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# ■ INTRO

What do we need to know about the Drôme?

Let's start with the Drôme's geographical position, situated between the Vercors and Provence; what could be more evocative and representative of the Drôme?

This geographical position dictates the varied landscapes of the Drôme, shaped by its inhabitants who have been able to adapt to different climates and altitudes. The crops and animal husbandry are also very diverse and varied, and the movement to convert to organic production has been more sustained than elsewhere in France: **the Drôme is the number one département in France for organic production. Agrotourism and oenotourism** have developed in tune with this need and desire to get back to natural production.

This outstandingly productive area also offers **quality products** (truffles from the Tricastin, olive oil from Nyons, 'ravioles du Dauphiné', 'nougat de Montélimar', 'picodon', 'Bleu du Vercors-Sassenage', etc.) and as a result **outstanding chefs** have emerged (8 Michelin-starred chefs). Anne-Sophie Pic, with her astonishing track record, is our most famous ambassador. And accompanying these succulent meals, the wines of the Drôme do not lag far behind, with, notably, three Côtes du Rhône vintages: Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage and Vinsobres.

The Drôme, is also about those **little stone-built villages**, most of them in hill-top positions, which prove so beguiling to visitors, with their charming little streets - not forgetting the lavender fields and silvery hued olive groves. **The châteaux** of Suze-la-Rousse, Montélimar and Grignan are permanent reminders that our area has a history and a collective memory.

For lovers of the great outdoors, the **Vercors**, the **Baronnies Provençales** and the Drôme ski resorts offer a very wide range of **sporting and family products**, with maximum freedom, throughout the year. The 'Drôme outdoors' features both outdoor activities and the opportunity to explore in a more leisurely fashion, to saunter along footpaths, day after day. If you wish to traverse the Drôme from North to South, by bike, on foot or on roller blades, you can simply follow the **Rhône**, which follows the Drôme border, by using the **ViaRhôna**, a grand project which involves 3 regions and 12 départements.

The Drôme is a very accessible département which means that there can be a tendency to cross it too quickly. The Drôme tourism professionals offer you an opportunity to travel and take the time to better appreciate each tourist experience, using 'soft' means of travel, respecting the environment and making it easier to share with others. **Authentic experiences.**

The Drôme lies quite naturally at the heart of a valley which will be the talking point in 2020: **'la Vallée de la Gastronomie'**, which stretches from Dijon to Marseille along the Rhône river. Characterised by marked landscape diversity, 'terroirs' (soils/land) and excellent local produce, everything here conspires to produce **outstanding gourmet eating experiences**. Over 40 Drôme addresses already feature in the good address list which you can find on [www.valleedelagastronomie.com](http://www.valleedelagastronomie.com)

## Welcome in Drôme

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## New charming accommodation

### HÔTEL VICTORIA 4\* AT VALENCE



Since 2019, the hotel Victoria has been ready to welcome you to its new luxurious incarnation, set in the heart of the city of Valence and opposite the train station. Only the façade has been retained in a total reconstruction project concentrating

on top of the range spacious rooms. This is the ideal place to recharge your batteries after a tiring journey. You will be cocooned in the air conditioned and sound insulated rooms and suites which will guarantee the calm atmosphere you need in order to unwind. Views over the town from the 2nd floor. An ideal setting where quality services and stylish architecture combine to produce a hotel which positively conspires to give you pleasure!

12 bedrooms – from 120 € for a double room.

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### HÔTEL-RESTAURANT FAC & SPERA 4\* MAISON CHAPOUTIER AT TAIN-L'HERMITAGE



The Pavillon de l'Hermitage became, in the course of 2019, a Fac&Spera Hôtel and Spa 4\* hotel. The hotel and its annexes have been redecorated in the colours of the Maison

Chapoutier. The Marius Bistro, with a nod to Marius, the great grandfather of Michel Chapoutier, is modern, cosy and sharpens the appetite with its voluminous room giving onto the open area kitchen.

On weekday evenings, from Tuesday to Saturday (between 18h and 23h), the Dureza bar offers a wide selection of wine by the glass, whisky, gins and vodkas. Bar food available with platters of cold meats, cheeses and desserts.

The Maison Chapoutier features a quality hotel experience and encourages both business and wine tourism, with spacious rooms and modern styling.

55 room hotel with 6 suites – 8 hotel apartments. Contemporary SPA area

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### HÔTEL-RESTAURANT MANOIR LE ROURE 4\* AT CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-RHÔNE



Reopened on 25 October 2019. Following a year of renovation, modernisation and redecoration, the Manoir le Roure has acquired a new skin. This 12th and 19th century manor house now offers

7 prestigious rooms and 3 family suites as well as bistro food in the Orangery, which has rediscovered its original colours. And all this is set in 4 hectares of grounds with a swimming pool. The private SPA, a unique concept, will open in March 2020.

Set in the countryside, only 3 minutes from the Montélimar Sud motorway exit, this charming establishment is ideally situated for excursions into the heart of Drôme Provençale.

10 bedrooms 125 € for a double room.

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### HÔTEL-RESTAURANT LA REDONNIÈRE AT ROMANS-SUR-ISÈRE



The young chef, Thomas Redon, offers an unexpectedly interesting break in the centre of the town of Romans-sur-Isère. Set amidst attractive grounds, this imposing 1950s building now contains a gastronomic

restaurant and creative cuisine, giving pride of place to local produce alternating with international flavours. Upstairs 4 cosy art deco inspired rooms complete the picture.

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### CHAMBRES D'HÔTES DE CHARME AT GRIGNAN : LE DOMAINE DE L'HÉRITAGE

There are 4 comfortable rooms in different styles in this large house which benefit from the calm and serenity of the surroundings.

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## BED IN SHOP : COME AND SLEEP IN A BOUTIQUE ! AT ROMANS-SUR-ISÈRE



This latest **Bed in Shop** offer means you get to sleep in a medieval shop at the heart of the historic centre of Romans-sur-Isère, refurbished with the help of young people from la 'Sauvegarde de l'Enfance' [children's

charity]. This is a hotel apartment with a difference and a sustainable and aesthetic accommodation solution for property owners in those parts of the town which need a new image.

Already open: **La Chaumière** and **Le Bouquiniste**. **The opening of the next set of boutiques is time-tabled for Spring 2020 for La Cordonnerie and L'Apothicaire/Herboristerie.**

Unusual accommodation starting at 60 €

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## Gentle journeys

### THE CRAZY TRAIN AT TAIN-L'HERMITAGE



The little 'Train des Vignes' [vineyard train] at l'Hermitage in partnership with the Enfant Bleue company.

From July 2020, **an interactive animation featuring professional actors.** As for "le

train fou" [the crazy train], this is all about saving Franck, the mad driver, from fits of madness (he has flashbacks in space and time!). Along the way, actors will suddenly appear who will try and restore his sanity (the train will feature a number of unsolved mysteries). Some of these mysteries relate to the history of Tain. Two options exist: the 'standard' trip which will end on the heights above Tain, with a little tasting session in the company of the actors (daily around 12h), and the "off the wall" trip which will end at the Linaë aquatique centre in the swimming pool. (Thursdays at 18h).

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### GUIDE "ROULEZ BRANCHÉ EN ARDÈCHE HERMITAGE"



The most popular outdoor activity today: **the pedal assist electric bicycle.**

Road cycling routes from the 'Ardéchoise' [mass cycling event] to the

'Drôme des Collines', via the the Rhône valley and its many 'voies vertes' [green routes] such as ViaRhôna, Vallée de l'Isère. The office de Tourisme has selected the top 20 VAE [pedal assist electric bikes] routes. Fully described itineraries, ranging from 20km to 80km.

The « must have » of this very practical booklet is that the power capacity required for each route is specified and there is also practical information for visits along the way as well as picnic spots.

English version published in 2020.

**OT Ardèche-Hermitage - [www.ardeche-hermitage.com](http://www.ardeche-hermitage.com)**

## BOATING ON THE RHÔNE



### A new boat and the Bleu-Vert-Vapeur circuit

Next May the company launches its new environmentally friendly, more spacious and even closer to nature vessel which can accommodate 40

bicycles and 50 people.

5 weekends have been programmed in 2020 for the **Bleu-Vert-Vapeur circuit from Valence back to Valence**; a very original offer which combines 2 hours of navigation on the river, cycling for softies on the DolceVia, return on a steam train and cycling once again on the Viarhônga to regain Valence.

Price (not including accommodation): 38 € /per adult and 28 € /under 13.

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## THE HALTE FLUVIALE AT VALENCE



River cruise boats can now moor at Valence. The installations

inaugurated in September 2019, near the parc Jouvet, can **accommodate two cruise boats** (around 135 metres in length) at the same time. It features a metal pontoon 85 m<sup>2</sup> in area and a

number of mooring bollards. The cruise companies have been aware of these new facilities and seem very enthusiastic. Booking has been brisk.

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## SENTIER D'AVENTURE INTERACTIF : LA QUÊTE DES 3 GÉANTS



**An exploration game** » based

on the 'Palais Idéal' and the 'facteur Cheval'. « The 3 giants quest » is a charming walk which starts in the village [Hauterives], wends up to the postman's tomb and back again (2,8km), **encouraging the public to**

**extend the visitor experience of the 'palace' and increase their understanding, in a light hearted way, of this fantasy world.**

The Office de Tourisme hires out specially developed tablets which make for an enhanced game experience. Become part of the adventure by helping Alice, the descendant of Cheval the postman, respond to the challenges and solve the mysteries. Don't waste an instant; make the 'Ideal Palace' experience last a little longer!

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**The Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval: number one Drôme tourism site, with over 300 000 visitors in 2019!** The success of the film 'L'Incroyable histoire du facteur Cheval' (757 000 views), which was released in January 2019 was the main reason.

## ROMANS-SUR-ISÈRE, A MUSEUM OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM WALLS



At the end of 2019, the town of Romans inaugurated some original street furniture: eight shoes; reproductions at a monumental scale (around 2 metres high) of models conserved in the Romans museum, which punctuate a pedestrian trail across the town.

This robust artistic initiative is intended to tap into the curiosity of visitors, challenge them and encourage them to pass through the portals of the Musée International de la Chaussure.

In this way the visitor can discover the models created by both local shoe makers and well known boot makers such as: Jourdan, Clergerie, Kelian and Andrea Pfister, not forgetting Roger Vivier, André Pérugia and again Stéphane Couvé-Bonnaire.

The making of these giant models and their concrete bases was mainly contracted to local companies.

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## FÊTES NOCTURNES 2020 AT THE CHÂTEAU DE GRIGNAN

Performances of Théophile Gautier's play 'Le Capitaine Fracasse' will be specially put on for this nocturnal season of events in front of the château. The story is a 19th century cloak and dagger tale based around a young bankrupt Gascon baron. From late June to late August.

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## LES YEUX DANS L'EAU - FROM 3 TO 5 JULY 2020

### INTERNATIONAL RIVER FILM FESTIVAL

The festival features indoor and outdoor projections of fiction and documentary films geared to younger audiences. There will be lectures, round table discussions, exhibitions and other events. The Drôme river is the artery which irrigates the area, the spinal column of the Biovallée®, the signature of a unique region, resolutely tuned towards the outside world. What better location to celebrate rivers than in the Drôme valley? and what better way to both dream and think than through the medium of images?

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## 10TH OPEN CANOË FESTIVAL IN THE DRÔME VALLEY



The first European touring canoe rendez-vous will be held on the river Drôme from 30 April to 3 May 2020. Each year the event brings together over 600 participants from 12 different countries.

**Outdoor&Cie - Paul Villecourt**

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## CHAI VINICOLE (WINERY) OF THE MAISON DELAS FRÈRES AT TAIN-L'HERMITAGE



The new setting for the Maison Delas lies at the heart of the town of Tain, only a stone's throw from the renowned vineyards. Three buildings, two of them new, shelter, respectively, the winery and the

sales outlet; the third being a gentleman's residence dating to the 19th century, refurbished to welcome both customers and business partners of the firm. The facade of the winery, 80 metres long and 7 metres high is simply spectacular! Come and discover the new wine tourism products.

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## THE VERCORS DISTILLERY : SÉQUOÏA, WHISKY PRODUCED IN THE DRÔME



The 'Distillerie du Vercors' had already begun garnering medals from around the world from the moment the first whiskies were bottled: the Séquoia Pur Malt tourbé and Séquoia Pur Malt 1st impression

have not yet finished exciting the connoisseurs! These two organic single malt whiskies are distilled at only 50°C, thanks to modifying the pressure in the stills. This method pioneered by Eric Cordelle makes for a finer and more rounded product.

Visits to the distillery and tasting workshops. Quality Tourism Label.

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## DANI LARY'S MAGICAL WORKSHOPS AT BARBIÈRES



This is a strange place, unique in Europe, dedicated to dreaming and magic.

The former village silk making mill has been transformed into a 5 000 m<sup>2</sup> auditorium, now re-baptised as "Les Ateliers

Magiques" by Dani Lary, master of magic. This is where Dani puts on his Spectacles de Grandes Illusions, and also offers Journées Délices Magiques (including visits to the workshops and meals as an accompaniment to the performance).

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# IDENTITY CARD OF THE DRÔME



## DRÔME DES COLLINES



North of the Drôme valley, there exists another Drôme, greener and more secretive. Its gentle folds extend from the Slopes of the Bas-Dauphiné and the Vercors to the river valleys of the Rhone and the Isère, where its frontiers lie. The Drôme des Collines is a land mantled with forests, orchards and vineyards, ensuring a gentle transition between mountain and plain, the Alps and Provence. You can visit the Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval, pass through the Tain-l'Hermitage vineyards and discover the shoe-making centre of Romans.

## ROYANS - VERCORS



The Vercors is an unforgettable setting which never fails to entrance the visitor: cliff-hanging roads, grandiose panoramas, and underground rivers and caves systems. The Vercors Regional Park offers vast expanses for summer outdoor activities and, in the winter, all now sports. Proud of its heritage, the Vercors maintains the memory of its heroic past during World War II and invites the visitor to follow the paths of freedom.

## The Drôme: the 5 lands

Some places, just like some people, do not reveal themselves in their true colours immediately but require closer acquaintance to be appreciated. The Drôme lies at the crossroads of the main roads of Europe, it also forms the Southern limit of the Rhône-Alpes area and displays considerable contrasts, in light and shade, history and interests. The Drôme unfolds between the Rhone and the Vercors, at the gates of Provence, the latter is reached at the level of Valence, where you will notice a slight change in accent, sunshine and fragrance. The earth here is rich, overflowing with sunshine.

### PLAINE DE VALENCE



Situated on the principal European North-South route, Valence is both a place to break a journey and enjoy a longer stay. The old town with its pedestrianised shopping streets, its shady squares fringed with tempting terraces and its attractive facades in pastel colours, has maintained the charm of the past in the centre of a town resolutely facing the future. Within easy reach of the Vercors via Chabeuil, Peyrus and the col des Limouches, Valence is also a point of departure for excursions.

### VALLÉE DE LA DRÔME - DIOIS



sculptors.

Set between Vercors and Provence, the Drôme valley forms a deep and green trench. Its nourishing soil brings forth treasures which will satisfy all gourmets: picodon, croquants, the renowned Clairette, aromatic plants. Lavender is grown on the mountain sides in the heart of the Diois. Steeped in artistic and cultural inspiration, a number of creative spirits have established themselves here: potters, glass blowers, artists, writers and

### DRÔME PROVENCALE



Marked by the seal of the olive tree and the wine, Drôme Provençale opens its "guarrigues" to the tinkling of the bells of flocks of sheep and goats. From Montélimar to Dieulefit, from the Tricastin to the Baronnies, the area presents an aromatic bouquet of thyme and lavender, cypresses and holm oak; the extraordinary mosaic of fields testifies to its southern influence. With its secretive mountains under a sky that is always blue, Drôme Provençale will surely entice you.



## The main towns

### TAIN-L'HERMITAGE / DRÔME DES COLLINES



The prestigious vineyards of Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage are spread out across the sunny slopes above the town of Tain-l'Hermitage. The many wine cellars of the town provide ample opportunities to taste the wines and compete with each other in imaginative wine tourism attractions. However, it is not only wine that draws in the visitor. The parties who have freshly disembarked from the river cruise boats which ply the Rhône can also engage in a tasting and

sensorial experience at the **Cité du Chocolat Valrhona**, ideally situated on **the mythical N7 highway** which traverses the town.

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St-Bonnet de Valclérieux en Drôme des collines

### Note

The 'NOTRe' legislation devolves new areas of competence to the regions and clearly redefines the areas of competence of each local government area. Since 1 January 2017, the 12 'intercommunalités' of the Drôme have been competent to deliver Tourism management and have amalgamated their Offices de Tourisme in order to retain only one per local government area. Here they are, from the North to the South of the Drôme.

### HAUTERIVES / DRÔME DES COLLINES



At the heart of Drôme des Collines, Hauterives can congratulate itself on the welcome it gives to visitors from the all over the world who have come to admire an edifice which is quite unique of its kind: **the Palais Idéal du facteur Cheval**. This architectural masterpiece or raw art (the work of just one man between 1879 and 1912) was listed as a historic monument in 1969 by André Malraux. The lighting up of the phantasmagorical shapes of the 'palace' charmed all the performers and audiences of the summer concerts organised on the site.

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### ROMANS / DRÔME DES COLLINES



This footwear centre attracts visitors with its **Musée International de la Chaussure** housed in the former couvent de la Visitation, a superb building now sensitively converted. You can admire the creations of the greatest shoe makers. This is a unique place where over 13,000 items are conserved in collections. At Romans, the factory shops of the luxury shoe trade cater for a larger and ever more knowledgeable clientele. Allow yourself to drift into the heart of the **old town**: collégiale St

Barnard, Rue de l'Armillerie, l'escalier Josaphat, la place aux Herbes, le calvaire des Récollets. Musical productions in the old town are all part of the charm of August. Musical thursdays, Place de l'Horloge, feature free concerts. On these occasions there is a warm and festive mood beneath the Jacquemart

**and**

### VALENCE / PLAINE DE VALENCE



The town is situated on the main North-South route, ideal for breaking a journey. It is also the Prefecture, the country town. The old town with its pedestrianised shopping streets opens on to shady terraces. Here there is a festive spirit abroad in the evenings. Don't miss the Maison des Têtes and the Maison Dupré Latour dating to the 16th century. St Apollinaire's cathedral with its polychrome decoration can be visited. Idle in the Parc Jouvet or cruise on the **Rhône from the Epervière**.

**December 2013, reopening after total renovation of the**

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## LA CHAPELLE-EN-VERCORS / ROYANS - VERCORS



Built on small eminence, some way from its encircling ring of mountains, this village presents some of the traits of a southern village with its precociously warm shades, its facades and roofs. Its geographical position, in the central part of the massif and the heartland of the

Vercors has made it both an important historic and touristic cross-roads, as well as the local district centre (canton). Bombed and burned in July 1944, La Chapelle was comprehensively rebuilt from 1948 onwards. The main route of access in the **spectacular Route des Goulets** which follows the deep Vernaison Valley. The Draye Blanche cave, on the road leading to Vassieux unveils stalactites, curiously draped stones and 15 metre high petrified waterfalls to the visitor.

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## DIE / PAYS DIOIS



Historically, Die played an important role in the Roman period, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, as the Porte St-Marcel, Cathédrale Notre Dame, Chapelle St-Nicolas and Abbaye de Valcroissant all bear witness. Renaissance, Protestantism and resistance have all left their mark on the town. For the visitor, Die

provides a rendezvous with local produce with its sparkling and fruity Clairette. The vineyards cover 1,500 hectares of **AOP Clairette de Die vineyard**, divided between 30 villages. Clairette de Die is a tradition waiting to be discovered! [www.clairette-de-die.com](http://www.clairette-de-die.com)

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## CREST / VALLÉE DE LA DRÔME



The town of Crest is mainly famous for its Tower, the highest keep in France (52 meters). The tower began life as a castle in the late 13 century and subsequently became a fortress and a prison between the 15 and 19 centuries. However, in summer, guided tours are also

organised to explore the old town and its past, including the Cordeliers chapel and Stairs, the Montségur Gate, the picturesque streets of the Cuiretteries. Crest also hosts the nationally recognised **Vocal Jazz Festival each summer**.

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## SAOÛ / VALLÉE DE LA DRÔME



Dominated by its huge rock outcrop, 'le Roc', and surrounded by the cliffs which make it one of the key climbing sites in the Drôme, the village of Saoû enchants visitors with its medieval streets, the belfry of Saint-Tiers abbey and its little canals.

**An internationally known festival**

"Saoû sings Mozart", many events (Fête du Picodon, Foire aux Fruits d'Hiver, etc.), and the presence of a number craftsmen and women bear witness to its dynamic life style.

**Saoû** marks the entrance to one of **the most well-known forests in the Drôme**, renowned for its syncline, one of the finest in Europe and a veritable paradise for walkers and lovers of nature.

