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VALENCE OPENING HOURS

HIGH SEASON > May to August

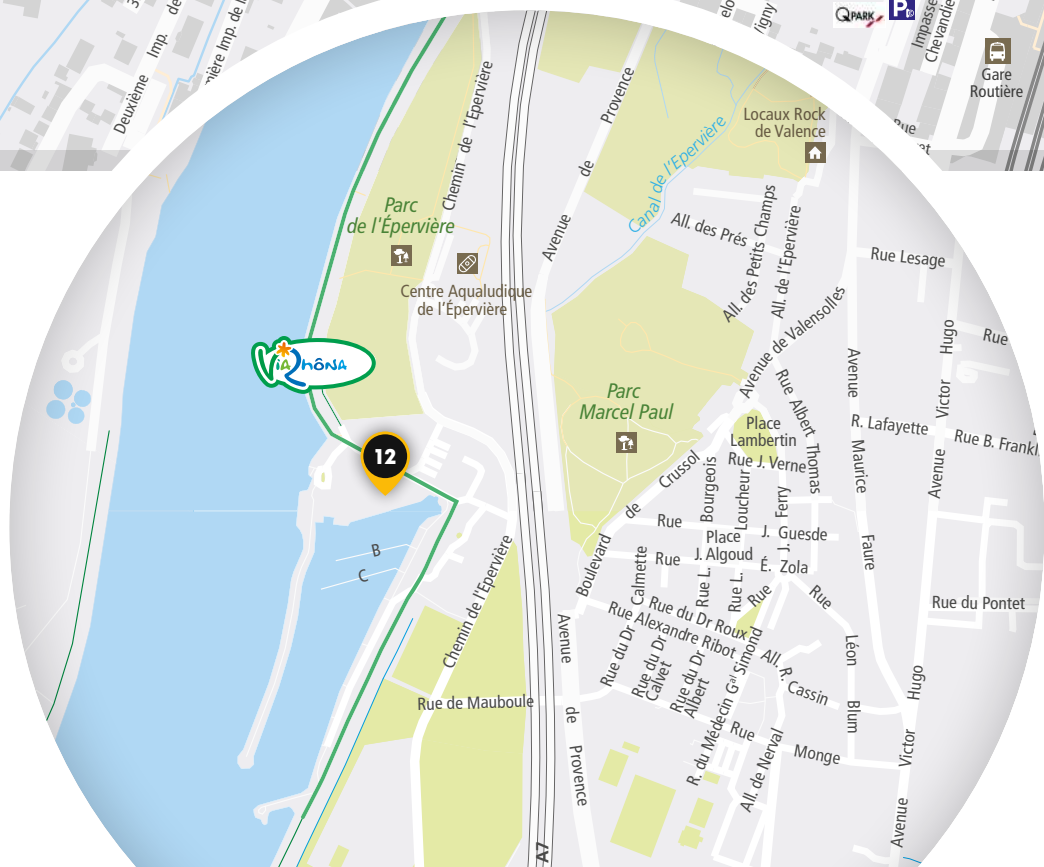
