "Accueil Vélo" (Cyclists

Welcome) and are committed to oFFer cycle tourists a warm welcome and specially adapted services.

www.provence-cycling.com

### The cycle map of Vaucluse

Shows all the marked cycle routes and is available free of charge from Vaucluse Tourism, in the tourist offices, and can be downloaded from:

www.provence-cycling.com

### The Vaucluse Long Distance Mountain Bike Trail

Experienced riders only! For lovers of true mountain bike touring, this recent highly technical marked trail, with its 9,900 m of height gain, is pure joy. It follows the most beautiful trails over Mont Ventoux, through landscapes of lavender and vineyards to the Monts de Vaucluse and the Luberon with their villages perched on high. No less than 388 kilometres long. It is part of the French Cycling Federation *Grande Traversée*.





### Rides

### ... for walkers

To enjoy some Fresh air, get away from it all and take some exercise, nothing could be simpler. Vaucluse is yours to enjoy, natural, unspoilt and welcoming with its wide open spaces and own special light. It has 3000 km of marked trails. At the end of each trail, a hill-top village, red soils surrounded by cypress trees, the wild life of the chamois, fertile plains with the great scent of Provence. The GR4 and GR9 cross the Vaucluse département.



Luberon © Marc Laurin

### ... or on horseback

A horse ride is always a breath oF freedom. At a walk, trot or gallop, we all have our own pace to travel the 660 km oF marked equestrian trails that crisscross the region. These routes connect places to stay that welcome riders and their mounts. The equestrian centres oFFer horse riding, carriage driving, riding and pony training.

Association Départementale de Tourisme Equestre. T. +33 (0)9 52 43 14 20 - www.adtev.fr

### Horse shows, not to be missed:

### - Cheval Passion

In January, Avignon becomes the international capital of the equestrian world. Cowboys rub shoulders with Grand Prix riders, acrobats and the Cavalry of the Republican Guard put on a show, the herdsmen of the Camargue make their connection with Arabian horses, children party and ponies do, too. When evening Falls, it's time for the true magic of the show with the legendary Gala of the Golden Manes, while at the Equestrian Cabaret and the Bodega, it's time to party!

### www.cheval-passion.com

- The Equestriades at the Roman Theatre in Orange in May www.equestriades.com
- Eqi at Lac de Monteux every summer www.eqi-show.com



# Activities on the water

Taking a dip in the cool water means the holiday is well and truly underway. The rest is for you to decide, as you wish: a descent of the Sorgue by kayak, rowing on the Rhône, windsurfing on the lakes, fishing or surfing on the largest surfing simulator in the world.

### Paddles up...

You don't have to be an expert to glide over the clear, Fresh waters of the Sorgue. At the heart of a preserved ecosystem, there's a trip for all the family (From 3 years), from late April to late October. The descent takes you from Fontaine de Vaucluse to Isle sur la Sorgue, a peaceful trip of 8 km. Or instead of this gentle journey, you may prefer a slightly more challenging trip down the Durance to observe wild birds, or the Rhône to enjoy the view of the City of the Popes.

- Kayak Vert in Fontaine de Vaucluse -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 20 35 44 / 06 88 48 96 71 www.canoefrance.com/sorgue
- Canoë Evasion in Isle sur la Sorgue -
- T. +33 (0)4 90 38 26 22 www.canoe-evasion.net
- Club Canoë Kayak Islois in Isle sur la Sorgue T. +33 (0)4 88 61 28 20 http://canoesurlasorgue.free.fr
- Au Fieu de l'Aigo in Lauris (Durance)- T. 06 86 88 50 76 www.canoe-provence.com
- Canoë trips down the Rhône in Avignon
- T. +33 (0)6 11 52 16 73 www.canoe-vaucluse.fr

### Splashworld Provence ® Water Theme Park

SPLASHWORLD PROVENCE®, the first themed water park in France, is also the first to be truly eco-Friendly. In an immersive and relaxing setting, the park offers thrilling water slides, the world's largest surf simulator, family attractions and innovative facilities that guarantee unforgettable experiences.

Located just outside Avignon, in the town of Monteux, SPLASHWORLD® PROVENCE is THE place where memories are made!

T. +33 (0)4 88 84 72 24 - www.splashworld.net



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### Lac de Monteux

In the heart of Provence, between Avignon and Mont Ventoux, Lac de Monteux is the new leisure and relaxation destination for all the family. As well as great swimming, the site offers a multitude of activities to share: pedal boats, canoes, fishing tackle (family-friendly course), health trail, fitness park, slides and zip lines, picnic areas, nature trail through the reed beds ... Here you can enjoy the great outdoors and get away from it all!