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*Flore alpine du Haut Diois*



## DIEULEFIT / DRÔME PROVENÇALE



Classed as a 'station touristique', Dieulefit enjoys both a well conserved natural environment and interesting heritage, **a pottery tradition which has made it famous**, and climatic conditions which have encouraged the establishment of health centres

specialising in chest and cardio-vascular treatment. During the Second World War, the town protected a number of refugees and still attracts many artists and intellectuals. La **Maison de la Céramique** outlines the history of the clay deposits worked since the Gallo-Roman period right up to a portrait of the 46 potters working today in the 'Pays de Dieulefit et Bourdeaux'.

A guided tour of the Viale will lead you through the narrow streets of the village, to take you back in time.

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## MONTELMAR / DRÔME PROVENÇALE



With its **Allées Provençales** where you can pass the time of day on a terrace, the **nougat capital** draws in the tourist. Walk the pedestrianised area of the old town: Maison Diane de Poitiers, Hôtel du Puy Montbrun, Hôtel de Chabrilan, Collégiale Ste Croix, Porte St Martin. The Château

des Adhémar, nucleus of the old town, provides the setting each year for exhibitions of renown. The Musée de la Miniature provides all the interest to be found in the prodigiously small. At St Martin a newly created and refurbished, space, Montélimar now completely boasts a very contemporary look. In this new quarter, symbol of the quality of life in Drôme Provençale. You'll be seduced by the landscaping, the walls of water, the relaxing canals. A veritable aromatic garden now provides a fitting place for a bucolic walk and adjoins the Tourism Office and The Saint Martin Contemporary Art Museum.

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Oliveraie à Buis-Les-Baronnies

## GRIGNAN / DRÔME PROVENÇALE



Dominated by its château which was made famous by the marquise de Sévigné, Grignan is a concentrated essay in lifestyle: 'chambres d'hôtes de charme' or manor houses, starred chefs and other gourmet addresses, fine wines (AOP Grignan-les-Adhémar), Colophon - the workshop cum museum

of books and typography for lovers of literature and writing. Following In the footsteps of the Marquise, you can walk through the narrow streets which blossom with traditional roses, try the doors of the old stone houses and appreciate a moment of freshness around the 'lavoir' (washing fountain).

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## PIERRELATTE / DRÔME PROVENÇALE



The legend ascribes the presence of the rock dominating the town to Gargantua, the result of a stone removed from his boot and thrown down at that spot. **Situated on the N7** highway, on the southern edge of the Drôme, Pierrelatte is content to ally high technology (nuclear power

station site and the Ellipsó simulated driving centre) with a precious craft tradition (blacksmithing). **The most popular tourist destination in the Drôme, la Ferme aux Crocodiles** is also situated at Pierrelatte and attracts nearly 300,000 visitors a year.

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## NYONS / DRÔME PROVENÇALE



This old medieval town with its Quartier des Halles, forts and centre invites discovery. Visit the Musée Archéologique, Musée de l'Olivier, Moulins à Huile and Jardin Botanique. A spa town, Nyons is also famous for its olive trees and olive oil, and satisfies the most

demanding palate. Honey, picodon and lavender are also local specialties. The Olivades are joyous occasions in July without forgetting the Alicoque, welcoming in the new oil in February.

**Press contact: Johana Jardin**

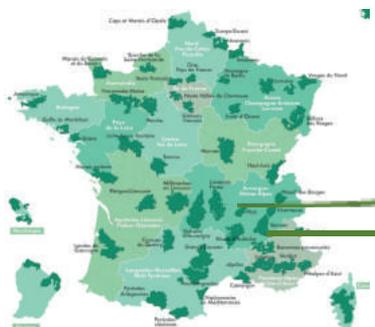
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# The two regional parks



## PARC NATUREL REGIONAL DES BARONNIES PROVENÇALES



On 8 December 2014, at Vinsobres, at the heart of Drôme Provençale, the French minister of the Environment signed a decree inaugurating the **Parc naturel régional des Baronnies provençales**, protected landscape, the 51<sup>st</sup> in France. Astride South Drôme and the Hautes-Alpes, the Park covers **98 communes**, **65** of which are in the Drôme. This

outstanding area is part of the 'Préalpes', which benefits from both Mediterranean and Alpine influences, and from remarkable biodiversity and landscapes.

Shaped by centuries of farming practices, the landscapes and people of the Baronnies provençales enjoy a shared past. This is why **lavender, mountains and fields** figure on the park logo.

**Nature:** 2 000 plant species and 203 animal species protected at either national or regional level (including 54 species of common interest such as vultures).

**Worth noting:** the Baronnies provençales are amongst the clearest regions in both France and Europe regarding freedom from light pollution. Far from major built-up areas, the night sky of the Park boasts an exceptional depth and clarity.

**Violaine Gudín - press officer**

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Vallée de l'Ennuyé - Baronnies provençales

## PARC NATUREL REGIONAL DU VERCORS



**The Parc naturel régional du Vercors**

is a huge natural playground, first designated 45 years ago. It covers 85 communes, 37 of which are in the Drôme (the others are in the Isère). The park is divided into 8 natural areas, which include the Vercors Drômois, the Royans Drôme, the Gervanne and

the Diois. As regards sporting opportunities, there are over 3,000 potholing sites (caves, chasms and sinks - 'scialets') to indulge cavers. The GTV trails (Grandes Traversées du Vercors) are open all year round on foot, horseback, with donkeys, on mountain-bikes, on snow racquets or cross-country skis.

**The natural element: Rich in fauna and flora.** On the high slopes, ibex, marmots and black grouse disport themselves under the watchful eye of black grouse, European eagle owls (Grand-Duc) and royal eagles. This is fauna of great diversity: 65 mammal species, 135 species of nesting birds, 17 reptile and amphibian, not forgetting the rich and abundant Vercors flora which includes 85 protected species.

**Worthy of note:** the high plateaux (17 000 hectares) are the largest nature reserve in metropolitan France. An ideal area for both grazing animals and walking.

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Troupeaux à Vassieux-en-Vercors



# The Drôme in a few figures

## Tourism figures

- 8,1 million** accommodation nights
- 37<sup>th</sup> place** in the department league table for french visitors
- 429 million €** spent by tourists
- 7 300** permanent jobs in tourism

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Highest point:** le Rocher Rond à 2 456 m

**Area:** 6 561 km<sup>2</sup>

**Density:** 74 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup>

**Communes:** 364

**Population:** 508 006 inhabitants\*

**Main towns:**

Valence (64 322 inhab.)\*

Montélimar (39 924 inhab.)\*

Romans (34 095 inhab.)\*

Nyons (6 995 inhab.)\*

Die (4 836 inhab.)\*

*\*Source recensement de la population INSEE (population totale en vigueur au 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2018).*

## ACCOMMODATION

**175** listed and non listed hotels

**173** approved and non approved camp-sites

**6** farm camp-sites

**25** farm camp-sites

**25** natural camp-sites

**1 195** approved seasonal rentals: included 760 approved Gîtes de France and 116 approved Clévacances

**238** approved rooms and tables d'hôtes\*:

Included 82 approved Gîtes de France, 7 approved Clévacances and 134 approved Tourist Office

Source: Drome Tourist Board

Observatory. 2018 figures.

\*The number of establishments and not of rooms is considered.

The department owes its name to the river Drôme (the Roman Druma), which rises in the department and traverses it from one side to the other, from East to West, thus creating a natural frontier between the northern and southern halves of the département.

Situated on the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel and containing some mountainous terrain, one can quickly pass from 2,400 m to 60 m high (Pierrelatte). The Drôme enjoys a range of different climates, producing considerable diversity in fauna and flora.

Note that there is an island belonging to the Vaucluse in the South of the Drôme, commonly known as the "Enclave des Papes" or Valréas.

## VISITORS

### 67% are French:

27% from Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, 19% Paris area, 12% PACA, 6% Occitanie.

### 33% are foreigners :

46% from the Netherlands, 18% Belgium, 11% Germany, 6% Great-Britain and Switzerland.

## TOP 5 OF DROME TOURIST ATTRACTIONS (NUMBER OF VISITORS)

**La Ferme aux crocodiles**

at Pierrelatte: 268 000

**Palais idéal du facteur Cheval**

at Hauterives: 169 000

**Palais des bonbons et du nougat** at Montélimar: 145 000

**Le château de Grignan:** 143 000

**La Cité du chocolat** at Tain-l'Hermitage: 129 000

## Do you know?

**Ferrassières is the most southern village in the Rhône-Alpes region.**

**The smallest village in the Drôme only has 1 inhabitant but is still a charming place for all that: Rochefourchat, in Drôme Provençale.**



# THE DRÔME IS GOOD FOR YOU



## From organic produce to well-being

### From organic produce to well-being

The leading French département for organic produce, the Drôme is noteworthy for being a world leader in PPAM (perfumed, aromatic and medical plants). You will find these plants in well-being establishments, mainly used in the form of essential oils, floral water or organic cosmetics.

As you may have gathered, the Drôme is a feel good place where you can recharge your batteries, enjoy the climate, visit the spa village of Montbrun-les-Bains and, as an extra, enjoy an essential lavender oil massage - organic of course.

### THERMAL RESORT AT MONTBRUN-LES-BAINS - VALVITAL

An exceptional environment amidst lavender fields and Provençal vegetation, at the foot of the hilltop village of Montbrun-les-Bains, listed as one of the most attractive villages of France, whose thermal waters have relieved rheumatism and chest complaints since Roman times.

The thermal spa offers you its 'Aqua-détente' facility, including thermal baths, hammam, sauna, panoramic terrace featuring two outdoor jacuzzis and solariums, group sports, relaxation, and aqua gym coaching.

The spa, in the course of its most recent renovation has made full use of environmentally friendly materials (HQE standards) and can now capture the calories from the water outflow to heat the air. Further work is currently in progress.

2 half days, the 'Escapade bien-être Détox' package at 181 € (2019 price). 2020 season : March 9 to November 14.

**Domaine thermal Valvital de Montbrun-les-Bains** - Frédéric Prades - Tel. 04 75 28 80 75

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## OUR 'CHARM' ACCOMMODATION WHICH INCLUDE A SPA

### LE CHÂTEAU LES OLIVIERS DE SALETTES



At the end of a country track there lies a superb chateau where silence rules. Around and about are only mountains, lavender fields and olive orchards. The Château les Oliviers de Salettes offers 23 rooms and

a gourmet restaurant.

**The well-being centre**, installed in the former wine-making cellars features 2 treatment rooms, a sauna, a hammam, an outdoor jacuzzi, a relaxing Zen garden and an attractive fitness room. A cocooned destination for a moment of relaxation in the hands of experts and practitioners.

**Hôtel-restaurant Château les Oliviers de Salettes at Charols**

Dominique Berger (Mme) et Robin Leyssens

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### LE MAS DE LA ROCHE



Once you have passed through the porch, you find yourself in a calm courtyard; loungers await you in the shade of a fig tree. There are 3 bedrooms and a suite in this former silk mill.

Well-being area in the

natural setting of a vaulted cellar. Spa (jacuzzi, sauna) and hammam.

Sophro-Bien-être holidays

**Maison d'Hôtes - Le Mas de la Roche at Montbrison-sur-Lez**

Michèle et Pierre Mezin

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## LA FERME FORTIA



6 'gîtes de charme', 6 Saharan lodges, Django's cabin in the wild setting of the Baronnies. Outside swimming pool and **outstanding views**, with a well-being are to round off these moments of

contentment: Zen ambience, 30° temperature, winter come summer. Oriental hammam, in marble, 5 place jacuzzi, interior swimming pool with swimming against the current facility, not forgetting essential oil massages for complete relaxation.

**La Ferme Fortia at Montréal-les-Sources** - Christian Jévaudan

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## CHÂTEAU DE MONTFROC



This 13th century castle and former agricultural estate (with sheep barn, stables and remarkable seigneurial pigeon loft), today offers 3 chambres d'hôtes and 2 high standard gîtes, in the

heart of the Baronnies provençales, at the extreme South-Eastern point of the Drôme on its frontier with the Hautes-Alpes and the Alpes de Haute Provence. Spa with Jacuzzi and sauna.

**Château de Montfroc at Montfroc**

Elena et Olivier Caillard Marconi

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## MANOIR LE ROURE



Reopened on 25 October 2019. Following a year of renovation, modernisation and redecoration, the Manoir le Roure has acquired a new skin. This 12th and 19th century

manor house now offers 7 prestigious rooms and 3 family suites as well as bistro food in the Orangery, which has rediscovered its original colours. And all this is set in 4 hectares of grounds with a swimming pool. The private SPA, a unique concept, will open in March 2020.

Set in the countryside, only 3 minutes from the Montélimar Sud motorway exit, this charming establishment is ideally situated for excursions into the heart of Drôme Provençale.

10 rooms at 125 € for a double room..

**Hôtel Manoir le Roure\*\*\*\* - restaurant at Châteauneuf-du-Rhône**

Thierry LOUIS

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## FAC&SPERA HÔTEL ET SPA 4\*



The Pavillon de l'Hermitage became, in the course of 2019, a Fac&Spera Hôtel and Spa 4\* hotel. The hotel and its annexes have been redecorated in the colours of the Maison Chapoutier. The

Marius Bistro, with a nod to Marius, the great grandfather of Michel Chapoutier, is modern, cosy and sharpens the appetite with its voluminous room giving onto the open area kitchen.

On weekday evenings, from Tuesday to Saturday (between 18h and 23h), the Dureza bar offers a wide selection of wine by the glass, whisky, gins and vodkas. Bar food available with platters of cold meats, cheeses and desserts.

The Maison Chapoutier features a quality hotel experience and encourages both business and wine tourism, with spacious rooms and modern styling.

55 room hotel with 6 suites - 8 hotel apartments.

Contemporary SPA area

**Fac&Spera Hôtel and spa 4\* at Tain-L'Hermitage**

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## HOLIDAY IDEA

**Take time out... and discover, in a natural setting, how close traditional medicine is to hand!**

The course is held in the Haut-Diois, an outstanding area in terms of its medicinal biodiversity, due to its position as a frontier between Mediterranean and Continental climates. Hence you will find both dry climate plants (lavender, thyme, rosemary and juniper) and plants from damper climes (horsetail, mint, stinging nettles and cow parsnip). There could hardly be a richer and more varied site for collecting herbalists!

The learning experience takes place through several steps: identification of wild, edible and medicinal plants in the natural setting; plant gathering (in the appropriate harvesting period but also taking into account the time of day, the weather, the tools and the parts of the plant to be picked). This is followed by basic plant therapy and natural medicine before moving on to creating natural remedies based on medicinal plants (herbal teas, infusions, capsules, tinctures, macerations). 200 € for 3 days, accommodation not included.

**FloréMons - connaître et partager la nature at Boulc**

Gregori Lemoine, Ethnobotaniste

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## TAKE SOME TIME OUT IN THE GREENERY

### ERIK BORJA'S ZEN GARDEN AT BEAUMONT MONTEUX



The holder of a fine arts diploma from Algiers, Erik Borja began his career by exhibiting mirror sculptures before creating Zen inspired Japanese gardens. His finest pieces are in the Drôme where the artist invites us to

discover his remarkable gardens dedicated to nature and the quest for harmony and serenity.

The stroll begins with Japanese gardens: **the Garden of Meditation** and its famous raking techniques which are reminiscent of waves around an island. Beyond you will find yourselves in the **Tea garden** where in Japan the « Chanoyu » or « tea ceremony » is traditionally celebrated. Further to the South **the Promenade garden** opens up around two ponds fed by lively waterfalls. Two **Mediterranean gardens** follow, situated on the south side of the hill and the orchard/kitchen garden. On the banks of the Herbase stream, the arboretum and bamboo area can also be found.

The garden is classed as a « Jardin Remarquable »

**Le Jardin Zen d'Erik Borja at Beaumont-Montoux**

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### SANOFLORE BOTANICAL GARDEN AT GIGORS ET LOZERON.

This is a veritable natural laboratory at the heart of the Vercors Region Natural Park (PNR). The garden features a living collection of 350 aromatic and medicinal plants.

[https://www.sanoflore.fr/resources/fr/pdf/Fiche\\_visite\\_jardin\\_botanique.pdf](https://www.sanoflore.fr/resources/fr/pdf/Fiche_visite_jardin_botanique.pdf) - Tel. +33(0)4 75 76 46 60

## FASTING, DETOXIFICATION AND WALKING: A JOURNEY TOWARDS ONESELF, TO LIVE BETTER

### FASTING AND WALKING

*Pioneers and founders of fasting and walking in France, Gertrud and Gisbert BOLLING have organised courses since 1990.*

The courses always start on a Saturday throughout the year, at Léoux in Drôme Provençale in an outstanding setting. These week-long Buchinger type courses in dietary fasting (water, herbal teas, filtered bouillons and diluted fruit juice) are organised in conjunction with walking in a natural environment as a principal activity.

From 400 € per week. Accommodation is extra.

**Jeûne et Randonnée Bölling at Léoux (Villeperdrix)**

Bölling Family

Tel. +33 (0)6 33 16 66 88 - [www.jeune-et-randonnee.com/](http://www.jeune-et-randonnee.com/)

**The + point:** 'The Spa of the Terraces' - 10 minutes by car. Open two nights a week from 19h30 to 22h30. **The spa under the stars!** Tel. 06 38 45 40 90.

### THE MONASTERY GARDENS AT STE-CROIX



The former monastery at Ste Croix is surrounded by extensive terraced parkland. You will find an arboretum (with way-marked botanical path), a Monk's Garden and an ethnobotanical garden, which features aromatic and

medicinal collections. The production and harvesting of medicinal and aromatic plants are a serious business in the Quint valley, of which the monastery forms the entry point.

**The garden is made up of a collection of some 300 medicinal, food and commercially grown plants** and is a

good place for walks and visits. Access is free at all times.

The garden is complemented by a permanent aromatic exhibition at the monastery.

The former monastery is today an international conference centre for groups.

**L'Ancien Monastère at Ste-Croix** - [www.le-monastere.org](http://www.le-monastere.org)

Contact pour visite guidée du jardin: Lise-May Viment

Les Fleurs de May 06 71 83 98 14

### 'HERBES À LA FRANÇAISE' GARDEN AT LA GARDE-ADHÉMAR

Occupying a terraced site overlooking the Rhône Valley at the heart of one of the prettiest villages in France, this garden features a collection of over 200 medicinal and pleasure plants awarded the prestigious « Jardin Remarquable » label.

Guided garden visits:

**Danielle ARCUCCI**

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### WILD THINKING: FASTING AND WALKING

Situated on the outer fringe of the natural ramparts of the Vercors, at the heart of a village surrounded by greenery and hanging onto the side of a mountain, at 700 metres altitude, the 'Pensée Sauvage' centre enjoys an outstanding setting; a perfect harmony existing between its parkland set with ancient trees and a plunging view over the surrounding valleys. 4 kinds of detoxification courses, 1 400 €/per person 7 days/ 6 nights.

**Centre La Pensée Sauvage at Plan de Baix**

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### L'AMANDIER

For the last 15 years Dominique and Pierre offer fasting and walking stays in a charming hamlet with a view over the outer ramparts of the Vercors, a setting very conducive to meditation. 7 day stay from 760 €, with accommodation extra (from 250 € for 6 nights).

**L'Amandier at Gigors et Lozeron**

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# ORGANIC DRÔME



## Organic Drôme

The Drôme is the number one département in France for organic production and offers a wide range of produce: agriculture, viticulture, cosmetics, etc. The Drôme is also the world leader in the production and the processing of perfumed, aromatic and medicinal plants (the PPAM).

**Organic production in the Drôme in a few figures:** (from Agence Bio- 2018)

### **WITH OTHER PEOPLE FORMULAE WHICH ACT ON THE BODY AND THEIR SPIRIT!**

- Organic production in the département reached **26 % of the SAU** [total agricultural area] (whereas the French average is **6.5%**). There are **1267 farms and 41 475 certified organic hectares**, 287 transformers and **93** specialised retail outlets.  
- **1633 hectares of organic fruit**, or 6% of French production.  
- **World leader in the production of perfumed, aromatic and medicinal plants.** The département boasts 5 organic cosmetic firms. The PPAM network accounts for 90% of regional production.

The « **Manger Bien, manger Bio** » operation involves 75% of state secondary schools. In 2012, following on from the 2008 'Grenelle de l'Environnement' [law], the **50% organic products** served in public canteens target was met !

#### **READY TO GO**

■ **ORGANIC PRODUCE, TERROIR AND WELL-BEING; your week-end in the pays de Dieulefit.**

**Join the butterfly dance...**

Look after the natural kingdom as well as you look after yourselves, such is the motto of Karine and Gérard. They will welcome you to their Ecosite, the Danse des Papillons; four hectares of fresh air planted with mature oak trees, a meadow and a river. They will spoil you with their tasty organic breakfasts served, as was your dinner on arrival, 'table d'hôte'. Karine will remove all your tensions and tight spots through her 'well-being' massages. You are at the heart of Picodon country; meet the passionate cheese producers at the Pracoutel goat farm at Vesc. Complete your organic gourmet tour with a visit and tasting session at the Serre des Vignes family estate.

