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20/20 VISION!

The Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region is sweeping up top marks for its exciting and visionary 2020 line-up, fronted by such international stars as Franck Gehry and Tadao Ando in Arles-Camargue (Luma and Lee Ufan Foundations) and Philippe Starck near Saint-Tropez (Lily of the Valley). 2020 will be wine time in the region too, with several magnificent vineyards now offering accommodation: UP Ultimate Provence and Château Saint-Roux in the picture-postcard Maures plain, La Martinette set between the Med and emerald green waters of the Verdon, and Château La Gaude, right in Aix-en-Provence town centre. With its newly-refurbished 18th-century Villa Saint-Ange and opening of Hotel Sainte-Victoire à Vauvenargues, intrinsically tied to Picasso, Aix has even scored a hat trick.

In a different vein, the success of the Louis de Funès museum in Saint-Raphaël on the Côte d’Azur is proving to visitors that our region also loves a good laugh.

As Provençal author Jean Giono once wrote: “The days are fruits and our role is to eat them, to savour them delicately or devour them as we wish, to make the most of everything they contain, to make them our spiritual flesh and our soul, to live. Living has no other meaning than this.” 2020 is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of this immense author, born in Haute-Provence and gifted with a talent for words with a universal reach. For the first time, a retrospective at the MUCEM in Marseille will be unveiling virtually all of the old manuscripts of this ecologist ahead of his time. Gastronomy remains resolutely on trend in 2020 – the region is even the proud home of the Mirazur de Mauro Colagreco in Menton, lauded by the press as the world’s best restaurant.

Of course, this recognition is owed first and foremost to the region’s exceptional produce: the cherry, the red diamond of the Coteaux du Ventoux, has just swept up the coveted Protected Geographical Indication label, while France’s leading truffle exporter has spearheaded an Institute dedicated to our black diamond in the heart of Provence. A fabulous new museum celebrating Provence’s green gold, aka olive oil, has also opened in the Luberon.

Last but not least, the region is also taking part in the national launch of the “Vallée de la Gastronomie” concept encompassing the Rhône valley and Provence: a major tourist destination and benchmark for discerning foodies and gourmets the world over.



ABOUT THE PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR REGIONAL TOURIST BOARD

The Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regional Tourist Board is in charge of promoting regional tourism.

It is an expert coordinator and partner to the region's tourism institutions and travel professionals, supporting and accompanying them through promotional campaigns targeting the press, tour operators and the general public.

Its promotion and communication strategy revolves around three world-famed destinations - Provence, Alps and the Côte d'Azur France - and is aimed at both a European and international clientele.

KEY FIGURES FOR TOURISM IN RÉGION SUD !

- 30 million visitors to Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, including 6 million overseas visitors.
- 213 million overnight stays in 2018
- France's 2nd leading region for international tourism after Paris-Ile de France
- France's 2nd leading region in terms tourism-related income
- 19 billion euros per annum generated by tourists, including over 5 billion by international tourists
- Tourism share in regional GDP: 13 %
- 141,000 jobs in 25,000 small and medium-sized firms (7.5 % of regional jobs)
- 1.3 billion euros invested in tourism in 2016
- €2,800 per capita per annum generated by tourism
- 660,000 commercial beds. Including hotels, campsites, furnished rentals and guest houses. The region's 500,000 apartment hotel rooms raise the total to over 2.5 million beds.



RÉGION SUD: GIVING WINGS TO THE REGION'S AIRPORTS

NICE CÔTE D'AZUR AIRPORT, GREENER THAN EVER

Nice Côte d'Azur is France's second-largest airport, welcoming around 14 million passengers every year. It now offers travellers 100% electric shuttles and is preparing to open a new jetty at Terminal 2, raising the number of boarding gates by six. In 2022, a new building is scheduled to host all Arrival/Departure services associated with the new gates (check-in terminals, luggage handling and luggage delivery belts).

[en.nice.aeroport.fr](https://www.en.nice.aeroport.fr)

MARSEILLE-PROVENCE AIRPORT: NEW FLIGHT SERVICES FOR EASIER ACCESS TO PROVENCE AND THE ALPES FRENCH SOUTH

For the first time in its history, Marseille Provence airport passed the 10 million passenger mark in 2019 thanks to very-rapid growth (+8.1% vs 2018 i.e. 760,000 new passengers). This excellent performance reflects booming enthusiasm for Provence up to the Southern Alps, and increased demand for maritime and river cruises.

After the opening of over 30 new flight services in 2019, 2020 has got off to a good start with the launch of new destinations including Dublin and London Southend. Services to Moscow (Aeroflot), Copenhagen, Vienna, Sofia and Tel-Aviv (Ryanair) are maintained this year.

2020 also heralds the start of major building work, in particular the Terminal 1 extension project signed by acclaimed architects Foster + Partners, 3 new car parks and solar panels covering 10% of the platform's energy requirements.

Read more

www.marseilleaeroport-transformation.fr

www.marseille.aeroport.fr

TOULON-HYÈRES AIRPORT CONTINUES TO GROW

The growth of Air France's daily flights frequency in Paris Orly Airport creates a hub with many different destinations to foreign countries. New: from May 14th to October 29th 2020 German company Condor Airline will link Toulon Hyères to the Frankfurt Hub, third largest European airport (three weekly connections).

www.toulon-hyeres.aeroport.fr

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ARCHITECTURE & HERITAGE

2020, JEAN GIONO'S YEAR IN PROVENCE

The whole of Provence will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of beloved author Jean Giono in 2020. Born on March 30th, 1895, Giono died on October 9th, 1970 in Manosque. Living on the sidelines of the literary movements of his time, Jean Giono was one of the century's greatest writers and an extraordinary man - a humanitarian, militant and ecologist well ahead of his time. Although most of his works are set against the backdrop of Provence, they have a universal reach. Giono, who referred to himself as an "immobile traveller", spent his entire life in Haute-Provence and especially Manosque. You can follow in his footsteps at 1, Rue Torte, where he was born, 14, Rue Grande where his parents moved shortly after and especially Le Paradis on the heights of Manosque, where he lived from 1929 onwards (opens to visits - information / bookings Centre Jean Giono - Manosque +33 (0)4 92 70 54 54). His work is intrinsically tied to Haute-Provence, where a Jean Giono Route and series of events is dedicated to him throughout the year.

www.tourisme-alpes-haute-provence.com/route-jean-giono/

HAUTE-PROVENCE

The **Durance Luberon Verdon** area has concocted an exciting programme for 2020.

www.durance-luberon-verdon.com

"Les chemins de l'œuvre": This new, permanent exhibition at the Centre Jean Giono, set inside Hotel Raffin, aims to throw bridges between the author's history, biography and literary works. Visitors enjoy a compelling insight into Giono's life and work with a carefully-designed layout combining screenings, interviews, film excerpts, photos, letters and objects belonging to the author.

Centre Culturel et Littéraire Giono

Hotel Raffin

www.centrejeangiono.com



FONDATION VASARELY: NEW ROOMS

Fondation Vasarely is opening three new rooms entirely dedicated to the work of the "father of Op Art", featuring around 200 original works and documents. This new tour itinerary highlights the master's world, from his debuts as a graphic artist to his monumental installations and utopian dream of the "polychrome city of happiness".

Fondation Vasarely, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

www.fondationvasarely.org



Fondation Vasarely

REOPENING OF THE MUSEON ARLATEN, MUSÉON DE PROVENCE

The Muséon Arlaten recounts the story of Provence from the 18th century to current day. Founded in the late 19th century by the Provençal poet Frédéric Mistral, the museum has just been refurbished and now exhibits works of art and ethnographic objects using new digital media.

Temporary exhibitions are staged at the ancient Chapel of the Jesuit College - an astonishing site where an impressive 17th century wooden altarpiece and marble altar were uncovered. Reopening scheduled in first half of 2020.

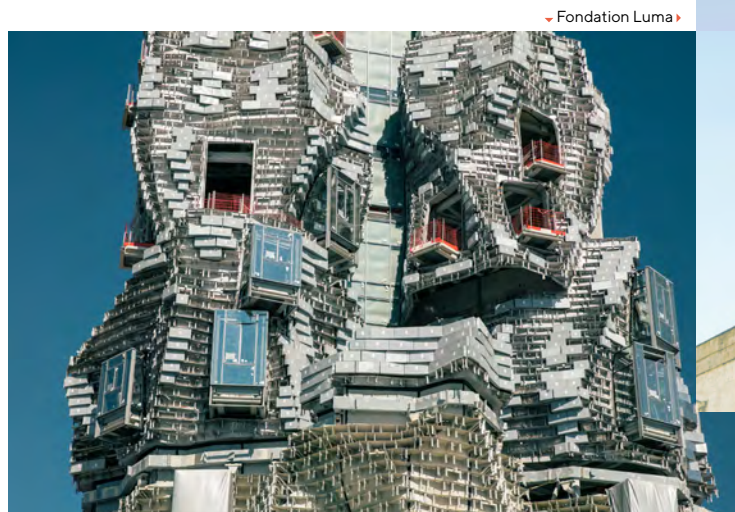
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Muséon Arlaten, Musée de Provence

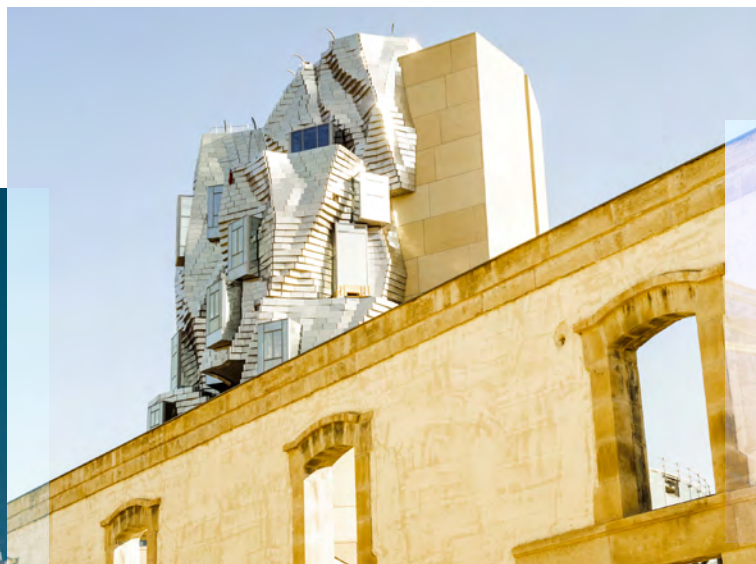
www.museonarlaten.fr/museon/CG13



Muséon Arlaten



▼ Fondation Luma ▶



▲ Centrale Hydroélectrique CNR

LUMA ARLES 2021: OPENING OF THE FONDATION LUMA GEHRY TOWER

2021: a milestone for the Fondation Luma, with the opening of the emblematic tower designed by Frank Gehry at the end of the year. The centrepiece of Luma Arles at the *"Parc des Ateliers"*, this twisted tower rising to a height of 56 metres is inspired by the brush of Arles' most fervent fan, Vincent Van Gogh. The site also includes a library, meeting rooms, a café-restaurant and exhibition spaces set around a plaza and glass roundhouse. Situated adjacent to Arles' UNESCO World Heritage quarter, the tower's distorted panels shimmer above the vast platform of the *"Parc des Ateliers"*, where the Fondation Luma's various activities are hosted. Founded in 2004 by Maja Hoffmann, the Fondation Luma backs and finances daring artistic projects designed to raise our awareness of issues relating to the environment, human rights, education and culture.

Fondation Luma, 13200 Arles
www.luma-arles.org

2021: FONDATION LEE UFAN IN ARLES, INSIDE THE WALLS OF TADAO ANDO...

The paintings, sculptures and installations of great Korean artist Lee Ufan will be setting up home in Arles in 2020 against the 1,300 m² backdrop of Hôtel Vernon (near the Roman amphitheatre), redesigned by another star, Japanese architect Tadao Ando. A master of calm atmospheres, Tadao Ando was also the man behind the Lee Ufan Museum in Naoshima, Japan. Born in Korea in 1936 and now living in Japan, Lee Ufan is a master of minimalist art, renowned in particular for his sweeping brushstrokes and sculptures bringing together raw shapes and intricately worked elements. Following on from Maja Hoffmann's Luma Foundation and the Manuel Rivera-Ortiz Foundation dedicated to documentary photography, the opening of this third centre promises to further boost Arles' renown as a major hub of contemporary art.

www.leeufanfoundation.org

CNR HYDROPOWER PLANT IN BOLLÈNE: A PLUNGE INTO THE POWER OF THE RHÔNE RIVER

Since early 2019, industrial heritage enthusiasts have been enjoying 2-hour guided tours of the CNR Hydropower Plant in Bollène – Europe's most-productive plant when it was commissioned in 1952. An official Industrial Heritage Monument, the impressive facade shielding its turbines is also a listed monument, as is the vast engine room, offering dizzy views over the shop floor below. 7,000 men laboured at the site for 4 years, erecting the world's highest floodgate as well as ten road and railway bridges. The tour also provides an insight into current electricity production techniques: a fleet of wind turbines and two solar panel fleets were added to the plant in 2000. The scientific gallery retraces the history of the CNR (Compagnie Nationale du Rhône), as well as the production of renewable and green energy sources. Industrial tourism attracts around 10 million visitors to France every year.

Guided tours Monday to Saturday subject to prior booking
 Centrale Hydroélectrique CNR, 84500 Bollène
www.lescircuitdelenergie.fr/fr/sites/bollene

2021: FRAGONARD COSTUME MUSEUM IN ARLES IN ALL ITS FINERY

Located 16, Rue de la Calade, in the heart of Arles, the magnificent Bouchaud de Bussy mansion house is getting ready to welcome two of France's largest private costume collections. The first, focusing on Arles costume dress and in particular that of Arlesian women, was compiled by Magali Pascal and her daughter Odile, the creators of the "Centre de Recherche sur le Costume d'Arles" (Arles Costume Research Centre). The second collection, revolving around Provencal costume dress, was set in motion by H el ene Costa, who headed Maison Fragonard alongside her husband in the Eighties. The friendship between H el ene and Magali, then their respective children, kindled this project financed by the Maison Fragonard heiresses, Agn es, Fran oise and Anne.

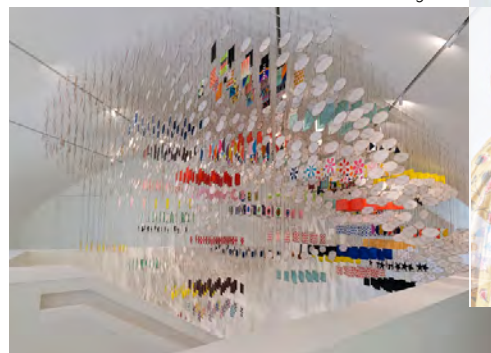
Behind the superb facade and around the monumental staircase, hundreds of dresses, headpieces, neck scarves, skirts and trousers, many dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries, will be showcased against a beautiful 1,000m² backdrop. The museum will also include a temporary exhibition space, research centre, library and sewing/restoration workshop. The interior design will be courtesy of Studio KO (a dynamic duo of architects who also signed the Yves Saint-Laurent museum in Marrakesh) and the opening is scheduled in the first half of 2021 in celebration of the centenary of the birth of Jean-Fran ois Costa, spouse of H el ene and father of the Costa sisters.

A Fragonard boutique selling a range of perfumes, clothing and decorative objects curated specially for Arles will also be opening in Rue du Palais.

Opening first half of 2021
Mus ee du Costume Fragonard - 13200 Arles

Arles Camargue Tourist Office
www.arlestourisme.com/fr

Fragonard
www.fragonard.com/fr



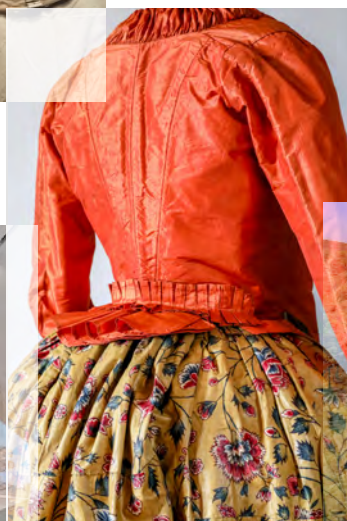
REFURBISHMENT OF THE TOULON ART MUSEUM

Founded in 1888, the Mus ee d'Art de Toulon, one of the town's flagship architectural heritage buildings, is being treated to a facelift. Following on from the courtyard bedecked with ponds and exhibition rooms, new cabinets dedicated to drawings, photos, curiosities and a reading room dedicated to regional art are set to be inaugurated at this official "Mus ee de France" in 2020. The museum houses a remarkable contemporary art collection, together with over 400 photographic works and an impressive ensemble of Asian art. The growth of Air France's daily flights frequency in Paris Orly Airport creates a hub with many different destinations to foreign countries. New : from May 14th to October 29th 2020 German company Condor Airline will link Toulon Hy eres to the Frankfurt Hub, third largest European airport (three weekly connections).

toulontourisme.com/en



Mus ee du Costume Fragonard



Villa Carmignac

PORQUEROLLES ISLAND, FONDATION CARMIGNAC "LEADING CULTURE DESTINATIONS AWARDS"

A huge success. "Azure, art and beauty" was the pretty title featured in the French magazine T el rama after the Foundation's opening last June on the island of Porquerolles. In four months, it has welcomed nearly 50,000 visitors and swept up the distinction of "Leading Culture Destinations Awards 2018" in the European "New Culture Destination of the Year" category. Three cypress trees and a monumental bronze sculpture by Miquel Barcelo mark the entrance to this new temple of art, dreamed by businessman  douard Carmignac and directed by his son Charles. The international collection features such giants as Botticelli, Warhol, Basquiat, Calder, De Kooning, Roy Liechtenstein, Cattelan and Richter. An entire room welcomes a fountain comprising 100 fish sculptures by Bruce Nauman.

Limited to 50 visitors per half hour, the tours are barefoot and bathed in a peaceful atmosphere conducive to contemplation. The grounds of this unique site harbour a fascinating minimalist maze by Danish artist Jeppe Hein, together with four giant marble eggs, "The Brood" by Nils-Udo.

The Carmignac Foundation has invited the Mexico-based American curator Chris Sharp to design a new exhibition in celebration of its third anniversary. Named "La Mer Imaginaire" (The Imaginary Sea), the project will be transforming the villa into an underwater natural history museum, exploring the interactions between our civilisation and the subsea world. Visitors wandering among the various works and fascinating creatures from the depths enter a dream world that is currently under threat. April 25th to October 4th, 2020

Villa Carmignac, Ile de Porquerolles, 83400 Hy eres
www.carmignac.com



↳ Musée des Cultures et du Paysage, Hyères

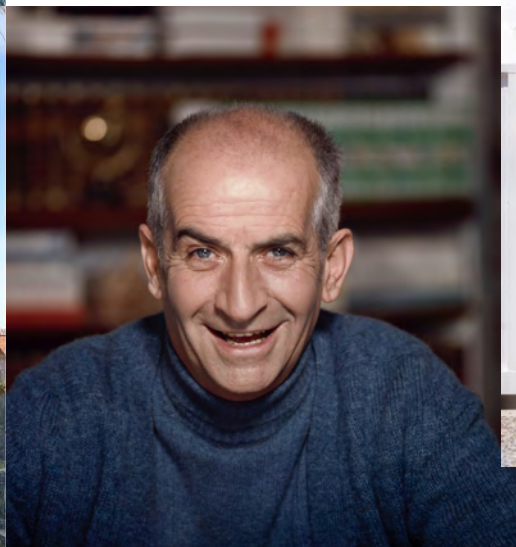


MUSÉE DES CULTURES ET DU PAYSAGE IN HYÈRES, A MUSEUM WITH MONEY IN THE BANK!

La Banque, a former bank set in Hyères town centre, will be the venue for the "Musée de la Culture et du Paysage" (Culture & Landscape Museum) opening in Autumn 2019. The museum's major "Musée de France" collections will be housed inside the director's former apartment and vault: novel backdrops for contemplating the evolution of the town and coast from both an artistic and architectural viewpoint. After a stop-off at the boutique-come-bookshop, it's time for some rest and relaxation in the French-style garden in the town centre. The inaugural exhibition "Face au Soleil, Les Artistes et la Méditerranée (1850-1950)" will be dedicated to the portrayal of Mediterranean landscapes in the 19th and 20th centuries, with works by Matisse, Bonnard, Picasso and more.

Musée des Cultures et du Paysage, 83400 Hyères

www.hyeres-tourisme.com



↳ Musée Louis de Funès

LOUIS DE FUNÈS MUSEUM

The author of nearly 150 films, comedy actor Louis de Funès is one of French cinema's most popular and dearly-loved figures. The brand new Musée Louis de Funès, located just a stone's throw from Saint-Raphaël railway station, is sure to bring a smile to the face of French film enthusiasts. You can even hear recordings of Louis' voice on the telephones dotted among 350 documents... The museum also offers a fascinating insight into the work of this hilarious aesthete and passionate gardener, who once said "The only thing that's worth it is nature". Philosopher Julia de Funès, his granddaughter, accompanies visitors on this joyful tour.

Musée Louis de Funès, (just next to the station)

83700 Saint-Raphaël

The book "Louis de Funès" (Éditions Flammarion) by Julia de Funès, published on August 21st, 2019, is available on site.

museedefunes.fr



"CAP MODERNE" A HOTSPOT FOR ARCHITECTURE FANATICS!

Eileen Gray and Le Corbusier built several constructions - now icons of architecture from the first half of the 20th century - in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, facing Monaco. Managed by the association "Cap Moderne" since 2014, the site has been under the aegis of the French National Monuments Centre since May 2nd, 2018. Eileen Gray's "Villa E-1027" is a genuine manifesto in terms of architecture, furniture, lighting and decoration. Le Corbusier, who often spent time at the site from 1937, painted several murals there. In 1951, he asked his friend and owner of the neighbouring bar-restaurant "L'Étoile de Mer" if he could buy up a plot to build a holiday home. His resulting "Cabanon" and "Camping Units" still stand witness to his reflections on minimal habitats and standardized production.

All tours are guided. Two tours per day from Monday to Sunday, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Length 2 hrs approx.

from Cap Martin-Roquebrune railway station (12 people max).

Price €18 per person.

capmoderne.monuments-nationaux.fr

A NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CENTRE IN MOUGINS

Mougins inaugurated a new centre dedicated to international photography in late 2019. This event marks a new chapter in an adventure that began in 1986, when the first *"Musée de la Photographie de la Côte d'Azur"* welcomed a captivating show by André Villers (1930-2016). A close friend of Picasso, Villers' legacy offers enlightening insights into the artist's daily life, together with many magnificent portraits. This new centre is set to rank Mougins among France's top 3 photography hubs.

www.mougins-tourisme.fr

THE MACM, A NOT-SO-CLASSICAL ART MUSEUM

Antiquity was one of Picasso's favourite sources of inspiration and the master would undoubtedly have loved the remarkable and diverse collections of the neighbouring MACM (Musée d'Art Classique de Mougins). Set at the entrance to the historic quarter, this private museum showcases Roman, Greek and Egyptian antiques against a backdrop of works by contemporary artists including Picasso himself, Matisse, Cézanne, Warhol, Dufy, Chagall and Rodin. The collection is large but carefully-curated. The armoury on the second floor features major pieces from the world's largest private collection of Greco-Roman armour and helmets (Chalcidian, Corinthian, Illyrian and Phrygian) some bearing the marks of battle... The basement is dedicated to Egypt, while statues of emperors rub shoulders with sculptures by Henry Moore and Amedeo Modigliani on the first floor.

www.mouginsmusee.com

↳ Musée de la Photographie



↳ Musée International du Parfum



MUSÉE INTERNATIONAL DE LA PARFUMERIE DE GRASSE, THE SCENT OF SUCCESS

The exceptional International Perfume Museum in Grasse - the only museum in the world dedicated to olfactory arts through the ages and on the five continents - has been enjoying a redesigned layout since 2019. The new, chronological museum itinerary, spanning Antiquity, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, 18th century, Modern Age, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, showcases perfumes that have marked the last two centuries in superbly-decorated alcoves, together with bottles, posters and soap boxes. And visitors are loving it. The greenhouse has been refurbished, the multimedia gallery updated and a new 150 m² space is now dedicated to the art of making perfume.