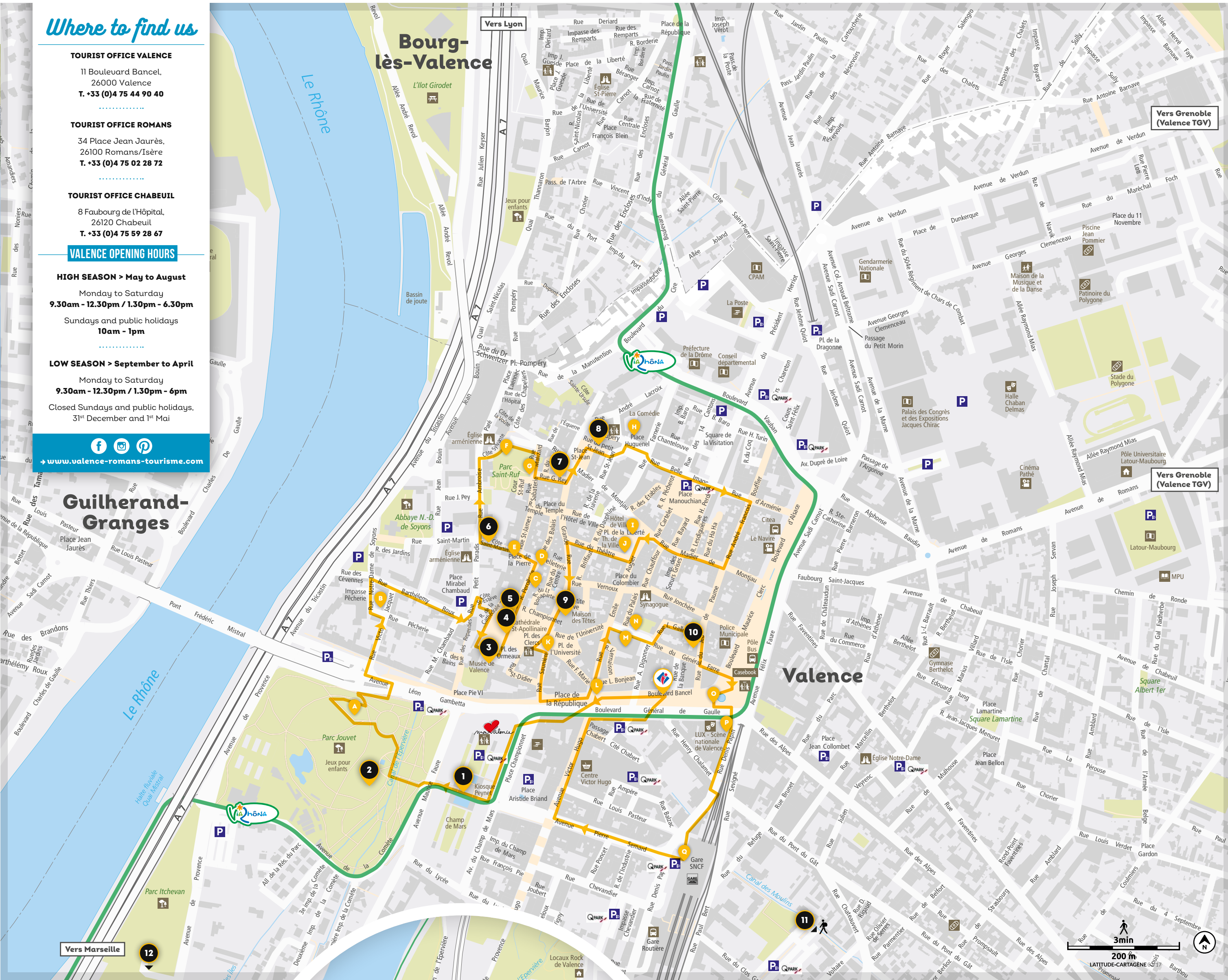
Monday to Saturday
9.30am - 12.30pm / 1.30pm - 6.30pm
Sundays and public holidays
10am - 1pm