Accommodation in chambre d'hôtes (**La Danse des papillons**) with organic breakfasts, 1 local produce dinner in 'table d'hôtes', 1 picodon themed restaurant meal, 1 'well-being' massage, visit and tasting session to a wine cellar and goat farm visit.

**La Danse des Papillons - Karine NIVON**

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### **LA CHEVRE QUI SAOURIT (A GOAT FROM SAOU)**

A building typical of the Drôme, boasting comfortable and convivial accommodation, next to a working farm offering delicious local produce: this is the recipe that Inès and Daniel wish to share with their guests.

Two gîtes and a chambre d'hôtes ('Eco-hébergeurs' of the BioVallée). Learn about the farm, AOP organic picodon (goat's cheese).

**The + point:** Inès, who is also a mountain guide, can take you on a day or half-day hike and Jojo, the farm donkey, can come too.

**La Chèvre qui Saourit - Inès de Rancourt et Daniel Gilles**

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### **GUIDE TO ORGANIC EATING IN THE DROME**

No less than 150 addresses feature in this guide, produced for consumers and tourists, but also for all local people in the Drôme who wish to know the organic farms of the département better and stock up on local organic produce.

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#### ■ **BOHEMIAN WEEKEND: SLEEP IN A GYPSY CARAVAN** **From 190 €/2 nights 2 pers.**

Eric and Marie-Claire are organic farmers. On their mid-altitude mountain farm they rear lambs and produce cordials made from plants and wheat. You can enjoy excursions within the farm itself, wider expeditions to Saou forest or you can participate in courses run by Marie-Claire: **working felted wool, making plant cordials and flower jelly; or you can learn how to make leavened bread.**

**Accommodation in a gypsy caravan.**

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# The Biovallée

Even more committed organic producers!

## BIOVALLÉE



**BIOVALLÉE®** is an area of 2200 km<sup>2</sup>, along the Drôme between Die and Loriol. It consists of 102 communes with only 54 000 inhabitants.

The project is of course only possible with the involvement of inhabitants and stake holders in the area and aims to **make the Drôme a national reference point in terms of sustainable development.**

A few targeted outputs in figures:

- Diminish energy consumption in the area by 20% by 2020 and by over 50% in 2040.
- Achieve 100% local renewable energy production in the area by the 2040 horizon and 25% by 2020.
- Attain a target of 50% of farmers and total agricultural area in organic production by 2020.
- Supply 80% of food to canteens from organic or local production by 2020.
- Halve the volume of refuse sent to treatment centres by 2020.
- Forbid, by 2020, throughout the planning process, the destruction of agricultural land in favour of development land.
- Develop high level training in sustainable development.
- Create 2,500 jobs in the ecological sector by 2020.
- Put in place quality training in sustainable development.

**The valley is rich in natural resources: soil, wind and sun. The resources generate biomass of a biodiversity hard to equal at a European level, at the scale of a valley of this area. The challenge is to preserve these resources whilst using them to satisfy the main requirements of the population: drinking water, food, housing, energy, health, social and cultural quality of life.**

**LA BIOVALLÉE** capitalises first and foremost on a fertile ecological network of organisations and companies. In effect, the area is already characterised by a strong organic and sustainable development culture. Over a number of years, the following has evolved: a plethora of eco-construction initiatives, the economics of social and mutual support, short supply chains, and renewable energy and organic agriculture.

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**We can list pioneer structures such as:**

## THE AGRO-ECOLOGICAL CENTRE AT AMANINS

The centre extends to 55 hectares in a nature conservation area. It is an agricultural production centre and also an ecology centre, born of a meeting of minds between the philosopher and humanist Pierre RABHI and company boss Michel VALENTIN (*the latter deceased in an accident in 2012*). The adventure, which started in 2003, today comprises a team of 15 people who look after the farm, the cultivated meadows, sheep breeding, cheese production, cereal production, the mill, etc... The kitchen is supplied from garden and greenhouse produce – the latter extends to 8 000 m<sup>2</sup>. Here you are invited to join workshops, help bring in the crops, knead dough and make earth bricks. Everything is done in-house: a wind generator supplies the centre with electricity; solar panels heat the water and the buildings, topped up where necessary by a wood-fuel boiler and wood-burning stoves. The plant based sewage lagoons produce pure water which can be used for watering plants. Accommodation is in chambres d'hôtes, wood cabins or nature camping.

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## The Biovallée in a few words and a few figures.

### Unique environmental quality

Extremely extensive bio-diversity (over 5000 plants), at a meeting place of 4 climates.

The greatest density of stags, beavers and orchids in France!

The last 100 km wild river in Europe.

1/3 of the area recognised to be of ecological interest; national nature reserves; Natura 2000.

Land of the great pioneers of things organic: **Sanoflore/ Groupe L'Oréal** (1972) pioneer of organic essential oils, **L'Herbier du Diois** (1979) supplier of 72% of the European market in organic aromatic and medicinal plants. First salon of organic materials, « Tech & Bio », creation of an organic hub: nursery for young organic farmers; platform for the distribution of organic products for school canteens.



# AGROTOURISM ACTORS

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## L'Agrotourisme

Agrotourism is about organised local tourism, supported by local people – a tourism of encounter and exchange, finding its roots in the riches of the local farming landscape and the conviviality of its inhabitants.

### BIENVENUE A LA FERME: LIVE THE COUNTRYSIDE FROM CLOSER UP



This brand, created by the 'Chambres d'Agriculture' in 1988 is today **the number one network for farm holidays in France** (with over 8000 farming members) **84 of which are in the Drôme**. Here too the members subscribe to principles of quality which are applied to each activity. These principles are outlined in the national specifications which outline the regulations applicable to each 'Bienvenue à la Ferme' unit (for example: farm produce, farm camping, farm inns). The respect for and monitoring of these agreements is controlled by the decentralised state services, by the Chambres d'Agriculture and by the Bienvenue à la Ferme network. Ambassadors of sustainable and responsible agriculture, and rooted in the local area, protection of a farming heritage is a priority for the farmers who belong to the 'Bienvenue à la Ferme' network, because this unique tradition is a shared heritage.

#### Chambre d'Agriculture de la Drôme

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### ACCUEIL PAYSAN: THE COUNTRYSIDE OPEN ITS ARMS WIDE



This association of peasants and rural stakeholders, created in 1987, aims **to promote a peasant agriculture which respects the environment, and social and mutually supportive tourism**. All members agree to be

bound by an ethical charter founded on 5 principles: to explain their work, their environment and their links to the soil, to place human relationships at the centre of the welcome offered to tourists, to be accessible to all, to offer quality produce and develop rural activities.

*The offer to tourists falls into three categories which can overlap: accommodation (gîte, chambre d'hôte, camping), meals and produce (restaurants or sale of produce), social or educational features.*

**In the Drôme, close to 50 farms boast the 'Accueil Paysan' label.**

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### LE CLOS FOUGERES - LA FACE CACHÉE DU FRUIT

This establishment, mainly devoted to growing trees, is an extensive and wide ranging attraction for tourists. Restoring of part of the family's built heritage has led to the opening of 5 gîtes and two public rooms (for hire). In 2010 the status of « ferme pédagogique » [teaching farm] was accorded to the farm, which now welcomes visitors and school groups. Events are offered throughout the year (cooking and gardening classes, tasting workshops, organic week, a tasting week, an orchard visit. Nearly 3000 visitors are welcomed a year and this dynamic family is not short of ideas to welcome even greater numbers in the future!

#### Clos Fougères - Famille ROCH

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An example:

### LA FERME DU PESCHER

In the listed site of the gorges d'Omblyze (Parc naturel régional du Vercors), this ecological farm produces, amongst other things, goats' cheese (picodon AOP), vegetables and fruit and runs on alternative energy. From May to October you have a choice of camping modes: gypsy caravan, hut or wood cabin. If you want to get a feel for the place you can visit all year round by prior arrangement.

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# WINE TOURISM



**Whether we call it 'Oenotourisme'** or simply wine tourism, this pleasurable form of tourism, which combines the discovery of wine-growing areas and their vintages, is an important feature of our département. With almost 20,000 hectares of vines spread out from north to south of the département, the Drôme's wine-making is extremely diverse, but a large majority of its wines, some 96.5 %, have won appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) or IGP status.

En route for a stroll in the vineyards:

- **Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage (crus des Côtes du Rhône septentrionaux)**
- **Grignan-Les-Adhémar**
- **les Côtes du Rhône Villages**
- **les Côtes du Rhône Régionaux**
- **Vinsobres (cru des Côtes du Rhône méridionales)**
- **les Appellations du Diois (Clairette de Die, Crémant de Die, Coteaux de Die et Châtillon-en-Diois)**
- **le Brézème (la plus méridionale des Côtes du Rhône septentrionales)**
- **les IGP: Collines rhodaniennes, Comtés rhodaniens, Coteaux de Montélimar, Coteaux des Baronnies et Comté de Grignan.**

Wine growing has shaped the landscape of the Drôme, especially the Tain-l'Hermitage area, Drôme Provençale and the Drôme Valley: three key wine-growing areas! So, let's embark for 3 trips into the wine-growing heartland:

**AROUND TAIN-L'HERMITAGE:** crus Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage

**IN THE DRÔME PROVENÇALE:** Grignan-les-adhémar, Vinsobres and Côtes du Rhône villages

**IN THE DRÔME VALLEY:** les appellations du Diois et le Brézème

## AROUND TAIN-L'HERMITAGE (crus Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage)

Along the Rhône's eastbank slopes, above the riverside town of Tain-l'Hermitage, the dramatic vineyards occupy steep slopes superbly exposed to the southern sun. Two top-class Rhône Valley wine-making areas triumph in these parts: **HERMITAGE AND CROZES-HERMITAGE**. The wines derive from the same grape varieties for both, Syrah for the reds, Marsanne and Roussanne for the whites.

The reds dominate in **Crozes-Hermitage**, representing over 90% of production. They have a dazzling colour and are velvety on the palate, developing aromas of red fruits, spices, even leather.

**The Hermitage** reds are still more powerful and complex, with more touches of blackcurrants and redcurrants. These reds can accompany a whole host of dishes. It's recommended you serve them at between 15° and 16°. As to the whites, they have great finesse, with hints of iris and hawthorn to their aromas. Served at between 8° and 10°, they taste their best when accompanying fish, shellfish or even cheeses.

**Inter Rhône** (a body representing wine-producing and marketing professionals in the Rhône Valley) features a 'Maison des Vins' at Tain l'Hermitage which presents, in an informative and interactive way. The Côtes du Rhône and Rhône valley wines through videos, a library corner, wine tourism documentation and a photographic exposition on vineyards. A thematic wine-tasting workshop called «les Mardis dégustation» (once a month) is also provided to help discover the Côtes du Rhône and Crus Septentrionaux wines (programme on-line under 'Tasting').

**Maison des Vins des Côtes du Rhône et de la Vallée du Rhône / Inter-Rhône at Tain-l'Hermitage**

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Terrasses et murets à Tain-l'Hermitage



In 2011, the designation « from Hermitage to St Joseph » was accorded this label and features a selection of caves' [cellars], accommodation solutions, restaurants, tourist sites and events or activities. This area, at the heart of 'Côtes du Rhône Septentrionales' [North], is the home of the famous AOP

**Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage** appellations whose terraced vineyards form such an emblematic backdrop to the Tain-l'Hermitage area.

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Three major wine-growers are at the heart of the French and international reputation of these famous appellations:

**La Maison M. CHAPOUTIER, Les Domaines Paul Jaboulet Aîné and la Cave de Tain.**

## LA MAISON M. CHAPOUTIER



His business card speaks volumes. It describes him as a vine-grower, wine-maker and lover of fine wine! Meet **Michel Chapoutier**. He is heir to a prestigious family company known in the Rhône Valley since 1808. He has never rested on his laurels, however.

In this era of globalization, he has also invested abroad, in Portugal and Australia. A demanding wine-maker, in fact known as a perfectionist who always has one eye firmly fixed on the future, he is deeply attached to his lands and to the importance of terroir. He became one of the first French wine-makers to adopt **biodynamic practices**. He produces wines that are recognized to be of exceptionally high quality.

In order to expose their wines and values to as many people as possible, the Maison M. Chapoutier has organised, at Tain l'Hermitage, **a wide range of activities based on several wine tourism features: the wine cellar, the school rooms and the gîtes.**

## ■ Caveau M. CHAPOUTIER at Tain-l'Hermitage

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■ **L'Ecole M. CHAPOUTIER:** thematic wine tasting with meals, where dishes and wines are matched; company seminars; electric bicycle rides through the Hermitage vineyards and wine tourism holidays, conferences and courses.

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■ **Les Gîtes M. CHAPOUTIER:** in the midst of the vines, enjoying exceptional panoramic views, for 2, 4, 6 or 11 people; you will find total comfort for a week-end or a week.

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## LES DOMAINES PAUL JABOULET AINE

Founded in 1834, this prestigious Rhône Valley wine house was taken over in 2006 by the Frey family, reputed Champagne producers who also own Château La Lagune in Bordeaux. A daughter of the family, Caroline, who proved extremely successful in her oenology training, has thrown herself 200% into overseeing these Rhône Valley vineyards with the greatest of rigour, from pruning through to assembling the vats of new wine. Respecting the character of the wines produced by the former owners, she has come to know every aspect of the 100 hectares cultivated adopting agriculture raisonné, with its established rules to make farming more environmentally friendly.

**Domaines Paul Jaboulet Aîné at Tain-l'Hermitage**

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## The good oenotouristic initiatives at Jaboulet

### LE BAR EPHEMERE on the hill at Hermitage



A bar counter hewn from solid oak, Vichy blue tables and music with a background of vineyards: the esplanade of la Chapelle de l'Hermitage is transformed on summer weekends into «an ephemeral bar ».

During the time it takes for the sun to set, install yourself on this terrace, whose outstanding views over the Rhône and the surrounding hills will leave you with an unforgettable memory. A la carte tasting of the great wines of the Maison Paul Jaboulet Aîné. A magical moment to experience as a family, amongst friends or between lovers.



## LE VINEUM: boutique, wine bar & restaurant at the Domaine PAUL JABOULET AINE

At the foot of the Hermitage slopes, the VINEUM Paul Jaboulet Aîné is there to welcome you, from Tuesday to Sunday, in a chic and warm atmosphere, where wine tasting takes in some of the finest appellations of the valley. Depending on your tastes, this could be spontaneous and enthusiastic at the wine bar gastronomic or select at the 'table du Chef Sandro Belle, or educational and full of passion during the workshops.

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## WELCOME TO LA CAVE DE TAIN



At the foot of the Hermitage slopes, at the heart of the historic Côtes du Rhône Septentrionaux wine-growing area, the Cave de Tain produces and markets 5 'crus' and also Vins de Pays on over 1000 hectares of vineyards (appellations Hermitage, Crozes-Hermitage, Saint-Joseph, Cornas

and Saint-Péray), which makes it the main producer of the vintages of the Northern part of the Rhône Valley.

La Cave de Tain also offers, in its Boutique, **a walking trail** to discover the Hermitage vineyards « **Sur les pas de Gambert** » (dedicated mobile application): eleven sections through which to understand the Hermitage geology, the terraced form of cultivation the vineyards adopt, the wine varieties and the terroirs. 1H45 walking covering 4kms amidst grandiose landscapes: an unforgettable and very instructive route through a prestigious heritage of world renown!

Throughout the summer, **ephemeral works of art** can be seen all along this trail. Each year a new LAND ART exhibition features the Hermitage parts of the Tain vineyards

**In 2016**, the Cave de Tain and Marie-Josée Faure created **Terres de Syrah, service œnotourisme de la cave**. As well as wine cellar visits and tasting sessions, outings on foot, by gyropod or electric bicycle are all now available to help you discover the renowned vineyards of the area which are laid out on terraced hillsides. Visits to the premises of cellar members, wine-based events (in the cellars and local businesses) and other tasting sessions are also programmed!

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## VINEYARD VISITS, USING ELECTRIC BICYCLES, IN THE PAYS DE L' HERMITAGE



With a « Coup de cœur du jury » [award] from the 'Trophées Innovation et Tourisme Rhône-Alpes 2012', Fabien Louis, sommelier at Tain-l'Hermitage in the Drôme, has delivered a project which is very much of the moment.

His vineyard visits, using electric bicycles, blend local tradition, new technology and a light environmental footprint.

Imagine yourself riding through the vineyards of Hermitage in complete freedom. You will be guided by GPS and an explanatory map. Fabien can also accompany you and you can benefit from his knowledge of the production of Hermitage or Crozes-Hermitage wines, worthy representatives of the 'Côtes du Rhône septentrionaux'. But the visit would not be complete without tasting these famous vintages. Select a tasting visit to one of the designated wine producing 'caves'!

**Des terrasses du Rhône au sommelier / Fabien Louis at Tain-l'Hermitage**

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## LA CAVE DOMAINE PRADELLE



It was in 1854 that François Pradelle set up business in the village of Chanos. Today, Jean-Louis, Jacques and Antoine Pradelle (5th generation) work 35 hectares of vineyards. Over 40 years, Daniel Courbis, a business man, formed the habit of giving bottles of Crozes-

Hermitage to his clients as presents. In 2013 they became partners: Courbis-Pradelle established a new wine-tourism cellar, open to the public.

The cellars produce red wines (Crozes-Hermitage and Saint Joseph), white wines (Crozes-Hermitage) and a rosé wine, and organise wine-tasting sessions, permanent exhibitions (a unique collection of hat making dummies, a rare collection of sculpted shell cases, chiselled and brazed) or ephemeral, exhibitions, not to mention events (picnics with the wine-grower, musical aperitifs).

**Since 2015:** 3 visitor circuits in a 'quadricycle' called Rosalie.

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**LE PETIT TRAIN, THROUGH THE HERMITAGE VINEYARDS**



The audio guided itinerary (in French – more languages soon: English, German and Dutch) provides **a wonderful glimpse of the unmissable sites of this wine-growing town:** the wine cellars of the Maison Chapoutier, the Cave de Tain, the route des belvédères de l'Hermitage, but

also the Cité du Chocolat Valrhona, the quays along the Rhône, the Place Taurobole and the town hall.

**Le petit train des vignes de l'Hermitage / Franck Tabuteau**

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**LA CITE DU CHOCOLAT**

Situated on the historic Valrhona site at Tain-l'Hermitage, **la Cité** opened its doors on 24 October 2013. **The new multi-sense visitor facility is based on the theme of the discovery of chocolate.**

The Cité du Chocolat offers visitors a veritable initiation into the world of chocolate, punctuated by interactive terminals, playing on all five senses: the smell of hot chocolate, the noises in the plantations, a perception of the texture through multi-touch features, a virtual production line, a pâtisserie demonstration table

**The + point:** Porcelana Restaurant, to live the Chocolate Experience in every dish.

**Cité du chocolat Valrhona at Tain L'Hermitage**  
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READY TO GO In Drôme des Collines:  
**■ UNUSUAL ACCOMMODATION: SLEEPING IN A BARREL**  
 Welcome to the Denis farm! In the Côtes du Rhône wine producing area there are prime vintages and here you will find, as an exclusive and prime product, a gîte in a wine barrel; a base from which to discover the heart of the Crozes-Hermitage appellation. A night in a barrel with all mod cons is part of this unlikely package.  
**Prices:** available throughout the year, from 125 € a night for 2 people, with breakfast basket included.  
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**CAVE MICHELAS ST JEMMS**

The gates of the winery are open throughout the year for visits and tasting sessions, both for wine lovers and beginners. Michelas St Jemms offers you an unusually rich tasting session, combining the wines from the estate with chocolates (4 wines and 8 chocolates). All is explained by a member of the St Jemms family, who will share their enthusiasm and gourmet tastes with you.

**Cave Michelas St Jemms at Mercuroil-Veaunes**

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**WINE AND CHOCOLATE... VALRHONA!**  
**Valrhona**, as supplied to the great chefs in French gastronomic cooking, has been able to establish itself alongside the finest gourmets and the most delicate palates through its unique taste and aroma.  
**Tasting sessions combining Hermitage wines and Valrhona chocolate are organised by the Ecole Chapoutier and the Vineum Paul Jaboulet Aîné, La Maison des vins InterRhône and Terre de Syrah.**



## En Drôme provençale

The southern Drôme might be compared to an impressionist painting, with its lavender fields, olive orchards, its truffle oaks and vineyards of sight. These are the lands south of the Drôme, land of great wines.

In October 2014, the "Drôme Provençale" destination received the 'Vignobles & découvertes' label.