Site open all year. (Paid, monitored parking, catering on site, entertainment in season)

Monteux Tourist Office - T. +33 (0)4 90 66 97 52 and www.lacdemonteux.fr

### Other lakes for bathing

- Lac des Girardes in Lapalud T. +33 (0)4 90 40 30 73
- Etang de la Bonde in Cabrières d'Aigues
- T. +33 (0)4 90 07 50 29 www.luberoncotesud.com
- Lake at Val de Durance Campsite in Cadenet
- T. +33 (0)4 42 20 47 25 www.homair.com
- Lac des Salettes in Mormoiron T. +33 (0)4 90 61 80 17
- Lac Li Piboulo in Piolenc T. +33 (0)4 90 29 63 66 www.mairie-piolenc.fr
- Prato Plage in Pernes les Fontaines
- T. +33 (0)4 90 61 37 75 www.pratoplage.com



### And there's more...

### **Golf courses**

Oleanders in flower, pines and olive trees, Fragrant lavender, sunny courses: that's golf in Provence! With an abundant network of rivers, the golf courses of Vaucluse offer greens that stay green all year. Three 18-hole courses and one 9-hole are available near the major tourist sites, Avignon, Isle sur la Sorgue and Orange.

- Garden Golf d'Avignon in Morières les Avignon (18 holes)
  T. +33 (0)4 90 33 39 08 www.gardengolfavignon.com
- Golf du Grand Avignon in Vedène (18 holes) T. +33 (0)4 90 31 49 94 - www.golfgrandavignon.com
- Golf Provence Country Club in Saumane (18 holes)
- T. +33 (0)4 90 20 20 65 www.provencecountryclub.fr
- Golf in Orange (9 holes)
- T. +33 (0)4 90 34 34 04 www.golforange.fr
- Golf Pitch 130 in Villars (9 holes)
- T. +33 (0)4 90 71 33 48 www.golfpitch130.com

### Rock climbing and via Ferrata

For a vertical approach to Vaucluse, its limestone cliffs offer climbers variety, safe equipment and a wide range of difficulty. The site of Buoux in the heart of the Luberon and the site of the Dentelles de Montmirail, with their routes to south and north for year-round use, are climbing destinations with an international reputation.

### See the sites at www.provenceguide.com

To see the world from up high, you can also opt for the via Ferrata of Cavaillon. Directly accessible on foot from the centre it overlooks, this route is a little as if nature has been brought to the heart of town. Two loops give access to the very heart of the hill's cliffs and provide an exceptional view of Provence. Free access.

Tourist Office Luberon Monts de Vaucluse T. +33 (0)4 90 71 32 01 - www.luberonmesvacances.com



### Régis Lerov

### Caving

With its numerous caves, sinkholes and underground rivers running through this karst scenery, the region is a great place to discover the underground world.

Plateau d'Albion Caving Society in St Christol T. +33 (0)4 90 75 08 33 - www.aspanet.net

### The guide for all outdoor recreation activities in Vaucluse:

Ideas For cycle tours, hiking, horse riding, paragliding take-off and landing sites, lakes for swimming and windsurfing, canoeing and fishing, caving sites, rope-walks. Available from Vaucluse Tourism and Tourist Offices. Download at



Chut ! © Marc Laurin

### With or without



When it comes to fun ways to spend your holiday, Vaucluse is hardly short of suggestions. The sea is just an hour away and offers some great excursion ideas, the mountain is on your doorstep with Mont Ventoux and its summer and winter resort offering plenty of activities. Between them, there's lots of good ideas for spending a really great holiday: try your hand at cooking, plant seeds, go for a walk with a donkey, climb trees, rummage through the undergrowth, enjoy lakes and water sports or become an artist at the conservatory of colours...

For having fun and getting active while the parents relax, Vaucluse tops the lot! www.provence-family.co.uk .

# parents



### For children

### The Naturoptère

Dedicated to observing and understanding insects, this vast place, designed and built in harmony with nature, provides fun exhibition areas of a high scientific quality. Games, use of new technologies and living species rather than static collections make this an educational and exciting place. Build shelters for ladybirds or a nest for solitary bees, capture insects at night and observe them, see under the microscope how they breathe ... they're sure to enjoy it!