LOW SEASON > September to April

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9.30am - 12.30pm / 1.30pm - 6pm
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an overview of local heritage

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- C MAISON DUPRE LA TOUR
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- J THÉÂTRE DE LA VILLE

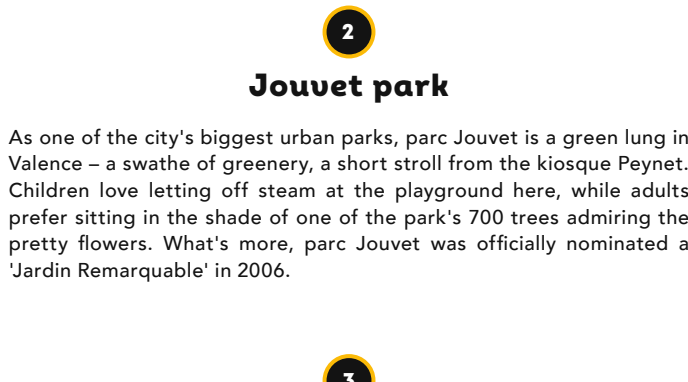
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The kiosque Peynet and Champ de Mars

This bandstand is the most famous of all the monuments in Valence. It was erected on the Champ de Mars in 1862, it was designed by Eugène Poitoux. The romantic story related to the kiosque Peynet took place in the summer of 1942 when the illustrator Raymond Peynet drew a cartoon of the romantic scene he saw there: a violinist playing in the bandstand under the admiring gazing of a lone girl. His illustration 'Les amoureux de Peynet' became famous.



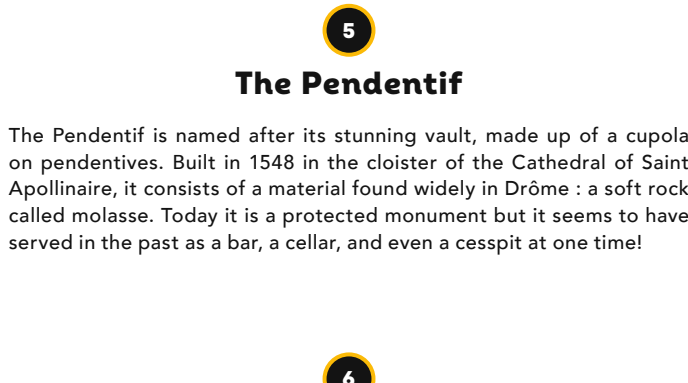
Jouvét park

As one of the city's biggest urban parks, parc Jouvét is a green lung in Valence – a swathe of greenery, a short stroll from the kiosque Peynet. Children love letting off steam at the playground here, while adults prefer sitting in the shade of one of the park's 700 trees admiring the pretty flowers. What's more, parc Jouvét was officially nominated a 'Jardin Remarquable' in 2006.



Museum of Valence, Art and Archaeology

The Musée de Valence is in the former bishop's palace in the heart of the old town. The museum boasts a simple, uncluttered design and is home to nearly 20,000 works of art and archaeology, including the outstanding collection of the artist Hubert Robert. Don't miss the unique 360-degree panorama of the Rhône Valley from the metal-and-glass rooftop belvedere. www.musee.valence.fr



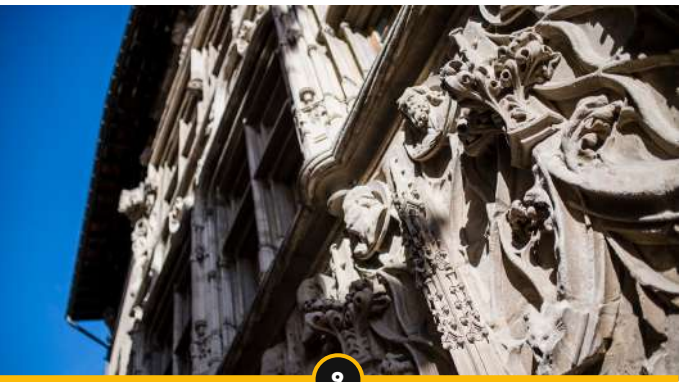
Saint-Apollinaire Cathedral

This Romanesque cathedral is one of Valence's oldest monuments. It was consecrated on 5 August 1095 by the pope whilst on his way to preach the First Crusade. An important stopping point on the pilgrimage routes, the cathedral has undergone many transformations, particularly during its rebuilding in the early 17th century following the Wars of Religion. It was listed as a Historical Monument in 1869.



Maison Mauresque (Moorish House)

In 1858, the industrialist Charles Ferlin purchased land on the corner of Grande Rue to build a very unusual-looking house. He had the façade decorated with a facing of moulded cement to create a clever effect featuring a combination of Oriental influences (such as arcs and floral decorations) and medieval references, including gargoyles.