The area offers a selection of 32 wine cellars, 18 accommodation centres, 18 tourist sites, 18 activities and 10 events. This 'terroir', at the heart of the 'Côtes du Rhône Méridionaux', boasts the Vinsobres, AOP Grignan-les-Adhémar and IGP Coteaux des Baronnies vintages. These are all Drôme Provençale landscapes which, from the Rhône

valley to the mid-range mountains of the Baronnies, have long been moulded by the planting of vineyards, alongside apricot orchards, lavender fields and truffle plantations, offering visitors a veritable colour coded mosaic, emanating its own scents and sweet odours.

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### L'APPELLATION GRIGNAN-LES-ADHEMAR

**Grignan-les-Adhémar** are mainly red (accounting for c.85% of production). They're made by the judicious mixing of five grape varieties: Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Cagnan and Cinsault. Their luminous red colours vary from vivid ruby to deeper hues. On the nose, you can detect hints of spices in them, such as cinnamon, pepper and vanilla, aromas of red fruits, and touches of liquorice. In the mouth, they're soft to the taste and long in flavour. The fruitier ones can be drunk young, but those in which Syrah dominates should be kept at least ten years to develop their full potential. Serve them at 14° or 15°. They can accompany most meals.

**AOC Grignan-les-Adhémar at Grignan**

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### LES CAVES CATHÉDRALES DU MAS THEO



Following a few years of rest, the spectacular Cellar Cathedrals (former stone quarries) have found a new owner in the shape of Laurent Clapier, an independent wine producer.

The spirit of the place is in complete harmony with the

biodynamic ethic of his wine producing. This unique site offers the ideal conditions of moisture and temperature required in the preparation and ageing of his wines. The estate is situated in the 'Appellation d'Origine Protégée Grignan-les-Adhémar' area at the heart of Drôme Provençale. Laurent invites you to taste his wine and explore the cellars to discover how he works, in the course of **an educational visit** in the cool quarry caves. At the centre of the cellars is an exhibition dedicated to the history of the Saint Restitut quarries.

**Mas Théo - Laurent Clapier at Saint-Restitut**

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### Un terroir d'excellence at Roussas:

#### LE DOMAINE DE GRANGENEUVE

The Romans had already chosen this spot! This much is evident through the remains, on the estate, of a large Roman wine-producing villa dating to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, the 'villa du Fayn'. Grangeneuve is a wonderful terroir for growing grapes which will soon be managed by a third generation of the Bour family, already present to gradually take over the business.

The wine-tourism products offered include: **wine-tasting; educational and fun tour through the vineyards** (2 circuits, 1h30), **From the vine to the cellar**, during the grape harvest; tasting of matched wines and dishes; **seasonal cookery lessons** ('Truffe noire de la Drôme', Spices and Wines, Aromatic Herbs, the Mediterranean), picnic with the wine grower.

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## DOMAINE ROZEL: DISCOVER, IN AN ORIGINAL WAY, THE PASSION OF ONE FAMILY OVER 550 YEARS



The main aim of the Rozel family has been, since 1464, to achieve the highest quality production in the exceptional terroir they have inherited. The success of their products and the constant search to improve their wines bears witness to this. In 1989, Bruno ROZEL took

over the estate. Today the entire family is proud to present the range of vintages produced from the typical grape varieties of the area (viognier, syrah, grenache noir and cinsault) and develop wine-tourism products which are original and of a high standard ('distinction Oenotourisme d'Inter-Rhône'):

**The wine-grower's trail:** 3 themed choices.

**Wine tourism on a Segway:** fun and convivial tour of the village and the vineyard, followed by wine-tasting (about 2h00 and around 95 €/person).

**Lunch on the estate** by a river and **'Pack vendange'**: 1 wine harvesting day in September + 'déjeuner du vigneron' + 6 bottles of wine from the estate.

**Domaine Rozel at Valaurie**

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**Regional Côtes du Rhône:** These varied wines come in three colours: red, white and rosé. The reds are mainly made from black Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. They are intense in colour. Full-bodied, their aromas bring to mind ripe fruit, liquorice and leather. They are excellent served with stews and roasted vegetables, for example, at 15°. The whites come from combining five grape varieties: Bourboulenc, white Grenache, Roussanne, Marsanne and Clairette or Viognier. They are refreshing and well-rounded, with a long, lingering flavour.

**Côtes du Rhône Village:** St –Pantaléon-Les-Vignes, Rochegude, St –Maurice –Sur-Eygues, Rousset-Les-Vignes, Suze-la-Rousse (news 2016). These are made using the same grape varieties as above, but the vines are controlled to yield fewer grape bunches, making them more concentrated and generally more powerful. The areas where Côtes du Rhône Village can be produced are strictly controlled, meaning they have to meet demanding criteria, such as having the appropriate soil, exposure to the sun and altitude. These wines are strong enough to accompany game or strong cheeses and are best served around 15°.

## CENOTOURISME AT THE CHÂTEAU DE SUZE-LA-ROUSSE



In keeping with the architecture and decoration of the château, the new layout introduces the visitor, on the one hand, to the history of this medieval fortress, rebuilt during the Renaissance to a stately home, and, on the other hand, **the wine-**

**producing heritage and activities of the Drôme.** Using decorative and archaeological artefacts as a point of departure, several different themes are featured: from the social context of wine to the different ways of drinking; from the first vineyards to the landscapes and architecture of vineyards, from today's careers in the wine industry to courses and training.

Moreover, the **Château de Suze-la-Rousse is situated at the crossroad of 3 wine roads:** the road n° 2 "In Drôme provençale", the road n° 10 "Grignan-les-Adhémar" and the road n° 5 "From Orange to Vaison-la-Romaine".

The castle of Suze-la-Rousse also houses the facilities of the University of Wine and it is possible to link Knowledge and Pleasure in the same place.

**Château de Suze-La-Rousse at Suze-la-Rousse**

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## INTRODUCTORY WINE-TASTING WEEKEND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINE AT SUZE-LA-ROUSSE



The Château of Suze-La-Rousse hosts the 'Université Du Vin', a professional qualification awarding body. However non-professionals can also take advantage of these outstanding facilities during introductory wine-tasting weekends. Over two days of

instruction, the main tasting techniques are outlined with a view to discovering appreciating and describing the various types of wine and their characteristics. Sunday lunch at a good restaurant will be the ideal moment to put your newly acquired knowledge into practice.

Special rates for couples or groups of friends are available.

**Université du Vin at Suze-La-Rousse**

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**A NEW WINE CELLAR, NEW WINES AND MAYBE ALSO NEW SENSATIONS: DOMAINE DE PROVENSOL**



Over to Dominique, wine grower: « Together with my team, we produce grapes and wine but also a few apricots, cherries and vegetables. Everything is produced through **organic agriculture**, in the most natural way. We are particularly careful to respect nature and the

life cycle of soils to produce wine which are lively and tonic. In opening up our house (a former fortified farmhouse) to our guests, we hope to take a step in their direction, share our daily life with them and explain our values to them».

**The Domaine de Provensol** is also: **five chambres d'hôtes, a gîte** (for 3 persons.); the **table d'hôtes** in an **authentic vaulted cellar** with a flagstone floor; a **spa** and, from a well shaded terrace, and **a superb view over the vineyards and hills, ranging from the Nyonsais to the Mont Ventoux !**

**Domaine de Provensol at Venterol**

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**VINSOBRES: CRU DES CÔTES DU RHÔNE MÉRIDIONALES**



The **Vinsobres vineyards** have been awarded AOC status for their red production only. In fact, this is **the first vine area in the Drôme Provençale to gain the prestigious status of a Cru des Côtes du Rhône**. The wines are mainly made from a mix of Grenache and Syrah. With red-

fruit aromas, Vinsobres vintages are powerful and well-structured. They can easily be left to age for five to ten years, or even longer. They make a good accompaniment to many Provençal dishes. Serve at 15° or 16.

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**DISCOVER THE CRU DE VINSOBRES AT THE DOMAINE JAUME**

The Domaine Jaume (80 hectares) covers two out of the four terroirs of the Vinsobres vintage area: 'le Coteau' and 'les Collines'. On this later harvested terroir, which enjoys both a favourable climate and altitude, the syrah varieties receive full expression. Aware of the need to protect the environment, Richard and Pascal Jaume decided to adopt the principles of an environmental charter and ensure that their grape growing is in harmony with nature. At the centre of the village, their cellar can accommodate up to 50 people to taste the estate wines and visit the cellar.

« Accueil excellence » guaranteed (Inter Rhône listing).

**Grape harvesting as it used to be** has become the not to be missed autumn event in the Domaine Jaume (late September). They also offer the « Location de pied de vigne » accommodation concept.

**Domaine Jaume at Vinsobres**

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**DOMAINE VIRET: UNUSUAL VINTAGES, PRODUCED USING COSMOCULTURE®**



On the "Clos du Paradis" hill, the Roman legions set up camp to overlook the valley. In this wonderful magical spot, saturated with history, Alain and Philippe Viret produce great wines in a cellar-cathedral built with stones from a quarry close to the Pont du Gard. The

vineyard (certified organic) has been worked under cosmoculture® since 1990. The aim of this form of production is to provide solutions to producers to restore balance and energy, and conserve the living equilibrium of the ecosystems. This embodies the founding principles of organic and biodynamic production.

To go even further, Alain and Philippe Viret have decided to return to the past and reintroduce **the storage of wine in amphorae**.

Wine tourism products:

Visit the cellar-cathedral and taste the estate wines; **presentation of the principles of cosmoculture® and wine making in amphorae** (early re-adopter in France of clay-based storage); grape harvest day (grape picking, meal, accommodation with friends of the estate owner).

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## VINE AND... OLIVES

### **All the richness of the Nyons terroir in the Domaine Rocheville**

For 4 generations, the Rocheville family have cultivated the exceptional Nyons terroir, in Drôme Provençale: vineyards and olive groves. Jean-Marc and Guillaume Rocheville tend their vineyard (11 hectares), produce and bottle the wine from the estate. The vineyard is under Organic Agriculture. The grapes are picked by hand.

The Rocheville family provides the discovery of the vineyard, **its olive grove** and its orchards, through a **discovery trail** access to all. The explanatory leaflet which accompanies the walk is available in French, English, German and Dutch.

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### **Vine and... olives**

#### **Wine and olive tourism with the 'cave coopérative du Nyonsais'**

Founded in 1923, the Nyonsais co-operative brings together around 1000 grower members. The grapes from 1300 hectares of vineyard become variously: Vinsobres, AOP Côtes-du-Rhône Villages, Côtes-du-Rhône or Pays des Baronnies wines, but there are also the olives from 600 hectares of olive groves which are used to produce olive oil and the black olives of the Nyons AOP.

The 'Espace VIGNOLIS' at Nyons, covering an area of 1500 m<sup>2</sup>, gives pride of place to the produce of the co-operative and interprets it for the public in its reception and tasting area, featuring both a wine and an olive oil room. **The Musée de l'Olivier** tells you all about these majestic trees. Set around the mill stone and the various kinds of olive presses, the various growing, harvesting and extraction techniques, and the preparation of eating olives will no longer hold any secrets for you.

#### **Espace VIGNOLIS at Nyons**

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### **Vine and... truffes!**

#### **Unlock the secrets of one of the most emblematic products in Drôme Provençale: the black truffle**

#### **Meet a wine-grower and truffle producer at the Domaine de Montine**

At Grignan, the Monteillet brothers, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of wine-growers in the family, use their two pairs of hands to run this estate which once belonged to the Château de Grignan. The vineyards, set in the terroir of the Grignan-les-Adhémar, Côtes du Rhône and Cru de Vinsobres appellations, extend to 65 hectares. **The growing of truffle oaks and lavender complete the production of this house of high repute.** All the year round, discover the wine-growing activities of the domaine de Montine, in a unique setting, where each building has a history: the Monteillet family will guide you (in French or in English) through each stage of the wine producing process. From November to March, the truffle producing side of the estate can also be presented: you will be present at the 'cavage' (harvest) of the truffles, using truffle dogs (by prior arrangement).

#### **Domaine de Montine at Grignan**

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## Around Drôme valley

The Diois vineyards, reaching up to 700m in altitude, are said to be the highest in France. Often growing on steep, stony slopes, the plots of vines are small and demand a good deal of work to tend.

**New: 'Clairette - Drôme Vallée' is a 'Vignoble et Découvertes'** [vineyard and discovery] tourism product. The wine tourism

Clairette de Die discovery route is way-marked on roundabouts and features metal sculptures presenting the various wine growing tasks.

### Les appellations du Diois (Clairette de Die, Crémant de Die and Châtillon-en-Diois)

**CLAIRETTE DE DIE** is a sparkling wine made from a mix of small white Muscat grapes and white Clairette ones. It's made according to an ancient local Diois method by which the fermentation occurs naturally in the bottle, without any addition of yeast or liqueur. It has a fruity aroma and melts in the mouth. You might drink it either as an aperitif or as a dessert wine. Serve it chilled, between 6° and 8°.

**Syndicat de la Clairette de Die - psdt Fabien Lombard**

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*Secret de la Clairette, ¼ de tour chaque jour!*

**CRÉMANT DE DIE:** also a sparkling wine, made using the same grape varieties as Clairette de Die, plus between 10% and 40% of Aligoté. It's produced via the méthode traditionnelle in which the second fermentation occurs in the bottle.

**CHATILLON-EN-DIOIS,** this This AOC production area is tiny, just some 40 hectares of sloping vineyards set within the boundary of the Vercors Regional Nature Park. If a little red and rosé are also produced, the bulk of this wine is white, made from Chardonnay and Aligoté – you may even detect a hint of Alpine flowers in its grassy aroma! Try it at 12° with a Drôme speciality



like picodon goat's cheese or rabbit.

**COTEAUX de DIE:** This still white wine comes exclusively from the white Clairette grape variety, giving it sharp fruit aromas. Served at 8°, it goes very well with fish and shellfish

The 'Syndicat des Producteurs de Clairette' boasts a reception centre:

### LA MAISON DE LA CLAIRETTE

This centre provides information about wine-growing and the Diois AOP wines, and encourages the visitor to discover the estates and wine cellars along the 8 wine tourism trails (the length varies between 35 minutes and 1h30). The centre has also way-marked these trails.

The "**Entre vignes et cabanons**" trail in the commune of Châtillon-en-Diois, for example, takes visitors amongst the vineyards and 'cabanons' (little stone barns) typical of the region. You can find the relevant maps in the Offices de Tourisme or on the Internet (mobile-friendly site also available).

### Maison de la Clairette at Vercheny

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### JAILLANCE VISIT AND WINE-TASTING

The 'Cave de Die Jaillance' is the largest cellar as it serves 250 wine growers.

All the Jaillance sparkling wines, as well as the Châtillon-en-Diois wines, are presented at the cellar.

**Muséobulles** is the name of the new Jaillance visitor circuit at Die; The site has been completely redesigned as an exploration trail so that initiates can discover the history of the Jaillance wine cellars and the renowned Clairette de Die. Rather more than a face lift, the new visitor circuit has been entirely redesigned and features up to date presentations and interactive videos organised around five main historical periods, from Roman times to our own. The guided tour lasts around 45 minutes and finishes at the "Bar à Bulles" with a wine tasting session with a commentary. The visit can be followed in four languages (F, GB, D, NL), thanks to audio-guides.

### La Cave de Die Jaillance at Die

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### LE DOMAINE RASPAIL JEAN-CLAUDE ET FILS

At Saillans, one of the best areas for Diois wines, Jean-Claude Raspail and his son Frédéric are devoted to their 15 hectares of vineyards planted on steep slopes. The stony clay and limestone ground keeps down the number of grape bunches on the vine, but benefits the quality. The family has adopted **organic methods**, so avoiding pesticides, synthetic fertilizers and weed-killers. Their Clairette is made in the purest traditions, and sparkles at between just 7° to 8° of alcohol.

### Cave Raspail Jean-Claude et Fils at Saillans

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## CARRIAGE RIDES THROUGH THE CHÂTILLON-EN-DIOIS VINEYARDS



Inaugurated in 1992, the Domaine de Maupas is a small estate extending to 11 hectares at the foot of the Vercors massif, part of the Châtillon-en-Diois appellation. The nature of the terroir, its altitude (600 to 700 m), the climate, which allies both strong Mediterranean summer

heat and the cold winters of this mountainous area, the grape varieties selected (Aligoté, Gamay, Chardonnay, Pinot), the aromas of the area, a blend of lavender and aromatic plants, etc; all conspire to give wines full of character.

Tour the vineyard in a carriage drawn by mules or Percherons horses in the company of the wine grower (10-12 persons by prior arrangement).

**Also note that: the Domaine de Maupas cellar is the starting point for a wine-tourism path called « Entre vignes et cabanons ».**

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## CAVES CAROD

**Visit the 'Musée de la Clairette':** reconstitution of scenes from the beginning of the 20th century on the theme of vines, wine, wine related skills and the traditions of the Diois.

From vineyards to wine cellars: **3 mountain-bike circuits** to help discover the vineyards.

**Cave Carod at Vercheny**

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## UNCLASSIFIABLE...

## LE BREZEME (LA PLUS MÉRIDIONALE DES CÔTES DU RHÔNE SEPTENTRIONALES)

This small unknown appellation deserves however some attention. Located to the south of the Côtes du Rhône Septentrionales, it approaches more geographically wines from the Drôme Valley. Product on the slopes of Livron-sur-Drome region, this is **the smallest AOC vineyards** on the left bank of the Rhone. The cold climate Syrah is a wine with a strong personality very wild. Seven winemakers and a wine cooperative exploit twenty hectares planted.

## THE PATH ALONG THE BREZEME RIDGE

The Crête de Brézème is an 8km walk overlooking the river Drôme. The walk offers panoramic views from the Mont-Rôti, with its terraced hillsides. This is where some of the "Brézème" vineyards lie, where they enjoy a Mediterranean micro-climate.

Download a leaflet from the website.

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## DOMAINE LOMBARD

**Objective: to bring the « Brézème » appellation back to life**

The vineyards and wines from the Domaine Lombard have, since 2012, been « pampered » by Emmanuelle and Julien Montagnon, who arrived as reinforcements to the Lombard team. They took the decision to henceforth work the estate in **organic and biodynamic agriculture**. In addition, the Lombard estate staff took on a huge project: restoring the terraced cultivation of the original **Brézème cultivation area** (150 years ago, a phylloxera epidemic ravaged the hillside which, at that time, was much like the renowned Hermitage slopes of today), triggering an application for a "Brézème" appellation in 2015/2016, in partnership with l'INAO, the 'syndicat général des Côtes du Rhône' and the 'syndicat des vins de Brézème'. The building of the first wine cellar dedicated to the appellation is ongoing.

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## CHÂTEAU LA ROLIERE: A FAMILY HISTORY



The Château de la Rolière vineyards, producing prestigious wines way back in 1850, were replanted in 1975 on 8 hectares of hillside, entirely surrounded by walls. Owned by the Marchal family since 1976, this venture has contributed to the « Brézème » renewal.

**The 11 children of the Marchal family and their offspring have all decided to get involved in the development of this superb property;** they are also restoring the buildings on the estate. The estate produces white wines (Viognier, Marsanne et Roussanne), rosé wines (Syrah et Grenache) and red wines (Syrah).

**Domaine de La Rolière at Livron-sur-Drôme**

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## CHARLES HELFENBEIN

Terraced vineyards on the Brézème hillside. A red wine representing all the best features of the appellation.

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# FLAVOURS OF THE DRÔME



**At the chef's table:** The Drôme boasts 7 starred chefs and a number of other fine and not to be missed eating places. The chefs are unanimous: they are inspired by the Drôme. Such good things are grown here that they are only too happy to make use of them !

## THE MICHELIN-STARRED CHEFS

### ANNE-SOPHIE PIC - MAISON PIC \*\*\*



She's already won all the highest accolades. Voted 'chef of the year 2007' and the only woman with **three Michelin stars** in France, Anne-Sophie PIC is the worthy heir to her great father, Jacques. Over the past year, once again, the food critics have been unanimous in singing her praises.

Her concoctions are presented in the most refined manner, and offer a whole gamut of unexpected flavour combinations.

#### **MAISON PIC - Restaurant gastronomique Hôtel 5\***

(Relais et Châteaux) at Valence

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Her additional addresses

**Anne-Sophie PIC** has opened "**ANDRE**" **Histoire(s) de Cuisine**, her new restaurant which has replaced the **7** restaurant, in April 2016. This is a different universe, returning to more traditional cooking. It's a homage to the family dynasty, featuring the emblematic dishes of her father, her grandfather and her great grandfather.

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#### **Scook, cooking school Anne-Sophie Pic**

There are different lessons catering to different needs, for adults and also for children, to learn or to improve.

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#### **Anne-Sophie Pic Gourmet, l'épicerie**

80 m<sup>2</sup> dedicated to the pleasure of cooking and enjoy little tasty delights with a selection of wines and a few tables for snacking on the go !

