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Ville d'exception



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UNESCO SITES



► DISCOVER THE FILM PROMOTING THE UNESCO SITES OF PROVENCE PRODUCED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATOUT FRANCE



DISCOVER

the unmissable
UNESCO world heritage site

An old town at heart!

Avignon has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1995 for its Historic Centre home to the Palais des Papes, Episcopal Ensemble with Avignon Cathedral, Petit Palais Museum, Pont d'Avignon and its ramparts, forming a mammoth and unique collection.

UNESCO Charter

In 2018, Arles and Avignon signed a charter to work together to promote their destinations to tourists based on the UNESCO World Heritage theme.

In February 2019, 5 other UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Provence joined the charter too: Pont du Gard, Théâtre Antique d'Orange, Abbatiale de Saint Gilles, Grotte Chauvet 2 Ardèche, Cité le Corbusier in Marseille.



THE PALACE OF THE POPES

They went up to Avignon's capital « A » that is the Palais des Papes; their eyes sought the end of the formidable heights and got lost in the sky... »

Elsa Triolet

The Palais des Papes is the biggest Gothic palace of the World and is both a colossal fortress and sumptuous palace. It is 4 times the size of Chartres Cathedral. Its visitors can explore over twenty five rooms: large staterooms, treasuries, chapels, private apartments and their fabulous interiors by Italian artist Matteo Giovannetti.

It hosts regular cultural events all year round: themed and educational exhibitions, themed tours, concerts. **Avignon Festival performances**, founded by Jean Vilar in 1947, are held in July in the Cour d'Honneur at the Palais.

NEW !

MYSTERY AT THE PALACE

The kit **Intrigue dans la ville** has come to the Palais des Papes.

It's the very first landmark to provide this scavenger hunt to all its visitors (exc. grounds and without Histopad).

Available to buy from www.avignon-tourisme.com at the Palais des Papes gift shop or at Tourist Information



HISTOPAD

Visitors can now get involved in the action with the interactive Histopad tablet that brings them spectacular historical reconstructions designed by a science committee. The Histopad provides a fun-filled interactive treasure hunt for children.

The Histopad is available in 7 languages and included in the entry fee.



To book your self-guided or guided tour groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com



THE GARDENS OF THE POPES' PALACE

► *DISCOVER ALL THE GARDENS OF THE VILLAGE SUR AVIGNON.FR*

After years of archaeological research, the Gardens of the Popes Palace have been restored exactly as they were during the Middle age. They provide a window into the past and reveal the atmospheres, uses and rich history of this medieval Eden. They have been opened to the public since February 15th 2020, they enrich the experience of those who visit the Popes' Palace.



© Franck Mariotti



Those gardens are three-fold:

Le Verger Urbain V (Pope Urban 5th Orchard) with free access.

The Popes Palace Garden (or Benedict 12th Garden -250 msq)

and **the Pope's garden** (662msq)

Who knows... the time of the visit, away from hustle and bustle ,it will be easy for you to enjoy the peace and the serenity of this unique place and to forget that you are in the 21st century.



A drink in the garden

Thursdays August 1, 8, 15 & 22

Wine tasting in a musical atmosphere in the heart of the pontifical gardens.

To book your self-guided or guided tour : groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com

THE BRIDGE OF AVIGNON



“ Sur le Pont d'Avignon, l'on y danse...
Wherever I go in the world, when I say I'm from Avignon whoever I speak to starts singing the Pont d'Avignon song. I always wondered why. You don't sing the Marseillaise to people from Marseille or a hymn to people from Lourdes... ”

quote from an Avignon local

Building work on the famous bridge began in the 12th century. It was damaged and rebuilt several times because of the Rhône's rises in water level.

Reconstruction work ended in the 17th century: the bridge only has 4 of its original 22 arches which gives it its own unique personality...

A walk on the bridge provides incredible views of Villeneuve lez Avignon, the Palais des Papes, ramparts and Petit Palais.