At Sérignan du Comtat - T. +33 (0)4 90 30 33 20 - www.naturoptere.fr

### **Gruss Circus**

If you thought the circus was reserved for the wonder-filled eyes of your little ones, then you haven't yet set foot in the Alexis Gruss National Circus Park!

From May to early September, the Circus, based in Paris in winter, takes up its summer quarters in Vaucluse. It's an opportunity to spend a whole day exploring the circus arts in the setting of Château de Piolenc's park where the tent, stables and workshops are located. The whole family can attend the rehearsals, the elephant shower, juggling and balancing workshops, see the clowns and the Alexis Gruss National Circus performances by day or in the evening.

In Piolenc - T. +33 (0)4 90 29 49 49 - www.alexis-gruss.com



Alexis Gruss Circus at Piolenc © Régis Cintas-Flores

### Donkey trekking

Donkeys are wonderful docile companions which will guide you along paths scented with rosemary and thyme.

- Donkey Treks through Luberon in Cucuron T. +33 (0)6 24 18 84 11 - www.anesenluberon.fr
- Api'Anes in Jonquières
- T. +33 (0)4 90 70 57 83 www.rucherdes4reines.com
- Les Anes des Abeilles in Monieux
- T. +33 (0)4 90 64 01 52 abeilles.ane-et-rando.com
- Les Anes de Pernes in Pernes les Fontaines
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- T. +33 (0)6 07 41 14 75 www.venasqu-anes.com
- The Little Farm in Villes sur Auzon
- T. +33 (0)6 77 56 63 49 www.lapetite-ferme.fr

### Epicurium

This is the place to get children to love their Fruit and vegetables! After a visit to Epicurium, they'll be clamouring for their daily vegetable soup, love their plate of vegetables and may even decide to make their own ratatouille or start up their own vegetable patch.

A fun discovery space, this is a unique venue offering a different approach to the world of fruit and vegetables. Orchard, greenhouse and garden, museum area, entertainment that changes with the seasons, culinary workshops, gardening ...

In Avignon - Montfavet - T. +33 (0)4 32 40 37 71 - www.epicurium.fr



### Star-gazing

For a heavenly walk through the constellations, admiring the planets, galaxies and other objects in the sky, you need to go to the highest village in Vaucluse, Lagarde d'Apt. Under the clearest skies in Europe, at the heart of vast tracts of lavender, stands the SIRENE Astronomical Observatory (Silo Rehabilitated for Starry Nights). Day-time tours, night walks under the dome and discovery evenings mean you can spend a few hours doing something different in the company of others as you travel through the Milky Way.

In Lagarde d'Apt - T. +33 (0)4 90 75 04 17 - www.obs-sirene.com

### Adventure trails and tree climbing

- Oxygen Acrobatic Trail in Vaison la Romaine
  T. +33 (0)6 75 81 17 03 www.parc-aventure-vaison.com
- Forest Acrobatic Trail, Colorado Aventures in Rustrel T. +33 (0)6 78 26 68 91 - www.colorado-aventures.fr
- Treetop Walkways Aerial Forest Trail in Lagnes T. +33 (0)4 90 38 56 87 - www.parcours-aerien.com
- Resort of Mont Serein (Mont Ventoux) in Beaumont du Ventoux T. +33 (0)4 90 63 42 02 - www.stationdumontserein.com
- Amethyst Tree Climbing in Viens T. +33 (0)4 92 72 50 89 / +33 (0)6 80 22 63 66 - http://amethyste1901.free.fr
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- A.S.P.A in St Christol
- T. +33 (0)4 90 75 08 33 www.aspanet.net
- Ventoux Adventure in Mormoiron
- T. +33 (0)4 90 61 98 67 www.ventoux-aventure.com

### "Colour" Workshops

Make pigment-based natural paints and pastel sticks, dye Fabrics, paint, draw ... at the Conservatory of Ochre and Colour, young and old can learn to use ochre and dyestuFFs through discovery workshops every school holiday and weekend.

Okhra - Usine Mathieu in Roussillon - T. +33 (0)4 90 05 66 69 - www.okhra.com

### Not to be missed:

- Splashworld Provence and all water activities page 62
- All the cultural activities, sports and arts for children are on the "Family Holidays" tourist map available from the Tourist Offices or download from www.provence-family.co.uk





Le Trouvère de Verdi - Chorégies d'Orange 2015 © Philippe Gromelle

# A year of



At the top of the list, the Avignon Theatre Festival which includes more than a thousand shows, and the Chorégies d'Orange which turn the Roman theatre into one of the most beautiful opera venues in the summer. Both have become unmissable international events. They have spread the taste for art and celebrations through all the villages and towns of Vaucluse.