The covered market & Saint-Jean Church

The Saint Jean district is one of the oldest parts of the city, centred on a quaint square with a lovely atmosphere. The church has a neo-Romanesque bell tower. And here you find the market hall, where weekly produce markets and occasional arts and crafts markets are held. This district is also home to a number of gourmet restaurants.



The Maison des Têtes

This intriguing monument owes its name to the many carved heads decorating its façade. Its unusual design is a sign of wealth, in the Past this house belonged to a rich consul of Valence. It marks the transition from medieval to Renaissance architecture and has a pretty internal courtyard open to the public. The carved heads on the first floor are depictions of Fortune and Time, while the ones above them represent the winds, including the famous Mistral.



The canals of Valence

Canal du Thon, canal de la Grande Marquise: these evocative names feature among the more than 17km of open-air canals around the city. They are a haven for urban plant and animal life. The canals are a highly original part of Valence's natural and historical heritage and a treasure that must be protected. A map of the canals is available at the Tourist Office.



The park, port and water park of Épervière

As the first river marina in Europe, the port of Épervière offers an exceptional setting for relaxation, just a stone's throw from the town centre – what's more, it can even be reached by the ViaRhôna. To prolong their summertime hikes, walkers can also take a break in the heart of Épervière Park, a green setting spanning seven hectares (orchard and picnic areas), or take a swim in the water park, open all year round.

take a breath at Valence Romans



The village of Montmiral

A quaint little village north of Romans, Montmiral is recognisable thanks to the imposing church of Saint Christophe with its belfry and two archetypical Romanesque apses. Nearby is the forêt de Thivolet, one of the most beautiful parts of the hilly Drôme des Collines area, the perfect place for family walks and fishing (angling lake).

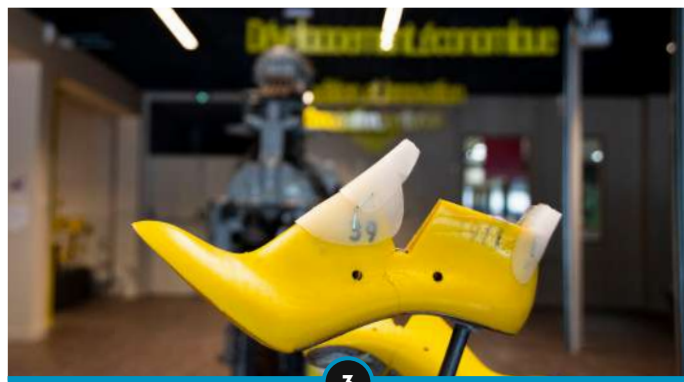
→ Map available at local Tourist Offices



The Peyrins leisure park

Acrobois Romans is the largest tree-climbing park in Drôme-Ardèche, offering up 15 multi-activity courses: giant 200m zip line, Tarzan jumps, free-fall jump, outdoor laser tag and more ... A range of outdoor activities for young and old!

→ www.facebook.com/acroboisromans



Romans' shoemaking tradition

Romans is synonymous with the footwear industry. From the late 19th century, the industry thrived to become the area's main economic activity, but since the late 1990s many shoemakers have gone out of business. Today, local companies are breathing new life into the industry, introducing some clever new ideas: Romans' shoe living museum, the Cité de la Chaussure visitor centre and a trail of ten giant shoes around the town centre.

→ Map available at local Tourist Offices



Marques Avenue

If you like to shop 'til you drop, you'll find great bargains at Marques Avenue! This outlet shopping centre opened in 1999 and features 80 shops selling off old stock at discounts of at least 30%, all year round – with up to 70% off during sale periods! There's something for everyone: clothes, footwear, lingerie, luggage, tableware and more. The centre also offers a food court, children's play area, free car park and Wi-Fi.