APPLICATION AVIGNON 3D

This application for smartphones and tablets is available in French and English. It is completely free and can be downloaded from the monument's homepage using a QR code or from the App Store or Google Play on your mobile phone.



AUDIO GUIDES AND FILMS

Visual and audio illustrations available in the free audioguide in 12 languages bring to life the history of the bridge and the legend of Saint-Bénézet.

Audio-guides with buttons for the visually-impaired, audioguides for children in French and English.

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THE MUSEUM

Avignon Municipal museums under the label Avignon-musées (n^{os} ① à ⑨) are free for all (except exhibitions).



EXPLORE

Fancy some Italian paintings, fine arts, sculptures, decorative arts and contemporary art? Avignon's museums are the place to be!



① **Petit Palais Museum:** Built in the 14th century, the Palais des Archevêques is now a museum dedicated to primitive and Renaissance art, with works by Botticelli - Carpaccio - Martini. Our favorite: Botticelli's Venus with Three Putti, on permanent loan from the Louvre.

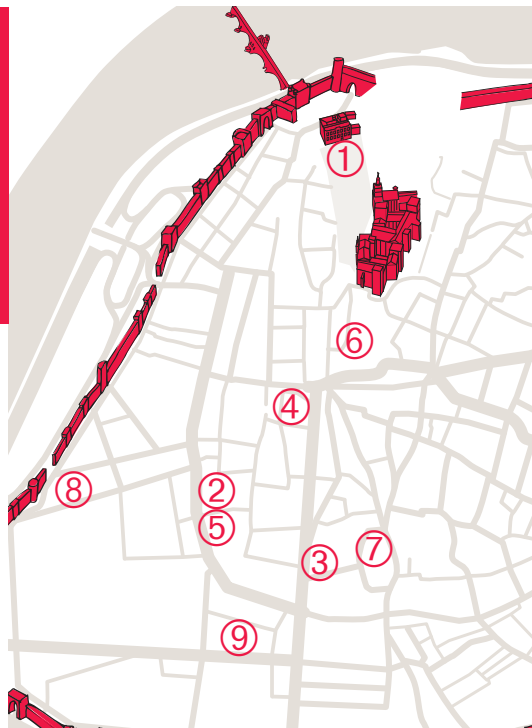


② **Calvet Museum :** housed in a stunning 18th century mansion, the Calvet Museum is packed with a fine arts collection featuring pieces by Camille Claudel, Bonnard and Sisley. Be moved by the heartwrenching The Death of Young Bara depicting the death of a young drummer in the Republican army (school of David - 18th century)

③ **Lapidaire Museum :** housed in the Jesuit College's former chapel, the Calvet Museum's antiquities gallery presents Greek, Roman, Gallo-Roman (mainly discovered in the region) and early Christian collection. We have a special fondness for La Tarasque de Noves portraying a mystical beast from Provençal folklore that seeps us in legend.



④ **Le Palais du Roure :** 15th century mansion now home to a museum showcasing Provençal history and local culture. We love its cosy atmosphere!



⑤ **Natural History Museum :** the museum's collection is one of the biggest in the Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur region making it the 5th top natural history museum outside the capital. We're blown away by Esprit Requien's herb garden home to around 300,000 plants

⑥ **Jean Vilar House :** Resource centre, exhibits, publications on the work of Jean Vilar (1912-1971) and the history of the Avignon Festival since its creation in 1947. Archives (posters, manuscripts, costumes, models...) For any entertainment and festival enthusiast!



⑦ **Angladon Museum :** stunning 18th century building laid out like a house presenting one of the pioneer's of haute couture's art collection: Jacques Doucet. 18th, 19th and 20th century masterpieces: Van Gogh, Cézanne, Degas. We're enthralled by the variety of pieces on display!



⑧ **Vouland Museum :** fantastic collection of decorative arts from the 17th and 18th century in a lovely mansion with garden views. Take time out to unwind in the garden after exploring the collections!