**The + point:** Picnic box the takeaway.

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#### **The DAILY PIC – Anne-Sophie PIC gourmet canteen**

Fast-food revisited by our three starred chef! To take away or eat on the spot, a wide range of dishes, each more appetising than the next, with their fine, sought after flavours. And affordable prices to boot: 18,90 € for the complete formula: starter - main dish - dessert. A cosy little dining area, set of with reflecting colours.

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### JACQUES ET JEAN-PAUL BERTRAND - LES CÈDRES \*\*



The Bertrand Brothers with their **two Michelin Stars** and their four hands have been at the helm of this beautiful contemporary restaurant for over 20 years now! Jacques is master of the cooking implements, while Jean-Paul is in charge of the diners. The dining rooms are warmly elegant. As to the menus, they could be described as

eloquent as well as generous!

#### **LES CEDRES - Restaurant gastronomique at Granges-Les-Beaumont**

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### JULIEN ALLANO - LE CLAIR DE LA PLUME \*



February 2015: a new star shine on the table of the Drôme, Julien ALLANO, Chef at Le Clair de la Plume brings Grignan and the Drôme Provençale its prestigious Michelin One-Star. He has learned his craft in the finest restaurants in the Avignon region where he was born.

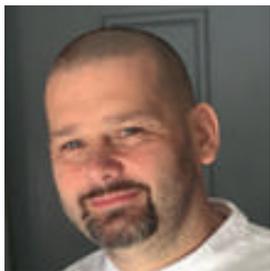
He was promoted Chef in La Mirande restaurant in Avignon in 2007 and maintained Michelin One-Star status. Then he worked for the Palm Beach restaurant in Ajaccio, Corsica (also a One-Star Michelin). His love of challenges has led him to Clair de la Plume, where he has created a seasonable cuisine centered on authenticity. His motto is "Evolution within tradition". The charming **Hôtel\*\*\*\*-Restaurant \* Le Clair de la Plume** is even more one of the best place to stay in Drôme.

#### **Hôtel-restaurant Le Clair de la Plume at Grignan**

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## SEBASTIEN BONNET - LE KLÉBER \*



The young chef, Sébastien Bonnet, brought a first Michelin star to the Drôme valley in 2013. The Maison Le Kléber had already been in existence for over 30 years in Crest. Since he took it over in 2007, Sébastien had only one wish: sharing a menu which is constantly revisited

on a seasonal basis to maximise the proportion of local produce (quail, Drôme guinea fowl, etc.).

**Restaurant Le Kléber - Sébastien et Julie BONNET at Crest**

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Son annexe:

**La Table 2 Giffon at Grâne**

Hotel-restaurant in a hilltop village in the Drôme valley. Tel. +33 (0) 4 75 62 60 64 - <http://latable2giffon.fr>

## MICHEL ET LOUIS CHABRAN - MAISON CHABRAN \*



The young Michel learnt the craft of cooking from his mother and grandmother, taking in the delicious flavours of the Drôme. When he took over the reins of the family bistro, he soon turned it into a gastronomic restaurant, winning **one Michelin star**. He likes, though, to call himself a

'peasant-chef' and is very attached to the land and the rhythm of the seasons. **The transmission of knowledge to the young generation, his children Carole and Louis, goes hand in hand with an extension of the establishment in 2018.**

**Maison CHABRAN \* - Hôtel\*\*\*\* Restaurant gastronomique at Pont-de-l'Isère**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 84 60 09

[louis@michelchabran.fr](mailto:louis@michelchabran.fr) - [www.maisonchabran.com](http://www.maisonchabran.com)

His additional addresses:

**L'Esprit Chabran at Pont de l'Isère**

A wind of change and innovation is blowing on Pont-d'Isère and Valence. The chef, Michel Chabran, is not short of ideas: he has just opened the first drive in by a starred chef. A telephone call or internet order and 60 minutes later you can collect your takeaway menu. You can also choose the express menu, to be eaten in the 'espace gourmand' (garden or veranda). Finally, Michel offers, in his 'cabane/boutique', household items at reasonable prices and a good selection of local wines at wine cellar prices.

**The key word of the establishment: accessibility!**

**L'Esprit Chabran - Michel CHABRAN**

[www.chabran-drive.com](http://www.chabran-drive.com)

**Le Bistrot des Clercs at Valence**

At this reputed Chabran address in Valence, the cuisine is traditional and generous, the décor wood and brass, as befits an old-style bistro.

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 55 55 15 - [www.bistrotDESClercs.com](http://www.bistrotDESClercs.com)

**Le Quai at Tain-l'Hermitage**

This modern bistro overlooking a dramatic spot along the Rhône is run by Michel Chabran's daughter Carole. She mixes tradition and invention in her menus.

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 07 05 90 - [www.le-quai.com](http://www.le-quai.com)

**L'Ephémère at Valence**

Restaurant in the heart of Valence that shares its terrace with the Bistrot de Clercs and whose décor changes with the seasons.

Tel. +33 (0)4 26 50 05 76 - [www.maisonchabran.com](http://www.maisonchabran.com)

## MASASHI IJICHI - LA CACHETTE \*



You'll have to look quite hard to find the entrance to La Cachette - the word means hideaway! No showy signs or lighting here, just a colourful little house. The courtyard inside and the dining rooms reflect the chef's personality - elegant and discreet. Having trained at

illustrious Pic and Les Frères Pourcel, Masashi IJICHI fully deserves his own first Michelin star. His cooking is resolutely contemporary. What with the finesse of its execution and the harmony of its flavours, you can easily spot the inspiration he draws from his Japanese origins

**Restaurant La Cachette \* at Valence**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 55 24 13

[lacachette.restaurant@gmail.com](mailto:lacachette.restaurant@gmail.com)

## BAPTISTE POINOT- FLAVEURS \*



Already awarded a **Michelin star** (obtained in record time) and three toques by Gault Millau, this lively young chef has also just been crowned "great chef of tomorrow." It is now part of the leading group of gourmet addresses in the region. After working at Chabran and Europe

in Avignon, Baptiste returned to Valence, his hometown, ready to open his own restaurant. What a success! The setting is cozy with colorful touches and precise lighting.

**Restaurant Flaveurs \* at Valence**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 56 08 40

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## GREAT CHEFS OF THE FUTURE

### MATHIEU CHARTRON - MAISON GAMBERT



Following 2 years in Paris and 7 years at Las Vegas with Guy Savoy, the young chef **Mathieu Chartron** has returned to his roots in the Drôme, only a few kilometres from the family restaurant. He has chosen the slopes of the Hermitage hill, in the heart of the vineyards, to install the **Maison Gambert**,

where he offers simple but refined cooking.

**Worthy of note:** Mathieu was awarded « Rising Star of the year 2015 ».

Menu du jour à 32 €.

**Maison Gambert at Tain-l'Hermitage**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 09 19 85

### CHRISTOPHE BEUCHER - L'ÔDE MARINE



Having returned from Japan, following several years in Paris and Romans, the chef Christophe Beucher is now with us again, complete with a gastronomic menu based on fish, shell fish and crustaceans: all the best things the sea offers, in a delicate setting. All these menus are « Omakassé », « chef, I will

put my trust in your choice » in Japanese. This concept leaves free rein to the creativity of the chef.

**Ôde Marine at Bourg-de-Péage**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 48 45 65

restaurant@odemarine.fr - www.odemarine.fr

### EDWARD CRISTAUDO – LA PENICHE BY E. CRISTAUDO



This is a rather magical setting, a barge on the Rhône, which this ex-starred chef has chosen for his two suggestions: the lunchtime bistrot menu (starter – main dish – dessert + glass of wine) at 24 € and, in the evenings, 'La Cale' opens its doors for a gastronomic menu.i

**La Péniche by Edward Cristaudo at Tain-L'Hermitage**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 08 34 50 - restaurant@lapeniche.biz

www.lapeniche.biz/

### VINCENT ET KEIKO DOLLAT - LE MANGEVINS



At Vincent and Keiko's restaurant in Tain-l'Hermitage, they feel that a good dish should be accompanied by a good wine. For example, try the confit of veal breast and seasonal vegetables th a glass of grand cru La Chapelle (produced by Jaboulet) or Le Pavillon (by Chapoutier). To go with each

menu, you're given the choice between such grands crus, or then other reds, rosés or whites sold by the glass. The cellars hold some 400 different bottles which you can also pick from à la carte.

**Le Mangevins at Tain-l'Hermitage**

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# The best of the Drôme local produce

Generous and tasty, Drôme offers many products of great quality: 19 AOP (appellation d'origine protégée), Label Rouge, 12 IGP (protected geographical identification). Over 2,500 Drôme producers have had at least one product under the 'Signe Officiel de Qualité', in other words, 40% of farms. Go on and sample them?

## LA TRUFFE DU TRICASTIN



At **Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux**, close to the Rhône in southwest Drôme, Sunday mornings between December and March are the occasion to attend a **truffle market** that's open to the general public. On a little square with a fountain, a heady, incredibly complex aroma fills

the air. It emanates from the truffles displayed in baskets, boxes or even plastic bags, all scrupulously vetted by a selection committee. There's no particular formality involved in buying this very exclusive product. However, how do you know how to choose a good truffle? 'It should be nice and round, but above all, it shouldn't have any holes in it,' explains André, from a family of trufficulteurs. 'Inside, the truffle should be black, with white veins, showing that it's nice and ripe. If it's grey inside, then it's not ripe.' On the scales, the precious so-called 'black diamonds' sell at enormous prices, somewhere between €50 € and 150 € for 100g, according to the season!

**To see:** The truffle market for the general public at Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux takes place every Sunday, December-March, from 10-12.

[www.truffles-en-tricastin.fr](http://www.truffles-en-tricastin.fr)



In 2013 St-Paul-Trois-Châteaux has obtained the label **Site remarquable du goût for Les Truffières du Tricastin**.

[www.sitesremarquablesdugout.com](http://www.sitesremarquablesdugout.com)

- For more information on Drôme truffles, visiting a truffle farm and learning more about the secrets of the Tuber Melanosporum, or to taste and buy fresh truffles, go to the **Maison de la Truffe et du Tricastin**. In a completely refreshed exhibition area, through eight galleries, this journey through the Tricastin landscape represents a walk through a plantation of truffle oaks. An interactive and fun voyage of discovery featuring films, animation, interactive workshops, sniffing sessions, touch screens. An unmissable visit to help you understand the mysterious world of the 'black diamond'.

**Extra:** in season - from December to March - the 'maison de la truffe' each Saturday organises discovery days. The programme includes: a tour of the exhibition, a truffle market, a truffle based meal with a 'rabassier', followed by a sensory, olfactory and taste bud approach to the truffle.

**La Maison de la Truffe et du Tricastin at Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 96 61 29 - [www.maisondelatruffe.com](http://www.maisondelatruffe.com)

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The truffle-producing area of the Tricastin represents 80% of the national production of the black truffle. The Drôme boasts the largest truffle catchment area in Europe.

## OLIVES ET HUILE D'OLIVE DE NYONS - AOP



On the roads of the Drôme Provençale, around Nyons and the Baronnies, you'll pass many gorgeous old olive groves. By the month of December, the trees are weighed down with their fruit which are ready for picking. The

**single, AOP variety** produced in these parts is the **Tanche**, a black pearl with tiny wrinkles. Some pickers still use old-fashioned wooden ladders to get up to their trees, a wicker basket attached to their side.

The heavy grinding stones of the old mills are rarely put to work anymore, replaced by modern machinery, but the method of making the olive oil remains pretty much the same as in the past. The olive paste, pressed cold, without anything added whatsoever, produces a quality 'extra virgin' oil with a beautiful greeny-gold colour. Taste the unctuous liquid by itself and you may detect hints of green apple and fresh grass.

**Tapenade, or 'Provençal caviar':** this flavoursome olive puree is seasoned with herbs and capers. It's most often served with an aperitif, or used in dishes as a replacement for mustard. It features on many restaurant menus these days.

**FRANCE OLIVE - Institut du Monde de l'Olivier / Les Huiles d'olive & Olives du Midi de la France at NYONS**

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**Oliveraie de Nyons**, site remarquable du goût, vieille de 2 000 ans, la plus septentrionale de France

## LE NOUGAT DE MONTELMAR (DEMANDE IGP EN COURS)



It's legendary in France. And it was a great summer tradition, back in the days before the motorway was built down to the Côte d'Azur, for locals to sell bags of Montélimar nougat to holidaymakers stuck in the vast traffic-jams around town! Times have moved on, but the

traditional way of making this nougat has altered little, including a cooking time of 13 hours. The craft sweet-makers here are only allowed to label their produce 'Nougat de Montélimar' as long as they meet the strict criteria of at least 25% lavender honey, 28% almond and 2% pistachio content.

**Contact: OT de Montélimar-Agglomération**

Tel. +33(0)4 75 01 00 20

[www.montelimar-tourisme.com](http://www.montelimar-tourisme.com)



## LE PICODON DE LA DRÔME - AOP



The amusing name 'picodon' refers to the very tasty little round goat's cheeses produced in the Drôme. At Saoû, every July, the Fête du Picodon brings together lots of goats, along with their cheese

sellers. You'll learn that 'pico' is a regional term for something that pricks lightly, in this case the tangy cheese on the tongue. Picodons are dried and aged for at least 12 days, taking on fruity tones. If left to age over a month and 'washed' several times, then they've been through the 'méthode Dieulefit'! Try picodons either creamy and fresh, or drier and stronger, macerated in olive oil, or maybe rolled in herbs. All of them have AOP status.

**Syndicat de défense et de promotion du Picodon AOP**  
at Montélier. Tel. +33 (0)4 75 56 26 06  
info@picodon-aop.fr - www.picodon-aop.fr

## LE BLEU DU VERCORS-SASSENAGE - AOP



As well as all those goats and sheep, there are some herds of cows that graze around the Vercors. Some of the farms in glorious mountain settings here are very proud of their special blue cow's cheese, made in the shape of a small haystack, carrying the Vercors-Sassenage

AOP label. The texture is soft and unctuous, and you may notice hints of hazelnuts in the taste. During the Fête du Bleu, crowds come to see how this local cow's milk speciality is made. And they applaud when the latest golden beauty is awarded a rosette for its outstanding qualities! It all makes for a merry gathering.

**Syndicat interprofessionnel du Bleu du Vercors-Sassenage**  
Contact: Chrystelle HUSTACHE  
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## LA RAVIOLE DU DAUPHINE - IGP



They're tiny little squares of fresh pasta made with tender wheat flour, stuffed with a mix of Comté cheese, fromage blanc, eggs, parsley, butter and salt. You don't need to be a great chef to cook them! All you do is pop them into some boiling water, and after two minutes, they rise to the

surface, signalling that they're ready. Dauphiné ravioli make amazingly delicious fast food. If you want to make them fancier, fry them quickly and serve them with a green salad, plus some walnuts, or even walnut wine. Today, the region's ravioli makers are competing to attract customers with further fillings, marketing snail ravioli, and even chocolate-filled ones. Please note that our Dauphiné ravioli have gained the A.O. status, recognizing their quality and the local know-how in their creation, but they will never have AOP recognition because some of the cheese used in their making doesn't come from the immediate area of production. However, they have also won the prestigious **Label rouge**, and, since 2009, **IGP** status. One maker, SAINT JEAN, dominates the market, accounting for some 92% of total production. Among the smaller-scale makers you'll find the likes of La Mère Maury ([www.raviolesmeremaury.com](http://www.raviolesmeremaury.com)).

**Ravioles SAINT JEAN at ROMANS - Boutique de vente**  
Contact: Valérie WANTIEZ - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 05 83 80  
Contact@saint-jean.fr - www.saint-jean.fr

## THE YOUNG GUINEA-FOWL FROM THE DRÔME - IGP



The history of the Drôme guinea fowl is said to lie in antiquity in the days of Hannibal. During his expedition against Rome, the renowned Carthaginian general was accompanied, not only by elephants to help him cross the Alps, but also by some guinea-

fowl escaped on the road. Today the Drôme guinea fowl has an IGP and a Red Label. The outdoor rearing (marketing from 13 weeks) gives a firm flesh, colorful and very tasty.



**THE LAVANDE FINE (REAL LAVENDER) AND THE LAVANDIN (HYBRID SPECIES)**



The Lavender is a real or original species, while Lavandin is a hybrid resulting from the crossing of Lavender and Aspic. The Lavender can be cultivated or wild, while Lavandin not found in the wild. The altitude also plays a big role in the differentiation between the two species: while

Lavandin grows at all altitudes, true Lavender only grows from 600 meters, never below.

The essential oil of lavender, used in aromatherapy perfume is finer, softer, almost round. She kept all its therapeutic properties, while the essence of Lavandin more pungent odor, much more "camphor" is hardly ever used in pharmacopoeia. It takes 100 to 120 kg of straw (flowers and stems) to obtain 1 kg of golden yellow oil Lavender and 3 kg for Lavandin.

The AOP "**Essential oils of lavender from Haute-Provence**" was established in 1981 to fight against the competition. It identifies the production of very high quality.

The Drôme Provençale and the Diois offer exceptional lavender landscapes in summer.

**Lionel Terrail - TILT Com'seil\***

**Coordinateur Routes de la Lavande**

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[www.routes-lavande.com](http://www.routes-lavande.com)

**EINKORN FROM HAUTE-PROVENCE -IGP**



Consumed in large quantities until the Roman period, then abandoned in favour of higher yielding wheat, Einkorn was only rediscovered by the public at large around fifteen years ago. This is a rustic plant, grown on poor soils in harsh climatic conditions and requires no pesticides, weed killers and very

little water.

The production zone is mainly located in the Baronnies.

**Syndicat du petit épeautre de Haute Provence at MEVOUILLON**

Tel. +33(0)4 75 28 51 86

[www.petitepeautre.com](http://www.petitepeautre.com)

**DRÔME GARLIC - IGP SINCE 2008. ALSO EXISTS IN ORGANIC**



Drôme garlic is a widely consumed garlic whose characteristics are closely anchored to its production area. The quantity of sunshine and wind in the Drôme lend Drôme garlic its fresh tasting and slightly sweet qualities. Of a large calibre, this is a white garlic

which can feature violet flames.

<http://aildeladrome.com>

**AFTER WHITE OR VIOLET GARLIC...WE NOW HAVEBLACK GARLIC !**



This is a new product (or transformation) offered by the Boutarin family: a black garlic confit, which is going to make people who don't like garlic change their minds. The 'recipe' comes from Japan, but

it was in England that it came to light. Whereas Stéphane looks after the growing, it's Fanny who transforms white garlic using a process which she has perfected with great attention to detail. Sugary and liquorice tastes emanate and much 'umami' (the 5th Japanese flavour, synonymous with delicious !). These garlic flavours have already caught the attention of both prominent restaurants and specialist grocers.

**Maison Boutarin at Crest**

Tel. +33 (0)7 87 09 56 08 - [fboutarin@ailshake.fr](mailto:fboutarin@ailshake.fr)

<https://maisonboutarin.fr/>

**OFFICIAL LIME TREE OF THE BARONNIES**



Lime-trees found in Baronnies climatic conditions very favorable: exceptional sunshine, moderate rainfall and distributed in a way that promotes maturity flowers, well sheltered valleys with minimal frost in spring. It is particularly renowned for its flavor and aroma both sweet

and penetrating. Calming, antispasmodic and slimming, the linden flower looks like a panacea.

**Office de Tourisme at Buis-les-Baronnies**

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## LE SUISSE DE VALENCE



Their strange story is worth telling. At the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Napoleon Bonaparte, sent Pope Pius VI into exile in Valence where he would die. On seeing the Papal Swiss guard passing by, a baker's wife in the town came up with the idea of creating a confection copying these soldiers' colourful uniforms! Since then, it's been possible to find these little

figures in many of the boulangeries of Valence. They consist of a buttery biscuit flavoured with orange peel, buttoned up with raisins.

### Pognes et Suisses Nivon at Valence

Contact: Denis MAURIN - Tel. (+33) 04 75 44 03 37  
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## LA POGNE DE ROMANS



The name derives from the word poignée, a handful - the amount of dough needed to make this lovely sweet loaf. Made with the finest flour, plus eggs, sugar and butter, and perfumed with orange blossom, it's shaped into a crown before being baked

golden brown.

### Boulangerie PASCALIS at Bourg-de-Péage

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## FRUITS OF THE DROME



Towards the end of March, the slopes around the Rhône Valley suddenly take on vivid deep pink tones. As the months progress, the peaches and nectarines (awarded **Label Rouge** status) grow in size on the trees. The branches begin to groan under their weight, and to bend, as

though to help with the picking. You'll then find the wonderful fruit in the shops and markets across the Drôme. They are deliciously scented, soft to the touch when ripe and they melt in the mouth when eaten. The apricots of the Drôme burst with juice once ready too; try the various varieties, such as Bergeron, from more northerly parts, or Orangé de Provence, from further south. Alongside these, you'll also find delicious apples, pears, kiwis and red fruit produced in the Drôme.