Take note! The Perfume Museum hosts introductions to perfumery on one Saturday every month.

Full rate €6.

Musée International du Parfum, 06130 Grasse

www.museesdegrasse.com

PERFUMERS' TECHNIQUES IN GRASSE RECOGNIZED AS INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE BY UNESCO

Awarded in 2018 this prestigious acknowledgment recognizes the precious knowledge and science of perfume manufacturers in the French Riviera.

savoirfaireparfum.paysdegrasse.fr



A WIND OF CHANGE AT PEYRASSOL

2020 marks a year of big change at Peyrassol! A new tasting room designed by architect Charles Berthier will be welcoming the ever-increasing number of visitors to this magnificent 2,347-acre domain. After their tasting session, art buffs can explore works by Vasarely, Arman, César, Bernar Venet and more... La Commanderie de Peyrassol harbours Europe's largest open-air contemporary art collection.

A second art gallery, also signed by Charles Berthier, is scheduled to be added to the first. From spring onwards, a restaurant will be treating hungry punters to a table d'hôtes meal. Until then, a single menu concocted by Guillaume Delauné using produce from the vegetable garden is served in the small dining room or under the mulberry trees on the village square. Table d'hôtes meals are available every day except Monday (and every day in July-August). Groups of 6 or more can also opt to dine at the domain. On site, 5 B&B rooms and apartments allow guests to linger longer at this exceptional property set around an ancient Knights Templar Commandery. Menus: €30 and €38, excluding drinks.

Commanderie de Peyrassol, 83340 Flassans-sur-Issole

www.peyrassol.com

NEW TOUR PASSES FOR AVIGNON AND VAUCLUSE

Easy to order online, the friendly-priced AVIGNON CITY PASS and VAUCLUSE PROVENCE PASS offer a wide palette of tours, activities and discounts.

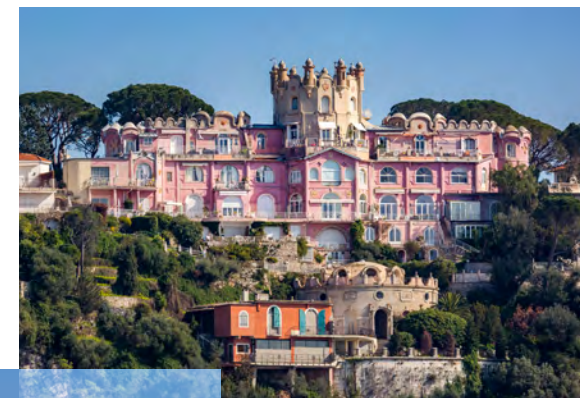
The Avignon 24-hour (€21) or 48-hour (€28) pass features 10 museums, monuments and parks, including the gardens of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon. Visitors also benefit from a reduced rate on activities such as the double-decker city tour. Valid throughout the Vaucluse area, the Vaucluse Provence Pass comes in 2-day (€29), 3-day (€35) or 5-day (€48) formats and features over 30 locations, including Parc Spirou and Wave Island (reduced rates). The Pass is valid for 10 days and can be used on non-consecutive days.

www.vaucluse-provence-pass.com



◀ Commanderie de Peyrassol

Palais des Papes ▶



◀ Château Anglais - Nice



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Including the Leisure and Culture offers
From April 1st 2020

Pack 3 Activities : Adults €45 - Kids (4-12 years old) €35

Pack 5 Activities : Adults €65 - Kids (4-12 years old) €55

Valid for one month from the validation of the first activity

www.cotedazur-card.com



NICE, AN UPCOMING UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CLASSIFICATION?

Will "Nice, Capital of Riviera Tourism" soon be featured on the UNESCO World Heritage list? Launched in 2012, the town's application is supported at the highest level this year. According to Franck Riester, France's Minister of Culture: "The Nice file is profoundly original. It aims to gain recognition for the heritage value of the town's cosmopolitan and leisure-oriented town planning. A major part of modern society was invented in Nice from the late 18th century onwards." A jewel of the French Riviera, Nice did indeed spearhead coastal tourism. The UNESCO verdict is impatiently-awaited in 2021, after the World Heritage Committee meeting.

N.B. Two other candidates are in the running for a UNESCO title: "Les Alpes de la Méditerranée" and "Cannes, les Iles de Lérins".

www.nicetourisme.com

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LUXURY, UPSCALE AND TOP-OF-THE-RANGE**ALPIN D'HOME****, LUXURY,
COSY AND FAMILY DOMES IN LES ORRES**

A big first in the Alps, "Alpin Cocoon" chose Les Orres as the location for its top-of-the-range, novel accommodation. The village's nine geodesic domes – spherical structures adorned with a transparent bay window – are set in tiers on the mountain slope, a comfortable distance from each other. Each 40 m² Cocoon offers a private panoramic terrace with views over the mountains and larch forests. Benefiting from pellet stove underfloor heating, they are also available in a Luxury version for 2 guests with a balneotherapy tub, a Cosy version and Family version for 4-6 guests. The Rolande slope runs along the side of the village and a footpath leads to Les Orres 1800 and Les Orres 1650. The founder, Éric Reynaud, plans to add 3 new domes in December 2020, plus a 200 m² spa.

Open in december 2019 – Price: €299 to €699€ per night.

Alpin d'Home****
05200 Les Orres
www.alpin-dhome.fr



Alpin Cocoon »

**WINTER 2020-2021: THE SOUTHERN ALPS'
FIRST FIVE-STAR RESORT IN AURON!**

Le Monde des Neiges – the Southern Alps' first five-star resort – will be opening its doors in Auron, in the Mercantour area. The concept combines a top-of-the-range location and resort open most of the year. "Our resort focuses on wellbeing and lifestyle and we'll be welcoming guests 9 months a year – way beyond the standard winter sports season", assures Yann Anciaux, project manager and director of the family-owned Epicure Luxury Spa, Hôtel & Résidences – SAS Latitudes Group. The inauguration of the first phase, including an apartment hotel and several shops, is scheduled in February 2020. Eventually, the five-star resort is set to feature a hotel with 55 rooms, a 1,200m² spa, kid club and 5 thematic restaurants. Its wood and stone architecture is inspired by the barns of Vallée de la Tinée.

www.mondedesneiges.com



Les Roches Blanches »

**A NEW FACE FOR LES ROCHES BLANCHES
IN CASSIS**

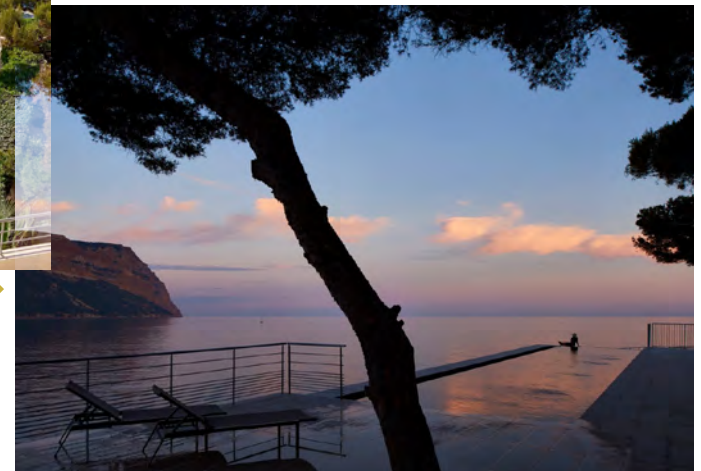
White like the limestone cliffs running along the coast from Cassis to Marseille... This ancient mansion house set facing the impressive Cape Canaille has now reopened its doors after a complete refurbishment that continues to honour its original mix of Twenties and Art Deco styles. Chef Florian Canoil, who trained at Le Miramar then with Sylvestre Wahid at L'Oustau de Baumañière, will be taking up the reins of the restaurant "Les Belles Canailles" when it reopens in March, and regaling guests with his typical seafood-based Mediterranean cuisine made with local, seasonal produce.

His motto: simplicity, creativity and taste using healthy, organic ingredients. In addition to massages, the Spa, Phyto-Aromatiques Sisley, offers face yoga, personal coaching, meditation, yoga classes for adults and children and even paddle board yoga.

Opening onto a garden cascading down in terraces to the sea, this beautiful venue is an invitation to rest and relax in true, old-fashioned Riviera style.

From €360.

Hotel Les Roches Blanches**** 13260 Cassis
www.roches-blanches-cassis.com



LUXURY, PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE

A tempting trio of three exceptional hotels opened their doors in Cézanne's home town in 2019.

VILLA SAINT-ANGE, THE SENSUAL PLEASURES OF THE SECOND EMPIRE...

In the heart of Aix, a stone's throw from Cours Mirabeau, two stone lions stand guard over a wrought iron gate unveiling 19,770 m² of grounds dotted with statues and fountains. The ochre main building, with its serrated zinc roof, flaunts a typical Napoleon III design. Its builder, Jean-Brice Garella, recruited 37 French firms - mostly holders of the Living Heritage label - to restore the domain to its former glory and convert the main mansion house into a cluster of four little bastides. Refined and feminine, the 35 Second Empire-style rooms, measuring between 21 m² and 75 m², are adorned with decorative screens, lacquered furniture, silk curtains and old-fashioned parquet flooring. Ancient clocks, barometers and 19th and 20th-century paintings adorn the Louise de Vilmorin and Malmaison lounges and light-filled restaurant seating 70 guests, leading to a terrace bedecked with round tables, white wicker armchairs and crystal chandeliers. Chef Nadège Serret specializes in light and healthy Mediterranean cuisine made with produce from the kitchen garden and local producers. The 28-metre mirror pool and fitness room fitted with high-tech equipment are sure to seduce sportier guests. The hotel's General Manager Céline Renaud and her mainly-female teams pride in pampering guests with a seamless and heartfelt welcome.

35 rooms and suites from €290 to €1,600

Villa Saint Ange, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

www.villasaintange.com

CHÂTEAU LA GAUDE, THE INCOMPARABLE LUXURY OF A VINEYARD IN TOWN

Château de La Gaude is taking on a whole new lease of life under the impetus of its new owner, Didier Blaise. Aix-en-Provence's only intra muros vineyard, located in the Pinchinats quartier, the Château is planted with 37 acres of "Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence" PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) wines. Its "Le Capeou" plot is actually set at the highest point of Aix-en-Provence. Film director Yves Robert chose this idyllic 17th-century monument as the shooting location for his film "My Mother's Castle", adapted from a work by Marcel Pagnol. Today, 17 rooms and suites decorated with refinement are set inside the two buildings flanking the ancient castle. The castle's Orangery and Chapel have been restored to their former glory after 3 years of refurbishment work. Matthieu Dupuis-Baumal, ex-Domaine de Manville, has set up his team inside the modern and airy restaurant, redesigned by Studio Frémont and adorned with works of art. Didier Blaise is a fervent contemporary art enthusiast and the hotel's many terraces, admirable French-style gardens and 46-acre grounds form an ideal backdrop for his favourite works. A stroll in the magnificent gardens or Château also unveils various artwork and monumental sculptures by Philippe Pasqua.

An exhibition space and artist residency are scheduled in 2020.

Rooms from €390 with breakfast.

Prix fixe menus €51 (lunch), €90 and €130.

Hotel Château de la Gaude, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

www.chateaudelagaude.com

HÔTEL SAINTE-VICTOIRE, IN PICASSO'S PEACEFUL COUNTRYSIDE...

Inaugurated in July 2019 and seemingly immersed in natural scenery, this hotel offers sweeping views over the splendid Sainte-Victoire mountain and Château de Vauvenargues, Picasso's former home. And it's no coincidence: the hotel actually belongs to the master's daughter-in-law, while one of its two general managers, Alessandro Blay, is his grandson. Art, intimacy and refined simplicity have pride of place here. The foyer forms the perfect setting for "Aquarium" - a sculpture on the butterfly theme by Eygalières Francis Guerrier. Guests residing in the 15 rooms and two suites are pampered in style, while Chef Mateus Marangoni conjures up astonishing French-come-Brazilian cuisine served in the dining room (34 covers) and out on the terrace (36 covers). The 30 m² seminar room can welcome up to 24 people.

Rooms from €220. Prix fixe menus €50, €60 and €70.

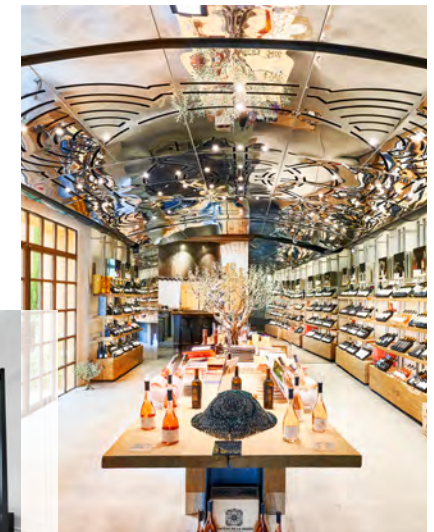
Luxury hotel pending four-star rating.

Hotel Sainte Victoire, 13126 Vauvenargues

www.hotelsaintevictoire.com



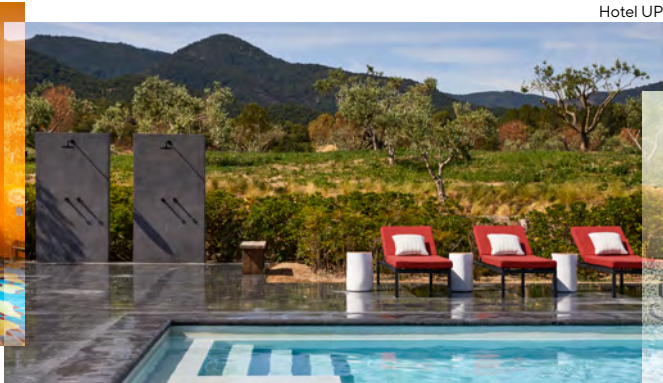
◀ Villa Saint Ange ▶



◀ Château La Gaude ▶



Hotel Arlatan



Hotel UP



Chateau de Massillan

L'ARLATAN: A WORK OF ART IN THE HEART OF ARLES

Cuban artist Jorge Pardo has resolutely hoisted the legendary Hotel Arlatan into the 20th century!

Behind the 18th-century frontage of this illustrious old mansion house, two million tesserae now adorn the floors with a 6,000 square metre mosaic.

Magnificent light fittings and painted doors have turned every room of this jewel of the "Maisons d'Arles" collection into a genuine work of art. Architects Max Romanet and Renzo Wieder have honoured the architectural heritage of the house, now a partially-listed monument, set leaning against the ancient walls of the "Thermes de Constantin" Roman baths.

Down to earth, poetic and overflowing with history, the new Arlatan stands witness to an outstanding collaboration between architects, a designer and archaeologists, from its flamboyantly-decorated bar to the gorgeous restaurant serving seasonal cuisine.

From €85 for a double room.

Hotel Arlatan, 13100 Arles
www.hotel-arlatan.fr

ULTIMATE PROVENCE, THE TRENDY WAY TO GET OFF THE GRID IN THE HEART OF THE VINES...

Opened in July 2016, the Hôtel UP, or Ultimate Provence, is shaking up the world of traditional vineyards and hotels. A combined lobby and winery, the entrance to the blue main building, set amid pines and cork oaks in the Maures Plain, is simply spectacular. Wall-hung casks, cleverly-presented bottles and a selection of gourmet produce set the mood at Reception. Then comes the tasting counter, dressed in glass and marble and sporting cork stools, followed by the heart of the vineyard: the "Place UP". Adorned with a long wine and cocktail bar, white sofas and yellow armchairs, this raised terrace hosts live sessions, brunches and musical aperitifs in a deliciously casual-chic lounge ambience. The "Atmos" restaurant pampers guests with gastronomic fusion fare including truffle bites, king prawn curry, Angus burgers with foie gras and sushi to share, served out on the terrace or in the bistro-style dining room complete with a fireplace. UP is open all year round. The furniture was designed by interior designers Emil Humbert and Christophe Poyet, with fabrics chosen by Giulia Dixon, wife of the owner Mark Dixon. The 23 rooms, 6 studios and 5 apartments share gorgeous lounges sporting fireplaces, works of art and well-stocked bookshelves. The pool overlooks the vines. The Ultimate Provence terroir spans 114 acres of Côtes de Provence PDO wines and began converting to all-organic production in January 2017. The vineyard's white wine has already carried off a gold medal at the "Grand Concours des Vins de France de Mâcon", while the UP rosé was awarded a gold medal at the 2019 "Concours Général Agricole de Paris". Its elegant wine bottles were designed by Joshua Dixon.

Rooms from €140.

Hotel UP, 83680 La Garde-Freinet
www.ultimateprovence.com

AN ORGANIC SPA AT CHÂTEAU DE MASSILLAN!

In keeping with its "beautiful and organic" signature style, Château de Massillan inaugurated its organic Bio-Spa on September 12th, 2019. The chateau is the first establishment to offer treatments by the French organic and vegan brand Biovive, launched by 5 Mondes, focusing on the regenerative power of fruit tree buds. The spa also features a Balneo-Sensory area, gym fitted with chic wooden body-building equipment, five treatment cabins and a flat roof overlooking the chateau, vines and Japanese garden...

Château de Massillan, a former hunting lodge and home of Henri II and Diane de Poitiers built in 1555, is now the property of Didier Pérréol, a prominent name in the organic world for the last 40 years. The establishment is committed to fostering a faultless and responsible reputation and minimal environmental impact. Its flagship, a magnificent organic kitchen garden spanning 4,000 m², supplies healthy, fresh produce for the chef and local AMAP (association for maintaining small-scale family farming). The chicken run and rabbit hutch house rare breeds in the aim of contributing to their conservation.

Massages from €55. Rooms from €140. Suites from €290.

Château de Massillan****
 84100 Uchaux
www.chateaudemassillan.fr

LILY OF THE VALLEY****, WELLBEING ACCORDING TO STARCK

It is the hotel event of the year in the Var area: Philippe Starck designed his new, five-star Lily of the Valley hotel on Saint-Tropez peninsula to resemble a “modern-day Mediterranean fantasy”... Alain Weil, CEO of Altice France and media mogul (who bought up Radio Monte Carlo and launched BFMTV) and his daughter Lucie are at the origin of the project. The family spends their summers on the heights of La Croix-Valmer, overlooking the superb Plage de Gigaro beach – a treasure closely guarded from developers thanks to the proximity of Cape Lardier, a Natura 2000 protected area owned by the Coastal Conservancy.

The hotel’s 38 rooms and 6 suites, set in “Houses” and measuring a generous 35 to 70 m², are spread on two levels and decorated with a pleasingly eclectic blend of polished marble, raw concrete, exotic wood and leather. Their vast 15 m² balconies and terraces offer breathtaking views over the Gulf of Saint-Tropez, as does the 25-metre outdoor pool. Aptly-named the “Vista”, the sea-facing restaurant fronted by Chef Vincent Maillard and adorned with olive wood, Vallauris ceramics and Biot glass can seat up to 250 guests and pays tribute to Mediterranean produce and its talented growers. The hotel’s second restaurant, “La Cabane du Village” offers around 15 marble tables and a mainly vegetarian and vegan menu curated in conjunction with a dietician and naturopath. Lily of the Valley dedicates over 2,000 m² to wellbeing, with an entire “Wellness Village” fronted by reputed Spa Manager Diane Bernardin including a Technogym® fitness room, steam room, saunas and a 25-metre heated outdoor pool, together with a dedicated team of therapists, naturopaths, dieticians and trainers offering a combination of natural therapies, ancient techniques, sporting activities and nutrition plans. Diane firmly believes that innovation is as essential to the philosophy of the Wellness Village as quality: the unique Esthederm sun spa, which prepares the skin for sun exposure, is just one example. Face and body treatments are courtesy of Esthederm® and Biologique Recherche®, with Manucurist® for nail treatments and Cut By Fred® for hair. The Golden Keys Concierge service is on call 24/24 and a free shuttle service takes guests to and from the beaches of Gigaro and La Croix-Valmer.

Pets admitted up to 10 kg. Rooms from €383.

Hotel Lily of the Valley****

Colline Saint-Michel - Quartier de Gigaro - 83420 La Croix-Valmer

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www.lilyofthevalley.com

↳ Hôtel Lily of the Valley



LE CHEVAL BLANC IN SAINT-TROPEZ AWARDED THE PALACE DISTINCTION

Part of the LVMH Group, Le Cheval Blanc has just entered the very-exclusive French circle of 31 Palaces. Opened in May 2019, this exceptional establishment boasts white sands at Plage de la Bouillabaisse, a pine wood, Guerlain spa and prestigious chef Arnaud Donckele holding the reins of La Terrasse and La Vague d’Or (3 Michelin stars).

Cheval Blanc, 83990 Saint-Tropez

www.chevalblanc.com

↳ Hôtel Lou Calen



THE LOU CALEN LIVES AGAIN IN COTIGNAC

Closed for the last 25 years, Lou Calen (meaning oil lamp in Provençal dialect) will once again be lighting up the pretty village of Cotignac, set at the foot of a volcanic cliff, this summer. Lou Calen has many claims to fame: The Cure, Joe Dassin and Pink Floyd all stayed there during recording sessions at the neighbouring Château Miraval (now owned by Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie). The reborn hotel will now be offering guests an immersion in authentic Provence thanks to Canadian investor Graham Porter. Opening onto Cotignac’s main street, the hotel borders 7 acres of countryside and olive trees. Future guests will be invited to meet local inhabitants and discover the ancient know-how of the Haut Var area. The rebirth has already begun with the opening of the micro-brewery La Tuf – Le Tailleur de Bières (which owes its name to former stone mason and local artisan brewer Renaud Hecq): a lively venue open 7/7, hosting live music. The decoration of the 35 future rooms is courtesy of London-based design firm Hannah Lohan Interiors. 13 rooms are scheduled to open in summer 2020, together with 2 pools and a wine bar headed up by Didier Romieux (from La Cave de Didier in Cotignac). Chef Amy Oliver will be busy in the restaurant wings. An additional restaurant is scheduled in spring 2021, together with event spaces able to welcome 70 to 100 guests.