⑨ **Lambert Collection :** contemporary art museum. Permanent exhibition of collections from the art trader and collector Yvon Lambert (Sol LeWitt, Douglas Gordon, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Anselm Kiefer, Niele Toroni, Andres Serrano) and temporary exhibitions of contemporary art.

Highlight: have lunch in the magical Violette restaurant in the heart of the museum!



ENJOY
THE DESTINATION
AT LOW COST

thanks to a prepaid card giving access to the main sites of Avignon and Villeneuve lez Avignon

24h/48h

AVIGNON
city pass



THE WEALTH OF HERITAGE



BE AMAZED

by the wealth of heritage !

A stroll on the streets of Avignon is like a trip around an outdoor museum.

Look up: you'll see mascarons, gargoyles and statues.

The sculpted doors and walls of the mansions will take your breath away.

Chance upon a square or shaded spot and step into a church or cloister... soak u

① Avignon Cathedral

This Roman cathedral topped by a golden statue of the Virgin Mary adjoins the Palais des Papes.
HIGHLIGHT: Visit Avignon Cathedral's grounds and enjoy the unique views of the surrounding countryside.

② Saint Pierre Basilica

The flamboyant Gothic-style Saint Pierre Basilica is bursting with treasure on a shaded square.
HIGHLIGHT: Go and see it at night, it's magical!

③ The synagogue

One of few synagogues in the world to be round.

④ Saint Véran cemetery

Alongside the Père-Lachaise in Paris, it's one of the oldest cemeteries in France and a real open-air museum showcasing sculpture and funeral art.

⑤ The opera

Beautiful 19th century front with two statues depicting Corneille and Molière.



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WINE

LEARN

everything there is to know about wine.

The Côtes-du-Rhône vineyard is the second French vineyard to be approved with the AOC (protected designation of origin). Did you know that Avignon is its capital? A tasting isn't about guessing a designation or vintage, it's about analysing the different sensations: sight, smell, taste.

During a fun-filled introduction you'll learn to taste wine and spot its subtleties.



Carré du Palais

Opposite the Palais des Papes

Here you'll find the Wine School that hosts a variety of workshops and tastings all year round.

The Inter Rhône course is designed in partnership with the Université du Vin de Suze-la-Rousse for novices and connoisseurs alike.

Schedule and bookings on www.carredupalais.fr/content/9-ecole-des-vins
+ 33 (0)4 90 27 24 70

Carré du Palais is also a restaurant and tasting venue with over 800 products, open daily 8am-12am.

Foodies, you've been warned!

www.carredupalais.fr

PROVENÇAL CUISINE

Go on a culinary voyage in the Halles

Awaken your inner chef!

After working in countless restaurants in America and Europe, it's here in this lively and colourful setting that the young chef from California, Jonathan Chiri, decided to settle down and take over the Cuisine Centr'Halles. He provides cookery classes and demonstrations (a carefree and fun alternative to cookery classes) as well as his daily restaurant service in the heart of the old market. Atmosphere, good times and belly laughs are on the menu.

contact@jonathanchiri.com
www.jonathanchiri.com

Experience our Michelin-starred chefs' creativity

Florent Pietravalle : The star at La Mirande

With a Michelin Star since 2020 and a new Green Michelin Star in 2021, this young chef works with local suppliers where possible, has a menu that changes every 2 to 3 weeks and an entirely vegan offering that have taken this institution into a new era. Lunch at La Mirande is now a very affordable luxury, just what the chef wanted with a 45 € set menu (lunchtime only on Monday, Thursday and Friday). So what are you waiting for?!

mirande@la-mirande.fr
www.la-mirande.fr

V&G : veggie & Gourmand !

Opened in June 2022, this gourmet restaurant offers vegetarian and vegan cuisine.

By working without stock and with fresh products delivered daily, V&G is launching a veggistronic concept. The menu evolves according to the seasons and the mood of the kitchen..