### Le Clos Fougères at Châteauneuf-sur-Isère

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Orchards visits, gardening lessons, cooking classes, rare fruit production...

## NOT FORGETTING: AOP GRENOBLE WALNUTS



The first type of nut to win AOP status (since 1938), with 3 varieties Franquette, Mayette and Parisienne. There are some 200 producers in the Drôme, also making their own walnut oil and walnut wine.

### LMDES - Cave Noisel at St-Jean-en-Royans

Tél +33 (0)4 75 48 37 73 - <http://cave-noisel.com/>

Alain THOMAS - lmdes@lmdes.fr

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Walnut oil mill in operation in a walnut farm, nuts from appetizer to dessert.

## Other products, all of the same high quality, are produced in the Drôme: Banon AOC cheeses (made with whole raw goat's milk, the Banon is matured in brown chestnut leaves, held together by natural raffia) and St-Marcellin IGP (cows' milk), IGP Provence honey, IGP Sisteron lamb, IGP Drôme poultry and IGP Drôme garlic.



# LA DRÔME OUTDOORS



## L'itinérance

Rich in its landscapes and varied topography, the Drôme invites you to more intimately discover the landscape at your own pace – the 'itinérance', for example. Appreciate new tourism experiences, become a slow traveller!

### BY CYCLE

#### VIARHONA - 67 KM OF "VELOROUTE" AND "VOIE VERTE" IN THE DRÔME



With a length of 815 km, Viarhona is a "Véloroute - Voie Verte" which links Lake Geneva with the Mediterranean, following, as closely as possible,

the Rhône river through 3 French regions and 12 départements. (EuroVélo17)

**In the Drôme, the Département has completed 52 km of Voie Verte** (route reserved for non-motorised traffic) **and 15 km of Véloroute** (route shared with motorised vehicles). Conceived of in the spirit of a shared space, the Viarhona, is now open to cyclists, roller bladers and walkers, follows, for the greater part of its length, the tow path. The new route is also accessible to those with mobility problems.

On going to press, the 5 sections are finished and open to the public. The continuity of the route is assured by the route on the Ardèche bank of the river. **The Département de la Drôme has ensured continuity between the Drôme sections, using quiet roads.**

Viarhona leaflet: Discover heritage and other tourism sites to visit along the way, as well as accommodation details, restaurants and many other useful contacts.

**www.viarhona.com**: a site which shows each section stage by stage with downloadable information (4 Drôme sections Nos. 12/13/14/15/16).

#### VELOROUTE VOIE VERTE VALLEE DE L'ISERE



The end of 2013 witnessed the opening of the **V63 (Véloroute-Voie verte cycle route in the Isère valley)** which follows the Isère for

**42 km**, from Châteauneuf-sur-Isère (where the Isère and the Rhône meet) to St-Nazaire-en-Royans. This is an opportunity to discover the heritage and the natural richness of the **'Portes du Royans'** and the **'Drôme des Collines'**.

In addition to the routes which follow the l'Isère, three bridges have been built crossing the river and providing access to either bank. These metal bridges, with a total span of 152 metres and a usable width of 3,50 metres, are open to pedestrians, non-motorised two wheel transport and dismantled horses, to cross from one bank of the l'Isère to the other.

**The passerelle (footbridge) at Châteauneuf-sur-Isère links up with the Viarhona route.**

[www.cirkwi.com/fr/circuit/22173-vv-de-la-vallee-de-lisere](http://www.cirkwi.com/fr/circuit/22173-vv-de-la-vallee-de-lisere)

**The Véloroutes allowing you to discover the 'arrière-pays' along transversal valleys** (from North to South: along the Valloire, the Galaure, the Herbasse, the Isère, the Drôme, the Jabron, the Eygues, the Ouvèze) are also planned.



## LA VELOURTE "LA VELODROME"



This **Véloroute (cycle route)** follows the byways and minor roads of the lower **Drôme Valley**. It links up directly with the **VVV ViaRhôna** at the river Drôme crossing reserved for cyclists.

A mountain-bike route (**VTT26**), 130 km in length, following the river Drôme from its source at la Bâtie-des-Fonds to its meeting with the Rhône at Livron also exits -to discover the Drôme valley in complete tranquillity.

<https://velo-drome.com>



*Pause cyclo au col de la Bataille*

For the last few years, **cycle-touring has been growing enormously in popularity**. This activity reflects new aspirations for visitors and also extends the touring period from April to October. The client base, which is characterised by both curiosity and a respect for nature, wishes to discover new areas, landscapes, heritage and people.

## « ACCUEIL VELO » NATIONAL LABEL



Put into place by 'France Vélo Tourisme', this designation allows cycle tourists to identify the **appropriate organisations and places** for their cycling needs, and indicate where they will find the right reception and services.

The aim of the listing is to help **bring together**

**and engage** professionals around shared aims.

**The service providers** are currently being designated!

[www.ladrometourisme.com](http://www.ladrometourisme.com)

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## READY TO GO

### ■ **Discovering hilltop villages using electric bicycles**

#### **Free wheeling, or almost**

Should the notion of bicycles and hilltop villages seem contradictory, Christophe, at the «Le Printemps» hotel in Montélimar will know how to convince you otherwise. From his hotel, which has only just acquired the **Accueil vélo** label, he will encourage you to lay siege to these stone citadels, on a bicycle assisted by an electric motor. What a pleasure to be able to pedal effortlessly – off we go! Old Sauzet with its towers, its fortified circuit and gateways still present proudly celebrates its medieval past, the incredible history of the private village of La Laupie (open to visitors), Saint-Gervais-sur-Roubion overlooks the Roubion river at a point where it occupies its widest bed and offers outstanding views over the Valdaine.

**From 66 €/person, 2 days/1 night** offering a double room, breakfast, hire of electric bicycles for the afternoon, helmets, a repair kit and saddle bag.

**Hotel-Restaurant Le Printemps\*\*\* at Montélimar**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 92 06 80 - [www.hotelprintemps.com](http://www.hotelprintemps.com)

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE HUGUENOTS, CYCLING

The well-known walking route In the footsteps of the Huguenots also now exists as a cycle-touring route 430 km long (+a variant of 40 km) **from the Drôme to Geneva**. The route stays close to the GR® 965 and passes through **the most attractive landscapes of the Drôme**.

The Drôme stages **start at Montélimar or Livron**. Download the details of the route from:

<http://www.surlespasedeshuguenots.eu/topocyclo-web1.pdf>

## GITES DE FRANCE AND CYCLING



The Gîtes de France de la Drôme offer you "Accueil cyclistes / vététistes" accommodation to help you discover the 3 000 km of way marked trails and over 2 000 km of roads recommended for cyclists (designated 'la Drôme à vélo' signposting). The

accommodation always features a shelter or lockable garage, cycle racks, chain lubricant, a water point for cleaning the bicycle, details of the nearest bicycle repair shop and itineraries suggested by experts.

More than one hundred gîtes and chambres d'hôtes meet the criteria demanded by the Gîtes de France.

**Gîtes de France Drôme - Véronique DUCHALAIS**

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[www.gites-de-france-drome.com](http://www.gites-de-france-drome.com)



## LES CHEMINS DU SOLEIL: THE GREAT MOUNTAIN-BIKE CROSSING OF THE PRÉALPES



Les Chemins du Soleil

As soon as the snow has melted the 'Chemins du Soleil' provides two unspoilt routes to cross the Préalpes from the Rhône Valley to the Southern Alps and from the Vercors to Provence.

Approved by the Fédération Française de Cyclisme (FFC), this long and attractive route normally takes five to seven days to complete. But its challenging nature should not deter those who wish to take their time, since the numerous places to stay along the route mean that you can do it in as many stages as you want and hence take the time to discover, at a more relaxed pace, this surprising area, its inhabitants and landscape.

Every year, in May, **the nature Raid-VTT** challenge is put on for those imbued with a competitive spirit! (from May 21 to May 24 2020).

[www.raid-vtt.fr](http://www.raid-vtt.fr)

## THE DRÔMOISE CYCLOSPORTIVE



The Drôme is a real paradise for cycling enthusiasts. This will be the case again in the coming September in the shape of the **cyclo sportive « La Drômoise » event**, where the bicycle is king. Come and encourage the cyclists in this timed event or take part in the organised cycle rides

ranging from **36 to 143 km** and discover the attractive roads of the Diois. **Families have their own « Drômoise » with appropriate circuits.** A whole programme of activities is planned for this great cycling festival.

Rendez-vous on September 2020 for the 13<sup>th</sup> edition!

[www.cyclodromoise.com](http://www.cyclodromoise.com)

## ON HORSEBACK



The Drôme can offer you some **2,500 km** of bridle paths. You might just go out for a few hours or a day, or you can embark on circuits lasting from two to eight days,

with stops in gîtes d'étape. You're free to go by yourself, or you can hire a guide.

### La Drôme à Cheval at Valence

Gerald Linarello (Président) - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 75 47 89

[drome-a-cheval@mbsport.fr](mailto:drome-a-cheval@mbsport.fr) - [www.drome-a-cheval.com](http://www.drome-a-cheval.com)

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE HUGUENOTS ON HORSEBACK



In the footsteps of the Huguenots on horseback, follows the historic route to exile of the Huguenots from the Dauphiné through

the Isère following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685-1690).

The footpath starts at Poët-Laval in the Drôme and goes to Esparron in the Isère via the col de Menée. **It is 130 km in length.** This equestrian crosses the Diois, the home of a number of exiles. At the pace of your steed cross into Drôme Provençale and the Vercors, with a backdrop of beautiful forests and valleys, beetling cliffs and tiny one thousand year old villages, not forgetting the vineyards of the celebrated «Clairette de Die». The trail divides into stages: Poët-Laval, Mornans, La Chaudière, Rimon et Savel, Die, les Nonnières – to finish at Esparron in the Isère.

**Contact: La Drôme à Cheval (see above)**



Randonnée équestre à Manas

## ON FOOT

**Over 5000 km of way-marked footpaths** allow you to re-source yourselves in the well-conserved nature of the Drôme: you can choose between the linear '**grande randonnée**' footpaths and the circular 'circuits' for walks ranging from several hours to the whole day; walking **unaccompanied or with a guide.**

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE HUGUENOTS: EUROPEAN FOOTPATH

This international long distance footpath follows the historical road of exile of the Dauphinois Huguenots to Switzerland and Germany, following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685-1690) by the French king, Louis XIV.

The footpath starts at Poët-Laval in the Drôme to reach Geneva and Frankfurt-on-Main and finishes at Bad Karlshafen in Allemagne. It is 1400 km long, which makes it one of the longest footpaths in Europe. He has been awarded the "**European Cultural Route**" and homologation GR965.

Autumn 2020 *Exile and Tolerance*. A week of walks, guided tours, meetings and events, Huguenot cooking. Register for the day or for the week.

**Contact:** [info@surlespasdeshuguenots.eu](mailto:info@surlespasdeshuguenots.eu)

[www.surlespasdeshuguenots.eu](http://www.surlespasdeshuguenots.eu)



**Depuis 2017** The footpath "In the footsteps of the Huguenots" is now enriched with 3 new alternative routes which are suitable for bicycles. The routes start in Montélimar and Livron, and there is a further route which avoids the cols.

READY TO GO

■ **Walk in the footsteps of the Huguenots, from Poët-Laval to Die**

From March to November, 8 days / 7 nights in a hotel or chambre d'hôtes.

To follow the route to exile of the Dauphinois Huguenots is to walk once again these centuries-old paths, many of them traditional peddler paths, or even former Roman roads which were used by the Huguenots in their flight. Walkers will also cross the vegetation frontier between Drôme Provençale with its typical flora and fauna and the Val de Drôme where lavender and olive trees are much rarer and are replaced by fine beech and oak woods.

Adult price: 725€/per person, using the 'formule liberté'. The price includes accommodation with half-board (double room), the road book, luggage transport and technical help.

**Agence Safran - Hervé BAUSSANE at Mirabel-et-Blacons**  
Tel. +33 (0)4 75 25 78 78 - [www.safrantours.com](http://www.safrantours.com)

READY TO GO

■ **Retrouvance® Hike - Roanne valley**

6 days / 5 nights in forest cabins.

9 planned weeks from the 17th of June to the 21st September  
The Roanne valley is a great place to walk, an area full of character linking Vercors with Provence. The mountains are not too high and the climate has a hint of Provence. Your route winds its way amongst the woods and the vineyards of the celebrated Clairette de Die; through walnut groves, pastures and the first lavender fields of Drôme Provençale. Sumptuous settings of unspoilt mountain and valley landscapes. The Roanne, now tamed, and its tributaries offer freshness and ... bathing!

Adult rate: 620 €/per person. (580 € for the 'liberté' formula).

The fullest formula includes: the presence of a qualified 'moyenne montagne' guide, presentations by foresters from the ONF, full board accommodation, transport of luggage and minibus transfers.

**Contact: Office de Tourisme du Diois at DIE**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 22 03 03 - [contact@diois-tourisme.com](mailto:contact@diois-tourisme.com)

**RETRouvance®: AN ÉCO-TOURISM PRODUCT FROM THE OFFICE NATIONAL DES FORÊTS**

Offering linear discovery walks, in stages, with an accompanying guide and accommodation in forest gîtes, in mid-altitude forest locations.

**In the Drôme, the Diois and the Roanne valley** with accommodation in forest gîtes, a forestry house, a forest guard's cabin and a yurt.

<https://gitesetrandonnees.onf.fr>

**Contact: Office National des Forêts - Charly CAMATTE**

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**LAVANDER ROADS**



The lavender road trips, organised by tourist, farming and cultural organisations is an invitation to **discover the world of lavender** in its production area. Farms, boutiques, museums, themed outings, gastronomy, etc...

The entire lavender production chain is open to inspection.

**When does lavender bloom?** It depends on the climate but lavender generally starts blooming around June 15th in the warmer and lower places and it goes until mid-August in the higher areas.

**Lionel TERRAIL - TILT Com'seil\***

**Coordinateur routes de la Lavande**

Tel. +33 (0)6 21 37 18 34 - [rl@tiltconseil.com](mailto:rl@tiltconseil.com)

[www.routes-lavande.com](http://www.routes-lavande.com)



## THE GRANDES TRAVERSEES DU VERCORS (GTV)



The **Vercors massif** reveals itself to visitors in all its shades, through a number of walks tailored to the level and requirements of each individual.

Stage after stage; on foot, on horseback, on a mountain-bike, with a donkey or mule, on skis, racquets or dog sleighs, live the Vercors at your chosen pace. Over a weekend or during a longer stay, the GTV professionals are there to welcome you to gîtes, mountain refuges, hotels, camp site, 'caravaneiges' [snow caravans] or chambres d'hôtes and will take you along ridges and through forests leaving you with some unforgettable freedom moments.

Services for walkers: luggage and person transport; "Liberté" or "Accompagné" [guided] walks.

Over 700 km of hiking await, move the Vercors into the league of the great walking routes!

**Contact: Association ds Professionnels de G.T.V.**

Odile BARBOTIN Maison du Parc at Lans-en-Vercors

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 48 17 88

info@vercors-gtv.com - www.vercors-gtv.com



Raquettes au Col de Rousset

### READY TO GO

#### ■ Grande traversée du Vercors on racquets

From 29/12/2019 to 15/03/2020

7 days / 6 nights in a group gîte

Seasoned and fit walkers, try the 'grande traversée du Vercors' route and discover, from Col de Rousset to Corrençon-en-Vercors (1600 m altitude) the grandiose landscapes of the Hauts-Plateaux du Vercors. There is a day of warming-up followed by three days of walking and a day to unwind to finish off. This is quite a cocktail for those who are of a sporting disposition and looking for a break.

Adult rate: from 660€/per person.

The price includes full board accommodation, guides, loan of equipment and insurance.

**Contact: Gil BOREL**

Maison de l'Aventure at La Chapelle-en-Vercors

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 48 22 38 - www.maison-aventure.com

A dependable option for families? **Walk with donkeys or mules.** The footpaths of the Drôme are particularly well-suited to exploration with **pack donkeys or mules.** Here likewise there are a number of options: an expedition lasting **several hours, several days, 'en itinérance', accompanied or unaccompanied.** Select from the various offers in **travels with a donkey** offered by **15 professionals** in the Drôme.

## BY SCOOTER

### SCOOT'NOMAD



**Scoot'Nomad** is much more than a simple scooter hire service, they also offer a pack featuring: a scooter + trailer + camping pack + road book, to enable you to take off and discover Drôme provençale. This innovating concept is unique in

France. Choose your scooter (50 or 125cc) or your moped, the length of your trip and over to you for freedom holiday at your own pace.

From 40 € a day.

**Scoot'Nomad at Marsanne - Joël SAUZE**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 92 42 40 / 06 30 39 75 24

www.scoot-nomad.com

## BY GYPSY CARAVAN

The bohemian life is for you!

### DRÔME 'ROULOTTES' HOLIDAYS



Travel across the Drôme by caravan, far from the pace of modern life. Travel at walking pace (between 15 and 20 km a day) will allow you to fully appreciate the landscapes you travel through. For a weekend or longer holidays, you will set off without any worries, with a helper who will look after harnessing and leading the horse (you can of course have a go yourself) and dealing with the horses in the evening. Your helper will also have local knowledge. This is great idea for unusual and eco-friendly family holidays.

**Drôme Roulotte Vacances at Poët-Célar**

Odile et Thierry OLMIER - Tel. +33(0)6 09 05 86 67

dromeroulottesvacances@gmail.com

www.dromeroulottesvacances.com

### READY TO GO

#### ■ An accompanied gypsy caravan to discover the Drôme; a weekend of the Bohemian life

From 126 €/pers (Price for the rental of the horse-drawn caravan for 4 people, depending on the length and period.), 2 trips/2 nights: formula "grain de bohème". You choose: travel in the morning and rest in the afternoon or vice versa. This escapade divides into two stages: Soyans (right next to the Meyas 'maison d'hôtes', an 11 hectare property with superb views and bathing possibilities in a natural pool) and Saoû (at the edge of the forest, in a calm camp-site, in the midst of natural surroundings and beside a river). Price including the guide, the rental and the horse's food.



## Activities at the heart of nature

Beneath the surface of the earth, on land, in the air or in the water, the Drôme will satisfy those who like sport as much as those who are lovers of nature.

### CLIMBING



The Drôme boasts some outstanding rock climbs, with long climbs and canyons spread around 60 sites. Not to be missed are: Omlèze and its gorges in the Parc Naturel Régional du Vercors; Saou at the gates of the wonderful forest of the same name, the Archiane cliffs, the sites around

Buis-les-Baronnies, sheltering in the shade of the mighty Ventoux, amidst olive and lime groves. You can choose your climbing style and level of difficulty, suitable for families but also satisfying the most demanding climbers.

13 sites are covered in the guide called « Escalade en Drôme Provençale » and 17 in the "Vercors sud & Drôme des Collines" guide (new) Published by FFME Drôme.

**Comité départemental de la Montagne et de l'Escalade at Valence**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 75 47 81 - <http://ct26.ffme.fr>

### VIA-FERRATA



Buis-les-Baronnies can bask in the fact that it boasts one of the finest via ferrata in Europe within its bounds, the North face of the St-Julien, with 3 routes of varied difficulty over 1700m of 'via'.

Four sites: the 'rocher de Chironne', 'La Berche', the 'pas de l'Echelle' and the 'Claps' mean that the

Diois and the Baronnies are capable of generating enormous quantities of adrenaline.

**Please note:** the **via-corda** of the 'Vierge' at St-Julien-en-Vercors: a succession of near-vertical walls, interconnected with 'vires' (horizontal ledge routes) and amazing views over the Vercors. Reserved for specialists, this is an Alpine climbing area where Alpine climbing techniques are used.

More details on - <http://viaferratabuis.com/>

### CAVING

The 'Parc naturel régional du Vercors' (a protected landscape) offers a permanent adventure with over **3 000 subterranean features** (cave systems, caverns and pot holes) all for the pleasure of cavers.

**Comité départemental de spéléologie 26**

[www.csr-rhonealpes.fr/cds26/](http://www.csr-rhonealpes.fr/cds26/)

**La Maison de l'Aventure - Gil Borel at La Chapelle-en-Vercors**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 48 22 38 - [www.maison-aventure.com](http://www.maison-aventure.com)

### CANYONING



During this activity you progress along the course of a river, using techniques taken from other sporting activities like white water, climbing, pot-holing and also hiking. No more, no less!

And for the amateurs the mountains of the Drôme offer you an impressive landscape in which

to play. Here you will find a number of different varied characteristics, waterfalls, jumps, swimming and water slides...

### CANI-RANDO (DOG HIKES)

You may have already asked the question. What do the sledging dogs do in the summer? Well now you have the answer! What better way to discover nature than with a dog that pulls you up and helps you to go further?