The events calendar is full to the brim for those who love theatre, dance, opera, equestrian shows, concerts, gourmet festivals... Throughout the year, it puts on shows whose quality matches the beauty of the venues and shows how art is particularly alive here.

# celebrations



### January

Cheval Passion in Avignon - T. 08 92 05 30 05 - www.cheval-passion.com Truffle Festival in Pernes les Fontaines - T. 04 90 61 31 04 - www.truffolio.org Truffle Mass in Richerenches - T. 04 90 28 05 34 - www.richerenches.fr



Cheval Passion © Franck Mariotti - Avignon Tourisme

### February

Les Hivernales (dance) in Avignon – T. 04 90 25 61 84 - www.hivernales-avignon.com The Fête des Belles (traditional Festival) in Cheval Blanc - T. 04 90 71 01 17

### MARCH

Avignon Motor Festival in Avignon - T. 04 90 84 02 04- www.avignon-motor-festival.com Hortifleurs Show in Maubec - T. 04 90 76 50 34 - www.hortifleurs.fr

Carmentran (carnival) in Murs - T. 04 90 72 60 00

Historic Pageant in Mornas (From March to October) - T. 04 90 37 01 26 www.Forteresse-de-mornas.com

Le Printemps des Poètes (national poetry Festival) Several towns in Vaucluse www.printempsdespoetes.com

### April

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Festo Pitcho (children's Festival) in Avignon – T. 04 90 85 59 55 - www.festopitcho.com Ceramics Fair in Bonnieux - T. 04 90 75 91 90 - www.tourisme-en-luberon.com Strawberry Festival in Carpentras - T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com

Les Printemps de Châteauneuf-du-Pape (wine fair), in Châteauneuf-du-Pape -T. 04 90 83 71 08 - www.lesprintempsdechateauneuFdupape.Fr

Easter International Arts & Antiques Fair in Isle sur la Sorgue - T. 04 90 38 04 78 www.foire-islesurlasorque.com

Renaissance Festival in Lourmarin - T. 04 90 68 15 23 - www.chateau-de-lourmarin.com Festival de Printemps at the Château in Lourmarin - T. 04 90 68 15 23 www.chateau-de-lourmarin.com

Asparagus Festival in Mormoiron - T. 04 90 61 80 17

Mediaeval Gathering and Historical Market in Orange - T. 04 90 34 70 88 www.otorange.Fr

Printemps du Toulourenc in Savoillans - T. 04 75 28 29 15 / 06 64 64 40 43 www.toulourenc-horizons.org

Rare Plants and Nature Garden in Sérignan du Comtat - T. 04 66 90 73 70 www.olantes-rares.com



Les Conviviales (travelling theatre) Between Aigues and Ouvèze - T. 06 76 61 10 51 http://eclatsdescenes.com/conviviales

### May

Pentecost Antiques and Flea Market in Avignon - T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com

Sainte-Tulle May Festival (traditional Festival) in Cucuron – T. 04 90 77 28 37 www.cucuron-luberon.com

Grande Journée Provençale in Jonquières - T. 04 90 70 59 04 - www.jonquieres.fr Fête du Drac (traditional Festival) in Mondragon - T. 04 90 30 19 41 www.comitedesfetesmondragon.com

The Pilgrimage of St Gens in Monteux - T. 04 90 66 97 52 - www.monteux.fr

Gourmet Escapade in Rasteau - T. 04 90 46 18 73

Sons Dessus de Sault (music) in Sault – T. 04 90 64 01 21 - www.pharealucioles.org Strawberry Festival in Velleron – T. 04 90 20 00 71

Luberon Jazz Festival in the villages of the Luberon - T. 04 90 74 55 98 - www.luberonjazz.net Jazz dans les Vignes (May-November) In the vineyards of the Rhône Valley - www.jazzdanslesvignes.com

Olive Tree and Oil Mill Festival in Lagnes - T. 04 90 78 21 61 - www.civampaca.org

### June

Festival of Vine and Wine In the wine villages – www.fetedelavigneetduvin.com Blues Night in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 46 35 - www.auzon-le-blues-carpentras.com Le Bonheur Musical in Lourmarin – T. 04 90 68 15 23 - www.bonheurmusical.com Les Floraisons Musicales in various villages in Vaucluse – T. 04 90 40 51 19 www.floraisonsmusicales.com