24, rue de la Bonneterie

Bibendum

Chef Mathieu Desmarest (1* in the Michelin guide for his restaurant Pollen) has just opened his new address on rue Joseph Vernet. This magnificent place, formerly the Collège d'Annecy, with its vaulted rooms and large interior courtyard, has been revisited in the spirit of a large family home, where gastronomy is both gourmet and contemporary.

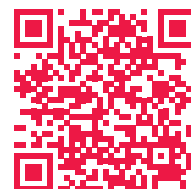
A wine bar offers fine bottles of wine with hors d'oeuvres and a traditional and cutting-edge cocktail bar (with DJ evenings) completes the offer in the evening.

83, rue Joseph Vernet

www.bibendumavignon.fr

SE DÉLECTER de la cuisine provençale

De jeunes Chefs comme Florent Pietravalle (La Mirande), Guilhem Sevin, qui a repris la célèbre maison de Christian Etienne, Julien Gleize (l'Agape), Mathieu Desmaret (Pollen) et bien d'autres l'ont revisitée tout en continuant à s'inspirer des produits du terroir pour nous donner de vraies émotions. Le visiteur trouve à Avignon un large choix de (très) bonnes tables que nous envie le monde entier.



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NIGHT OUTINGS

BE BEWITCHED

by a city that never stops

In the Teinturiers area, one of Avignon's prettiest neighbourhoods, the Fabricateurs collective brings together twenty-odd artistic, creative and craft sites. Creativity blossoms here in all its forms: design, textile, homeware, fashion accessories, urban stationery, furniture and contemporary art.

Atmosphere and energy guaranteed! There are countless restaurants, bars and trendy boutiques to unearth in the Saint Didier area and Place des Corps Saints



Have a zen experience at Le Nid

a place to unwind body and mind in the heart of the Papal City..

Le Nid provides yoga classes, massages, workshops (embroidery, weaving, macrame, upcycling etc.) and hosts yoga classes (on request) in iconic Avignon sites (Palais des Papes, museums, private gardens etc.) and in the great outdoors. The on-site Cantine serves wholeheartedly healthy food. A one-of-a-kind space in France!

inspireyogaavignon.fr

The Grand Café Barretta

The bustling Grand Café Barretta, founded on the site of the first café of the same name, covers 500m2 and is open 7 days a week in an art deco setting inspired by the Bouillon Chartier in Paris. Legend has it that Napoleon left a hefty tab of 60 Francs unpaid here. It serves hearty dishes at low prices. Here you'll find a café that gives onto a 120-seater terrace under the hackberry tree, a cosy lounge with woodwork and bookcases, a large dining room seating 150 and bathed in light that turns into a theatre during the famous Avignon Festival.

grandcafebarretta@gmail.com



VOX POPULI compagnie

Vox Populi, a cabinet of curiosities, showroom and shop by the designer Pascale Palun, is a place packed with poetic pieces exuding subtle power through their designs and materials that tell a tale.

An incredible, amazing, exciting and surprising place... you won't be struggling for adjectives and adverbs to describe how you feel here. One thing's for sure, it's going to stay with you!

35 bis, rue Bonneterie.



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DISCOVERY WALKS

► COMPLETE GUIDE «AVIGNON
BY BIKE»: ITINERARIES, RIDES
IN AND AROUND AVIGNON,
PRACTICAL INFORMATION



GO GREEN

on Ile de la Barthelasse

We have our own island too!

Just a few minutes' walk from the old town between Avignon and Villeneuve lez Avignon in between both arms of the Rhône - Grand Rhône on Villeneuve side and Petit Rhône on Avignon side - the Ile de la Barthelasse is a 700ha haven of peace and greenery.

There's nothing better than a bike ride if you want to tour the island: there are countless bike paths. During your trip you can buy local produce at the farm, visit the **Manguin distillery** or simply stroll (the road is flat) among the orchards.