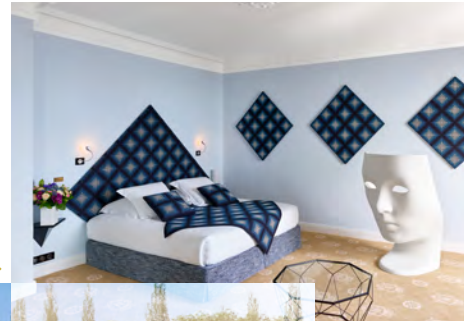
Hotel Lou Calen, 83570 Cotignac

www.loucalen.com



▲ Domaine Monte Verdi

▲ La Bastide de Biot ▶



Hôtel Le Négresco ▶



DOMAINE MONTE VERDI IN TOURTOUR: LUXURY THE NATURAL WAY

Views stretching all the way to the Maures foothills and waves of green untainted by houses... A rare sight just 1 hour from the touristic hotspots of Provence and the Côte d'Azur. Domaine Monte Verdi is a magical hideaway for those who dream of wide open spaces, nature and relaxation. This 800-acre Var forest was destined to become a golf course, but when they purchased the property 20 years ago, the Courtade family chose to leave it in peace, simply planting a few plots of vines, olive trees and saffron. Jean-Michel Wilmotte was in charge of restoring the ancient Knights Templar Commandery chapel. His son, Nelson Wilmotte, refurbished a villa now available for rent and the main house offering two suites and two apartments, and built three cabins on stilts. A maximum of 30 holidaymakers share the year-round heated pool, miles of hiking and cycling trails, and insider's tips by the registrar Brice Humbert. Coming in 2020: "sea & country" packages in conjunction with a gorgeous seaside bastide.

Open April to October. From €180 per night in 16m² cabin, suites from €176.

Domaine Monte Verdi, 83780 Flayosc
www.domainemonteverdi.com

A BASTIDE FRAGRANT WITH CHILDHOOD SCENTS IN BIOT

Set at the foot of the historic village of Biot, La Bastide de Biot is a cluster of 3 buildings offering 17 southwesterly-facing rooms: 6 Classic, 6 Superior and 5 Deluxe. Old vinyl LPs, Eighties memorabilia and ancient fireplaces lend the site an otherworldly charm. Leisure opportunities are varied thanks to the Mediterranean garden, heated pool, fitness area, sauna, steam room and boules court. Opened in March 2019.

Hotel La Bastide de Biot, 06410 Biot
www.labastidedebiot.fr

CHÂTEAU SAINT-MARTIN & SPA, A NEW PALACE IN VENICE

Set overlooking Venice, this chic retreat among veteran olive trees offers spectacular views over the entire Côte d'Azur. Château Saint-Martin & Spa was recently awarded the prestigious "Palace" distinction.

Palace Château Saint-Martin & Spa***, 06140 Venice**
www.oetkercollection.com

A NEW MAS DE PIERRE IN SPRING 2021

The 7 bastides comprising Mas de Pierre at the foot of the hills of Saint-Paul-de-Vence are about to enjoy an extension and full facelift, allowing this lavish, 5-star establishment to offer guests even more originality, luxury, comfort and hospitality in keeping with the "Relais & Châteaux" spirit (member since 2006).

Le Mas de Pierre***, 06570 Saint-Paul-de-Vence**
www.lemasdepierre.com

LE NEGRESCO, VIVE LA FRANCE!

The emblematic palace (a Living Heritage Enterprise and Ecolabel establishment) is slipping gently into refurbishment mode without losing sight of the goals of its former owner Mme Augier: to encourage guests to discover France through artwork from Louis XIII to current day. A new suite dedicated to Le France: Madame Augier was a fervent fan of the cruise liner Le France. Her model ship is now inlaid in the porthole of the bathroom of the Le France suite on the 5th floor. Rivoli rooms: Novel, colourful and comfortable, the spanking new rooms in the Rivoli wing are set overlooking the verdant gardens of Palais Masséna. Le Negresco called on the talent of four French "Living Heritage Enterprise" firms to undertake the work.

Brasserie La Rotonde: Unclassifiable, baroque and studded with works of art, the Negresco has no equal. Its French brasserie, La Rotonde, has just enjoyed a facelift courtesy of Studios MHNA. Some of the white horses from the ancient merry-go-round adorn the walls laid with gold leaf. Images projected onto the ceiling offer a time lapse from azure-blue skies to starry nights... The decor is as ambitious as the challenge awaiting Michelin-starred chef and "Best French Worker" Virginie Bassetot, whose "Cuisine Nissarde" menu pays tribute to the finest local fare.

Hôtel Le Négresco***, Nice**
www.hotel-negresco-nice.com

FOCUS CANNES

PLATINUM FOR THE HÔTEL MARTINEZ*** IN CANNES**

Awarded the Green Globe label in 2010, the Hôtel Martinez is now enjoying Platinum status in recognition of a decade of initiatives in favour of sustainable development. “We are focusing on a series of key objectives, in particular the reduction of single-use plastics, improved food waste management and support for local communities”, underlines general manager Yann Gillet. In 2019, the hotel signed a partnership agreement with the French association Unisoap, which collects and recycles used soaps from hotels. Behind its Art Deco facade, this iconic hotel, part of the Unbound Collection by Hyatt, is embracing a greener future.

Hôtel Martinez***, 06400 Cannes**
www.hyatt.com/en-US

INTERCONTINENTAL CARLTON CANNES, THE REBIRTH OF AN ICON

A jewel of the Croisette, with its two domes inspired by the bosom of La Belle Otéro, the InterContinental Carlton Cannes is reinventing its legendary status. Guests will be pleased to know the hotel will stay open during the refurbishment work; they will also be enjoying a brand-new beach and bar from March 2020. 37 suites set in new wings are scheduled for 2023, together with a 2,000 m² interior garden with bar, pool and spa, and 765 m² conference space. The extension is signed by top names including designer Tristan Auer and architect Richard Lavelle. In 2023, the iconic InterContinental will also be celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Intercontinental Carlton***, 06400 Cannes**
www.carlton-cannes.com
www.intercontinental.com

CROISSETTE BEACH–MGALLERY BY SOFTEL

Sitting pretty next to the Carlton, the Croisette Beach Cannes (MGallery by Sofitel) is a modern establishment boasting 94 rooms redecorated by Jean-Philippe Nuel. Bathed in a somewhat Californian mood, the hotel's lounge-bar, shaded patio, small outdoor heated pool and solarium are adorned with colourful artwork and plants. Guests also enjoy a private beach.

Croisette Beach–MGallery by Sofitel***, 06400 Cannes**
www.croisettebeach.com

▼ Croisette Beach–MGallery by Sofitel



◀ Intercontinental Carlton

▼ Hôtel Martinez ▶



FAMILY, BUSINESS & ART**LE SNOW CHILL****
AN EASY-GOING ADVENTURE IN RISOUL**

The much-awaited Snow Chill is RISOUL 1850's second hotel, designed with comfort, wellbeing and gourmet pleasures in mind. Amenities include a gastronomic restaurant, sensory deprivation tank, sauna, gym and two massage cabins. The manager of this new four-star establishment also heads up Ski Cool, a ski adventure school specializing in cross-country skiing, splitboarding, freeriding and heli-skiing. Set inside the hotel, the Gliss Concept ski shop offers top notch skiing gear at friendly prices.

Opened since 2019
Hotel Le Snow Chill****, 05600 Risoul
www.hotel-snowchill.com

LE 161150* & SPA NUXE
AN AVANT-GARDE SPA EXPERIENCE IN VARS**

Make way for a new kind of spa experience! Ludovic Leboeuf and his wife, who started out in the worlds of fashion and catering, are set on making Le 16 1150 (pronounced simply Le 1650) the place to be in Vars! Set at the foot of the Olympic slope and fully-refurbished last summer, this Boutique Hotel & Spa offers 28 rooms & suites and "SKITCHEN" bistronomic restaurant, all decked out with memorabilia from the late Sixties. The "Refuge" apartment, suitable for 10 guests, is fitted with kingsize bunk beds. The hotel also boasts a 300 m² NUXE Spa and wellness centre. Outside, expansive terraces set facing L'Eyssina welcome guests for a friendly, lounge-style lunch in the sunshine, barbecue parties and après-ski get-togethers around a brasero. Located 50 metres away, the Sainte-Marie ski lift offers direct access to 185 km of slopes at the FORÊT BLANCHE ski domain, spanning Vars and Risoul.

Price: double room from €150 in low season. Refuge apartment €680 for 10 guests in peak season.

Le 161150*** & Spa Nuxe
05560 Vars
hotel16-150.com

LE MONËTIER IN SERRE CHEVALIER VALLEY

A change of scene from the capital's major hotel groups, Alexandra and Guillaume Bizouard are now celebrating the art of hospitality in Serre Chevalier.

Set in the centre of Monêtier-les-Bains, Le Monêtier is the valley's only hotel-restaurant open all year round. Its 21 rooms, decorated in simple, natural style, adorned with raw wood and wool, all offer stunning views over the mountains, while the restaurant Le Stabatio, specializing in grilled dishes, expresses all the warmth of the South.

Hotel Le Monêtier****
05220 Serre Chevalier
www.lemonetier.com



◀ Le Monêtier



▲ Le Snow Chill

**A NEW SPA AT LA ROBÉYÈRE
IN THE SOUTHERN ALPS**

With its sun-drenched baths set out on the terrace, the new Spa Les Bains De La Robéyère by Ahimsa is the perfect place for a spot of full-body relaxation. Perched on Roc d'Embrun, this 18th-century building boasts breathtaking panoramic vistas over the surrounding mountains. The hotel is set to become part of the Best Western Signature Collection and obtain a fourth star in early 2020.

Hôtel La Robéyère***, 05200 Embrun
www.chateaularobeyere.com

**LE PATIO DE SOPHIE:
A DESIGN PATIO IN SISTERON**

Interior designer Sophie Vincendeau opened this little hotel in summer 2018 in the heart of Sisteron's historic quarter. Comprising two old houses, the hotel's novel patio leads onto the 7 rooms and suites adorned with ancient carved doors, mosaics, traditional "tommette" hexagonal red floor tiles and a plethora of wood beams. Light meals are available in the evening.

Le Patio de Sophie***, 04200 Sisteron
www.lepatiodesophie-sisteron.com

MERCURE CANEBIÈRE-VIEUX PORT****, A NEW ADDRESS ON LA CANEBIÈRE

We've been waiting with bated breath for the opening of Mercure Canebière in the Noailles quarter, in the heart of Marseille, since 2013. And we're not disappointed! This Haussmannian-style building, opened in July 2019, features 90 rooms including "Classique" and "Privilège" categories, together with suites, some with balconies overlooking the city's rooftops and Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde basilica. The amenities are resolutely four stars and include a mini bar and coffee machine. The hotel also offers 2 meeting rooms and a coworking area for business travellers.

Brasserie Le Capucin and Bar Le Feuillant: I'm truly delighted to have a restaurant on La Canebière and be taking part in changing the city". Gourmets are flocking back to La Canebière thanks to Chef Sylvain Touati, who previously worked alongside Lionel Lévy at the city's Intercontinental Hotel. Le Capucin is a "classic" brasserie, paying tribute to local produce. It owes its name to the nearby market, but also a kitchen utensil – a sort of metal rod fitted with a funnel, used to melt lard into meat... You'll find the dish on the menu, just look for the "Viande au Capucin" €28!

Brasserie le Capucin

A la carte dishes from €17.

Menu of the day €24 (2 courses) or €29 (3 courses).

www.brasserielecapucin.com

Hotel Mercure Canebière-Vieux-Port****

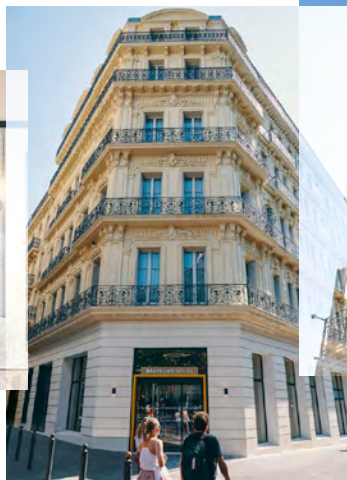
48, La Canebière, 13001 Marseille

Chambre à partir de 120 €

www.accorhotels.com/fr



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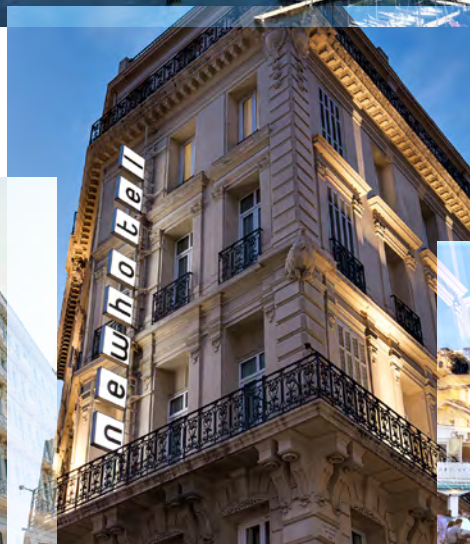
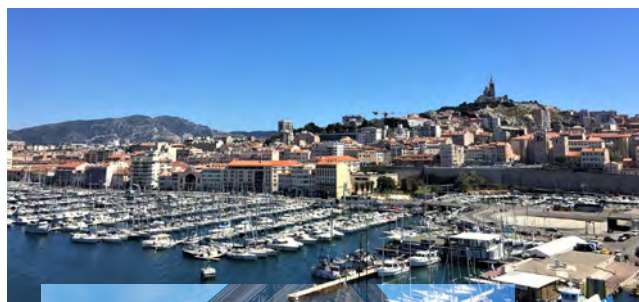


NEW HÔTEL LE QUAI****: A FAMILY HOME ON THE VIEUX PORT

Handily located at the bottom of La Canebière, the fully-refurbished New Hôtel Le Quai (former New Hôtel Vieux-Port) has just swept up a 4th star. Its architecture has inspired the colonial decor of the 48 rooms swathed in jolly pinks, yellows, greens and exhaling a distinct holiday feel, a stone's throw from the boat bus to the islands. From €108 per night.

New Hôtel Le Quai-Vieux-Port, 13001 Marseille

www.new-hotel.com/en



▲ New Hôtel Le Quai-Vieux-Port



HÔTEL CHÂTEAUFORM' LONGCHAMP****

An exceptional new address for the French group Châteauform, a European leader in the organisation of meetings, events and training courses, opening in the heart of Marseille, just 10 minutes on foot from Gare Saint-Charles. This old mansion house is the former property of a family of industrialists. The 51 rooms offer a blend of Art Deco and Oriental Empire mood. Some of the ten multi-format meeting rooms (from 20 to 85 m²) are topped with glass canopies and set around a 300 m² garden and cocktail area far from the city centre hubbub. This haven of peace inspires exchanges, creativity and decision-making... In keeping with Châteauform' tradition, the hotel is designed as a home-from-home and guests are welcomed by a husband and wife team. The price includes a free ticket to the nearby Fine Arts Museum.

Hotel ChâteauForm' Longchamp****

www.chateauform.com/fr

A GREET AT MARSEILLE-PROVENCE AIRPORT

The Greet Hôtel Marseille-Provence Airport will be one of the first hotels to fly the flag of the Accor group's new Greet brand. An ambassador for the circular economy, Greet fosters an eco-aware spirit. The most affordable rooms measure 12 m² and are available for €50 a night. Outdoor spaces, a Greet Bar and "greet times" promise to keep the hotel's friendly promises.

Greet à l'Aéroport de Marseille-Provence

all.accor.com/brands/greet.fr.shtml

A NEW SKYLINE FOR THE BAY OF TOULON

L'EAUTEL**** IN TOULON, 62 ROOMS OVERLOOKING THE BAY

Great news for the buzzing Quartier des Arts in Toulon: in late December 2019, the ehôtels-Lyon group is opening its first Var-based establishment at the heart of the town's old quarter. Founded by Marianne Borthayre and Jean-Luc Mathias, the group specializes in enhancing ancient heritage sites, with hotels set in unusual buildings, schools and monasteries... Set facing the gate of Toulon's naval base, L'Eautel encompasses three late 17th-century buildings and a historic glass canopy thought to have been built by the Ateliers Eiffel. This four-star hotel, signed by architects Yves and Romain Boucharlat, will offer 62 rooms including two dormitories with a "crew" saloon, meeting rooms, a 62-cover bistronomic bar-restaurant, terrace opening onto Place de l'Équerre, and much-awaited rooftop spa with views over the magnificent bay.

Eotel Toulon**, 83000 Toulon**
<http://leautel-toulon.com>

OKKO LIBERTÉ****, "FOUR STARS NO CLOUD" IN THE BAY OF TOULON

The Okko hotels have earned a loyal clientele with their pioneering "all inclusive" packages, even including a €10 international call credit. The new "Okko Toulon Liberté" will be opening in Spring 2020 on the city's remarkable Place de la Liberté main square, with 98 rooms nestling in the former offices of the Toulon Provence Méditerranée Metropolitan Council, ranked a 20th century heritage building and redesigned by the Marseille-based architecture firm Tangram. The interior design is courtesy of Studio Catoir.

Opening Spring 2020
Okko Liberté**, 83000 Toulon**
www.okkohotels.com/hotels/okko-hotels-toulon-liberte



Resort & Spa Odalys

Toulon



Le Grand Hôtel Dauphiné
Boutique Hôtel

A ROOFTOP POOL AT THE GRAND HOTEL DAUPHINÉ, BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SUITES, TOULON

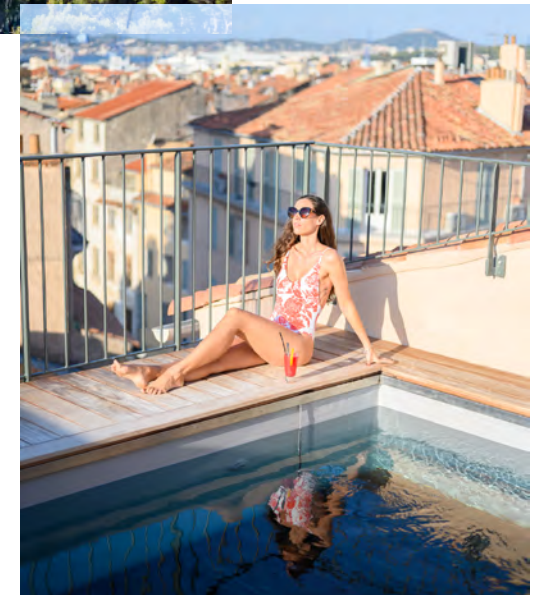
It's the first rooftop heated pool (3 x 5 m) in the heart of Toulon, offering sweeping views over the town's tiled roofs and bay. Fully refurbished in 2019, the Grand Hôtel Dauphiné - Boutique Hôtel & Suites is an independent, family-run hotel, opened 40 years ago, dedicated to hospitality and tailored service. Most of the rooms are decorated with artwork. Along with its 52 rooms and suites, the hotel now features a wellbeing area complete with fitness room and sauna, and a meeting room for 40 guests. A lounge nestles under a 4-metre ceiling on the 5th floor, where guests can enjoy a fresh, organic breakfast or relax with a book. From 90 euros.

Le Grand Hôtel Dauphiné Boutique Hôtel*, 83000 Toulon**
www.grandhoteldauphine.com/en

SPLENDID HOTEL BANDOL**** A BALCONY OVER THE SEA

Closed for several years, the Splendid Bandol Hôtel, set right at the water's edge in Anse de Renécros cove, will be opening its doors again in October 2019. The 11 spacious, 25 m² rooms and 2-storey apartment are decorated in relaxing beige, black and cherry-red shades and share an indoor pool, spa and little garden set over the waves, with direct access to the beach. This peaceful, charming and confidential address serves breakfasts and snacks and is located just a few minutes on foot from the many restaurants on offer in Bandol town centre. A genuine little gem!

Splendid Hotel Bandol**, 83150 Bandol**
www.splendidbandol.com



RESORT & SPA ODALYS**** PRESTIGE IN CAVALAIRE-SUR-MER

Opened on June 29th 2019, the new Résidence Prestige Odalys Les Canissons includes 95 apartments for 2-6 guests, an indoor and outdoor pool, spa and meeting room.

Resort & Spa Odalys**, 83240 Cavalaire-sur-Mer**
www.odalys-vacances.com

CHÂTEAU SAINT-ROUX, A FULL IMMERSION IN PROVENCE

Part of the MDCV group, Château Saint-Roux's vineyard, wines, kitchen garden and goat cheeses have recently been awarded the coveted organic label. After two years of refurbishment work, this 15th-century farm, set in 297 acres of land in the Maures plain, has flourished into a splendid domain featuring a 3,800 m² kitchen garden with English greenhouse, beehives, an orchard and animal farm... Visitors also come here to admire the 50-strong goat herd and their unique goat tower – the only one of its kind in France – where the goats can climb and shelter. Nurtured by goatherd Angélique Robert, the herd produces around 200 cheeses per day. The domain hosts a great choice of family activities, including cellar tours, cheese-making workshops and a shop selling local produce and vegetables from the kitchen garden. Offering five rooms, six apartments and a loft, the Château welcomes guests for weekend or week-long breaks in a captivating decor of fountains, old stone alleys and little squares. Chef Guillaume Rigaudias specializes in Provencal-style cuisine served every day at "La Table Saint-Roux". The domain, which owes its name to its red soil, is planted with 99 acres of vines, producing high-quality reds, whites and rosés. Its "Château Saint-Roux" rosé wine swept up a gold medal at the Concours Agricole 2019. As General Manageress Bénédicte Cochard aptly says: "Nobody leaves Château Saint-Roux without wanting to come back".

Fixed price menu (starter, main course and dessert): €35.
Sunday brunch: €40 (free for under 7's). Rooms from €95 to €285,
Apartment for 2-4 guests from €155 to €330, Apartment
for 4-6 guests from €195 to €392

Château Saint-Roux, 83340 Le Cannet-des-Maures
www.chateausaintroux.com



Château Saint-Roux ▶

HOTEL DE L'ESTEREL, LET THERE BE LIGHT

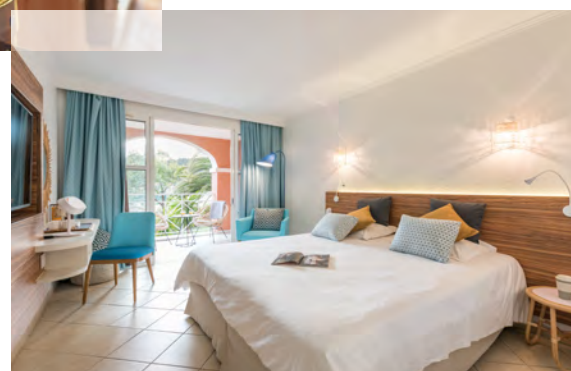
Set against a backdrop of fiery-red porphyry rocks, Hotel de l'Estérel has just enjoyed a facelift. The hotel is located inside the 519-acre Pierre & Vacances Cap Estérel holiday village, set in magnificent surroundings between the Bay of Agay and Estérel hills. In tribute to the flamboyant scenery, interior designer Gilbert Kerdommarec has added light, bright touches to the 64 rooms and communal areas, with blue furnishings and white desks rubbing shoulders with natural wood. The hotel is an ideal base for enjoying the 40 activities, spa, 9-hole golf course, 13 tennis courts and pools on offer at this pretty site, France's first "Pierre & Vacances" holiday village inaugurated in 1990.

From €375 per week (7 nights) in double room.