Night of Petit St Jean (traditional Festival) in Valréas – T. 04 90 35 04 71 - www.ot-valreas.fr Fête de la Musique 21 June, national event

### July

Tréteaux de Nuit in Apt – T. 07 81 47 70 37 - www.treteauxdenuit.com Musicales du Luberon (in July-August) in Apt – Ménerbes – Les Taillades – Lacoste

T. 04 90 72 68 53 - www.musicalesluberon.fr



Avignon Festival – T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.festival-avignon.com - www.avignonleoff.com Polymusicales (until August) in Bollène – T. 04 90 40 51 45 - www.bollenetourisme.com Trans'Art in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com Melon Fest in Cavaillon – T. 04 90 71 32 01 - www.cavaillon-luberon.com Musicales de Grillon – www.lesmusicalesdegrillon.com Lacoste Festival – T. 04 90 75 93 12 - www.festivaldelacoste.com

**Corso Nautique et Pêche d'Antan** in Isle sur la Sorgue – T. 04 90 38 04 78 www.dti-delasorgue.fr

Summer Music Festival (July-October) in Lourmarin – T. 04 90 68 15 23 - www.chateau-de-lourmarin.com

Chorégies d'Orange – (opera), in Orange – T. 04 90 34 24 24 - www.choregies.com Medieval Mornas – T. 04 90 37 00 97 - www.mornas.fr

Liszt in Provence (July to September) in Uchaux - T. 04 90 40 60 94 - www.liszt-en-provence.com

Wine Festival in Vacqueyras - T. 04 90 12 39 02 - www.fetedesvins-vacqueyras.fr Wine Festival in Visan - T. 04 90 28 50 80 - www.coteaux-de-visan.fr

Les Nuits Théâtrales et Musicales de l'Enclave in Valréas, Richerenches, Grillon, Visan – T. 04 90 28 12 51 - www.nuits-enclave.com

François Morenas Festival – Cinema Month in Luberon (till August) in Saignon T. 04 90 74 16 30

Vaison Dance in Vaison La Romaine - T. 04 90 36 02 11 - www.vaison-danses.com





### August

Ceramics Fair in Apt - T. 04 90 74 03 18 - www.luberon-apt.fr

Avignon Jazz Festival – T. 04 90 82 95 51 - www.tremplinjazzavignon.fr

Jewish Music Festival in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com

Véraison Festival (mediaeval Festival) in Châteauneuf du Pape - T. 04 90 83 71 08 www.ot-chateauneuf-du-pape.mobi

Summer Evenings in Gordes - T. 04 90 72 98 64 - www.soireesdegordes.fr

Festival Durance Luberon in the villages of southern Luberon - T. 06 42 46 02 50 www.festival-durance-luberon.com

Floating Market in Isle sur la Sorgue – T. 04 90 38 04 78 - www.oti-delasorgue.fr



Font'Arts (street theatre and music) in Pernes les Fontaines - T. 04 90 61 31 04 - www.fontarts.com

International Antiques Fair and Flea Market in Isle sur la Sorgue – T. 04 90 38 04 78 www.oti-delasorgue.fr

Garlic Festival in Piolenc - T. 04 90 29 63 66 - www.mairie-piolenc.fr Wine Night in Rasteau - T. 04 90 46 18 73 - www.rasteau.fr Fête de l'Elevage in Saint-Christol - T. 04 90 75 01 05 Biodiversity Festival in Sarrians - T. 04 90 65 57 57 - www.oiselet.com Lavender Festival in Sault - T. 04 90 64 02 30 - www.fetedelalavande.fr Lavender Procession in Valréas - T. 04 90 35 04 71 - www.ot-valreas.fr Harvest Celebration in Avignon and the wine villages - T. 04 32 74 32 74 www.avignon-tourisme.com

### September

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Médiévales des Carmes in Avignon – T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com Retro Car and Bike Show in Avignon – T. 04 90 62 69 65 - www.1515-org.com Mediaeval Einkorn Spelt Festival in Monieux – T. 04 90 64 14 14 - www.d-monieux.com The Roman Legions in Orange – T. 04 90 51 17 60 – www.theatre-antique.com Valse des As (street theatre) in Valréas – T. 04 90 35 04 71 – www.lavalsedesas.fr



Fête médiévale à Venasque - T. 04 90 66 11 66 - www.tourisme-venasque.com Festival of the Muscat Grape from the Terraces of Mont Ventoux in Villes sur Auzon T. 04 90 40 49 82 - www.villes-auzon.fr

Ventoux Flavour Festival (September to October) Towns and villages around Mont Ventoux – T. 04 90 63 22 74 - www.ventoux-saveurs.fr

Gastronomy Festival in Avignon, Carpentras, Châteauneuf du Pape...