The peaceful and beautiful towpath has incredible unobstructed views of the Pont d'Avignon, Rocher des Doms and Palais des Papes and is ideal for a run, walk or chill-out in the grass.

Trips on the Rhône available (shuttle boatcruises - dinners and lunches on the Rhône - kayak hire).



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VISITS IN PROVENCE

REACH OUT from Avignon

Use Avignon as your base and in a short space of time you can visit a variety of sites such as Fontaine de Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux, Roussillon's ochre cliffs, the Luberon and its hilltop villages, the Camargue and its Rhône delta, Pont du Gard, Les Baux de Provence and the Alpilles...



Fancy a foodie weekend?

DAY 1: Morning **cooking lesson** in the Halles with Chef Jonathan Chiri or oenology workshop at Carré du Palais.

Spend the afternoon visiting the Teinturiers and Saint Didier areas with workshop tours at the Fabricateurs. Take a break at the Café Barretta.

DAY 2: **Oenology course** at Carré du Palais and tour of Châteauneuf du Pape with tasting stops.

HIGHLIGHT: you can do this tour by bike with Avignon tourisme guides.

Fancy a short break?

DAY 1: Spend the morning visiting the **Palais des Papes** and **Pont d'Avignon**, Place du Palais with the baroque Hôtel des Monnaies, Avignon Cathedral and the **Rocher des Doms**, a stunning park overlooking the Rhône with fabulous panoramic views of the river and region.

In the afternoon visit the **Petit Palais Museum** and famous **Pont du Gard**, a three-storey Roman aqueduct.

DAY 2: Street Art tour and shopping in the Fabricateurs area

Treat yourself to a spot of pampering at **Le Nid!**

HIGHLIGHT: Cool off in the river with a dip in the Gardon in summer.

Do you have 3 days to spare?

DAY 1: spend the day exploring Avignon.

JOUR 2 : Between Avignon and Arles, the Alpilles...

Your first stop: the Aroma and Perfume Museum in the village of Graveson. Delve into this magical place devoted to organic produce and nature deep in the countryside between the Alpilles and Montagnette. Recharge your batteries, spend time gazing at one of the greatest collections of stills in Europe, learn about aromatherapy and have a wonderful experience in the herb garden.

Your travels will then take you to **Maillane**, a quiet little village where the illustrious Provençal poet and founder of Félibrige, **Frédéric Mistral**, was born. Follow in the poet's footsteps! When it's aperitif time, order a glass of rosé or pastis on the village bar terrace. Continue to **Fontvieille** with a stop along the way at Saint Gabriel Chapel, one of the best examples of Provençal Roman art.

Your next step will lead you to the **oil mill at Mas Saint Jean** in the shade of the 11th century Saint Jean Chapel surrounded by over 5000 olive trees. The Sourdon family have been making oil for generations and use local olives in their family-owned 12th century Provençal farmhouse to extract extraordinary AOC oil. Anne and Magali, the daughters and granddaughters of millers, will share their passion and products with you.

DAY 3: Arles and the Camargue

Visit Arles in the morning on the **UNESCO** theme or «In the steps of Van Gogh» and continue to the Camargue Nature Reserve. The Camargue is **heaven for birds**: lots of them are settled here and the rest are passing through. This damp area is the perfect place to see great migrations, especially the crane's migration. You can see flamingoes, black-winged stilts, avocets, reed warblers, whooper swans and many more. Visit the Pont de Gau ornithological park, Vaccarès lake and **Saintes Maries de La Mer**, a hotspot for pilgrimage and Provençal traditions. The village between the sea and sky is home to a 9th century fortress-church and a museum exhibiting Camargue traditions.

HIGHLIGHT: You can have lunch in a peaceful setting here in summer in the shade of the age-old plane trees.





Do you have 4 days to spare?

Add a day in the Luberon and its most stunning villages to your break.