Hotel de l'Estérel, 83700 Saint-Raphaël
www.pierreetvacances.com



▶ Hôtel Sysoon



◀ Hôtel de l'Estérel



◀ Hôtel Le Cagnard



▶ Hôtel Amour ▶

▶ Radisson Blu Hotel Nice

ARMAN & SEVEK AT CHÂTEAU LE CAGNARD

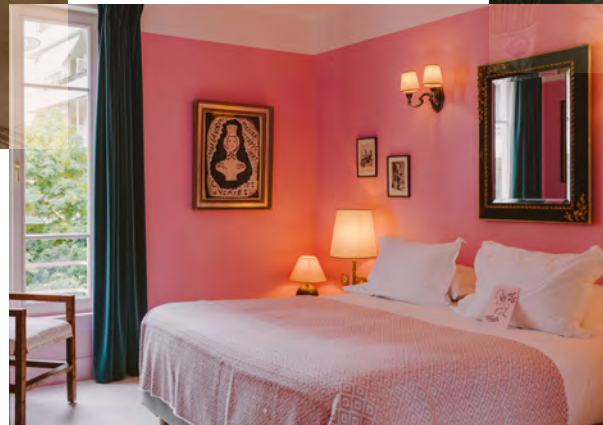
Hidden away in the charming micro-village of Haut de Cagnes, near the Château Musée Grimaldi, the rooms of Le Cagnard pay homage to the many artists who have stayed here. After Renoir, Matisse, Modigliani and Soutine, the latest two creations bear the stamp of Arman & Sevek. The owners – the Ivarsson family – recently acquired an adjacent property now housing the hotel's concierge service. Château Le Cagnard is a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and the Phoenix Hotel Collection.

Hôtel le Cagnard****, 06800 Hauts de Cagnes
www.lecagnard.com

LA VILLA - PORT D'ANTIBES

Another La Villa Hotel (the group's fifth) has just opened its doors a few minutes from Port Vauban. Opening in spring 2020, La Villa Port d'Antibes & Spa boasts a magnificent location near the ramparts and historic quarter of Antibes. Swathed in fabrics by Christian Lacroix, the 56 rooms exhale scents of distant climes. The patio adorned with a pool and Spa La Villa by Sothys complete with steam room and sensory shower are an ode to relaxation.

Hôtel La Villa – Port d'Antibes****, 06600 Antibes
www.villa-port-antibes.com/en



HÔTEL AMOUR NICE

The third Amour establishment by Emmanuel Delavenne, André Saraiva and Thierry Costes opened its doors in October 2019. The hotel's resolutely-chintzy atmosphere is unique. The 38 rooms, including two suites with outdoor showers and views over the roofs of Nice, rub shoulders with a bar, restaurant honouring local gastronomy, rooftop lounge, pool and patio. The hotel's private beach – L'Amour à la Plage – is just a couple of streets away.

Hôtel Amour, Nice
<https://www.hotelamournice.fr/en>



A NEW LOOK FOR THE FOUR-STAR RADISSON BLU HOTEL NICE****

Guests at this fully-refurbished hotel enjoy a handy entrance next to the Tram stop.

Radisson Blu Hotel Nice****
www.radissonblu.com/fr/hotel-nice



Nice

THE FIRST EASYJET HOTEL IN FRANCE NICE PALAIS DES CONGRÉS

Just a few metres on foot from Vieux Nice and the port in Rue Barbéris, this two-star establishment benefits from a tram service to the airport. Offering 87 rooms priced at €57 upwards, it also offers a terrace and paying underground car park. It is the first of around 15 hotels scheduled to open in future months.

EasyJet Hotel de France – Nice Palais des Congrès**
www.easyhotel.com

COMING SOON IN THE ARENAS BUSINESS QUARTER

Nice is eagerly awaiting the opening of the four-star Hôtel Crown Plaza 4*, 3-star Holiday Inn Express with 130 rooms, four-star Hôtel OKKO and Hôtel Moxy (Marriott group) in the Grand Arénas international business quarter near Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, along with the future Multimodal Station. They will all be served by the nr. 2 Tram running from the port to the airport.

www.nicetourisme.com

NICE ... COMING UP IN 2021

Nice is eagerly awaiting over 1,200 new rooms in 2020 - 2021. 800 additional rooms are scheduled in the Airport / Arénas quarter alone, with 436 extra rooms in the town centre.

en.meet-in-nice.com

• HÔTEL PLAZA NICE 5*

With its coveted terrace opening onto the Jardin Albert 1er, now boasts five-star status (part of the American chain The Dedic Anthology).

• HÔTEL HILTON GARDEN INN

With 120 rooms, inside the Iconic building project in Nice's future "Diamond".

• LA MAISON ALBAR*****

On the site of the former Hôtel Boscolo, will feature a ground floor luxury boutique complex.

• HÔTEL COMTÉ DE NICE****

Built on 7 floors, with 91 rooms and a rooftop pool, will be part of the Gare du Sud complex.

• HÔTEL SHERATON - NICE AÉROPORT****

Offering 230 rooms, plus a restaurant, meeting centre, fitness room, pool and spa. The complex will be linked to the town centre and both airport terminals.

en.nicetourisme.com



GUEST HOUSES

VALBERG, LA CROIX-ST-JEAN,
A PREMIUM CHOICE FOR CYCLING FANS

La Croix-St-Jean is a wooden chalet set at an altitude of 1,720 metres overlooking the resort of Valberg. Lucie and Christophe Menei offer a warm welcome to their three pretty rooms for 2-4 guests, all with South-facing balconies. Awarded the Mercantour Eco Tourisme label, the address is reputed for its table d'hôtes serving specialities from Nice (make sure you book ahead) and the excellent advice of Christophe, an amateur cyclist who knows everything there is to know about the Mercan'Tour Granfondo and Mercan'Tour Bonette - Europe's highest altitude endurance race (June).

Price: Table d'hôtes meals €12 (children 3 to 6 years) to €27 (adults)
Double room with breakfast: €72 to €86, quadruple room €120 to €135 (according to season).

Lucie & Christophe Menei
38 rue Saint-Jean, 06470 Péone Valberg
+33 (0)4 93 05 45 52 - +33 (0)6 82 94 84 28
<https://lacroix-valberg.com>



La Croix-St-Jean

JARDIN DE CELINA IN VALENSOLE

Christophe Bouchet and Marielle Angelvin, heirs to a family based on Valensole plateau for eight generations, stepped into the hospitality world in 2017. Located 350 metres from the village of Valensole, their pride and joy, the "Jardin de Celina", has been making guests happy ever since. Referenced in the Gault&Millau food guide since 2018, Christophe and Marielle serve southern-style cuisine paired with an impressive choice of 300 wines. Their Provencal guest house, standing in 6,300 m2 of tree-filled grounds, offers 4 rooms: Tilleul, Amande, Lavande and Chalet Zen, together with a spa and gym.

Rooms from €95 to €159. Prix fixe menus €29.90 and €39.90.

Jardin de Céline, 04210 Valensole
<https://lejardindecelina.com>



Jardin de Celina

5 FONTAINES: WEDDINGS AND FAMILY
REUNIONS IN THE DURANCE VALLEY...

A superb property set overlooking the Durance Valley and boasting stunning panoramic views over Sisteron's ancient citadel, "Domaine des 5 Fontaines" is a favourite venue for future spouses and families seeking group accommodation. This ancient country house harbours a top-comfort gîte for 15 guests, superb 17th-century dovecot, two rooms and two suites with private spas - "La Roseaie" and "Wellness" - set in the grounds and cradled by the murmur of bubbling fountains... Wedding ceremonies are celebrated in the shade of a veteran tree, on a heart-shaped wooden stage or in front of a giant OUI sculpture. "Villa Cassius", accommodating 12 people, is scheduled to open in summer 2020, bringing the establishment's total capacity to 50 guests.

B&B rooms from €105 to €240

Mas des 5 Fontaines, 04200 Sisteron
www.gites-sisteron.fr



Le Mas des 5 Fontaines



SAINT-REMY-DE-PROVENCE, 2 NEW GUEST HOUSES

LES ORMES

The owners of the "Brasserie du Commerce" on the market square have decided to install an upstairs family suite with panoramic views over the Alpilles mountains, together with 4 additional rooms.

A partir de 110€ la nuit

Laurence Chaillan +33 (0)6 72 41 74 39

LE REGARDEUR (The Onlooker)

Owes its name to Marcel Duchamp: "It is the onlooker who makes the work of art". The 4 upstairs rooms will be designed by artists shown at the gallery.

**Point Rouge Gallery au rez-de-chaussée du 21 rue Carnot
+33 (0)6 31 76 89 77**

THE ADDRESS IN CASSIS

"Our greatest reward is customer satisfaction": the motto of Eric and Sabine Samuélian is music to the ears. These globetrotting gourmets and entrepreneurs initially set out to create a confidential table d'hôtes but the rooms that went with it soon proved a must. The family went on to buy a gorgeous Fifties villa adorned with a large garden – a rarity in the centre of Cassis. The Address offers three top-comfort suites with Japanese toilets, set in a beautiful terraced garden complete with pool. The hosts concoct heartfelt "intuitive dinners" on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings (you'll need to book ahead), made with mainly plant-based organic produce. On-site car park.

Rooms from €198. Closed from November 5th to March 8th.

The address - 13260 Cassis

www.theaddress-cassis.com

A PLUNGE INTO AUTHENTICITY AT MOULIN CAMOULA

Set at the foot of Baou de Saint-Jeannet, a rocky outcrop coveted by climbers, trail fans and slackline aficionados, this ancient 15th-century watermill has been restored by a young couple committed to sustainable development and preserving the environment. After 14 months' building work, tasteful second-hand and made-to-measure furniture has now found its place next to its ancient stones and wooden beams. Guests can enjoy relaxing in the large natural pool, or toning up in the refreshing waterfall – a rare treat!

From €70.

Moulin Camoula, 06640 St Jeannet

www.moulincamoula.fr

www.gites-de-france-alpes-maritimes.com

OUTDOOR**BEYOND THE CLOUDS , AU-DELÀ DES NUAGES:
A TOTAL ECO-EXPERIENCE IN CHAMPSAUR**

If you've never holidayed in a Domespace, we can't recommend it enough! These incredibly comfortable and welcoming round wooden, bioclimatic and ecological houses revolve in the sunshine thanks to a ball-bearing assembly. Run by welcoming husband and wife duo Christine and Charles, "Au-Delà des Nuages" (formerly "Chalet Tournesol") is set at the crossroads to the Champsaur and Valgaudemar valleys. Installed at the centre of a 1500 m² ornamental and kitchen garden, the Domespace offers four rooms (each with private bathroom), unveiling ever-changing views over the various magnificent peaks of the Écrins mountains as they revolve... Simply magical!

Price: €75 to €85/room. Meals: €20/adult.

Au-delà des nuages

Christine Coutineau and Charles Sroczyński
Hameau de La Pierre - Chauffayer 05800 Aubessagne
T+33 (0)4 92 21 40 98
<http://audeladesnuages.fr>

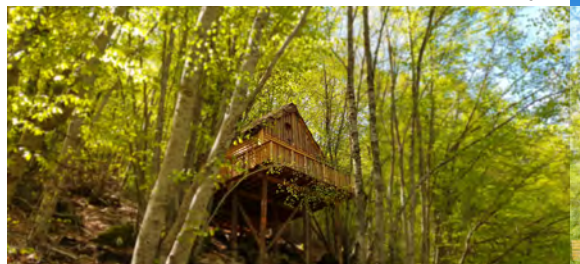
**ENCHANTED CABINS, LES CABANES ENCHANTÉES
IN SAINT-LÉGER-LES-MÉLÈZES**

A holder of the "Station Verte" and "Village Etoilé" labels, Saint-Léger-les-Mélèzes is a genuine treat for nature lovers, with 24 slopes zigzagging between larch trees, flora and fauna walks and two new treetop cabins. "La Cabane des Trolls" for 4 guests (24 m²) and "La Cabane des Elfes" for 6 guests (32 m²) both feature a mezzanine, shower, toilet, kitchenette, water, electricity and a private spa set out on the terrace!

Price: €195/night/2 guests (school holidays and weekends), €185/night/2 guests (weekdays). Additional guest: Adult €40 Child €30. The price includes breakfasts, bed linen, towels, bathrobes and disposable slippers, and access to the private spa.

Route du Barry - 05260 St-Léger-les-Mélèzes
T+33 (0)6 50 79 07 41
www.les-cabanes-enchantees.fr

Cabanes Enchantées ▾



Au-delà des nuages ▶



Camping Le Cians ▾

**LES ORRES: LA JARBELLE,
EVEN MORE GORGEOUS!**

This "gîte de charme" set inside a converted barn in the hamlet of Les Rives, between Serre-Ponçon lake and the mountains, is going for gold! The 5 double or quadruple rooms, studio for 4 guests and apartment for 7 guests, i.e. a total capacity of 25 guests, now benefit from a fully-licensed bar in addition to the delightful table d'hôte eatery, together with a panoramic sauna and Nordic bath set at the river's edge. The gîte offers guided walks and bicycle hire in spring, summer and autumn. In winter, a free shuttle service to the foot of the slopes stops at the door.

Price: from €77/night for 2 guests

La Jarbelle - Hameau Les Ribes, 05200 Les Orres
www.lajarbelle.com

CAMPING AND SKIING!

Camping holidays near the foot of the slopes are the latest fad! Set at an altitude of 1,450 metres at the exit from the fabulous Cians gorge, Camping du Cians*** is a seductive and novel winter accommodation choice. Located just 6 km from Valberg, the campsite features a Boreal Lodge and two bubble tents for star-gazing.

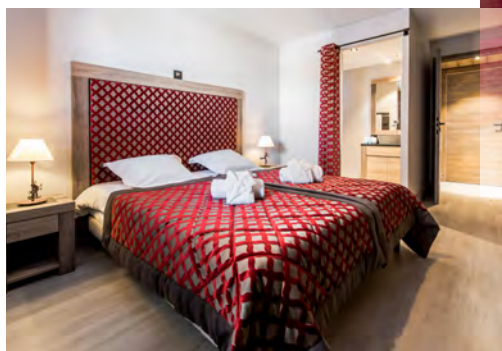
Price: variety of packages such as "Détente", including one night for 2 guests with champagne and Nordic bath (€229 in winter) and "Aventure", including a 1-hour snow bike excursion (€279).

Camping Le Cians, Route du col de la Couillolle, 06470 Beuil
T. +33(0)4 93 02 57 29
<https://camping-le-cians.fr/>

**TRITON ALPESTRE: A SELF-CATERING HOLIDAY
HOME IN THE ÉCRINS MOUNTAIN RANGE**

The only known species of Alpine newt, the *Ichthyosaura alpestris* belongs to the Salamander family. Éric and Sylvie, respectively an animal sculptor and interior designer, have dedicated their 3-bedroom holiday home with individual bathrooms, able to welcome up to 14 guests, located 12 km to the south of Briançon and less than 15 km from the ski resorts of Puy-Saint-Vincent and Serre Chevalier, to this unique creature. The house itself was built in 1800 and is set facing Mont Brison. All 3 floors have now been refurbished. Guests enjoy a lounge and library complete with wood stove and friendly *table d'hôte* dining room serving typical dishes from Alsace, together with exotic, organic and often-vegetarian fare. The "Triton Alpestre" is situated in the hamlet of Sainte-Marguerite, in Saint-Martin-de-Queyrières, on the left bank of the River Durance.

Gîtes Triton Alpestre, 05120 près de Briançon
www.autralpestre.com



◀ Panorama Vars 2000 ▶



Camping Les Bois Flottés ▼



VARS, CHALETS FOR RENT AT THE RÉSIDENCE CGH PANORAMA VARS 2000****

A CGH exclusive, the new apartment hotel CGH Panorama Vars 2000 will be offering chalets and half-chalets for rent (ideal for families and groups) in addition to its standard apartments. The first phase of 49 ready-to-ski apartments will be delivered just in time for Christmas, in December 2020.

CAMPING LES BOIS FLOTTÉS DE CAMARGUE CAMPSITE

Benefiting from a fabulous location in Camargue, at the exit from Salin-de-Giraud – a village founded in the 19th century thanks to the local salt industry –, this new campsite offers eco-lodges, eco-tents, mobile homes, tented bungalows and standard pitches, in a character-packed setting out of time.

The site boasts a host of activities, including discovering the local bull ranches, walking and horse riding between the sea and wetlands, bicycle rides, kitesurfing and simply relaxing on Camargue's vast, wild beaches.

Camping Les Bois Flottés de Camargue*, 13129 Salin-de-Giraud**
🌐 www.camping-les-bois-flottes.fr

CAMPING DOMAINE DES VOILES DE PIERREFEU CAMPSITE

Nestling in a 15-acre pine wood planted out in terraces, the campsite is now offering year-round three-star hotel accommodation, together with chalets, mobile homes and tent pitches, topped with a pool, sports ground and children's play area.

Camping Domaine des voiles de Pierrefeu*, 83390 Pierrefeu-du-Var**
🌐 www.domainedesvoilesdepierrefeu.com



TASTE & TEMPTATION

“VALLÉE DE LA GASTRONOMIE”, A GOURMET VOYAGE FROM DIJON-BURGUNDY TO MARSEILLE-PROVENCE

Vineyards, orchards, truffles, garlic, nougat and cheese to name but a few... The culinary delights of the Rhône Valley, connecting two of France’s most gourmet regions – Burgundy and Provence – are simply too numerous to mention! Launched on June 24th, 2019, the new “Vallée de la Gastronomie” concept is designed to promote the Rhône Valley as a top gourmet tourist destination and flies the flag of 300 mouth-watering tours and experiences located 45 minutes at most from a highway exit (A6/A7). It puts the spotlight on large and small growers alike, restaurateurs, artisan food producers farms, vineyards and cultural hubs promising an unforgettable plunge into the world of taste...

“Vallée de la Gastronomie” gourmet tours and experiences

The “Vallée de la Gastronomie” already offers a choice of 24 gourmet experiences in Provence, including small producers, goat cheeses at Ferme du Brégalon in Rognes, food & wine events such as Les Vendanges Etoilées in Cassis, talented professionals such as artisan nougat maker Sylvain in Saint-Didier and restaurants such as L’Auberge la Fenièrre (Michelin 1-star) near Lourmarin. The line-up also includes nine “remarkable experiences” including a plunge into intimate Provence at L’Oustau de Baumanière in the Alpilles, an immersion in Camargue at Mas Saint-Germain ranch, truffle hunting weekend at Château de Massillan, wine and contemporary art at Château La Coste, wine and food pairing at Château des Fines Roches and a gourmet stop-off in Marseille at Le Petit Nice Passédat. Other magical memories to take home include the Confiserie du Roy René (calisson candy maker) in Aix-en-Provence, the Manguin distillery and their “Poires Prisonnières” liqueur on Ile de la Barthelasse in Avignon, or Rhonéa, at the heart of the Beaufort-de-Venise terroir. The Rhône Valley really is good enough to eat!

www.valleedelagastronomie.com

5 MICHELIN THREE-STARRED CHEFS IN PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D’AZUR!

The Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region is home to 5 Michelin three-star eateries out of the 29 present in France.

Huge congratulations to the Oustau de Baumanière team and its chef Glenn Viel: he is one of the 3 new three-star chefs distinguished by Michelin in 2020. Jean-André Chariol, the owner of this little paradise in the village of Les Baux, was deeply moved when the ultimate accolade, already awarded to him thirty years ago, returned home. The coveted three-star consecration rewards the establishment’s unbridled creative spirit, including food and bread pairing, “seasoning pebbles”, Brandon Dehan’s pastries and a veggie menu. The tableware is the fruit of creative genius too, showcasing crockery created on site by a ceramist.

Oustau de Baumanière, Les Baux-de-Provence

www.baumaniere.com/en



Vallée de la Gastronomie ▶



Congratulations galore to the 4 other three-starred chefs:

Christophe Bacqué in Le Castellet,

www.hotelducastellet.net/en

Mauro Colagrecò at the Mirazur in Menton

www.mirazur.fr

Arnaud Donckele at La Vague d’Or-Cheval Blanc in St-Tropez

<https://www.chevalblanc.com/en>

Gerald Passédat at Le Petit Nice Passédat in Marseille

www.passe-dat.fr/en

8 RENOWNED AMBASSADORS FOR GREEN GASTRONOMY

New in 2020: the Michelin Guide is promoting sustainable gastronomy and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region is proud to be home to 8 out of the 50 restaurants awarded the new green leaf label, rewarding the commitment of eco-aware chefs.

Green champions: Mauro Colagrecò’s Le Mirazur***, Glenn Viel’s L’Oustau de Baumanière***, Édouard Loubet’s La Bastide de Capelongue**, Bruno Cirino’s L’Hostellerie Jérôme**, Armand Arnal’s La Chassagnette*, Jean-François Bérard’s L’Hostellerie Bérard*, Laurent Deconinck’s L’Oustalet*, Nadia Sammut’s L’Auberge La Fenièrre de Reine*.

Congrats to our chefs!

2020 Michelin Guide Restaurants

guide.michelin.com

A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE GUILLAUMETTE GENIPI!

A silver medal in 2019 and a gold medal in 2020! Génipi Guillaumette liqueur – a pure, unadulterated and magnificent product of the Southern Alps –, has just swept up a gold medal at the Concours Général Agricole 2020. It is made by Guillaumette, based in Saint-Jean-Saint-Nicolas (Orcières), with flowers grown by the firm above the splendid village of Prapic. It is here that the founder's grandfather perfected his potent 40° recipe (not 37.5° as is often the case). And it's dreamishly simple: water, alcohol, sugar and génipi flowers grown in a protected environment and gathered in summer. The ultimate reward for this ambassador of Haut-Champsaur and the Southern Alps!

Genipi is made from different varieties of mugwort growing at altitudes of between 2,000 and 3,500 metres. Only two – the *Artemisia genipi* and *Artemisia umbelliformis* – are aromatic enough to be used to make liqueurs. The amount of mugwort picked from its natural environment is closely monitored. The plant has fever-reducing and stimulating properties and is also used as a tonic. Genipi liqueur is to be consumed with moderation – on its own to aid digestion, on sorbets or vanilla ice cream, or flambéed on pancakes.

Genepi Guillaumette
www.guillaumette.com

NEW COMPANY TOURS – A FEAST FOR THE EYES AND THE TASTEBUDS!

Olivier Baussan, founder of L'Occitane and Olivier & Co, firmly believes in company tours! His flagship locations all welcome the general public with a smile. The "Confiserie Leblanc" confectioner opened on December 14th, 2018 in Banon – a little village in the Haute-Provence area, already famed for its goat cheeses of the same name and famous bookshop "Les Bleuets".

Initially located in Mane and now in Banon, "Confiserie Leblanc" is heralded for its organic hazelnut spread and sells an impressive 70,000 pots a year! Visitors can watch the spread being made through the workshop windows, together with chocolate olivettes and the brand's other delights such as almonds wrapped in Banon cheese...

On the upper floor next to the tea room, the direct sale boutique offers a tempting array of gourmet produce, including "Calisson" candies courtesy of Roy René – also part of the OLB group – at a 10% discount.

www.village-banon.fr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LE ROY RENÉ!

A clever blend of ground almonds, Provençal melon and candied orange zests set on a bed of rice paper and topped with a thin layer of royal icing... The Calisson candies by Le Roy René are the fruit of pure tradition. This world-famed confectioner opened its doors in the heart of Aix-en-Provence in 1920 when the town was the world's almond capital. Today, it is fighting to rekindle almond growing in Provence. Since 2016, Le Roy René has signed long-term purchasing agreements with local growers and over 1,000 acres of almond trees have been replanted. Various events will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Roy René Calisson candy this year, in particular the 25th edition of the traditional Aix Calisson Blessing in September 2020.