The dog hikes are an excellent way to walk at your own pace and appreciate the beauty of nature. They also provide a means of affection and contact with an animal.

### FOREST ADVENTURE COURSES

Situated in sites of high environmental quality, **around ten** of the 'parcours Aventure en Forêt' welcome children (some routes are even suitable for 2 year olds) and the not so young for some unforgettable moments amongst the trees. Experiment with: monkey bridge, the 'Nepalese', nets, harnesses, cable runs, pulleys, see-saw logs and a Tarzan leap!

**Most:** try out a night in the trees with breakfast as the sun rises: [www.la-foret-de-robin.com](http://www.la-foret-de-robin.com)

**The most original:** initiation à la grimpe d'arbres et bivouac en hamac perché, avec Magali Grez.

<https://arkadarbre.wordpress.com>



## GOLF



Take to the Drôme with a swing ! **Four 18 hole courses** and three 9 hole courses await players at all levels. Pitch in the direction of the Vercors, putt in the midst of vineyards and drive through lavender fields.

Golf Club Valence-St Didier ([www.golfclubvalence.com](http://www.golfclubvalence.com))  
 Golf de la Valdaine-Montélimar ([www.domainedelavaldaine.com](http://www.domainedelavaldaine.com)) Golf Club d'Albon ([www.golf-albon.com](http://www.golf-albon.com)) Golf Club des Chanalets ([www.golf-chanalets.com](http://www.golf-chanalets.com)) pour les 18 trous homologués FFG.

## AERIAL SPORTS



Flights from the plain and off the mountains, using mountain updraught, dynamics or thermals: the sky of the Drôme is generous. There are indeed over **20 FFVL agreed sites for non powered flight and 5 FFVV gliding fields** which give access to the skies of the Drôme. From the 'Drôme des

Collines' to the 'Baronnies', each pilot will discover flight conditions which are as varied as the landscapes beneath them.

## WATER SPORTS



Follow the river Drôme downstream in a **canoe-kayak**. This is the last wild river in the Alps and you can live an adventure surrounded by lavender, followed by cicadas, not to mention the pleasure of bathing too. There are 8 canoe

and rafting bases along the river Drôme.

**Most:** some routes combine canoeing with mountain-biking for a day.

**Canoe Drôme at Saillans - Pierre CAPIEZ**

Tel. +33(0)4 75 21 54 20 - [www.canoe-drome.com](http://www.canoe-drome.com)

**Le Rhône.** This mighty river travels all the way down the Drôme's western edge. Wandering along its generous riverbank, you'll encounter many locals who like to walk or ride alongside it. But some like to get out on its waters. In fact, as the very broad river is controlled in parts like so many lakes, **rowing, sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, even kite-surfing**, are all possible. Head out from Valence's marina, the Port de L'Épervière, from La Roche de Glun (upstream of the dam), or from Tain-l'Hermitage.

[www.drome-portdeplaisance.com](http://www.drome-portdeplaisance.com)

## DELTA WATER PARK



**Situated in the commune of Vercheny, in the 'pays de la Clairette', and near Valence, two water centers!** Discover the water cable water-skiing in the Drôme and try wakeboarding and kneeboarding. **You can also try** tubing, stand-up paddle, water skiing, a big air bag and

of course canoeing. **These activities are open to all.** A qualified and experienced team will welcome you to assist you share the joys of these exciting activities.

**Delta Water Park at Vercheny**

Tel. +33 (0)7 87 32 88 10 - [www.deltawaterpark.com](http://www.deltawaterpark.com)

**Etoile Park 26 - Fabien Court at Etoile-sur-Rhône**

Tel. +33 (0)7 83 15 44 81- <http://etoilepark26.fr>

## MOUNTAIN RESORTS

The Drôme has also **seven mountain resorts** in the Royans, Vercors and Diois that summer and winter, play the card of original activities and fun for all ages.

Drôme Mountain Resorts - [www.ladromemontagne.fr](http://www.ladromemontagne.fr)

**Col de Rousset** (1255 to 1700 m)

**Font d'Urle-Chaud Clapier** (1250 to 1700 m)

**Vassieux-en-Vercors** (1050 to 1300 m)

**Grand Echaillon** (1180 to 1450 m)

**Porte d'Herbouilly** (900 to 1650 m)

**Lus-la-Jarjatte** (1150 to 1555 m - winter only)

**Valdrôme** (1300 to 1730 m - summer only)

## 4 SEASON LUGE AT THE COL DE ROUSSET



Fancy a fun and open-to-all activity? 4 season luge on rails awaits you at the Col de Rousset. Climb aboard a single or double luge and head down the slopes, regardless of the climatic conditions or the presence or absence of snow!

The circuit offers you a steep **300 m** head-on climb followed by a **760 m** descent with **many corners, breaks in slope and an elevated section**, and a succession of passages through woods and clearings!

Drôme Mountain Resorts - [www.ladromemontagne.fr](http://www.ladromemontagne.fr)



## SLEDGING DOGS



Le plateau du Vercors se prête tout The Vercors plateau lends itself particularly to this activity. « little Siberia » has attracted **9 mushers** (sleigh drivers) at Vassieux-en-Vercors or in the immediate area.

More than 50 km of trails are specially groomed and marked

for this purpose. Depending on which company you choose you will have the choice between an initial introduction (when you are sat in a sledge) and a more advanced introduction to dog sledge driving (you will learn how to drive a dog sledge for half a day, a full day or more).

## SKI JOERING



An olden day's mode of transport, ski joëring, a ski, horse and carriage combination was developed to offer amateurs an original, fun and surprising activity. All levels of sportsmen are invited to discover this alternative to dog sledging: our professionals will adapt the carriage and itinerary

according to your level. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, there are new snow experiences to discover!

## SNOWKITE



An activity which opens the possibilities to new sensations, ideal for all lovers of snow sports: the snowkite, younger brother of the surf kite is a discipline which 'puts the wind up you'. **The Vercors site not to be missed is at Font d'Urle:** a 'free ride' 300 hectare area, in an exciting

setting, the presence of a cliff North of the plateau and a 'scalet' (pot hole). For beginners to experts.

## BIATHLON



3 km from the village of Vassieux en Vercors, you will find the Biathlon stadium of Raphaël Poirée, named after the famous skier, who comes from Vercors.

There are groomed, marked trails you can also find a shooting range as you would expect for

this activity. (6 km green, 5 km blue, 6 km red and 22 km black). The ESF (French ski school) also offers an introduction with the help of laser rifles.

## LE FATBIKE



A strange looking mountain-bike with outsize tyres, the fatbike is designed to combine the extremes of slip and grip! At ease on rolled or heaped up snow, or on pistes where patches of snow and soft terrain alternate, typical of winter conditions on mid-altitude mountain-sides.

**There are already three well-equipped hirers in the Vercors and pistes appropriate to all levels.**

### Holiday activities

**Walking:** to promote 'sport for all', the Drôme Département has produced « Bons Plans à pied » which can be downloaded from [www.ladromemontagne.fr](http://www.ladromemontagne.fr)

**Playful and original activities,** for young and old: 'Dévalkart' (unmotorised Kart), 'Trottinette tout terrain' (all terrain scooter), 'Drop bag' (huge inflatable cushion) or 'Filambule'.

### READY TO GO

#### ■ DOG SLED EXCURSION IN THE VERCORS

On booking only (460 €/pers -2 days/1 night, full board) Enthusiastic sharers of their passion, Jiri and Sarah, professional mushers, will take you out onto the Vercors plateaux with their Siberian huskies. A 2 day excursion to rekindle the feeling of complete freedom in a wilderness area

**As an extra: an immersion into wild and conserved natural surroundings, evocative of the landscapes of the far North. An ancestral mode of travel in step with the rhythm of nature and complemented by the friendly nature of the huskies.**

#### Esprit du Nord at Vassieux-en-Vercors

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 48 97 10 (le soir) / 06 67 60 42 80  
[www.esprit-du-nord.com](http://www.esprit-du-nord.com) - [jiri@esprit-du-nord.com](mailto:jiri@esprit-du-nord.com)



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# DRÔME HERITAGE



## Drôme's castles: 5 places of exception

### MONTELMAR: CHÂTEAU DES ADHÉMAR (HISTORIC MONUMENT, 11TH-16TH CENTURIES)



Built on the hilltop dominating the town of Montélimar, this imposing hulk of a medieval palace went up in large part in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, in typical southern style. The buildings include the ramparts, the lord's dwelling, a keep and a chapel. Once home to the Adhémar de Monteil family, the castle became

a papal possession for a time. The place was still being used as an important fort in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Later, it was turned into a prison, which it remained until 1926. Today, the Drôme county council owns it and it's home to a Centre d'Art Contemporain, which hosts striking contemporary art exhibitions across the year.

**Château des Adhémar** - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 00 62 30

### GRIGNAN : CHÂTEAU DE GRIGNAN (HISTORIC MONUMENT 12<sup>TH</sup>-17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES)



Heading from the Rhône Valley through the broad, vine-and-lavender-covered, a sumptuous château appears in the distance, perched on a rocky hilltop. While the castle has retained certain medieval features, it was largely transformed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, making

it one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture in southeast France. Looking out from one of the grand windows, imagine the great 17<sup>th</sup>-century courtly correspondent, the Marquise de Sévigné, wandering along the terraces, taking in the views from her daughter's home by marriage. Classified a Musée de France, the château hosts theatre evenings in summer with its Fêtes Nocturnes.

**Château de Grignan** - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 91 83 55

### SUZE-LA-ROUSSE: CHÂTEAU DE SUZE-LA ROUSSE (HISTORIC MONUMENT, 12TH-17TH CENTURIES)



Set atop another rocky promontory, south of Grignan, this medieval fortress with its mighty towers and ramparts was transformed inside during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, turning it into a grand yet comfortable home. It makes for a startling contrast, having observed the austere exteriors, to arrive in the

richly decorated courtyard to admire the well-proportioned chambers.

The castle has in 2013 a new museum layout dedicated to the art and wine growing.

In keeping with the architecture and decoration of the château, the new layout introduces the visitor, on the one hand, to the history of this medieval fortress, rebuilt during the Renaissance to a stately home, and, on the other hand, the wine-producing heritage and activities of the Drôme. Using decorative and archaeological artefacts as a point of departure, several different themes are featured: from the social context of wine to the different ways of drinking; from the first vineyards to the landscapes and architecture of vineyards, from today's careers in the wine industry to courses and training.

**Château de Suze-La-Rousse** - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 04 81 44

The château of Suze-la-Rousse also contains the '**Université du vin**'. Combining knowledge with pleasure, wine discovery and wine tasting weekends for members of the public are offered in this magnificent setting.

**Université du Vin, Contact: Géraldine Gossot (directrice)**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 97 21 43

[geraldine.gossot@universite-du-vin.com](mailto:geraldine.gossot@universite-du-vin.com)

[www.universite-du-vin.com](http://www.universite-du-vin.com)

These 3 castles are the property of the department of Drôme.

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**HAUTERIVES: LE PALAIS IDÉAL DU FACTEUR CHEVAL  
CLASSIFIED AS 'HISTORIC MONUMENT' IN 1969 BY ANDRÉ  
MALRAUX**



It took local postman Ferdinand Cheval some 10,000 days and 93,000 hours, spread over 33 years, to construct his fairytale palace. He did it alone, with prodigious stubbornness, building up the architecture stone by stone. The result was a unique,

surreal work of Architecture Naïve. From Pablo Picasso to André Breton, many have recognized this singular act of creation. In summer, the Palais organizes musical gatherings.

**Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval - Frédéric LEGROS** - director  
Tel. +33 (0)4 75 68 81 19 - [www.facteurcheval.com](http://www.facteurcheval.com)  
[contact@facteurcheval.com](mailto:contact@facteurcheval.com)

A source of inspiration for the Facteur Cheval  
**THE CHÂTEAU AT CHARMES-SUR-L'HERBASSE**



Bathing in a calm and picturesque setting, the Château, built on its original motte, throws open its gates to you. Privately owned, and also a family home, the château has once again acquired a lived-in feeling after many years of neglect, greeting each visitor as welcome guest.

The Château grounds

contain many centuries old trees as well as a nymphæum which inspired the Facteur Cheval, who hailed from Charmes.

Boasting two-metre thick walls at its base, with foundations six metres below ground level, the edifice will defy many more centuries of time.

Open for visits in summer and by appointment only the rest of the year.

Some of the chambers have now become a **Contemporary Arts Centre** which the owner, **the youngest castle owner in France, Nicolas Chenivesse**, wishes to expand!

**Château de Charmes - Nicolas Chenivesse**  
Tel. +33(0)6 68 30 83 61 - [www.chateaudesharmes.fr](http://www.chateaudesharmes.fr)  
[nicolas@chateaudesharmes.fr](mailto:nicolas@chateaudesharmes.fr)

**CREST: LA TOUR DE CREST (HISTORIC MONUMENT, 12TH-  
17TH CENTURIES)**



Should you be searching for the tallest keep in France, you'll find it at Crest, surveying the Drôme Valley. The great tower reaches 52 m in height and goes back 900 years. It served successively as a fortress, a castle and then a prison. Taking on all the steps to the top is a sporting

feat, but well worth the effort for the fantastic panoramic views, taking in the Vercors and Diois Alpine foothills on one side, and the Drôme Valley and the Ardèche mountains on the other. At certain times, you can even sign up to abseil back down!

**Tour de Crest - Société Kléber-Rossillon**  
Tel. +33 (0)4 75 25 32 53 - [accueil@tourdecrest.fr](mailto:accueil@tourdecrest.fr)  
[www.tourdecrest.fr/](http://www.tourdecrest.fr/)



# The most beautiful villages of France... and the Drôme



Avoiding the tendency towards lack-lustre museum villages with no soul and dead villages sliding into permanent decline; giving villages a future, bringing new life to the fountains and shady squares with their limes or plane trees this is the realistic and passionate ambition of Les Plus Beaux Villages de France (The Most Beautiful Villages of France). There are 156 affiliated members in France and **5 member villages are located in the Drôme.**

[www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org](http://www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org)

## GRIGNAN ET SA MARQUISE - NEW 2019



Dominated by its famous castle, Grignan is a concentrate of lifestyle: charmed bed & breakfast or mansion, gourmet restaurants and wines (AOC Grignan-les-Adhemar), Colophon, a typo-graphy workshop museum for lovers of beautiful letters and writing. In

the footsteps of the Marquise de Sevigne, must walk along the narrow streets of old roses blooming, open the doors of the old stone houses and discover the treasures, cool off at the edge of the wash and smell the lavender.

**Office de tourisme - Pays de Grignan-Enclave des Papes**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 46 56 75

[www.grignanvalreas-tourisme.com](http://www.grignanvalreas-tourisme.com)

## LA GARDE-ADHEMAR LA SENTINELLE



A solid medieval church defends this gorgeous village, adopting a protective stance on its promontory surveying the wide Rhône Valley. Below the church, a delightful formal botanical garden filled with Mediterranean scents and colours adds a cheerful note; The village hiding

behind the church is delightful, with vaulted passageways connecting certain of the old streets. Many of the houses are now home to boutiques and art galleries.

**OT Intercommunal Drôme Sud Provence - bureau de la Garde-Adhémar** - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 04 40 10

[www.drome-sud-provence.com](http://www.drome-sud-provence.com)

Close by, a magical place: **Le Val des Nymphes:**

Beauty and peace reign in this paradisiacal little spot. Hidden in the Mediterranean scrub, shaded by cherry trees and immense oaks, with the gentle sound of a fresh spring emerging from the rock, this is the Val des Nymphes. In the midst of the scene stands the 11th-century Chapelle Notre-Dame, built in white stone. However, in ancient times, people came here to celebrate the cult of fertility and of prosperity. Listen carefully and perhaps you'll hear the sound of the daughters of Zeus singing in the clear waters... (Free entry to the site.)

## LE POËT-LAVAL ET SES CHEVALIERS



Founded in the 12 century by the knights of St John and Jerusalem, the village of Poët-Laval has retained most of its medieval walled circuit and many old houses. The old command centre of the 12 century knights of Malta, the imposing castle which dominates

the complex, restored a few years ago, hosts wonderful summer exhibitions. The upper village, restored by Yvon Morin, an enlightened art connoisseur and lover of old stones, contains **the Hospitalers** hotel-restaurant and the **'Centre d'Art et d'Animation Raymond du Puy'**, which hosts one or more exhibitions a year, often devoted to a well-known artist, and a cycle of concerts.

Le Poët-Laval was also closely linked in history religious with Protestantism, hence the **Musée du protestantisme Dauphinois.**

**OT du Pays de Dieulefit - Bourdeaux**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 46 42 49

[www.dieulefit-tourisme.com](http://www.dieulefit-tourisme.com) - [www.lepoetlaval.org](http://www.lepoetlaval.org)

In the footprints of the Huguenots (footpath): Le Poët-Laval is the starting point for one of the longest European footpaths. This 1400 km trail goes all the way to Bad Karlshafen, by way of Geneva, follows the historic route of exile of the Dauphinois Huguenots towards exile in Switzerland and Germany, following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1685-1690) by the French king, Louis XIV.

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 53 37 59 - [www.surlespasdeshuguenots.eu](http://www.surlespasdeshuguenots.eu)



## MONTBRUN-LES-BAINS ET SES EAUX BIENFAITRICES



Set in stunning scenery between the Baronnies mountains and Provence's Mont Ventoux, this village stands in the southeast corner of the Drôme, a part of France that inspired the great pacifist, rural writer, Jean Giono. The striking silhouette of a ruined Renaissance castle runs along

the crest of Montbrun's hill, while the tall houses descend the slope in terraces.

Fountains embellish the streets, and act as a reminder that Montbrun-les-Bains is now known above all for its thermal establishment. Its sulphurous waters are recognized to help those suffering from rheumatism and respiratory problems.

### Office de Tourisme des Baronnies en Drôme Provençale - Pays de Montbrun les Bains

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 28 82 49  
www.baronnies-tourisme.com

**Worth noting:** In 2006, Montbrun les Bains has inaugurated a new Spa. This modern building has been built with great respect for the exceptional setting it is in, therefore, patients taking the waters and wellbeing amateurs can be welcome in a unique and very comfortable place

### Domaine thermal de Montbrun-les-Bains - Valvital

Frédéric Prades - Tel. +33 (0)4 75 28 80 75

## MIRMANDE LA BUCOLIQUE



Wander along the ramparts and up the paved streets admiring the lovingly renovated houses with their elegant stone facades, doorways and windows. The scent of aromatic plants drifts over their walled gardens. At the top of the village you come to the medieval church Ste Foy.

Mirmande was resurrected after the war thanks to the dynamism of the Cubist painter André Lhote. Over many years, the artist worked to save the village from ruin, in good part by attracting a number of followers and by organizing significant art exhibitions here.

Listed as a Drôme 'botanical village' for its rock plants

### OT du Val De Drôme - Antenne de Mirmande

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 63 10 88

<http://valdedrome-tourisme.com/decouvrir/nos-villages/mirmande>

## Other wonderful villages of the Drôme: LES VILLAGES PERCHES: ALLEX, CHABRILLAN, LA LAUPIE, PUYGIRON, VENTEROL...

Throughout south-east France, one village in two is of this type and the 'perched' villages of the Drôme represent a key component in our historical, geographical and cultural identity.

The description of these villages is presented in a brochure, with suggestions concerning walking or cycling routes, and all items of architectural interest which are visible and easily accessible.

### Press contact: Magaly Dumas - directrice OT du Val de Drôme

Tel. +33 (0)6 08 99 31 97 - [mdumas@valdedrome.com](mailto:mdumas@valdedrome.com)  
[www.valleedeladrome-tourisme.com](http://www.valleedeladrome-tourisme.com)

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### READY TO GO

■ Family trek with donkeys: the hilltop villages of the Drôme  
4 days / 3 nights, adults: 285 € €

Children: 185 € (child rate applies from 2 to 11. Baby rate: 40 €).

This **special family holiday** provides a good introduction to travelling with a pack donkey. The routes are straightforward, well waymarked and do not contain any major technical difficulties. **You will discover the hill-top villages of Val de Drôme.**

There are no major edifices, but plenty of smaller vernacular buildings which invest these villages with a particular charm: a 'calade' that climbs into the heart of the village, a cleverly-built drystone wall, a discreetly charming chapel or a holy well. You will be lodged in an attractive working farm which contains family 'chambres d'hôtes'. The owners rear a fine herd of goats which are bound to entertain the children on their return from an expedition. Here the time will pass peacefully and you will be able to sample the pleasures of fresh farm produce. The second house looks over the hilltop village of La Roche-sur-Grâne. This holiday destination is set in natural surrounding which are already Mediterranean in character and should the heat become oppressive the magnificent swimming-pool will assuage you.