→ www.marquesavenue.com/romans

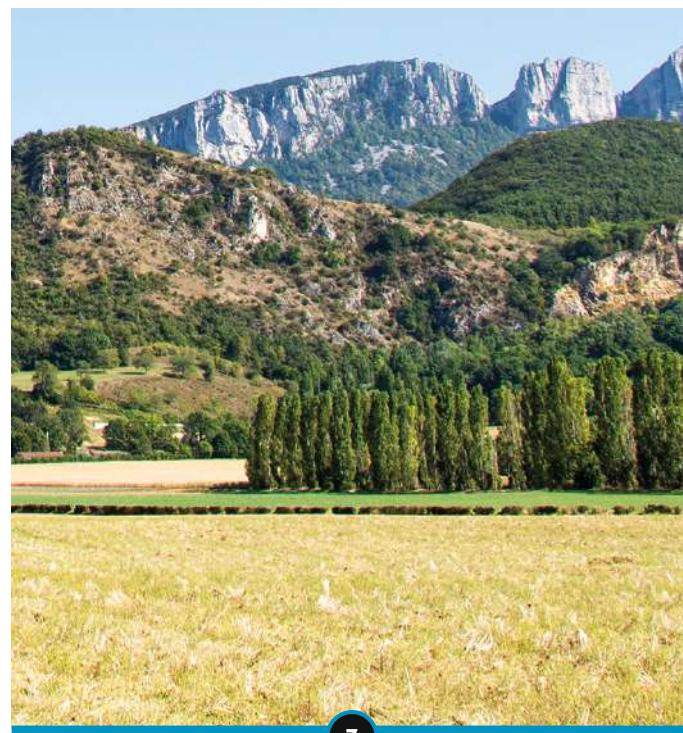


The village of Châteauneuf-sur-Isère

This lovely village is typical of the villages in this area. Châteauneuf boasts a dozen troglodyte dwellings (little cave houses dug out of the rock). There's a fabulous panorama from chapelle Saint Hugues. For nature lovers, the Véloroute cycle path which Châteauneuf is the departure and it runs through the départements of Isère, Savoie and Haute-Savoie, joining the ViaRhôna route at the other end of the River Ain.

Alixan's circular village

This village takes the form of three rings radiating out of a central point. In the village centre is the castle courtyard, where you find the church of Saint Didier. A castle once stood on top of the motte here, but all that is left today are the remains of one tower. From the esplanade you are treated to an incredible panoramic view. You reach it by climbing the ramp (still as it was in the 17th century) or the monumental steps on top of the arch.



The foothills of the Vercors

The Vercors Massif spans two départements: Drôme and Isère. There is a lot of little villages with quirky names dotting around the stunning countryside here: La Baume d'Hostun, Ourches, Beauregard-Baret, Barbières and Peyrus to name but a few. The perfect place for a lovely walk! The main activities here are hiking, biking, paragliding and rock climbing. Don't miss the view from the col des Limouches!