Musée du Calisson du Roy René, Aix-en-Provence
www.calisson.com/fr



Confiserie Leblanc



Calisson du Roy René



AN OLIVE OIL MUSEUM IN THE LUBERON

Although the Luberon is already a hub of collections on the food & wine theme, none were dedicated exclusively to olive oil until today. The wrong has now been righted by talented entrepreneur, architect and wine grower Jean-Pierre Hugues at Domaine de la Royère. Set in the heart of the vines in Oppède, his lovingly thought-out museum features over a thousand ancient objects and miller's tools celebrating olive growing from the tree to the olive harvest and encompassing sorting, weighing, grinding and pressing. His two ancient oil mills, originating from Corsica and Fez, are an absolute must-see. The domain also has its own mill, in operation since late November, where you can see the olive oil being cold-extracted in season – a technique that respects flavours and hygiene.

Musée de l'Huile d'Olive, 84580 Oppède
www.museehuiledolive.com

Musée de l'Huile d'Olive



808: THE WATER OF SAINTE-VICTOIRE

808 as in 808 metres in depth: it is Europe's deepest mineral water spring. No form of pollution (0 nitrates and 0 pesticides) alters this water drawn from Sainte-Victoire mountain at the Source de Meyreuil spring, now available for sale.

The water, available in still or slightly-sparkling versions, is packaged in elegant glass bottles by the "Société d'Exploitation des Eaux Minérales du Pays d'Aix-en-Provence".

Aix-en-Provence's primary groundwater supply originates from a 750-square-kilometre geothermal spring, stretching from the East of Sainte-Victoire mountain to the Mediterranean basin.

Already known to the Romans, Aix's natural mineral water was bottled until the Seventies at the Sextius factory located in the town centre.

www.808water.fr



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Apéro Jean Martin



JEAN MARTIN, 100 YEARS OF ECO-FRIENDLY PROVENCAL GASTRONOMY

If you've already visited Provence, you may have already sampled the delights of a slow-cooked aubergine riste or Grossane black olive tapenade courtesy of Jean Martin. This family-run firm based in Maussane-les-Alpilles is celebrating its centenary in 2020: an impressive 100 years of flavours at the cutting edge of culinary creation. An expert in southern cooked vegetables and spreads, Jean Martin has been promoting products free of colouring, preservatives, additives, GMOs, artificial flavours and starch since its foundation. The 6 million jars produced in 2018 are characterized by their flawless quality. Equipped with a cannery and confection unit, the firm oversees the production chain from the field to the plate, favours short supply circuits, creates partnerships with local producers and cultivates its own olive grove producing Grossane, Salonenque and Béruguettes olives typical of the Vallée des Baux. Jean Martin has also featured an organic range for the last decade, together with gluten-free recipes rich in plant proteins and fibre. The latest offering: an easy preparation for falafels and exquisite quinoa tabbouleh. A centenary to be savoured!

www.jeanmartin.fr

ST-TROPEZ GOES VEGGIE

Saint-Tropez is aiming to become France's leading "Destination Veg"! Over 100 establishments are now committed to offering veggie dishes, including such culinary superstars as L'Acacia restaurant at Château de la Messardière, La Cucina at Le Byblos, Sénequier and La Villa Belrose. This welcome initiative was inspired by Brigitte Bardot and Veg'O Resto, who asked local chefs to concoct a vegetarian/vegan menu in the aim of enhancing the existing offering and promoting a greener eating philosophy.

www.sainttropeztourisme.com/en

Saint Tropez





◀ Maison Blaize ▶



◀ Nadia Sammut

NOAILLES-MARSEILLE, THE NEW STREET FOOD QUARTER

Nestling in the heart of Marseille, the Noailles quarter has one foot on La Canebière main thoroughfare and one foot outside in the ever-changing, cosmopolitan neighbouring streets. This lively quarter, set around a colourful, teeming and tempting Mediterranean food market, now attracts increasing numbers of tourists and even locals who snubbed it for years.

This mecca of wood-fired pizza, cheese “made in front of you”, falafel, couscous canteens and little grocery shops selling stacks of olives and Asian and African spices, overflows with good humour and good food at friendly prices.

“L’Épicerie”, run by ex-food critic Julia Sammut, first opened there alongside three local institutions: “La Maison Empereur”, France’s oldest hardware store, “L’Herboristerie du Père Blaize” and the “Pizzeria Sauveur”.

In just a few months, half a dozen new addresses have sprung up, including “Yima” run by talented Top Chef candidate Ella Aflalo, “La Mercerie”, the first fixed address opened by a trio of nomad restaurateurs (Harry Cummins, Laura Vidal and Julia Mittons) and “Pastel’s World” selling delicious Senegalese pastries. On the accommodation front, a four-star Mercure hotel complete with brasserie and co-working area opened in July 2019 on a plot home to five 19th-century buildings, next to Rue des Feuillants and Rue Longue des Capucins: a cornerstone of the quarter’s “Ambition Centre Ville” rebirth project. Maison Blaize gourmet herbal tea shop. You don’t come across a herbal tea mixologist every day! Former Passédat barman Eliot Vincent now concocts around a dozen delicious, feel-good herbal teas for Père Blaize, the famous herbalist’s shop founded 200 years ago. It’s hard to take your pick between the lemony “Calanque de Morgiou”, thyme-scented “Rue d’Aubagne” and “Château d’If” perfumed with verbena. So the best thing is simply to sample them all at the new Maison Blaize herbal tea shop set facing the original “Herboristerie du Père Blaize”!

Also available online.

Herboristerie Maison Blaize, 13001 Marseille

www.pereblaize.fr

NADIA SAMMUT, “FOR A WORLD OF GOOD TASTE”

The woman behind the Cuisine Libre® allergen-free culinary training institute, Nadia Sammut is launching an innovative venue dedicated to positive food at Auberge La Fenière in Lourmarin in late 2020. A book (written with the journalist Paule Masson, Ed. Actes Sud) retracing the very unusual story of this food warrior – the first Michelin-starred gluten-free chef – is currently in the pipeline.

In 2011, Nadia, the daughter of Auberge La Fenière’s star-spangled Chef Reine Sammut, was diagnosed with a gluten and lactose intolerance. A trained chemist, Nadia decided to fight back by creating the With Love-Allergen Free movement, exploring ways to replace allergens using Indian plantain instead of gluten, coconut oil instead of butter and cactus flour instead of wheat flour. The result: new and delicious flavours, together with ingredients that don’t irritate our increasingly-sensitive intestines. Auberge La Fenière is the world’s first gluten-free restaurant to sweep up a Michelin star. At a time when medical research is showing the development of IBS (irritable bowel syndrome), SIBO (small intestinal bacterial overgrowth) and microbiota disorders to be increasingly linked to inflammatory diseases, the recipe is meeting with massive success. The Cuisine Libre® institute founded by Nadia also welcomes health professionals. What’s more, her gastronomic cuisine is resolutely committed to an ecological and socially-responsible approach. In accordance with the European White Paper on Food Safety, she uses only locally-sourced, organic and seasonal produce, preferably grown from heirloom seeds and cooked at a low temperature. Everything is recycled too, from the frying oil to the paper used for the menus.

Her companion and associate Ernest Hong Do shares her passion for global health. Born in Vietnam, Ernest Do grew up in Marseille in a family of restaurateurs, then attended the Los Angeles Sushi Chef Institute. Specialized in the Japanese Ike-Jime art of stress-free fish preparation, he ran a restaurant in Marseille until 2015 before joining Nadia’s project. He also graces the Auberge with his in-depth knowledge of organic wines.

In April 2019, Nadia and Ernest Do launched the brand KOM&SAL, comprising a bakery, pastry shop and newly-installed mill in Cavaillon where wheat flour fears to tread... Sweet chestnuts from Collobrières, Camargue rice and Luberon chickpeas are ground here instead. In 2020, after 7 years of planning, the couple are about to launch France’s first positive food venue. The project features training pavilions dedicated to agriculture, health and diet, an R&D centre, business incubator/accelerator and around 30 dismountable living quarters for students, together with a farm shop and training restaurant. Located on the site of Auberge La Fenière, the project also includes a kitchen garden extension, raising the current area from 1,000 m² to 4,000 m². And what is the name of Nadia and Ernest Do’s exciting initiative? “Le Goût du Bonheur” (A Taste of Happiness) of course!

Hotel Auberge La Fenière****

1* Michelin – 84160 Cadenet – Lourmarin

www.aubergelafeniere.com

Kom&Sal – Milling, Bakery, Pastry: Gluten-free products, without lactose, without egg, local agriculture

www.komandsal.fr

SECRETS OF THE BLACK DIAMOND...

THE VILLEDIEU BLACK TRUFFLE, A FAMILY AFFAIR

You can now go truffle hunting at the Barbe family farm! The story of the Villedieu Black Truffle (tuber melanosporum) began 35 years ago, in 1984, when Lucien Barbe planted his first truffle oaks at an altitude of 450 metres. His enthusiasm was contagious and his whole family soon caught the bug... Lucien's sons, their wives and children eagerly helped out with the harvest, maintaining the farm and selling its precious black diamonds. Their truffle verrines, patés and olive oils – all free of artificial flavouring – are made in a dedicated laboratory. Today, visitors can take part in the truffle hunt led by truffle dogs before visiting the delightful shop.

Tours on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from November 23rd, 2019 to February 29th. Price €9 including tasting. The shop is open at visiting times at Chemin du Thor "Les Garidelles" 04100 Manosque or by appointment on T. +33 (0)6 50 87 21 77

www.latruffenoiredevilledieu.jimdo.com

PLANTIN, A LONG-AWAITED TRUFFLE INSTITUTE AND SHOP

It's a little revolution in the hush-hush world of the black diamond: Maison Plantin, France's leading truffle exporter, has finally launched its own Institute and shop. Located in Vaucluse - France's top truffle-producing region - since 1930, Plantin processes around 30 metric tons of truffles per year. Around half are served at France's finest tables; the other half is shipped to the luxury eateries and food shops of New York and California. Backed by nearly 90 years of experience, the firm boasts top-level expertise in both truffles and dried wild mushrooms. In 2018, Plantin opened a workshop producing truffle-based spreads, oils, salts, mustards and sweet delicacies. In 2019, its clientele evolved to encompass private individuals, thanks to a new graphic identity and new Truffle Institute and shop in Puymeras, selling around 30 new products. Visitors begin their tour in the oak-panelled exhibition area, with a presentation on the different varieties of truffle from the tuber aestivum summer truffle to the tuber melanosporum black truffle - the queen of them all -, covering such themes as truffle digging, the art of "canifage" (scoring the truffle with a knife to assess its quality), meticulous manual sorting and delicate brushing. You'll be hard put to resist the shop and tasting area after your tempting tour!

Boutique et Institut de la Truffe Plantin, 84110 Puymeras
<http://www.truffe-plantin.com/fr>

A MICHELIN STAR FOR MATHIAS DANDINE AT LA MAGDELEINE, AT THE FOOT OF THE SAINTE-BAUME HILLS

After opening just 7 months ago, Mathias Dandine and his wife Christel have already swept up a prized Michelin star in 2020. After 5 years spent in Le Tholonet, where he was also awarded a star, Mathias Dandine has returned to become the master of this 18th-century Provençal bastide at the foot of the Sainte-Baume hills. Set in 5-acre grounds, the hotel features 28 rooms, a pool, gastronomic restaurant and country-style winter bistro. Brimming with character and benevolence, this venue's loyal following already stretches well beyond Aix-en-Provence.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, lunch and dinner prix-fixe and à la carte menus from 75 euros.

La Table de La Magdeleine
Restaurant Mathias Dandine, 13420 Gémenos
www.relais-magdeleine.com/fr



Le Relais de la Magdeleine ▶



Atelier de Cuisine Niçoise ▶

Le Relais de la Magdeleine ▶



A GOURMET COVERED MARKET IN NICE CÔTE D'AZUR

France's first gourmet covered market, the Gare du Sud is a buzzing hub of gastronomy, vintage wares and culture, opened in May 2019. Marking the gateway to the city, this former railway station and iconic monument of the popular Libération quarter, free and open to all, showcases great eateries, vintage goods and offbeat, gourmet artistic events.

lagaredusud.com

A NEW NICE CULINARY WORKSHOP

Daube, Pan-bagnat, Merda di can, and sweet or savoury Tourte aux blettes... You can now learn how to cook these icons of Nice cuisine at the former Senate, in the heart of the city's historic quarter. The Atelier Cuisine Niçoise hosts cookery classes, culinary contests, exhibitions and product presentations. It's a timely new offering: the Nice area's culinary traditions have just been listed as part of French National Heritage.

www.nicetourisme.com

Socca Chips ▾



Bière antiboise ▾

Le Bar des Amis ▾



A BEER MADE IN ANTIBES

Solène Ronnaux-Baron brews top-fermented, unfiltered and unpasteurized craft beers at her micro-brewery nestling inside the town's ancient walls. Combining tradition and eco-friendly brewing techniques, the beers are bottled by hand, produced in limited quantities and numbered. Unique on the Côte d'Azur, BO6 hosts tours and workshops in English and French.

www.biereb06.fr

SOCCA CHIPS: AUTHENTIC CHICKPEA CHIPS

It's a first for the Tour de France! A young, local brand will be up front with the racing teams on this year's starting line. Socca Chips®, a manufacturer of novel chickpea chips produced in Nice since 2014, is an "Official Supporter of the Grand Départ of the Tour de France Nice 2020" and will also be rubbing shoulders with Cochonou-Leclerc-Amora-Haribo-Vittel and co in the convoy!

www.soccachips.com

5 NEW "BISTROTS DE PAYS" IN PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR IN 2019-2020!

Home to 47 official "Bistrots de Pays" establishments, the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region boasts France's highest density of authentic country eateries. And it's no coincidence: the "Bistrot de Pays" concept was born here! Don't miss "Scènes de Bistrots", welcoming regional artists at the bistros in Spring and Autumn. You'll find plenty going on during the rest of the year too. What's more 14 of the "Bistrots de Pays" establishments offer attractive rooms where you can prolong the pleasure. Welcome to the newcomers:

L'AUBERGE D'EYGLIERS IN EYGLIERS (HAUTES-ALPES)

Located adjacent to the Briançon-Gap road, L'Auberge d'Eyglers is set at the crossroads to the southern Alpine ski resorts, the Sentier des Marmottes d'Eyglers marmot walk and at the foot of the Mont-Dauphin stronghold built by Vauban (now a UNESCO World Heritage Site). It is an ideal spot for relaxing during your mountain holiday, or a stop-off on your travels. The sunny terrace offers gorgeous views over the mountains of Queyras Guillestrois and Les Ecrins. When the chilly weather sets in, you can opt for the cosy dining room, complete with arched ceiling. Music is a genuine religion here and the traditional fare is inspired by local produce.

www.bistrotdepays.com/lauberge-deyglers

LA TERRASSE DE ROUGON IN ROUGON (ALPES-DE-HAUTE-PROVENCE)

La Terrasse de Rougon nestles 5 km from Le Point Sublime, on the heights of the Verdon Canyon. The view over the canyon is simply mesmerizing, but it's especially Océane's warm welcome and fabulous food that will make you eager to return. Her traditional dishes, lovingly concocted with local produce, have made this Bistro a favourite hangout for locals and passing hikers alike.

www.bistrotdepays.com/la-terrasse-de-rougon

LE LUPIN BLANC IN REVEST-DES-BROUSSES (ALPES-DE-HAUTE-PROVENCE)

Situated fairly near the Pays de Banon area, Revest-des-Brousses is the sort of Provençal village dreams are made of. The two recently-refurbished rooms are the perfect base for escapades in the surrounding countryside and the must-see village of Banon.

www.bistrotdepays.com/le-lupin-blanc

LES LAVANDINS IN PUIMICHEL (ALPES-DE-HAUTE-PROVENCE)

Perched at an altitude of 700 metres amid fields of lavender and sage, Puimichel boasts a resolutely-Provençal atmosphere. The beauty of the site's panoramic vistas spanning no less than 7 French departments is only equalled by the impressive quality of David's traditional, home-made fare, paying tribute to local, seasonal ingredients. A shaded terrace and pretty dining room go to complete the picture.

www.bistrotdepays.com/les-lavandins

LE BAR DES AMIS IN VILLARS (VAUCLUSE)

This friendly bistro is set on the village square of Villars, in the heart of the Luberon, near Apt, Saint-Saturnin-Lès-Apt and Rustrel. The quaint terrace, adorned with a pretty fountain and plane trees, is an invitation to sit back and unwind. The old-fashioned bistro-style ambience continues inside, with terrazzo floor tiles, "Thonet" wicker chairs and Vichy tables. Hikers and cyclists will appreciate the simple but delicious Italian-influenced fare, home-made with local, seasonal produce. You can also opt to stay overnight in one of the four comfortable rooms.

www.bistrotdepays.com/bar-des-amis

Agenda des animations : www.bistrotdepays.com



SHOPPING & CRAFTS

Occitane en Provence ▾



L'OCCITANE EN PROVENCE : WELCOME TO A WORLD OF BEAUTY

L'Occitane en Provence has been lighting the way to natural beauty since 1976. Enjoy a visit to the firm's headquarters in Manosque-en-Provence, where you can tour one of the rare cosmetics factories open to the public, visit a Mediterranean garden and stock up on exceptional products. The fully-refurbished Museum-Shop, bathed in a deliciously fragrant atmosphere, retraces the story of L'Occitane en Provence through a series of ancient archives and objects. It also features a series of stands – "Le Soin Visage", "L'Homme", "Le Parfum" etc. – set around its central square. Visitors benefit from a 10% discount on standard retail prices.

Factory: L'Occitane en Provence unveils the manufacturing secrets of its beauty products formulated with essential oils and natural perfumes, in keeping with traditional phytotherapy and aromatherapy. This delightful guided tour includes the laboratories, production workshop and packaging workshop. The layout is interspersed with sensory activities.

Free guided tour subject to prior booking. Open 7/7 from April to October. Rest of year: Monday to Saturday. Le Jardin Méditerranéen overflows with wild and cultivated plant varieties used to elaborate L'Occitane's beauty products and perfumes. Open 7/7 from April to October. Rest of year: Monday to Saturday.

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NICE JOB!

"La Filaventure", "Savon de Marseille", "Calissons" from Aix-en-Provence, the "Lustrerie Mathieu" or "Les Ogres de Roussillon" – 2.5 million visitors come here every year to discover the traditional trades of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France's leading craft industry region with 187 listed manufacturers.

Enthusiasm is growing, curiosity is bubbling over and new firms are joining the trad movement every year!

Resources:

"Le Guide du Routard" company tours in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur €12.95 Editions Hachette.

The Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Tourist Board published a map entitled "Voyage au cœur des entreprises" (Voyage to the heart of our companies) in 70,000 copies, putting the spotlight on the region's 187 traditional manufacturers opening their doors to visitors.

The map allows visitors to appreciate in a glance our infinite variety of traditional manufacturers, keen to promote their trade by welcoming visitors.

Available on request
information@provence-alpes-cotedazur.com

Rampal Latour ▾



RAMPAL LATOUR: 190 YEARS OF INNOVATION IN "SAVON DE MARSEILLE" SOAP

A fitting reward: the firm Rampal Latour, based in Salon-de-Provence, has just obtained the "Living Heritage Company" label. Founded in 1828 by Pierre Rampal, the first of five generations of master soap makers, it is one of Marseille's five historic soap factories.

Here, tradition rhymes with innovation: the company has created the small format soap, soap flakes for laundry and now an eco-friendly, moisturizing Savon de Marseille: researchers have discovered that keeping some of the glycerine produced during the soap-making process lends it better hydrating properties.

Current Director Jean-Louis Plot, who extended the range on his arrival with a complete organic line bearing the Ecocert label, is intent on avoiding trapping the firm's expertise in the past.

A new factory unveils the traditional manufacturing process to visitors. You can also tour the historic factory in the city centre, now producing soap flakes and perfumed soap bars, where you can still see the old cauldrons and wooden chutes. The tour includes an augmented reality film. Producing 750 metric tons of Savon de Marseille every year, Rampal Latour is now present in 20 countries and owns retail outlets in Asia.

**Rampal-Latour, Usines historique et moderne,
13300 Salon-de-Provence**
rampal-latour.fr



“CÔTE D’AZUR FRANCE” COLLECTION

Unveiled last spring, the “Côte d’Azur France” collection features a range of iconic licensed and co-branded products, concocted in collaboration with the Côte d’Azur’s most talented traditional artisans including perfumer Maison Fragonard, Bagagerie de Bob, jeweller La Plaia, glassblower and sculptor Antoine Pierini, confectioner Florian, olive oil maker Les Huileries Saint-Michel in Menton and emblematic caterer Saveurs Provençales de La Bastide. Technology – another Côte d’Azur flagship area of expertise – is represented too, with an electric scooter courtesy of Eccity. This exciting collection continues to expand, with the recent “Socc’Apero” aperitif kit created by Luc Salsedo, based on Nice’s traditional chickpea street food. The Galeries Lafayette completes the picture with panache with their colourful and summery “By Côte d’Azur” range. A gourmet box with olive oil made by Nicolas Alziari, a fascinating mix of homemade chocolate, wines and liquors from the French Riviera, made by Choco Mon Amour.

The capsule collections are easy to recognize thanks to their chic graphics curated by talented designer Eric Garence, who drew his inspiration from the symbols of the Côte d’Azur: olive leaves, palm trees, the Mediterranean Sea and sunshine. A delicious ode to holidays and travel.

www.boutique-cotedazurfrance.fr

▼ Fragonard



La Bastide ▶



LES FABRICATEURS, CRAFTWORK “MADE IN AVIGNON”

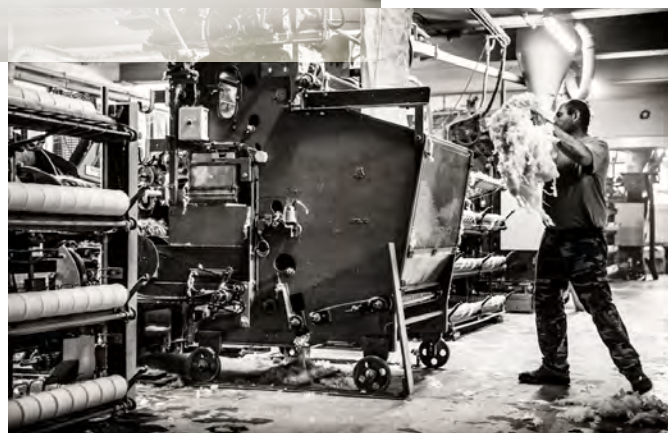
Jewellers, florists and ornament makers... The many workshops, boutiques and galleries paying tribute to the local craftwork of Avignon and its vicinity have now been brought together under the prestigious “Les Fabricateurs” label. So pretty!

Les Fabricateurs, 84000 Avignon
www.fabricateurs.com





Brun de Vian Tiran,
Filaventure ▶



LA FILAVENTURE WEAVES ITS WEB IN L'ISLE-SUR-LA-SORGUE

The softness of mohair, rareness of Mérinos d'Arles Antique® and elegance of alpaca... La Filaventure, opened in July 2018, offers a delicious immersion in the marvellous and little-known world of noble yarns and those who seek them out, transform them and enhance them with their unique know-how.

Based in L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue for the last 210 years, where the fresh, pure water of the River Sorgue respects delicate natural fibres, the Manufacture Brun de Vian-Tiran is one of the world's finest manufacturers.

Pierre and Jean-Louis Brun, the 7th and 8th generations of this family-run firm founded in 1808, now ranked a "Living Heritage Company", have opened this fascinating museum in an ancient, listed spinning mill, set next to their current workshops.