### October

Avignon Blues Festival - T. 09 54 89 64 49 - www.avignonbluesfestival.com The Organ in Autumn (October/November) in Avignon - T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com Spirit of the Games Festival in Avignon - T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com Animo & Nature Show in Avignon - OT Avignon - T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.animo-nature.com Musical Encounters and Local Flavours in Mondragon - T. 04 90 30 19 41 www.comitedesfetesmondagon.com

Autumn Days in Sarrians - T. 04 90 65 57 57 - www.oiselet.com

Sarrians Rally in Sarrians – T. 06 24 67 57 24 - rallyedesarrians@orange.fr Rencontres Gourmandes and Soup Festival in Vaison la Romaine and surrounding villages – T. 04 90 36 02 11 - www.journees-gourmandes.com – http://Soupe84.free.fr Mushroom Festival in Saint-Trinit – T. 04 90 64 01 21 - www.saultenprovence.com Autumn Flavours Festival in Sault – T. 04 90 64 01 21 - www.saultenprovence.com



### November

African Theatre Festival in Apt -T. 07 82 64 84 99 - www.africapt-festival.fr Millévin, celebrating the new vintage, in Avignon - T. 04 90 27 24 00 - www.vins-rhone.com Model Show in Avignon - T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com

St Siffrein's Fair in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.foire-saint-siffrein-carpentras.com Opening of the Carpentras Truffle Market – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras- ventoux.com Santon Fair in Ménerbes – T. 04 90 72 22 05

Rencontres de Musiques et Saveurs du Terroirs in Mondragon - T. 04 90 30 19 41 Ban des Truffes (official opening of the winter truffle season) in Richerenches -T. 04 90 28 05 34 - www.richerenches.fr

**"Après les Vendanges" Autumn Festival** in various villages around Vaison la Romaine – T. 04 90 28 58 62 - www.lesateliersduregard.org

### December

Christmas Market and Nativity scene in Avignon – T. 04 32 74 32 74 - www.avignon-tourisme.com

Brantes among the Stars in Brantes – T. 04 75 28 67 07 - www.toulourenc-horizons.org Truffle Festival in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com Little Truffle Market in Ménerbes – T. 04 90 72 38 37 - www.vin-truffe-luberon.com Christmas Market and Santon Fair in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 www.carpentras-ventoux.com

Noëls Insolites in Carpentras – T. 04 90 63 00 78 - www.carpentras-ventoux.com Christmas markets, santon Figurine show, animated or live nativity scenes, Christmas Traditions in many villages. Ask at the Tourist OfFices.









# How to get here?



### Rail links

Avignon TGV station and central station Bollène, Carpentras, Cavaillon, L'Isle sur la Sorgue, Orange, Pertuis. **Direct rail routes to Avignon:** Paris Gare de Lyon by TGV (2 hours 38) Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport by TGV Lille – Rennes – Nantes – Strasbourg Nice – Geneva – Brussels Amsterdam (Thalys in summer), Frankfurt, Madrid, Barcelona London by Eurostar (May to December) www.voyages-sncf.fr www.ter-sncf.com/paca T. 3635 (from a French number) – 7days a week- From 7am to 10pm

### Road links

Motorways: A7 (E714) / A9 (E15) / A51 (E712) Routes: N100 / N7 / D94 / D96 / D938 / D950 / D943 / D956 / D976 / D941 Avignon - Aix en Provence 50 mn / Marseille 1h / Arles 30 mn / Lyon 2h / Nice 2h30

Road traffic: 0 800 100 200 (From France)

### Coach stations:

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### Air links

Avignon Airport - Provence: +33 (0)4 90 81 51 51 www.avignon.aeroport.fr

Nîmes-Alès-Camargue-Cévennes Airport: +33 (0)4 66 70 49 49 (45 min from Avignon by the A7)

Marseille - Provence Airport: +33 (0)4 42 14 14 14 (60 min From Avignon by the A9) www.marseille.aeroport.Fr

### **River links**

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