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Le Monde de Merlin

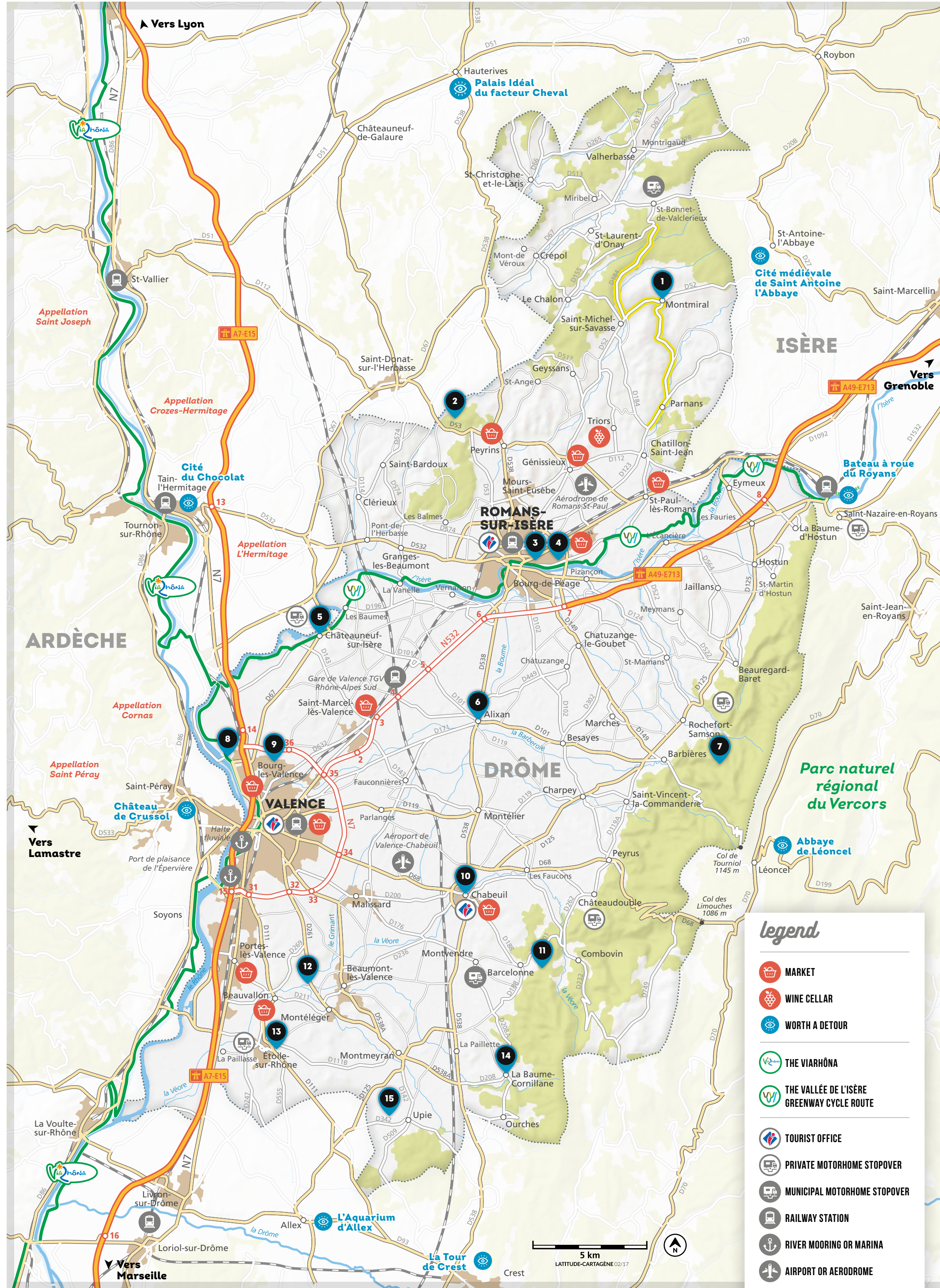
Inspired by the famous magician, this playground is dedicated to children from 0 to 14 years of age. Spanning 5,500 m² and including an impressive 3,500 m² play structure, an arboretum and a host of outdoor games, this facility is the largest of its kind in France. Karting, aquapark, virtual reality, shows: there's something for everyone!

→ www.lemondem Merlin.fr



La Cartoucherie in Bourg-lès-Valence

The Cartoucherie in Bourg-lès-Valence is a former industrial architectural complex: originally a textile factory, then a national ammunition factory, it now houses various companies dedicated to image, cinema and animation. Stroll through its gardens and admire the facade with its 150 years of history.



The village of Chabeuil

Chabeuil, half-way between Provence and the Vercors, is the perfect place to recharge your batteries! Capital of the regional meat dish caillotte, Chabeuil has a neo-Gothic town hall built in 1877, next to which stands a tower, one of the few surviving parts of the ancient town wall. The Monumental Gate, built of a local soft rock called molasse, opens onto the picturesque village streets which lead up to the Church of Saint Jean Baptiste.

→ Map available at local Tourist Offices

Barcelonne's tower

To get to this tower from the villages of Barcelonne or Combovin, all you have to do is to follow one of the dirt tracks. This is a family-friendly walk with very few ups and downs. It takes some effort to climb up the tower, but from the top you get a fabulous view of the edge of the Ardèche mountains! A little footpath leads to Chapelle Sainte Marguerite, from where there is a different view and a path back down to Combovin. This short, easy walk is a great way to get some fresh air!