Their "Transformation Maze" presents the 15 stages required to transform a ball of wool into a fabric. Also new: a 160-square-metre boutique offers a fitting end to the tour, with a range of unique "Textile de France" fabrics, shawls, scarves and plaids ...

La Filaventure, 84800 Isle-sur-la-Sorgue
www.brundeviantiran.com

JACQUEMUS, UPHOLDING PROVENCE THROUGH FASHION

Each new Jacquemus collection sparks an emotion that goes far beyond this young designer's clothes themselves. With their poetic charm evoking timeless Provence, the "Santons de Provence" show on the MuCem walkway and launch of the first Jacquemus men's collection in June 2018 at "Calanque de Sormiou" in Marseille remain etched in the minds of the people who saw them.

The summer 2019 "La Riviera" collection, putting the spotlight on simple, refined and sunny women wearing cocktail dresses and straw bags, evokes the eternal muse of the Côte d'Azur.

For its Spring/Summer 2020 Collection, the designer has offered an exceptional performance in the heart of a lavender field in Provence. Born in Salon-de-Provence in 1990, Simon Porte Jacquemus signed up to a Parisian fashion school at the age of 18 and left a month later after the accidental death of his mother.

He launched the brand in 2009 as a tribute to her, as well as to Marseille and its region. Now internationally-acclaimed, Simon is committed to maintaining part of the offices in his childhood village of Bramejean near Salon-de-Provence. His team includes his childhood friend and several family members.

www.jacquemus.com



Video of the 2017 "Marseille je t'aime - Les Santons de Provence" fashion show at the Mucem Marseille

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzckjK8Kkbw

Video of the "Gadjo" menswear fashion show at Calanque de Sormiou, Marseille 2018

www.jacquemus.com/collection/ss19-le-gadjo/

Video of the "Riviera Collection" Summer 2019 fashion show

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KWUAcz2yX4

Video of the "Coup de Soleil" Spring/Summer 2020 fashion show in Provence Lavender field

www.youtube.com/watch?v=juhscgB-RSE



BREATHS OF FRESH AIR

CHEMINS DES PARCS: A GREAT WAY TO EXPLORE PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR'S REGIONAL NATURE RESERVES

It makes walking easier and more fun! The “*Chemins des Parcs*” portal features 200 walking itineraries in 8 Regional Nature Reserves in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region, i.e. a total of 1,900 km of walks and bike rides – without a car in any case – ranging from half days to longer. Each walk has its own theme (e.g. Camargue Rice Cycling Tour or Mine Tour in Saint-Véran) and is dotted with points of interest: 1,400 points of interest in all, complete with explanations. Users can also display the various tourism service providers located near each itinerary, in particular establishments bearing the “*Valeurs Parc*” label. You can download the mobile app in a click!

www.cheminsdesparcs.fr



Alp Montgolfi'Air

Parc national du Mercantour

SERRE CHEVALIER, THE FIRST SKI RESORT TO CONVERT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Following on from the resounding success of the renewable energy sources installed last winter, Serre Chevalier Vallée is continuing to pursue its objective of producing 30% of the domain’s total electricity consumption by 2021 thanks to 3 types of renewable energy: hydroelectricity, solar panels and wind turbines. A second horizontal axis wind turbine is set to be installed this year. Four solar energy production sites will be added to the six installed last winter. Technical studies are currently under way on the hydroelectric project, with an initial production site scheduled in 2020 and second site in 2021. Serre Chevalier Vallée is also launching a “Smart Electric Network” project aimed at implementing an efficient energy management strategy, while striving to reduce its overall consumption.

www.serre-chevalier.com



Serre-Chevalier



O'Dycéa

O'DYCEA AT THE DÉVOLUY SKI RESORTS

With its 170-square-metre pool and cutting edge facilities for a budget of around 7 million euros, O’Dycéa, La Joue du Loup’s new well-being centre, is a definite plus for the Dévoluy ski resorts.

Open 10 months out of 12 and offering views over the snowy slopes and Alpine flora from its pools, it will allow the resort to promote mountain tourism throughout the year.

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odycea-devoluy.com

A HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT OVER CHAMPSAUR

Climb aboard with your three fellow passengers and pilot Gilles Benhamou and rise gently into the air over the Haute Vallée du Drac, among the stunning peaks of Écrins National Park... Champsaur valley offers the perfect conditions for free flight and Gilles – a civil aviation pilot – has been practising his art for an impressive 20 years. The flight lasts 3 hours and includes transport and breakfast. Open to children aged 8 years and over.

Price: from €195 pp

Alp Montgolfi'Air

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<https://hautsalpesmontgolfiere.com>



↳ L'Écrin de Violette



Fondation Carmignac - Porquerolles



SWITCHING OFF IN THE MOUNTAINS IN DORMILLOUSE

A stay in Dormillouse is a great way to switch off: the site is unique in France! Perched at an altitude of 1,700 metres, Dormillouse is the only inhabited hamlet in the heart of the Écrins National Park, situated 45 minutes on foot from the end of Route de Freissinières and its waterfalls (in winter it takes 2 hours to get there wearing snow shoes or cross-country skis).

At the summit, you'll find old houses, larches, a brook and sometimes the fleeting companionship of a deer or chamois...

This extraordinary site also has a wonderful history: Swedish pastor and agronomist Félix Neff created France's first teacher training schools there and improved potato growing and irrigation.

It is the perfect place for a peaceful break with no connection to the outside world and no electricity - but not without comfort.

New: The famous Gîte de l'École has now been taken over by Paul and Sarah. It will be closed in winter.

✉ refugelecole@orange.fr

L'ÉCRIN DE VIOLETTE

This guest house, which can only be reached on foot, offers just 2 rooms and can accommodate up to 7 guests.

Set inside ancient stables, one offers views over the valley and impressive face of the Grand Musat, while the other is set at the back, overlooking the mountain, meadows and a larch copse.

The package includes evening drinks - bubbles! - and a delicious meal concocted by Martine and her husband, served at the fireside.

A holiday far from the hubbub of everyday life, yet handy for everything.

**Half board €107, luggage transport if required €65
(in summer only).**

**L'Écrin de Violette, Martine Maretto,
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🌐 dormillouse.jimdo.com

SUMMER FUN ON PORQUEROLLES ISLAND

Hyères-les-Palmiers is offering an exciting choice of "Discovery & Activities" packages on the magnificent island of Porquerolles from October to April, including a "Boat-Cycling-Restaurant" day package (or you can stay for a night) at very friendly prices: day packages from €39, extended stays from €84 per person.

🌐 www.destination-porquerolles.com

NATURE WALK ON THE COASTAL FOOTPATH IN ANTIBES

Led by a professional guide, discover the remarkable scenery, viewpoints and plant life of the "Sentier de Tire-Poil" coastal footpath, including sea lavender and Jupiter's beard. Cap d'Antibes is a genuine haven of indigenous and exotic plant species!

Prior booking obligatory at

🌐 www.antibesjuanlespins.com



Mougins

MOUGINS, VIEW FROM THE BELL TOWER

An extraordinary experience bordering on the divine... In summer, you can now climb to the top of the bell tower on Mougins church, built in the 14th century. 77 steps and 3 ladders later, the breathtaking view embraces the mountains and sea. A Tourist Office guide accompanies each group of 6 people maximum (subject to prior booking, €5). For just €20, you can also treat yourself to a private tour with champagne or rosé wine, plus pissaladière tart to keep your strength up.

www.mougins-tourisme.fr/en

UNDERWATER ECOMUSEUM AT ILE SAINTE-MARGUERITE, CANNES

Slip on your fins and mask for an autumn tour of France and the Mediterranean's first underwater ecomuseum. Six 2-metre masks by Jason de Caires Taylor, moulded on anonymous Cannes inhabitants, will be immersed around Ile Sainte-Marguerite. Manufactured using pH neutral ecological cement, they will be easy to access without any special equipment. Over time, the underwater works of this British sculptor and environmentalist transform from inert objects into living, breathing reefs.

www.cannes-destination.com



Parc Spirou

THE BUBBLE AT PARC SPIROU

The Mine Tower, the world's highest rotating drop tower with seats sloping 20 degrees downwards, has stood over Parc Spirou since October 20th, 2018. At its feet, famous comic book characters Gaston Lagaffe and the Count of Champignac, the Marsupilami, Lucky Luke and Jolly Jumper, look up in awe. Opened in June 2018, the "Parc Spirou" stars characters from the Dupuis comic strips - you'll find them at the roller coasters, digital simulators and other hype family attractions. Families climb aboard the mine train to catch up with the Dalton brothers, scramble onto Seccotine scooters around Mont Ventoux, or battle it out at the Spirou Racing, with uphill and downhill slopes of over 20 metres. Even Gaston Lagaffe, born in 1957 out of the bubbling imagination of author Franquin, wears his 60 years well. These cult figures are shouldered by their comic strip contemporaries, together with dinosaurs, vampires, walking skeletons and werewolves, leading the public into a multidimensional simulator... And if you need some rest and relaxation, simply head to the Wave Island water park!

2019 Prices: 24,50€ till 16 years, 29,5€ from 17 years
Free for children under 4 years or measuring less than one metre.

Parc Spirou, 84170 Monteux
www.parc-spirou.com



Wave Island



WAVE ISLAND: A REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT AMUSEMENT PARK!

Offering 20 aquatic attractions and activities in the heart of Provence, this 100% water theme park is making waves! Attractions include a 900m² giant inflatable Adventurers' Castle bedecked with water slides, a half-hour tropical river ride and 93-metre transparent tube promising plenty of thrills and spills... If you're a surfing freak, the park is also home to Da Wave, the world's biggest artificial wave! You can even opt to stay on site at one of the park's 19 theme bungalows.

Open June to September.
Rate: 20,50€ less than 1.20 meter - 29,90€ more than 1.20 meter

Wave Island, 84170 Monteux, proximité du Parc Spirou
www.waveisland.fr



SPORTS CRAZY

PROVENCE-ALPES-COTE D'AZUR: SUNNY GOLFING AT SUNNY PRICES

> PROVENCE GOLF PASS

Coordinated by the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Tourist Board, 29 of the region's golf courses are offering a new Provence Golf Pass. The pass is easy to use and on sale at a friendly price, so golfers can enjoy swinging their way from the Med to the Southern Alps in a climate perfect for outdoor pleasures! The Provence Golf Pass now gives access to 29 exceptional courses located between the Mediterranean and Alps. Holders benefit from a discount of up to 30%. "Our ambition is to attract 2,500 golfers every year", comments François de Canson, President of the Provence-Alpes-

Côte d'Azur Tourist Board. Widely distributed both in France and overseas (tourist offices, partner hotels and tour operators), the Provence Golf Pass has its own website at:

Two 9-18 hole courses from €34 and €38
Three 9-18 hole courses from €55 and €60
Four 9-18 hole courses from €84 and €86
www.provencgolf.com

> PASS COTE D'AZUR GOLF

Launched on October 25th, 2017 by the Pays de Grasse area in partnership with the Côte d'Azur France Tourist Board, this Pass encompasses 18 Côte d'Azur golf courses located in the Alpes-Maritimes and Var areas, from Nice to Toulon and its vicinity.

Two 9-18 hole courses from €55
Three 9-18 hole courses from €91 and €93
Four 9-18 hole courses from €129 and €131
www.cotedazur-golfs.com



PAUL RICARD RACETRACK IN LE CASTELLET, REVVING UP FOR MORE!

From June 25th to 28th, 2020, the French Formula 1 Grand Prix will be rocking its cradle - the mythical Paul Ricard racetrack - for the third year in a row! The Paul Ricard racetrack is a gold standard in terms of safety: the special blue and red stripes used to outline the layout ("Blue Line™" concept) make it instantly identifiable, hence considerably reducing the risk of drivers going off-course.

Formula 1 legends from Jackie Stewart to Alain Prost, Niki Lauda and, more recently, Lewis Hamilton have all made their mark here. With a capacity of 89,000 spectators, including 54,000 seated, it is one of France's largest sporting venues. This innovative track can also be transformed into no less than two hundred different configurations, although the most frequently-used is the Formula 1 layout (5.858 km) versus the short track (1.8 km). Its impressive flexibility allows it to welcome the world's top motor sports races (car, motorbike and truck) as well as non-motorized events such as heats of the Tour de la Provence cycling race and Spartan Race. Set on Signes plateau, at the heart of a majestic pine wood, the Paul Ricard racetrack strives to limit its environmental impact thanks to 20,000 m² of solar canopies, upkeep without the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers and systematic replanting. The track is located at the centre of a booming business park.

www.circuitpaulricard.com

EAB: POWER TO THE PEDALS!

Great news for Electrically Assisted Bicycle fans who enjoy taking to the hills: Bosch has set up 50 EAB Power Stations in the heart of Provence. Bosch is one of the world's leading bicycle motor and battery manufacturers. Although Bosch batteries (PowerPack, PowerTube or DualBattery) suffice for most EAB outings, it's extra-comforting to know you can boost your batteries easily, without having to carry a heavy charger around. With over 1,800 signposted trails, unique sites such as the Ventoux and Luberon and an impressive 400 "Accueil Vélo" (Cyclists Welcome) service providers, you can now roam to your heart's content. Thanks to a partnership between Bosch and Vacluse Provence Attractivité, via the association "La Provence à Vélo" collective, 15 Power Stations and around 200 Fast Chargers are now offered by local tourist offices and "Accueil Vélo" pros.

How does it work?

It's easy! Cyclists place their Bosch battery safely inside a locker at one of the 15 available Power Stations and go off to enjoy lunch or a tour (charging time is about 30 minutes per bar). Alternatively, they can use the Fast Chargers available at around 200 locations throughout the area (tourist offices, bicycle rental firms, vineyards, museums, restaurants, hotels, cafés, etc.): it takes 1-2 hours to half-charge PowerPack batteries 500 and 2-4 hours to half-charge DualBattery 1000 batteries. The various power stations are geolocated on the La Provence à Vélo website at

www.provence-a-velo.fr/bornes-bosch/offres-104-1.html



EuroVelo 8 ▶



◀ Circuit Paul Ricard

VENTOUX, A DREAM DESTINATION FOR NATURE AND MBK ENTHUSIASTS

12 mountain bike trails and a total of 220 kilometres of signposted cycle paths await cycling enthusiasts in the foothills of Mont Ventoux and the Mounts of Vaucluse, or on the vast plateaux of the Pays de Sault. Measuring 10 to 40 kilometres in length, the trails were designed by regional professionals including the French Cycling Federation (FFC) firm Egobike. The Ventoux "VTT-FFC" (FFC MBK) area also features dedicated welcome centres, a support network and bike park located at Chalet Reynard, together with a fleet of electrically-assisted mountain bikes.

You can download the

smaemv.fr

EUROVELO 8: THE RED CARPET OF THE BIG BLUE

Sparkling water, miles of golden sand, mysterious islands, delicious cuisine and Roman villas... The "Route de la Méditerranée" or "EuroVelo 8", is a 5,900 km cycling route network running from Cadiz to Cyprus and crossing 11 countries, more or less close to the coast.

The most glamorous section?

Many consider it to be the first – or last – kilometres of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur stretch. After Apt, Manosque and Draguignan, cyclists who have had their fill of vineyards, quaint villages and pine woods finally come to the true star: the Mediterranean Sea near Cannes. The cycle path is a red carpet all the way to Monte Carlo!

www.lamediterraneeavelo.com

fr.eurovelo8.com

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SPORTING EVENTS



January 9th to 12th, 2020

30th ICE CLIMBING ÉCRINS

Argentière-la-Bessée, Hautes-Alpes

Bringing together the world's top glacier climbers. A major meeting in the corner of a region when mountain legends have been written for over a century and where the world's finest mountaineers have tackled such emblematic peaks as the Barre des Écrins, La Meije, Le Pelvoux and many more...

www.ice-climbing-ecrins.com

January 10th to 11th, 2020

TROPHÉE ANDROS

Isola 2000

A spectacular rallycross competition showcasing some of the world's finest ice drivers.

www.tropheeandros.com

January 15th to 19th, 2020

3rd OUTDOORMIX WINTER FESTIVAL

Vars, Hautes-Alpes

A week dedicated to outdoor sports, featuring both an international competition and leisure activities: ski, snowboarding, mountain biking, kayaking, slacklining, snow scooting, paragliding and downhill skiing, together with festive evenings including live concerts. A smart combo for this new outdoor Alpine meeting.

www.vars.com/hiver/outdoormix-winter-festival

January 18th to 19th, 2020

TROPHÉE ANDROS

Serre-Chevalier, Hautes-Alpes

The Trophée Andros is a rallycross ice driving competition held in France since 1990, offering spectators spectacular scenes combining mountain, snow, ice, cars and motorbikes. The challenges include a 100%-electric speed race.

www.serre-chevalier.com/events/trophee-andros/

January 20th to 26th, 2020

88th MONTE CARLO RALLY IN THE SOUTHERN ALPS

Created in 1911, this winter rally is the first meeting of the FIA (WRC) World Championship. This year's edition has been 40% remodelled to feature a morning shakedown on the heights of Gap, official evening departure (Place Desmichels) to La Bréole, Selonnet, Avançon and Notre-Dame-du-Laus for a solid taste of things to come, and first-time detour via the roads of the Drôme and Alpes de Haute-Provence, before hitting the roads of Dévoluy, Champsaur valley (and the infamous Col de Moissière) and Bâtie-Neuve. This Alpine adventure in the footsteps of world champion Sébastien Ogier promises to be intense - to say the least - prior to the heats in Monaco and La Vésubie.

<https://acm.mc>

January 25th to 26th, 2020

LA VALGAUDE TRAÎNEAU VALGAUDEMAR

An international musher meeting, bringing together 1,000 dogs from the four corners of the world.

www.champsaur-valgaudemar.com

January 31th to February 2nd, 2020

AVIGNON VÉLO PASSION VAUCLUSE

The Third edition of this professional and public cycling fair, featuring competitions, exhibitions and a variety of activities.

www.avignon-velopassion.com

March 8th to 15th, 2020

PARIS-NICE CYCLIST

Nice

This prestigious cycling race marks the opening of the international cycling season.

www.letour.fr/paris-nice www.paris-nice.fr

Préinscription sur

<https://fs22.formsite.com/AmaurySport>

Organisation/pnc2020fr/index.html

March 16th to May 4th, 2020

SPEED MASTERS

Vars, Hautes-Alpes

The world's elite will be vying to beat the world speed record in this downhill skiing challenge at an altitude of 2,750 m, with a mind-bending 98% slope!

www.vars.com/hiver

March 30th to April 5th, 2020

32° DERBY DE LA MEIJE

La Grave, Hautes-Alpes

A mythical freeride ski race in the wild valleys of La Meije.

www.derbydelameije.com

March 30th to April 5th, 2020

WINDSURF PWA WORLD CUP

Marignane

This year marks the eagerly-awaited return of the PWA Windsurf World Cup near Marseille, hoisting the sails on Marignane's mythical Etang de Berre lake. On the programme: the world's best windsurfers battling it out in a spectacular, 6-day competition...

www.pwaworldtour.com

SPORTING EVENTS

April 4th to 5th 2020

TRAIL ONE&1 - RUN TO CAMP

Prealps and Côte d'Azur
The ONE&1 - Run To Camp is a 2-day adventure in teams of two taking place on April 4th and 5th, 2020 between sea and mountain in the Prealps and on the Côte d'Azur, 5 minutes from Nice airport. Fun and friendship are on the menu and, unlike in classic races, the runners are encouraged to communicate freely. This novel concept also includes a camping evening when competitors enjoy a fireside acoustic concert before switching off their headlamps and tucking in for a well-earned rest under starry skies.

one-and-1.com/fr

April, 5th 2020

3rd INTERNATIONAL MARATHON GOLFE DE SAINT-TROPEZ

From Sainte-Maxime to Saint-Tropez

A unique combined running and gastronomy experience through Mediterranean shores, vineyards, hills and woodland, where participants sample the region's gastronomic specialties decked out in fabulous disguises!

www.marathondugolfedesainttropez.com/fr

April 30th to May 3rd, 2020

NEW OUTDOOR FESTIVAL 06

Alpes-Maritimes

This 4-day outdoor sports festival will be shining the spotlight on around a hundred outdoor activities ranging from sea to mountain, with a host of different formats and levels for all the family, including MTB, slacklining, trail running, cycling, stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, climbing, canyoning, paragliding, sea wading, hiking, swimming, running and kiteboarding.

www.departement06.fr

May 18th, 2020

NEW: MERCANTOUR CLASSIC ALPES-MARITIMES

Mercantour

This new pro cycling race scheduled prior to the Tour de France shines the spotlight on the beautiful Mercantour area. The race will be televised on Eurosport with no less than 60 countries enjoying 2 hours of live broadcasts from Mercantour National Park. Climbers will find plenty to get their teeth into here, with no less than 4,000 metres of uphill challenges.

May, 21th to 24 th 2020

MONACO GRAND PRIX

Monaco

One of the world's oldest and most prestigious races, staged on a track running through the town, designed in 1929.

www.acm.mc

May 22nd to 23rd, 2020

MEETING AÉRIEN GAP-TALLARD

Gap-Tallard Airfield, Hautes-Alpes

Welcoming an impressive 30,000 visitors in 2018, Gap-Tallard airfield is hosting its second airshow this year, promising an exciting line-up of flight demonstrations, aircraft exhibits, maiden flights and flight simulators. Don't miss the breathtaking Patrouille de France airshow on Saturday May 23rd, a real treat for all the family. Completely free of charge, this event is a must for aeronautics pros and amateur air buffs alike.

meeting-aerien-gap-tallard.com

May 22nd to 23rd, 2020

RUGBY CHAMPIONS CUP & CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Marseille

After Bilbao in 2018 and Newcastle in 2019, Marseille is welcoming the Rugby Champions Cup and Challenge Cup finals in 2020, on the run-up to the World Cup matches hosted by the city in 2023. The very best of European rugby will be in the scrum at the Orange Velodrome stadium for this 2-day event, with over 90,000 fans cheering on Europe's Top 4 teams.

www.epcrugby.com/finale

May, 28th to 31 th 2020

LES VOILES LATINES

Saint-Tropez

As every year, "pointu" fishing boats, feluccas, gozzos and tartanes from Marseille and Catalonia will be rubbing shoulders in the Old Port to celebrate Mediterranean's maritime heritage.

www.saint-tropez.fr

May 30th to 31st, 2020

GRAVEL TROPHY,

MERCANTOUR ON THE COTE D'AZUR

Côte d'Azur

Gravel Bike - literally a bike for gravel! - is a ground-breaking new discipline that adds a resolutely fun dimension to traditional cycling, coupled with a new «discovery and adventure» approach. Adapted to both roads and trails, gravel bikes are equipped with huge tyres capable of tackling the roughest terrain. The race departs from the ski resort of Valberg, in the heart of the Mercantour area, before heading to the historic town of Vence.

www.graveltrophy.com

June, 3rd to 7th 2020

25th VOILES D'ANTIBES

Antibes

Created in 1996, "Les Voiles d'Antibes" marks the opening of the Mediterranean yacht racing season.

www.voilesdantibes.com

June, 5th to 10th 2020

68th GIRAGLIA ROLEX CLUB

Saint-Tropez

This prestigious, 3-day nautical event combines coastal races and upwind and downwind regattas in the Gulf of Saint-Tropez.

www.saint-tropez.fr

June, 14th 2020

IRONMAN FRANCE

Nice

The international Triathlon starts in Nice with a 3.8 km sea swim, followed by a 180-km cycle loop in the magnificent hinterland scenery and 42.195-km marathon.

www.ironman.com

June 26th to 28th, 2020

FRENCH FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX

Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet

The French Formula One Grand Prix will be lighting up its mythical birthplace - the Paul Ricard racetrack - for the third year running. With a capacity of 89,000 spectators, including 54,000 seated, it is one of France's largest sporting venues.

www.circuitpaulricard.com

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www.Letour.fr/fr

June, 27th 2020

DÉFI DES FONDUS DE L'UBAYE, COURSE CYCLISTE

Ubaye, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence

A cycling race crossing up to seven mountain passes in less than 24 hours – a challenge only the craziest cyclists are willing to attempt! The event is also a fundraiser for the fight against cystic fibrosis.

www.defidesfondus.fr

June 27th to 28th, 2020

VAR VERDON CANYON CHALLENGE

Gorges du Verdon

This must-do trail race in the Verdon Canyon brings together increasing numbers of nature and outdoor lovers every year, come to flirt with their limits and live out an exceptional sporting adventure. The layout and distance have changed many times since 1993 – the race style too. Formerly a stage race lasting several days and covering up to 120 km, it became a one-leg race in 2006, over a variety of distances.

www.varverdoncanyonchallenge.com

July, 17th to 19th 2020

ROCK CLIMBING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Briançon, Hautes-Alpes

Initially focusing on lead climbing, with the heart-stopping IFSC (International Federation of Sport Climbing) Climbing World Cup, the World Championship is gradually opening up to speed and block climbing, with combined challenges for younger climbers.

www.mondial-escalade.fr

July 3rd to 6th, 2020

ULTRA TRAIL

Côte d'Azur – Mercantour

Crossing the heart of the Mercantour area, from the Mediterranean Sea to the mountains, this race – one of the finest Ultra Trail experiences available today – features various distances and breathtaking vistas. A must!