### Safrantours - Hervé BAUSSANE

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 25 78 78

[www.safrantours.com](http://www.safrantours.com) [info@safrantours.com](mailto:info@safrantours.com)



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# UNUSUAL ACCOMMODATION

- LA  
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LA PROVENCE  
DU VERCORS

**At a time when 'slow tourism'** is gaining ground, the Drôme now facilitates one-off holiday experiences by offering unusual accommodation. Gypsy caravans, yurts, tepees and wooden cabins are all to the fore! The complete list features on our web site under: 'unusual accommodation' (Hébergements insolites).

**Below, you will find a selection of some of the most curious and surprising accommodation....**

## LES CABANES DE CARPAT



At the foot of the Vercors, near the 'cirque de Combe Laval' natural amphitheatre and its impressive road hewn out of the side of the mountain, two wooden cabins perched up in the oak trees await you. Decorated with care and attention to detail, you will find

simple comforts with attention to detail (dry WC's inside, two washing units a few metres away).

**A plus:** breakfasts with organic produce from the farm and specialities from the Vercors farms.

From 130 €/a night for 2 people, with breakfast. Dinner basket for 24 €.

**Serge et Magali CHARRUAU at St-Jean-en-Royans**

Tél +33 (0)4 75 47 53 91 / 06 72 77 29 03

[www.cabanes-carpas.fr](http://www.cabanes-carpas.fr)

## LE TONNEAU DE FORTUNE



Sleeping in a barrel.... This is an idea which must already have occurred to many lovers of good wine! This barrel is a little different, it only smells of wood! It's in their winery, at the heart of the Crozes-Hermitage vineyard that Jacqueline and Jean-Pierre Sauvajeon have

installed their « Tonneau de Fortune ». Jean-Pierre commissioned a gypsy caravan builder to build his barrel, with fully equipped kitchen, bathroom with shower and WC, a double bed and even an occasional bed for a child.

The farm also features 5 'chambres d'hôtes', including one which is 'Tourisme et Handicap' approved.

Cost: from 125 € for 1 night, with breakfast basket.

**La Ferme des Denis at Chanos-Curson**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 07 34 11 - [www.lesdenis.com](http://www.lesdenis.com)

## LES PODS



Very popular on the UK side of the channel, Pods have appeared in the Vercors thanks to Univers-Pod, a company created by the former biathlon champion Claire Breton. These strange wooden ecological constructions are heated and lit thanks

to a solar panel and batteries. Once covered in snow they look like so many little igloos.

The two Pods cater for 1 to 5 people in a simple and original way. Duvets, sheets and pillows are all provided. Dry toilets have been installed outside. The overnight stays include breakfast (67 € per person/per night) or half-board (82 € per person/per night).

**Univers Pods at Saint-Agnan-en-Vercors**

Tel. +33 (0)6 26 62 35 66 - [www.univers-pods.com](http://www.univers-pods.com)

## LA CAMPALUNE SUR PILOTIS



Like a water lily up in the trees, this accommodation on stilts, where two rivers meet is unique in the Drôme ! Open the side petals and you have a 360 degree view and, at night, the transparent cupola is ideal for viewing the night sky. The 12 m<sup>2</sup> space (sheets included) is perched

4m50 above the ground. Below there is an area provided with a 'plancha' (metal cooking plate), 2 sun loungers, table and chairs. Access is provided to the washing facilities of the camp site.

119 € a night, 833 € a week.

**The PLUS point:** the builder is from the Drôme: Selvao [www.selvao.com/](http://www.selvao.com/) Designer and builder of unusual biometric accommodation.

**Gervanne camping at Mirabel-et-Blacons**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 40 00 20 - [www.gervannecamping.com](http://www.gervannecamping.com)



## CAMPING HUTTOPIA



An idyllic setting for an adventure in lavender, pine and truffle oak country ; a holiday in the heart of an outstanding natural setting surrounded by green hills.

Stay in comfort in the midst of nature in a **Cabin, a hut, a 'Canadienne', Trapper's tent or 'Bonaventure'**

(tent for lovers) or camp out on the vast camp site.

Heated swimming-pool but also swimming lake with purpose built swimming pontoon. Unwind, slow down and enjoy some precious moments.

From 50 € per night for 2 people in a 'Bonaventure tent'.

### Camping Huttopia at Dieulefit

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 54 63 94

<https://europe.huttopia.com/site/camping-dieulefit/>

## SEVENTIES COMBI



Have a Combi holiday adventure! Seventies Combi will rent you a 70's Combi VW. As a family or with friends, a unique experience awaits you in the Drôme! Discover the pleasures of freedom rediscovered. Fully equipped for 5 people (4

sleeping places + a child's

hammock), gas cooker, sink, vintage crockery.

Prices: Week-end: from 270 to 390 €: from Friday to Sunday or Saturday to Monday. Week: from 600 to 960 €.

### Seventies Combi at Beaufort-sur-Gervanne

Tel. +33 (0)6 16 12 12 88 - [www.seventiescombi.com/](http://www.seventiescombi.com/)

## VALSOYO



An unusual place with themed apartments to help you dream about voyages to exotic locations: Morocco, Kenya, Mexico, Ireland, Greece, Japan, Canada, Tibet. And, now available, two Finnish kotas, featuring two new destinations: Finland and Lapland.

The 10 themed apartments offer a bedroom, a living-room with additional accommodation and a fitted kitchen.

New: two unusual cabins: The hut of the Trappeur and the hut of the Far North and a gypsy caravan

Valsoyo also offers numerous outdoor activities on the estate, on the banks of a charming little lake.

From 75 € per night for two people for the apartments and 110 € a night for 2 people for the kotas.

### Valsoyo at Upie

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 60 58 06 - 06 58 10 2814

[www.valsoyo.com](http://www.valsoyo.com)

## ZENZILOT AU LAC BLEU



For lover of nature, and peace and quiet, this accommodation blends comfort with a change of scenery.

You get to **Zenzilot** by pedal craft. This floating wooden bedroom with terrace extends to 40m<sup>2</sup> and is suitable for two people. The zenzilot is furnished with a double

bed (made up for your arrival), dry toilets, shelves, a water supply and lighting supplied by solar panels. You will also find a sound system with a USB port so that you can listen to your music!

VivaCamp has developed 6 packs to personalise your stay: romantic, gourmet, walking/cycling, terroir, birthday, oenologic with meals and little extras.

from 120 € per night for 2 people with breakfast.

### Chambre flottante Zenzilot au Lac bleu at Châtillon-en-Diois

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 21 85 30 - [www.lacbleu-diois.com](http://www.lacbleu-diois.com)

## LE PRESENT SIMPLE: LA CABANE EN TERRE



In Drôme Provençale, at the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional des Baronnies Provençales, here is unusual accommodation in natural surroundings by the banks of a river in a charming setting, featuring: perched cabin, cabin under the stars, trapper's cabin, tepee, Inuit

tent and an **earthbound cabin**.

Each unit of accommodation boasts solar lights, wood-burning stoves, dry toilets and a private terrace with garden living-room, and very comfortable beds. Communal house with fully-equipped kitchen, living-room, shower.

**The + factor is:** organic half-board 'from the garden to the plate' and home-made organic breakfast.

60 €/per night for 2 people with breakfast.

### Le Présent Simple at Cornillon-sur-l'Oule

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 27 71 52 - [lepresentsimple.com](http://lepresentsimple.com)

## LES CABANES DES COLLINES



5 charming raised cabins, all different and for lovers of nature. Unusual and ecological, at the heart of the Drôme des Collines, the stargazing « Piste aux étoiles », with its glass roof means you can admire starry nights.

### Les Cabanes des Collines at Saint-Donat-sur-l'Herbasse

Tel. +33 (0) 7 82 70 14 26 - [www.cabanesdescollines.com/](http://www.cabanesdescollines.com/)



# THE DRÔME IN FESTIVE MOOD



## 2019

### FROM 29 JANUARY TO 02 FEBRUARY - 36<sup>th</sup> YOUNG WRITERS BOOK FESTIVAL AT ST-PAUL-TROIS-CHÂTEAUX

Theme for 2019: "All the truth about the lie". A festival open to both professionals and the public at large.

**Sou des Ecoles Laïques at St Paul-Trois-Châteaux**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 04 51 42 - [www.slj26.fr](http://www.slj26.fr)

### 06 TO 09 FEBRUARY: VERCORS QUEST AT FONT D'URLE

Two dog sled races, at stages from Font d'Urle, in the sumptuous scenery of the South Vercors:

**Vercors Quest 300:** 4 days - 300 km. Categories: 5 - 8 dogs, 9 dogs and +

**Vercors Quest 150:** 4 days - 150 km. Catégories: Pulka scandinave (PS), 3 - 4 chiens, 5 - 8 dogs, 9 dogs and +  
[www.vercorsquest.fr](http://www.vercorsquest.fr)

### FROM 31 JANUARY TO 2 FEBRUARY: LITERARY, TRUFFLE AND WINE ENCOUNTERS AT GRIGNAN

Engage in the discovery of Truffles and Wine through the various events at the Château de Grignan: lectures, shows, tasting sessions.

**Office de tourisme Pays de Grignan-Enclave des Papes**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 46 56 75 - [www.grignanvalreas-tourisme.com](http://www.grignanvalreas-tourisme.com)

### 01 TO 02 FEBRUARY: 'L'ALICOQUE' OR THE NEW OLIVE OIL FESTIVAL at Nyons

The 'Confrérie des Chevaliers de l'Olivier' invites you, along with the olive-growers from the Nyons area, to come and taste the new year's olive oil.

**OT du Pays des Baronnies en Drôme Provençale**

tel. + 33 (0)4 75 26 10 35 - [www.baronnies-tourisme.com](http://www.baronnies-tourisme.com)



Jean LAGET passe le flambeau à Christian BARTHÉY, nouveau grand maître de la Confrérie des Chevaliers de l'Olivier. Photo - Photo Club Nyonnais

La Confrérie des chevaliers de l'Olivier

### 08 TO 09 FEBRUARY: TRICASTIN TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

The second Sunday in February, the black Tricastin truffle is the guest of honour at Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, at the heart of the truffle-producing area. Local farm produce is for sale at the market and you can try a truffle omelette if you fancy a direct stimulation of your taste buds.

**Maison de la Truffe**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 96 61 29 - [www.maisondelatruffe.com](http://www.maisondelatruffe.com)

### 14 TO 16 FEBRUARY: CÔTES DU RHONE SEPTENTRIONALES WINE FESTIVAL AT TAIN L'HERMITAGE

A festival at the foot of the vineyards which presents, on the last weekend in February, the best Côtes du Rhône Septentrionales vintages. 8 appellations represented by over 80 Côtes du Rhône wine growers.

**Salon des vins de Tain-l'Hermitage**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 06 14 59 - [www.salondesvinsdetain.fr](http://www.salondesvinsdetain.fr)

### 05 APRIL: CARNAVAL DE ROMANS

The carnival goes, multi-coloured, made up and masked according to taste, metamorphosed into tree frogs, toads, ostriches and other species, blow a gust of madness through the narrow paved streets of the old town centre.

**Ville de Romans - Véronique Auroux**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 05 51 51 - [vauroux@ville-romans26.fr](mailto:vauroux@ville-romans26.fr)



Compagnie Transe Express

### 23 TO 28 MARCH: ONE DAY FESTIVAL

This is the rendez-vous much awaited by all animated film fans. Over 130 short and long films from the four corners of the earth, exchanges, discussions. On show at over 15 cinemas in Drôme and Ardèche, and it's free.

**Stéphane Larue-Bernard**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 78 48 67

[stephane.larue-bernard@lequipee.com](mailto:stephane.larue-bernard@lequipee.com)

[www.lequipee.com](http://www.lequipee.com)



**16 TO 17 MAY: 2ND TITLE ENCOUNTERS AT GRIGNAN.**

Authors, whose second novels are being published are invited by the reading committee of the 'amis de Colophon' and can take part in a discussion with another author of their choice.

**Colophon**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 46 57 16 - colophon.grignan@orange.fr  
perso.orange.fr/colophon

**29 TO 31 MAY: MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL AT CREST**

Over the Whitsun weekend, Crest gets closer to the magic and folklore of the Middle Ages. Many free events, grand medieval market, medieval banquet on the Saturday night and, to create the right atmosphere, everyone is free to come dressed for the occasion.

**OT de Coeur de Drôme - Pays de Crest et de Saillans**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 25 11 38  
<http://payscrestsailans-tourisme.com/>

**19 TO 21 JUNE: FÊTE DE LA TRANSHUMANCE IN DIE**

This traditional festival, brought back to life in the 1990's, marks the start of the summer migration of the flocks of sheep towards their summer pastures on the high plateaux of the Vercors. The high point of this event is the passage of thousands of sheep through the streets of Die - quite a sight!

**Office de Tourisme du pays Diois**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 22 03 03 - [www.diois-tourisme.com](http://www.diois-tourisme.com)



Jazz au palais

**LATE JUNE-JULY: PALAIS IDEAL DU FACTEUR CHEVAL CONCERTS AT HAUTERIVES**

**Palais Idéal du Facteur Cheval**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 68 81 19  
[www.facteurcheval.com](http://www.facteurcheval.com)

**07 TO 11 JULY: 23TH FESTIVAL DE LA CORRESPONDANCE AT GRIGNAN**

**Theme for 2020: Revolutions**

The Festival de la Correspondance consists of readings by actors, discussions and a writer's market.

[www.grignan-festivalcorrespondance.com](http://www.grignan-festivalcorrespondance.com)

**JULY: FESTIVAL SUR LE CHAMP ! AT VALENCE**

A whole month of free concerts, theatre and dance, recitals, film and humour; all held in the public open spaces of the city.

**Mairie de Valence - Emilie Gay**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 79 20 19  
[emilie.gay@mairie-valence.fr](mailto:emilie.gay@mairie-valence.fr)

**JULY: SAOÛ SINGS MOZART IN THE DRÔME**

This is the only festival in France entirely devoted to Mozart. "S.C.M." has become a major summer event. The prestigious programme, international performers and the choice of concert sites attract many music lovers.

**Jacques Labarsouque (psdt)**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 41 00 18  
[www.saouchantemozart.com](http://www.saouchantemozart.com)

**5 JULY: LAVENDER FESTIVAL AT FERRASSIÈRES**

The village of Ferrassières, capital of 'lavande fine' and 8 kms from Montbrun les Bains, hosts an annual lavender festival.

**Mairie de Ferrassières**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 28 80 82 - [eurolavande@gmail.com](mailto:eurolavande@gmail.com)

**FROM 27 JUNE TO 22 AUGUST: LES FÊTES NOCTURNES AT GRIGNAN**

34<sup>th</sup> edition. A theatre in the courtyard of the château de Grignan, in front of the Renaissance facade. The Fêtes nocturnes 2020 will be welcoming Le Capitaine Fracasse by Théophile Gautier

**Château de Grignan - Marie David**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 91 83 66 - [mdavid@ladrome.fr](mailto:mdavid@ladrome.fr)



Fêtes Nocturnes au Château de Grignan

**JULY: MONTELMAR COULEUR LAVANDE**

This grand market, with the taste and aroma of Provence, is the major lavender rendez-vous of lavender in France: watch the distillation process, themed events, a living farm and the presentation of a number of products based on lavender.

**Office de tourisme de Montélimar Agglomération**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 01 00 20  
[www.montelimar-tourisme.com](http://www.montelimar-tourisme.com)



**JULY: ST PAUL SOUL JAZZ AT ST-PAUL-TROIS-CHÂTEAUX. 12<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

**Association Emergence**

Tel. 06 63 48 55 55 - [www.saintpaul-souljazz.com](http://www.saintpaul-souljazz.com)

**18 TO 19 JULY: FÊTE DU PICODON AT SAOÛ**

Picodon fair (the typical goat's cheese of the area), grand regional market and village festival. Throughout the weekend, street events, concerts, good food, drink stands.

**Office de Tourisme du Val de Drôme - Bureau de Saoû**

Tél +33 (0)4 75 76 01 72 - [www.fetedupicodon.com](http://www.fetedupicodon.com)

**FROM 24 JULY TO 1ST AUGUST: CREST VOCAL JAZZ**

In the first week in August, Crest vibrates to the rhythm of jazz, of all kinds of jazz. Connoisseurs and beginners get together to share **a summer of concerts** in company with **well-known artists** and **young talent**. People also come to discover the jazzmen and jazzwomen of tomorrow, on the occasion of the **international festival** of Crest Jazz Vocal [www.crestjazzvocal.com](http://www.crestjazzvocal.com) - Tél. +33 (0)9 51 20 57 02



*Festival Crest Jazz Vocal*

**10 TO 23 AUGUST: PARFUM DE JAZZ AT BUIS-LES-BARONNIES**

Jazz lovers will not wish to miss the Parfum de Jazz festival which will take place, as it does each year, in Drôme Provençale.

**Bernard Chambre**

Tel. +33 (0)6 83 47 50 65

[bpi.chambre@wanadoo.fr](mailto:bpi.chambre@wanadoo.fr) - [www.parfumdejazz.com](http://www.parfumdejazz.com)

**20 TO 29 AUGUST: FESTIVAL NATIONAL DES HUMORISTES AT TAIN-L'HERMITAGE AND Tournon**

The 'Festival National des Humoristes' has made a name for itself thanks to the discovery of new talent and the presence of a large gathering of well-known performers

**Bureau du Festival**

Tel. + 33 (0)4 75 07 02 02

[www.festivaldeshumoristes.com](http://www.festivaldeshumoristes.com)

**AUGUST: MONTELMAR TERRA POTIERS**

Installed on the 'Allées Provençales', an exceptional open space in the heart of the town, over 50 craft specialists (professional artists, potters, local and national ceramicists) expose their wares. Each year demonstrations of coil pottery and other methods such as the Raku firing technique entrance the lovers of this artistic alchemy involving earth and fire.

**Office de Tourisme de Montélimar-Agglomération**

Tel. +33 (0)4 75 01 00 20

[www.montelimar-tourisme.com](http://www.montelimar-tourisme.com)

**17 TO 20 SEPTEMBER: VALENCE EN GASTRONOMIE FESTIVAL**

Each year in September, the city of Valence goes all out to offer a veritable festival of Drôme food. 8 days of gourmet adventures for young and old, events, performances, a rally, tasting sessions, cooking workshops, contests, etc.

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[www.valenceengastronomiefestival.fr](http://www.valenceengastronomiefestival.fr)

**MID-DECEMBER TO MID-MARCH: TRUFFLE MARKET AT ST-PAUL-TROIS-CHÂTEAUX**

Every Sunday morning from mid-December to mid-March from 10.00 to 12.00, the black truffle market is open. The Tricastin is the main production area for French production of Tuber Mélanosporum, the black truffle (60% of national production). Sales are made directly by the truffle growers. The truffles sold are classed by category: Tuber Melanosporum and Tuber Brumales. The truffles are inspected and you can make your own selection. The price advertised is the same throughout for the same variety.

[www.truffes-en-tricastin.fr](http://www.truffes-en-tricastin.fr)

**19 DECEMBER: FÊTE DES OLIVES PIQUEES.**

During the Nyons 'Fête des Olives Piquées' which is always held on the Saturday before Xmas, the first olives harvested are tasted after being 'piquées' (pricked) and salted to remove their bitterness. Many events are held throughout the day.

**FRANCE OLIVE**

Tel: +33 (0)4 75 26 90 90

[www.huiles-et-olives.fr](http://www.huiles-et-olives.fr)





# NOTES



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# Access

## Distances from Valence (km)

- A7 Motorway (to North):  
Paris: 581 km  
Lyon: 100 km
- A7 Motorway (to South):  
Avignon: 125 km  
Marseille: 215 km
- A49 Motorway:  
Grenoble: 100 km  
Genève: 256 km

## Roads

- A7 Motorway: 8 exits
- A49 Motorway: 2 exits
- N7 Highway (Rhône Valley)
- D538 (a means of crossing Drôme from North to South off the beaten tracks)

## International airports

- Lyon Saint-Exupéry - [www.lyon.aeroport.fr](http://www.lyon.aeroport.fr)
- Marseille-Provence - [www.marseille.aeroport.fr](http://www.marseille.aeroport.fr)
- Grenoble-Isère - [www.grenoble-airport.com](http://www.grenoble-airport.com)
- Saint-Etienne - [www.saint-etienne.aeroport.fr](http://www.saint-etienne.aeroport.fr)
- Avignon - [www.avignon.aeroport.fr](http://www.avignon.aeroport.fr)
- Valence-Chabeuil - [www.valenceaeroport.fr](http://www.valenceaeroport.fr)

## TGV - Valence TGV station

- Tel: 36 35 - [www.sncf.fr](http://www.sncf.fr)
- Valence-Bruxelles: 4h28
  - Valence-Lille: 3h37
  - Valence-Paris: 2h08
  - Valence-Genève: 2h39
  - Valence-Marseille: 1h02
  - Valence-Londres: 5h48
  - Valence-Barcelone: 4h13



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