Lorient's parc de Montléger

Part outdoor activities space, part nature area, the parc de Lorient covers an area of no less than 17 hectares. It's the perfect place to let off steam, have fun or relax, with the family, on your own or with friends. The Parc boasts an incredible variety of flowers, birds, butterflies and more... Don't miss the 'anima motrix', a series of stunning artworks inspired by animal habitats.

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The village of Étoile-sur-Rhône

Étoile-sur-Rhône is a charming village perched on the south of Valence, known for its narrow streets, in which a real Provençal atmosphere can be felt. This town and its rich heritage are well worth the detour: the Notre-Dame d'Étoile church (listed as a Historic Monument), the Diane de Poitiers tower and the large washhouse. We recommend climbing up to the castle park to admire the breathtaking view of the Rhône Valley.

La Baume Cornillane and the Pangée

This village is named after the nearby cave known as the grotte de la Dame, Catherine de Cornillan, after a local noble family. The legend goes that, 240 million years ago, this spot was right at the centre of the earth's single supercontinent, Pangaea. Today the spot is marked by the Pangée standing stone. Follow the footpath to explore this area with a rich history to an incredible view of the plain and to see the ruins of the castle, of which a bit more than the keep remains today.



Upie Zoo

Home to more than 215 animal species in grounds of six hectares, Upie Zoo is an endangered species breeding and conservation centre. This fun and educational attraction includes a birds of prey demonstration, parrot show, mini-farm, bird feeding, tropical glasshouse and more, all in totally natural surroundings! In 2020, a number of new species will be arrived at the zoo, including meerkats, ringtailed lemurs, porcupines and radiated tortoises.

→ www.zoopie.com



enjoy over the markets

*non-exhaustive list / Favourites

MONDAY

Valence - PL. Danton → 7.30am - 12.30pm

TUESDAY

Valence - Halles Saint-Jean
→ In summer : 5pm - 8pm / In winter : 4pm - 7pm
Montmeyran → 8am - 1pm
Chabeuil → 8am - 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Valence - PL. de la Paix → 7.30am - 12.30pm
Étoile-sur-Rhône → 8am - 12pm
Peyrins → 8am - 12.30pm
Malissard → 7.30am - 12.30pm

THURSDAY

Valence - PL. des Clercs → 8am - 12.30pm
Romans - ZAC des Méannes → 5am - 13pm
St-Marcel-lès-Valence → 4pm - 7pm

FRIDAY

Valence - Parking Faentines → 7.30am - 12.30pm
Valence - PL. Clémenceau → 7.30am - 12.30pm
Romans - PL. Maurice Faure → 6am - 1pm

SATURDAY

Valence - PL. des Clercs → 8am - 1pm
Saint-Paul-lès-Romans → 9am - 12pm
Étoile-sur-Rhône → 8am - 1pm
St-Marcel-lès-Valence → 7am - 1pm

SUNDAY

Romans - PL. Maurice Faure → 6am - 1pm
Beauvallon → 8am - 1pm
Bourg-lès-Valence → 8am - 12.30pm
Génissieux → 8am - 12pm



The ViaRhôna

This route will take you from the banks of Lake Geneva to the beaches of the Mediterranean, along the river Rhône. This 815 km long bike path, which is still being completed, leads the cyclist through alpine landscapes to the beaches of the Camargue.

→ www.viarhona.com

The Vallée de l'Isère Greenway Cycle Route

The Vallée de l'Isère Greenway Cycle Route, designed for cycling, jogging or walking, is a 42 km route that crosses the Drôme region, from Pont-de-l'Isère to Saint-Nazaire-en-Royans, and is ideal for both families and more athletic types. You'll discover a range of beautiful natural sites, landscapes and animals.

You can pick up these maps from our Tourist Offices or from :
→ www.valence-romans-tourisme.com

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