<http://utcam06.com>

July 5th, 2020

30th STAGE OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE

Nice and vicinity

Follow in the footsteps of the mythical Tour de France as you buckle down and head out on the same roads and in the same conditions as the pros: the 30th Stage of the Tour de France has been keeping its promises since 1993. The departure from Nice will launch semi-amateur cyclists on a 177 km adventure with a 3,570-metre incline, in the hinterland of Nice.

<https://www.letapedutourdefrance.com/en>

July, 5th to 9th 2020

LE MONDIAL LA MARSEILLAISE : LA GRANDE FÊTE DE LA PÉTANQUE

Marseille

Over 12,000 players will be battling it out at the world's biggest boules championship in the green setting of Parc Borély and on the Mucem esplanade overlooking the sea. Even amateur players get a chance to measure themselves against champions from around 20 countries! The Mondial is also a huge, popular celebration of boules (locally known as “pétanque”), free for spectators.

www.lamarseillaise.fr/sports/mondial-petanque

July 16th to 17th, 2020

43rd SAILING TOUR

Lac de Serre-Ponçon

The Tour Voile 2020 will be setting sail on the turquoise waters of Serre-Ponçon lake – the very first time a French interior lake has been chosen as the venue for the world's 3rd largest sailing event (after the Vendée Globe and Route du Rhum). In its 43-year history, never has the Tour Voile (formerly “Tour de France à la Voile”), sailed so far from the shores of the North Sea, Brittany, the Atlantic or Mediterranean, venturing inland this year right up to the foot of the Southern Alps!

www.envie-de-serre-poncon.com

August 1st to 2nd, 2020

FOOTVOLLEY WORLD CUP

Antibes – Juan-les-Pins

Born in Brazil, footvolley is played on sand in teams of two. This free event brings together top teams from all over the globe!

[mondialfootvolley](http://mondialfootvolley.com)

August 9th 2020

17th UBAYE TRAIL SALOMON

The Ubaye Trail Salomon is the final of the Salomon Over the Mountain Running Challenge. It is also a qualifying competition for the UTMB.

Participants can choose between 3 loops departing from Barcelonnette town centre, measuring 12, 23 or 42 kilometres, with 4 levels of difficulty: Open, Hike, Discovery and Elite. Elite – the toughest challenge – also counts for the “Challenge des Trails de Provence” rankings.

www.ubaye-trail.fr

SPORTING EVENTS

September, 4th to 6th 2020

4th ALPES AVENTURE MOTO TRAIL FESTIVAL

Barcelonnette, Ubaye, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence
For its 4th edition, this meeting will be bringing together over 4,000 motorcycling fans at the foot of Europe's highest road (Col de la Bonette - Restefond at an altitude of 2,802 metres) and seven mythical mountain passes (Cayolle, Allos, Larche, Saint-Jean, Vars, Pontis, etc.). Builders and equipment makers, introductory "raid driving" workshops, a motorcycle adventure film festival and motorcycle travel fair are also on the menu.

www.alpesaventuremotofestival.com

September 13th, 2020

IRONMAN FRANCE NICE 70.3

Nice

Held every year in the heart of the Côte d'Azur, Ironman France - Nice 70.3 attracts avid athletes from the world over, keen to sweat out this gruelling challenge.

www.ironman.com

September 18th to 20th 2020

1st ULTRA TRAIL IN THE HAUTES-ALPES Serre-Ponçon

The Serre-Ponçon Grand Trail was born out of the imagination of eminent sportsman and ultra-trail specialist François D'Haene, and his desire to rekindle ties with the discipline's roots. The aim: to reinstate a more authentic trail experience, instilled with a spirit of mutual aid, solidarity and fairness, plus friendly registration fees. This 170 km race, including a 10,000-metre uphill slope, embraces the beautiful mountain summits bordering Serre-Ponçon lake. Runners can also opt for two alternative and more forgiving itineraries: 45 km departing from Savines-le-Lac, or 15 km departing from Embrun.

www.grandtrailserreponcon.com



September 19th to 20th 2020

84^e BOL D'OR, MOTORCYCLE ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Circuit Paul Ricard, Le Castellet

The world's leading 24-hour motorcycling race, the Bol d'Or is a reference for motorcycling fans the world over. Opening this year's world championship, 60 teams will be writing a new chapter in the legendary history of the Bol d'Or, for the greatest pleasure of the participants and 67,000 spectators alike.

www.boldor.com

September 22nd to 27th, 2020

ROYAL REGATTA, PANERAI TROPHY Cannes

150 of the world's most stunning yachts gather in Cannes every year for this one-week bonanza. Often over a century old, these splendid ships promise a gentlemanly clash of the titans...

www.trans-cote-azur.com

September 26th to October 4th 2020

LES VOILES DE SAINT-TROPEZ

Heir to the Nioulargue race, this exciting regatta brings together 300 sailboats and 4,000 talented sailors in the Gulf of Saint-Tropez. An enthusiastic public and relaxed, festive atmosphere honouring old-fashioned traditions. Not to be missed!

<http://lesvoilesdesaint-tropez.fr>



October, 7th to 11th 2020

MOUNTAIN BIKING EVENT Fréjus

The "Roc d'Azur" has become the world's leading mountain biking and cycling event. Professionals, amateurs, adults, children, cyclocross and endurance fans... Whatever your age or level the Roc d'Azur is open to all, whether long-time enthusiasts or last-minute inquisitive minds.

The event features a vast choice of races with something for everyone, including cross-country, triathlon, electric bike and gravel. In addition to its exciting sports line-up, the Roc d'Azur also welcomes a vast mountain biking fair open to all.

Free entry

www.rocazur.com/fr

Sunday, October 25th

41th COURSE MARSEILLE CASSIS

Founded 41 years ago, Marseille-Cassis is now a world-renowned half marathon, welcoming over 20,000 participants. Marseille-Cassis is France's biggest race held in a National Park, with nearly 12 km out of the 20-km itinerary crossing the "Parc National des Calanques". Famed for their spectacular scenery, the "Calanques" fjords are also treasures of biodiversity, sheltering over 200 protected species.

www.marseille-cassis.com



November 8th 2020

MARATHON OF THE ALPES-MARITIMES Nice - Cannes

France's biggest marathon after Paris, with a 42.195 km coastal itinerary overlooking the Med, departing from Nice and arriving in Cannes.

www.marathon06.com/2020

2023, RUGBY WORLD CUP

France will be welcoming the Rugby World Cup in September and October 2023, with matches taking place in 10 towns including Marseille (Stade Orange-Vélodrome) and Nice (Stade Allianz Riviera) throughout the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. The group draws will be taking place in December 2020.

2024 OLYMPIC GAMES: SAILING AND FOOTBALL IN MARSEILLE-PROVENCE!

The city of Marseille has been selected as the venue for the Olympic and Paralympic Games sailing contests, as well as a series of football matches.

www.marseille-tourisme.com

EXHIBITIONS



2020, JEAN GIONO'S YEAR IN PROVENCE

October 29th, 2019 to May 24th, 2020

LUCIEN JACQUES

at the Musée Regards de Provence

Poet and painter Lucien Jacques was the best and only friend of Jean Giono, according to the writer. Curator: Jean François Chougnat.

Musée Regards de Provence

www.museeregardsdeprovence.com

EN HAUTE-PROVENCE

The Durance Luberon Verdon area has concocted an exciting programme for 2019-2020.

www.durance-luberon-verdon.com

July 9th, 2019 to October 22th, 2020

A FEW EXAMPLES IN MANOSQUE

“LES CHEMINS DE L'ŒUVRE”: This new, permanent exhibition at the Centre Jean Giono, set inside Hotel Raffin, aims to throw bridges between the author's history, biography and literary works. Visitors enjoy a compelling insight into Giono's life and work with a carefully-designed layout combining screenings, interviews, film excerpts, photos, letters and objects belonging to the author.

Centre Jean Giono – Hotel Raffin

<http://centrejeangiono.com>

May 6th To 9th 2020

JACQUES FERRANDEZ EXHIBITION, “THE SONG OF THE WORLD”:

The Médiathèque d'Herbès media library will be hosting an exhibition on the screen adaptation of Giono's work “The Song of the World” by Jacques Ferrandez, author of Carnets d'Orient, who also adapted Camus' “The Outsider” published by Gallimard.

<http://mediatheques.dlva.fr>

November 8th, 2019 to March 22nd, 2020

HUKUSAI, HIROSHIGE, UTAMARO LES GRANDS MAÎTRES DU JAPON

Centre d'art Caumont – Aix en Provence

The Hôtel de Caumont-Centre d'Art is hosting a fabulous exhibition on Japanese customs and culture in the Edo period (second half of 18th century and first half of 19th century), with around 200 ukiyo-e prints and other remarkable objects unveiled to the French public for the very first time. The exhibition was compiled mainly thanks to the Jerzy Leskowicz collection, one of the world's largest in the field.

www.caumont-centredart.com

November 23rd, 2019 to June 7th, 2020

UNE SAISON AUTOUR DU NU ORANGE Musée Bonnard, Le Cannet

Featuring “Orange Nude, circa 1943” – a new Bonnard masterpiece added to the museum collections this year – this gorgeous new layout invites visitors on a fascinating discovery voyage of the painter's favourite subjects: the Revue Blanche era, inner life, nudes, still lifes and landscapes.

www.museebonnard.fr

December 13th, 2019 to May 18th, 2020

BIZ-ART

Château Musée, Vallauris

A voyage through time into the world of ceramic art, featuring works by 12 artists of different nationalities on every imaginable theme from the Fifties to current day.

www.vallauris-golfe-juan.fr

January 22nd to May 4th, 2020

VOYAGE, VOYAGES

Mucem, Marseille

Whatever the reason – the desire to get away from it all, escape, explore, roam or change countries –, travel has been a source of inspiration for artists from time immemorial. This exhibition tackles every facet of travel, whether for pleasure, art or imposed by the twists and turns of history, from the late 19th century to current day.

At a time when porous borders, population migrations and world upheaval has propelled travel to the forefront of artistic reflection, this exhibition will be presenting paintings, sculptures, installations and videos by 80 international artists including Gauguin, Matisse, Klee and many more.

www.mucem.org

January 25th to June 14th, 2020

LE DESSIN AUTREMENT : WALL (&) DRAWINGS Musée de Vence

This immersive and stirring exhibition on the theme of wall drawing echoes the “graffiti” of Matisse, painted 70 years ago on the walls of the Rosary chapel, and pays tribute to Sol LeWitt, the founder of the wall drawing movement. A show was dedicated to the artist in Vence in 2002 and the museum collection now includes a breathtaking example of his work.

vence.fr/le-dessin-autrement-wall-drawings

EXHIBITIONS



February 8th to April 19th, 2020

**PIERRE SOULAGES,
LA PUISSANCE CRÉATRICE**
Espace Lympia, Nice

Featuring 72 works by Pierre Soulages, including 25 paintings rarely shown in public, the “Creative Power” exhibition uses a chronological layout to explore the artist’s work from 1946 to 2008.

<http://galerielympia.departement06.fr>

From February 14th to May 4th 2020

MATISSE – METAMORPHOSIS
Musée Matisse, Nice

For the first time in France since the 1970’s, the Matisse Museum dedicates a full exhibit to Matisse’s sculptures, an important part of his work far too unknown.

www.musee-matisse-nice.org



March 6th, 2020 to January 3rd, 2021

DALI, THE ENDLESS ENIGMA
GAUDI, THE ARCHITECT OF THE IMAGINARY
Carrières de Lumières, Les Baux-de-Provence

The 7,000m² Carrières de Lumières multimedia exhibition centre is honouring two 20th-century masters this year, with two immersive, digital shows. Dali: a retrospective of over 60 years of creative genius and the various artistic styles invented and explored by the Catalan master. Antonio Gaudi: initially criticized as ridiculous and provocative, Gaudi’s work was fervently defended by Dalí. This tribute to his architectural genius leads visitors on a quasi-mystical voyage of his UNESCO World Heritage constructions, from Park Güell to Casa Batlló, Casa Milà and La Sagrada Família.

www.carrieres-lumieres.com/en

March 28th to June 14th, 2020

JACQUES MONORY
Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul-de-Vence

Paying tribute to Jacques Monory, who died in 2018, this monographic exhibition spans the artist’s 60-year career and revisits the work of this figurehead of the Narrative Figuration movement, brought to fame by the extraordinary modernity and singularity of his signature blue...

www.fondation-maeght.com



April 17th to September 20th, 2020

**EXPOSITION PHARAONS, OSIRIS
ET LA MOMIE, L’ÉGYPTE ANCIENNE**
Musée Granet - Aix-en-Provence

This exhibition on the theme of Ancient Egypt will be putting the spotlight on 150 objects belonging to Aix town council, together with an exceptional loan from the Musée du Louvre in Paris. One of the rooms of Musée Granet will be dedicated to a partial reconstruction of the tomb of the Pharaoh Merneptah, the son and heir of Ramses.

www.museegranet-aixenprovence.fr

April 25th to October 4th, 2020

LA MER IMAGINAIRE
Villa Carmignac - Ile de Porquerolles

The Carmignac Foundation has invited the Mexico-based American curator Chris Sharp to design a new exhibition in celebration of its third anniversary. Named “La Mer Imaginaire” (The Imaginary Sea), the project will be transforming the villa into an underwater natural history museum, exploring the interactions between our civilisation and the subsea world. Visitors wandering among the various works and fascinating creatures from the depths enter a dream world that is currently under threat.

www.fondationcarmignac.com



April 29th to August 17th, 2020

SUPERSTAR PHARAONS
Mucem, Marseille

“Pharaohs Superstars” recounts how certain kings and queens of Ancient Egypt, such as Ramses, Nefertiti, Tutankhamun and Cleopatra, became icons famed throughout the world, while others, despite being very popular with the Egyptians themselves, fell more or less into oblivion. From the irony of history to legendary myths, this exhibition invites us to reflect on the topics of memory and fame...

www.mucem.org

April 30th to October 11th, 2020

EXPOSITION JOAQUIM SOROLLA
Centre d’art Caumont - Aix-en-Provence

Joaquín Sorolla (1863-1923) was one of the biggest names in Spanish 20th century painting, alongside Velázquez and Goya. During his life, Sorolla was the only Spanish artist of his generation to pit himself against the greatest artists of his time on the international scene.

www.caumont-centredart.com

EXHIBITIONS



May 29th to September 27th, 2020
1880-1980, A CENTURY OF POWDER BOXES
Musée International de la Parfumerie, Grasse
 The International Perfume Museum in Grasse and Library Forney in Paris are the co-curators of this astonishing show dedicated to powder boxes from 1880 to 1980, based on the private collection of Anne de Thoisy-Dallem, presented to the public for the very first time.
www.museesdegrasse.com

June to October, 2020
"SUD-EST" EXHIBITION
Fondation Vasarely, Aix-en-Provence
 The fruit of an exciting collaboration with the Musée National d'Art Moderne - Centre Pompidou, the Fondation Vasarely is presenting around twenty hand-picked works by artists from South America and Eastern Europe this year. The exhibition plunges visitors into the heart of Paris in the Fifties, when the capital was the stage for an encounter between South American and Eastern European artists that sowed the seeds for the Op Art movement.
www.fondationvasarely.org



June 27th to November 22nd, 2020
LES GIACOMETTI
Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul-de-Vence
 Unique in France, the "Giacometti" exhibition shines the spotlight on this astonishing family of artists originating from the Swiss village of Stampa. The show pivots around Alberto Giacometti - the family's most famous member and his iconic spindly sculptures.
www.fondation-maeght.com



June 27th to 31st of January 2021
YAN PEI MING, JEUX DE POUVOIR
Grande Chapelle du Palais des Papes et Collection Lambert - Avignon
 From June 2020, the Franco-Chinese artist Yan Pei Ming will be honouring Avignon with a unique, two-arm exhibition entitled Power Games, set inside the walls of the Collection Lambert and Great Chapel in the Popes' Palace. Echoing the history of the papal state, this series of monumental works on the theme of the popes, created specially for the event, will be showcased against the stunning backdrop of the Great Chapel. The power emanating from these fascinating characters is also reflected in a series of works representing modern history's most-influential figures shown at Collection Lambert, creating a genuine archaeology of power games through the ages.
www.avignon-tourisme.com

July 13th to August 30th 2020
VIBRATIONS
Avignon
 Every evening from 9.15 to 10.15 p.m. This 360° show opens the door of the Popes' Palace to spectators at nightfall for a totally exceptional immersive experience.
www.avignon-tourisme.com

From July 15th 2020 to 14th of July 2023
LE GRAND MEZZE, PERMANENT EXHIBITION
Mucem, Marseille
 Do people eat differently in the Mediterranean? The so-called "Cretan Diet" actually evolved over many years and as a result of successive migrations... The exhibition relates how this diet - now reputed worldwide for its health benefits and the symbol of an enviable lifestyle - came to be. In the face of current food challenges related to globalization, it questions the role of the Cretan Diet today and invites us to rethink production and consumption modes in the Mediterranean.
www.mucem.org

July 15th to November 2nd, 2020
ORIENT SONORE
Mucem, Marseille
 From the gramophones of yesterday to the videos of today, this exhibition offers visitors a dive into Arab musical traditions now under threat due to war, exile or globalization and features documents and sound archives from the "Foundation for Arab Music Archiving & Research" (AMAR), or recorded in Iraq, Syria, Bahrein and Algeria in collaboration with the foundation.
www.mucem.org

From October 30th to November 1st 2020
WEEK-END OF ARTS AND DESIGN
Antibes - Juan-les-Pins
 For a week-end Juan-les-Pins turns into a design and art hotspot, showcasing creations from the craftwork schools, industrial designers and interior decoration.
www.wda-juan.com

FAIRS & FESTIVALS



January–March 2020

CORSO ET ROUTE DU MIMOSA Côte d'Azur

Stretching 130 km from Grasse to Bormes-les-Mimosas, the Mimosa Route unveils the winter charms of the Côte d'Azur. A procession of floats decorated with fresh flowers and mimosa winds its way along the festive itinerary to the sound of a brass band.

<http://routedumimosa.com>

January 18th to February 1st 2020

14^e ALTITUDE JAZZ FESTIVAL Serre Chevalier et Briançon

Two intense weeks of jazz in the snow, promising a multitude of enriching encounters, including workshops, masterclasses, exchanges with artists and movie screenings, together with around 50 concerts off-piste, on the ski domain and in refuges. Yet another good reason to combine winter sports and music in the Alps...

www.altitudejazz.com



From January 26th to 31st of December 2020

FESTIVAL DE LA GASTRONOMIE

Marseille and Bouches-du-Rhône area
Following on from the exciting MPG2019 Gastronomic Year in Provence, this new festival will be headlining a giant Michelin-starred cookery class, novel dinners and chefs' picnics in the region's most beautiful parks and gardens... Created by Provence Tourisme, it promises a genuine gourmet voyage through Provence.

<https://www.mpg2019.com>

February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2020

OURSINADES Carry-le-Rouet

In the space of 50 years, the Sea Urchin Festival has become the highlight of the year in Carry-le-Rouet, enjoying ever-increasing success every year. Every Sunday in February, the port of Carry-le-Rouet welcomes locals and visitors alike for this delightful celebration, paced by delicious tasting sessions and various entertainments.

www.otcarrylerouet.fr/en



February 15th to 29th 2020

NICE CARNAVAL Nice

2020 Theme: King of Fashion. One of the world's biggest carnivals, the Nice Carnival ranks high among the Côte d'Azur's foremost winter flagship events. Two weeks of jubilation for Nice, filled with spectacular and creative processions accompanied by musicians and dancers from the four corners of the globe.

www.nicecarnaval.com

February 15th to March 3rd, 2020

87^e FÊTE DU CITRON (LEMON FESTIVAL) Menton

citrus fruit compositions at the Jardins Biovès and a procession of floats decorated with lemons and oranges. Not to be missed too: the International Orchid Festival and "Salon de l'Artisanat du Pays Mentonnais" craft fair at the Palais de l'Europe.

www.fete-du-citron.com

From 21st to 23rd of February 2020

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES JEUX Cannes

www.festivaldesjeux-cannes.com/fr

February 29th to March 1st, 2020

NAPOLÉON IN GOLFE-JUAN Vallauris

A weekend encounter with history... Reconstruction of Napoleon Bonaparte's arrival on the beach of Golfe-Juan on March 1st, 1815, on his return from exile on the Isle of Elba. A humble fishing village at the time, Golfe-Juan was the stage for the first act of the most extraordinary adventure in the Napoleonic odyssey.

www.vallauris-golfe-juan.fr

From March 26th to August 31st 2020

LES MÉDIÉVALES DES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE Les Baux-de-Provence

Catapult and crossbow firing, duels and an insight into the work of blacksmiths and stone masons evoking daily life at the castle between the late Middle Ages and early Renaissance periods. During school holidays and on weekends and public holidays.

www.chateau-baux-provence.com

March 27th to April 1st 2020

CANNESERIES Cannes

International Series Festival – Season 3.

www.canneseries.com

April 4th to 19th 2020

8th FESTIVAL DE PÂQUES Aix-en-Provence

Directed by violin maestro Renaud Capuçon, the world's greatest orchestras and soloists will be lighting up the stage for this 7th edition combining contemporary creation with the desire to seduce a varied public.

www.festivalpaques.com

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

From April 4th to May 31st 2020

RENCONTRES DU 9^e ART, FESTIVAL DE LA BANDE DESSINÉE ET AUTRES ARTS ASSOCIÉS

Aix-en-Provence

A palette of exhibitions and meetings on the comic book theme, bringing together a wide panel of international artists.

<http://www.bd-aix.com>

April 10th to 13th, 2020

INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR, ANTIQUES, BRIC-A-BRAC TRADE

Isle-sur-la-Sorgue

Isle-sur-la-Sorgue's international art, antiques and bric-a-brac fair is France's biggest antiques meeting after Paris. Taking place twice yearly, it brings together 300 exhibitors and over 100,000 visitors come to hunt down the objects of their dreams (2nd yearly fair August 13th to 16th, 2020).

foire-isle-sur-sorgue.fr

April 14th to 20th 2020

FÉRIA DE PÂQUES

Arles

Encierros, bodegas and street orchestras celebrate the opening of the French bullfighting season, with two bullfights programmed every day at the Arles arena or amphitheatre. The Espace Toro allows visitors to discover the South of France's various traditions on the bull theme.

www.arlestourisme.com/fr/les-ferias.html

April 23th to 27th 2020

35^e FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE MODE ET DE PHOTOGRAPHIE

Villa Noailles, Hyères

Held in the refined, modernistic setting of Villa Noailles, the 4-day Festival d'Hyères pays tribute to young fashion designer, photographers and accessory designers and includes exhibitions, round tables and three competitions featuring 10 fashion designers, 10 photographers and, since 2017, 10 accessory designers, all selected by a professional jury.

The various creations are presented in the form of fashion shows and collective exhibitions (photos and accessories). Young designers benefit from a unique opportunity bring their creations to life or have them made thanks to the event's prestigious partners, and present their very first collection to the general public as well as a jury of influencers.

<https://villanoailles-hyeres.com>

May 7th to 10th, 2020

EURO FESTIVAL HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Grimaud, Golfe de Saint-Tropez

Over 10,000 bikers from the world over will be flaunting their mean machines in Grimaud, in the Gulf of Saint-Tropez again this year!

The Prairies de la Mer seaside campsite will be welcoming participants in style, bedecked in the iconic Harley-Davidson colours. Paced by a variety of activities, excursions and, of course, music, this 4-day party promises to light up the town with its spectacular traditional parade.

www.harley-davidson.com

May 8th to 10th 2020

EXPO ROSE

Grasse

An international exhibition featuring over 50,000 roses arranged in bouquets of 60 to 300 flowers.

www.grasse.fr

May 12th to 23th 2020

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Cannes

Every year, the month of May heralds the return of the much-awaited Cannes Film Festival. More than just a global film market, this glamorous festival is a genuine international showcase. It is now the world's most hype movie meeting.

www.festival-cannes.com

May 16th to 18th 2020

462^e ÉDITION DES BRAVADES

Saint-Tropez

Three days of ceremonies and processions celebrating the town's Patron Saint. This heritage event has remained unchanged since the 16th century.

www.sainttropheztourisme.com

June 1st 2020

FÊTE DE LA TRANSHUMANCE

Saint-Remy-de-Provence

A procession of over 3,000 ewes herded through the streets of Saint Rémy by shepherds, followed by a country lunch and herding demonstrations.

www.saintremy-de-provence.com

June 5th to 7th, 2020

FESTIVAL YEAH!

Château de Lourmarin

All the ingredients for a fizzing fiesta! Live pop-rock concerts, plenty of zany good humour and a plethora of activities for a high-voltage weekend.

festivaleyah.fr

JUNE 7TH TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020: MANIFESTA 2020 BIENNALE D'ART CONTEMPORAIN Marseille

Manifesta 13 comprises a series of three constantly-evolving events created over the last two years. "Traits d'union.s", the main event designed by the talented four-strong Manifesta 13 artistic team made up of contemporary art and architecture pros, will be kicking off in Marseille on June 7th, 2020. A pre-biennial programme has been running since October 2019 at the Espace Manifesta 13, on Marseille's Canebière main thoroughfare.

"Le Tiers Programme", an initiative by the Manifesta 13 Education and Mediation team running since September 2019, is the fruit of encounters between teachers, mediators, artists, researchers, students and other inhabitants of Marseille. The programme revolves around various interconnected projects based on field research in Marseille.

"Les Parallèles du Sud" is a series of parallel events showcasing Marseille and the region's buzzing artistic and cultural scene, with an added international dimension, at various venues throughout the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region on the same dates as Manifesta 13 in Marseille.

manifesta.org

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

June 11th to 19th, 2020

CONGRÈS MONDIAL DE LA NATURE Marseille

Held every four years by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the 26th edition of the World Conservation Congress - the world's biggest conservation event - is taking place in Marseille in 2020. Bringing together leaders and decision-makers from government, the community, indigenous peoples, organisations, businesses and universities, the event aims to define today's most urgent environmental and developmental challenges and the actions required to tackle them. 10,000 participants from 192 countries attended the last edition, held in Hawaii in the United States. The congress will also be featuring a variety of satellite events and activities open to the public.

www.iucncongress2020.org

June 13th to 14th, 2020

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE LA GASTRONOMIE LES ÉTOILES Mougins

This year's 14th edition, held in the village's squares and lanes, is paying homage to the "Meilleurs Ouvriers de France" (Best Workers in France) in the world of gastronomy. Chef Jacques Maximin, Vice-President of the Association "Meilleurs Ouvriers de France" is the guest of honour, shouldered by around a hundred chefs awarded the coveted distinction.

lesetoiledemougins.com

June 13th to 15th 2020

FESTIVAL MUSIQUE MARSATAC Marseille

This electronic music festival, originally dedicated to Born in Marseille hip-hop, has expanded over the years to the international rap scene, together with electro, rock and African music.

www.marsatac.com



June 19th to July 29th, 2020

VAISON DANSES

Théâtre Antique de Vaison-la-Romaine

The 25th edition of this ode to dance, staged at Vaison-la-Romaine's magnificent Roman Theatre, will be welcoming a host of top names. Simply sublime!

attente.vaison-dances.com

From June 19th to August 1st 2020

LES CHORÉGIES D'ORANGE Orange

The world's greatest opera stars have climbed onto the stage of the Roman Theatre, acclaimed for both its traditional bel canto performances and contemporary opera events courtesy of the "Nouvelles Chorégies".

www.choregies.fr

From June, 20th to July 9th 2020

FESTIVAL DE MARSEILLE Marseille

Dance and representation of the human body remain the focus of this multidisciplinary and participative event, welcoming the world's finest dancers.

www.festivaldemarseille.com

From June 29th to July 5th 2020

51th LES RENCONTRES D'ARLES : INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY ENCOUNTER Arles

An absolute must-see for photo fans, this festival founded in 1970 stages around 40 exhibitions, together with satellite events at the town's most beautiful heritage sites including the new Fondation Luma. For the last years, "Les Rencontres" has also been scheduled outside the city walls.

www.rencontres-arles.com

From June 30th to July 2020

72^e FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL D'ART LYRIQUE Aix-en-Provence

Every great festival has a story to tell, and the story of the Aix Opera Festival began with the post-war encounter between a fervent music lover, Gabriel Dussurget and Countess Lili Pastré, an aristocrat from Marseille. While they were seeking a venue, they came across the courtyard of the Palais de l'Archevêché, where the first edition was staged in

1948. Talent-seeker Gabriel Dussurget has invited such great names as André Derain, Balthus, André Masson and Jean Cocteau to put their talent at the service of the festival. Alongside Salzburg, Glyndebourne and Bayreuth, the event has become a must for both opera and simple music lovers alike.

<https://festival-aix.com>

July 3rd to 5th, 2020

NEW: WILD EARTH FESTIVAL FESTIVAL TERRE SAUVAGE Vallée de la Clarée

A fitting tribute to the nature magazine of the same name, the Wild Earth Festival aims to spark wonderment and promote awareness of the beauty and fragility of the natural environment. This new cultural and multidisciplinary event offers a compelling programme on the themes of art and nature and includes land art, specialist interest hikes, screenings, concerts, a travelling bookshop and evenings round the camp fire. Staged in the beautiful Vallée de la Clarée, it pays tribute to the valley's wild countryside, inviting participants to explore the hidden logic of our ecosystems.

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www.terre-sauvage.com

July 3rd to 23rd 2020

74th FESTIVAL D'AVIGNON : LE IN ET LE OFF Avignon

This world-famed summer festival bathes the town in a happy hubbub every year. Whether you choose to attend some of the 60 or so ON shows held in such prestigious venues as the courtyard of the Pope's Palace, or partake in the 1,400 OFF events, the Festival d'Avignon is a genuine world apart, bathed in its own unique atmosphere. A must! Olivier Py, Director of the Festival d'Avignon since 2014, has unveiled that the 2019 edition will revolve around the "Odyssey" theme, both in the strictest sense of the word and in the sense of "Contemporary odysseys, refugees and welcoming others".

www.festival-avignon.com

www.avignonleoff.com

July 4rd to 24th 2020

PRÉLUDE AU FESTIVAL D'ART LYRIQUE Aix-en-Provence

One of Aix's summer classics, "Aix en Juin" headlines a packed programme exploring a variety of musical worlds. Free entry or reduced-rate festival pass.

<https://festival-aix.com>

1st weekend of July to November, 2020

DESIGN PARADE

Toulon - Hyères

Hosted by Villa Noailles every summer, Design Parade is a two-prong event shining the spotlight on design and interior design, now staged in both Hyères (design) and Toulon (interior design). Created in 2006 and open to the general public and professionals alike, Design Parade Hyères is a springboard for the latest design trends. Every year, ten young designers are invited to take part in the event's exciting competition, offering winners a unique showcase and the promise of top support for their career launch. The festival is also committed to kindling exchanges, encounters and emerging talents. Born 10 years after its predecessor, Design Parade Toulon, launched in 2016, is pursuing the same objectives. Focusing on interior design, it is the first competition and festival of its kind in France.

<https://villanoailles-hyeres.com>

July 9th to 22nd, 2020

JAZZ À JUAN CELEBRATED ITS 60TH BIRTHDAY! (1960-2020)

Juan-les-Pins

The godfather of Europe's jazz festivals is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year with fitting pomp and splendour, together with an extended programme welcoming an extra-special musical line-up.

www.jazzaijuan.com



July 13th to 19th 2020

FESTIVAL DES SUDS MUSIQUE DU MONDE Arles

Running every summer for 7 days and 6 nights, from 10 a.m. to 4 a.m., this mega-event staged in the heart of the beautiful town of Arles welcomes 60,000 festival-goers and over 60 concerts.

suds-arles.com

July 14th to 26th 2020

FESTIVAL DES ENFANTS DU JAZZ

Barcelonnette, Ubaye, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence

3 major concerts will be stylishly winding up this festival bringing together around 100 young talents and jazz teachers in residence. The two-week event will be lighting up Barcelonnette with classes, brass bands, street entertainment, public concerts, and master classes.

www.ubaye.com/festival-des-enfantsdu-jazz.html

July 17th to 21th 2020

NICE JAZZ FESTIVAL Nice

Staged in the heart of Nice, this festival is one of the largest of its kind in Europe, with 8 days of palpitating blues, soul and jazz music lighting up the Côte d'Azur's capital.

www.nicejazzfestival.fr

July 17th to 27th 2020

FESTIVAL MARSEILLE JAZZ DES CINQ CONTINENTS Marseille

Every year, top artists and young talents perform in the majestic grounds of Palais Longchamp and on the Mucem esplanade.

www.marseillejazz.com

July 17th to August 11th 2020

LES NUITS DE LA CITADELLE Sisteron

The association "Arts, Théâtre et Monuments" has been hosting this event dedicated to theatre, dance and music, staged in front of the impressive Citadel of the Counts of Provence, for over 40 years.

www.nuitsdelacitadelle.fr

From July 17th to August 12th 2020

24th FESTIVAL DE CHAILLOL Chaillol, Hautes-Alpes

Born in Champsaur valley, this travelling music festival set against a stunning mountain backdrop offers an original programme of relaxation, walks and musical weekends, designed to introduce visitors to the heritage, wildlife and inhabitants of the Hautes-Alpes area.

www.festivaldechaillo.com

July 18th to August 18th 2020

40^e FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DE PIANO La Roque d'Anthéron

Music lovers have been meeting in the beautiful grounds of Château de Florans for over three decades to revel in this magical festival, headlining the world's finest pianists together with young talents and virtuosos. Shivers guaranteed!

www.festival-piano.com

July 19th 2020

LA FÊTE DE LA LAVANDE Valensole

Exhibitors and producers come to sell their essential oils and other aromatic wares at this delightful fair set amid blue plateaux weighed down with flowers. The day includes lavender field tours and distilling demonstrations, to the sound of folk music. Dedicated to one of Provence's most emblematic plants, this event is a wonderful opportunity to discover the typical Provençal village of Valensole.

www.valensole.fr

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From July 24th to August 2nd 2020

23rd MESSIAEN AU PAYS DE LA MEIJE

Olivier Messiaen drew inspiration for some of his works at an altitude of 1,500 metres, in the little hilltop village of La Grave, set facing Massif de la Meije. "The powerful and solemn landscapes of La Grave, set facing the glaciers of La Meije, are my true home", he said. Since 1998, this international music festival has become a major contemporary music meeting, with a daring programme combining 20th-century masterpieces and pivotal new creations.

www.festival-messiaen.com

From July 31st to August 4th 2020

74th CORSO ET FOIRE DE LA LAVANDE Digne-les-Bains

Lasting 5 days, this feast offers a bonanza of decorated floats perfumed with sweet scents of lavender, accompanied by majorettes and musicians from all over Europe.

www.cdf-dignelesbains.fr

July 31st to August 8th, 2020

27th EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CHAMBER MUSIC IN PROVENCE Château de l'Empéri et Abbaye de Sainte Croix, Salon-de-Provence

Founded in 1993 by pianist Éric Le Sage, clarinetist Paul Meyer and flutist Emmanuel Pahud. This iconic festival (formerly known as "Musique à l'Empéri" until 2016) is regularly recorded and broadcasted on the venerable France Musique radio channel.

festival-salon.fr/en

August 1st to 2nd 2020

FÊTE DU JASMIN Grasse

This traditional fair marks the start of the jasmine harvest.

www.ville-grasse.fr

August 2nd, 2020

THE FLOATING MARKET Isle-sur-la-Sorgue

The region's only floating market, with producers gliding from one bank to the other on Nego-Chin boats to sell their wares. A farandole of colours and perfumes...

www.oti-delasorgue.co.uk

August 2nd to 13th 2020

LES RICHES HEURES DE SIMIANE-LA-ROTONDE Simiane-la-Rotonde, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence

This international ancient music festival hosts vocal and musical chamber music concerts inside La Rotonde. The Romanesque room on the first floor of this late 12th-century medieval tower, topped with a ribbed dome, boasts exceptional acoustics.

www.festival-simiane.com

August 6th to 8th 2020

LES PLAGES ÉLECTRONIQUES Cannes

This electronic music festival has been bringing aficionados together in a giant beach party and on the flat roof of the Festival Palace for the last 14 years.

www.plages-electroniques.com

August 7th to 9th 2020

FÊTE DE LA VÉRAISON Châteauneuf-du-Pape

In French, "véraison" refers to the start of the grape ripening period. Châteauneuf-du-Pape has been celebrating its medieval past for the last 30 years, with over 200 actors throughout the village, a large craft market, street brawls and medieval music...

www.chateauneuf-du-pape-tourisme.fr

August 8th to 16th 2020

FÊTES LATINO-MEXICAINE

Barcelonnette, Alpes-Haute-Provence
In tribute to the 2,500 local inhabitants who left the mountains to seek fortune in Mexico in the 19th century, the town celebrates Mexico every summer with concerts, processions, salsa lessons, Mexican folklore and mariachis...

www.barcelonnette.com

August 13th to 16th, 2020

FOIRE INTERNATIONALE DES ANTIQUAIRES/BROCANTE

Isle-sur-la-Sorgue

foire-isle-sur-sorgue.fr

August 14th to 24th, 2020

FESTIVALS INTERNATIONAUX D'ART PYROTECHNIQUE ET PYROMÉLODIQUE Cannes et Monaco

This dazzling firework contest allows participants to present complete shows.

www.festival-pyrotechnique-cannes.com

www.monaco-feuxdartifice.mc

August 15th, 2020

FÊTE DE LA LAVANDE Sault

Featuring the French lavender scythe-cutting championship, together with folk processions, horses and carts, farming equipment and the traditional "Grand Repas Champêtre" country banquet, this fair has been delighting lavender lovers every August 15th for over 30 years.

www.fetedelalavande.fr

August 18th to 20th 2020

POTES DE MARMOT'S Guillestre, Hautes-Alpes

This children's festival features street shows, magic shows, fairytale processions and old-fashioned hand-propelled wooden roundabouts. In short, a bundle of fun in Guillestre and the surrounding villages under the benevolent gaze of the marmot mascot "Griotte la Marmotte"!

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www.festival-enfant.com

August 29th, 2020

25th BAN DES VENDANGES DES CÔTES DU RHÔNE

Celebrating the Côtes du Rhône grape harvest, this fair is staged on both banks of the Rhône river, from Vienne to Avignon. The Avignon programme includes a procession of ancient wine guilds, harvest mass, emblematic “Vigne des Papes” vineyard grape harvest, Côtes du Rhône wine tasting, musical entertainment and a giant picnic!

www.bandesvendanges.fr

September 10th to 27th 2020

SACRED ART FESTIVAL

Antibes

Featuring classical masterpieces, chamber music, sacred voices, choirs, orchestras and soloists, this annual meeting is a unique opportunity to discover a brilliant and often little-known repertoire.

www.antibesjuanlespins.com

From September 11th to 13th 2020

7th TERRES DE JIM

Corbières, à proximité de Manosque

“Les Terres de Jim” is Europe’s largest open-air agricultural festival, organized every year by the Association of Young Farmers. The aim: offer the public a fascinating insight into the wings of agriculture and promote local produce.

www.lesterresdejim.com



From September 12th to 13th 2020

FÊTE ROMAINE

Orange

Over 100 actors and history fans will be in the town to relive the Gallo-Roman era, with highlights including a Gaul camp, games, chariots, a mosaic workshop and procession of the emperor and his court...

www.theatre-antique.com/fr/fete-romaine

From Mid September to Mid October 2020

FLAVORS OF VENTOUX VENTOUX SAVEURS

Parc Naturel Régional du Mont-Ventoux

An invitation to smell, taste and revel in the autumn treasures of the Ventoux area.

The succulent programme includes gourmet strolls, bistro hikes, taste workshops, shows, exhibitions and, of course, traditional local fairs.

www.ventoux-saveurs.fr



September 18th to 20th 2020

LES VENDANGES ÉTOILÉES

Cassis

Three days on the theme of wine and gastronomy, featuring cookery classes for children and a host of culinary demonstrations. The Cassis wine growing area dates back 2,600 years and boasts world-acclaimed AOC red, white and rosé wines, grown in the stunning setting of the Calanques National Park.

www.ot-cassis.com

September 23th to 27th 2020

22th CORRESPONDANCES DE MANOSQUE

Manosque

Held every year at the end of summer, this festival brings texts by famous authors to life through song and music. Each book is interpreted by exceptional actors and musicians specializing in literary arts, in the aim of throwing bridges between man and art.

<http://correspondances-manosque.org>



October 8th to 10th 2020

LA FIESTA DES SUDS

Marseille

An emblem of southern music and Marseille’s hot autumn nights, this global festival is a genuine parade of world cultures bathed in an exuberant maritime atmosphere. A carefree mix of genres, dance and unconventional artists.

www.dock-des-suds.org

October 17th to 18th 2020

GYPSY PILGRIMAGE

Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

The October Pilgrimage, celebrating the arrival of the three Marys on the shores of Camargue 2,000 years ago and featuring a free multimedia show on the beach, attracts huge flocks of pilgrims and spectators every year.

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www.saintesmaries.com

October 23rd to 26th, 2020

JAMMIN'JUAN

Antibes – Juan-les-Pins

A flagship autumn jazz meeting featuring 2 “showcase” stages and public concerts. Held for the 3rd time this year, the event welcomes festival organizers, impresarios, venue managers, jazz clubs, journalists and musicians and aims to boost networking between jazz industry professionals.

<https://jammin.jazzajuan.com>

Mid-November 2019 to mid-March 2020

MARCHÉ AUX TRUFFES

Carpentras

This legendary truffle market is held every Friday morning in Carpentras throughout winter and welcomes regional truffle farmers, traders and the public. A great opportunity to glean more about the infamous “Black Diamond”...

www.carpentras-ventoux.com

November 19th, 2020

MILLÉVIN

Avignon

Celebrating the arrival of the new Côtes-du-Rhône vintage, Millévin invites urban food and wine lovers to indulge in this festive, gourmet and colourful fair, cradled by live music.

avignon-tourisme.com/en

November 19th to 23th 2020

SALON PROVENCE PRESTIGE, L'ART DE VIVRE EN PROVENCE

Arles

Spanning 4,000 square metres, this fair has been bringing together artisans and craftspeople recognised for their exclusive Provençal expertise since 1994. It is the perfect place to pick up a gift, prepare your Christmas table, sample the local specialities, pamper yourself with a wellness treatment, or simply enjoy a stroll with all the family in the heart of Provence.

www.provenceprestige.com

November 21st, 2020

BAN DES TRUFFES

Richerenches

Inauguration of the first truffle market in Richerenches with a tempting day-long line-up including an exhibition, truffle hunting (cavage) demonstration and – not to be missed – truffle omelette tasting.

www.richerenches.fr

From November to January 2020

63rd INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF NATIVITY FIGURES CRAFTMEN

Arles

Inaugurated in December 1958, this fair takes place in the amazing cloister of Saint-Trophime. Provençal and international nativity figures craftsmen exhibit their creations. The Provençal nativity figures was originally made with bread crumb until the red clay of Provence replaced it in the 18th Century.

www.arlestourisme.com/en

1st Sunday of December, 2020

FÊTE DU MILLÉSIME IN BANDOL

Bandol's wine growers celebrate the new vintage every first Sunday of December. Spanning 3,700 acres, the Bandol vines are planted on South-facing terraces overlooking the sea. The full-bodied Bandol reds are suitable for long ageing and ideal served with meat, game and grilled sea bass. A fabulous opportunity to taste some great wines in one of the Var area's oldest seaside resorts, frequented by such illustrious guests as Thomas Mann, Aldous Huxley and Marcel

<http://maisondesvins-bandol.com>

December 4th to February 2nd

NOËL EN PROVENCE

Christmas in Provence traditionally lasts 40 days, from Saint Barbara's Feast Day (December 4th) to Candlemas (February 2nd). From late November onwards, the towns and villages of Provence don their finest attire to welcome Christmas fairs and markets, where hand-made “santon” figurines and local produce take centre stage. Meanwhile, the locals get ready to concoct Provence's heritage “Gros Souper” dinner served on Christmas Eve along with the traditional 13 desserts, also called “calenos” in Provençal dialect.

COMING UP IN 2021

March to April 2021

FRENCH RIVIERA GARDENS FESTIVAL FESTIVAL DES JARDINS DE LA CÔTE D'AZUR

Alpes-Maritimes

Reputed for its climate, Mediterranean shores and lifestyle, the Côte d'Azur is a paradise of flowers, fragrances and gardens, home to 13 official “Remarkable Gardens”, world-acclaimed perfumery expertise and many top landscape gardeners. The festival's next edition, scheduled from March to April 2021, will include a landscaping competition, exceptional gardens, talks and plenty of activities for all the family.

festivaldesjardins.departement06.fr/en



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