The Luberon region nestled between the Alps and the Mediterranean brings you an array of landscapes. The village of **Lourmarin** and its 15th century château that was expanded in the Renaissance is your first stop. Hit the Gorges d'Aiguebrun road, cross the Luberon Mountain until you reach the village of **Bonnieux** whose ramparts have breathtaking views of the Calavon Valley.

After lunch in **Gordes**, explore this fabulous village which has welcomed countless artists such as the painter Vasarely and photographer Willy Ronis. Stop at **Sénanque Abbey**: The unassuming abbey was built in the 12th century. It is now listed as a Monument Historique. Take a guided tour to visit the cloister and abbey church.

Spend the day spotting «**bories**», drystone huts that shepherds used as basic shelters and are now integral to the Luberon's signature landscapes.

The village of **Roussillon** stands on top of a hill whose land was farmed for its ochre. These former quarries have sculpted a fantastic landscape with eye-catching colours and there are countless footpaths here.

***HIGHLIGHT:** in summer, the lavender fields growing all around create a stunning contrast with the abbey's cistercian style.*



WHAT IF YOU STAYED LONGER THAN 4 DAYS?

Are you here in June and July?

Do you know about lavender?

The lavender blossom season is fairly short: the best time to gaze at the endless blue fields is the **last week in June and the first two in July** around Valensole, Sault and the Luberon region.

After July 15th, it's time to cut them!

The fields are cut when the lavender is in bloom and the flowers are fresh. Once cut, the lavender is immediately sent to the distillery to get the best essential oil by steam distillation. **You can visit certain distilleries and buy their produce:** Les Agnells Distillery (Apt), Les Coulets Distillery (Apt), The Lavender Valley (Sault), Aroma'Plantes (Sault), Argens Blue Farm (La Mure-Argens), Cotta Farm (Puimoisson), Angelvin Farm (Valensole), Lavender Museum (Coustellet), Lavender Farm and Distillery (Lagarde d'Apt)...

Lavender has been renowned for its **healing and soothing properties** since Antiquity. It is a symbol of Provence and grown for its **essential oil** which is used in fragrance, cosmetics and aromatherapy. We make fine lavender and lavandin in Provence. Lavender fields have been part of our agriculture for centuries.

Seeing the fields in bloom is always a magical experience and you'll be amazed by the fragrance...



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“ *Tu me fends le cœur!* ”

César during the famous card game on
Marseille's old port

Have you read the Marcel Pagnol* trilogy and enjoyed his films?

Well, this is your lucky day!

Let's start this excursion in Provence with a trip to the **oldest city in France: Marseille**. Founded in 600BC by the Greeks from Phoenicia, this city was called Massalia, the «Phoenician City». Marseille, the biggest trade port in France, lies between the sea and summits with **stunning scenery** such as pine forests, limestone rocks, garrigues and wild calanques surrounding the city. We'll guide you through Marseille to show you the **must-see sights** in the Provençal city: **Notre Dame de la Garde Basilica** built in the 19th century at 162m high overlooking the sea and watching over the city; **Marseille Cathedral**; the little fishing port of **Vallon des Auffes**... We'll lead you along the famous **La Canebière** high street to visit the **Old Port** and along **La Corniche** for breath-taking views of the **Iles de Frioul, Ile du Château d'If, Mediterranean Sea and Marseille Calanques**...

To continue this trail in Provence, we take the **panoramic road on La Gineste mountain pass** crossing the **Calanques Mountains in Marseille** to reach the village of **Cassis**. This little fishing port and marina in a **stunning setting** is packed with magical **colourful buildings** overlooking the bay. After free time for a meal, you can meander along the banks lined with shops, cafés and restaurants before treating yourself to a **sea cruise** to visit the famous **Cassis calanques** or a dip in this slice of paradise

*Marcel Pagnol: French author, dramatist, director and producer born on February 28th 1895 in Aubagne and died in Paris on April 18th 1974. His play *Marius*, first performed in March 1929, made him famous.



Do you love the light in provence?

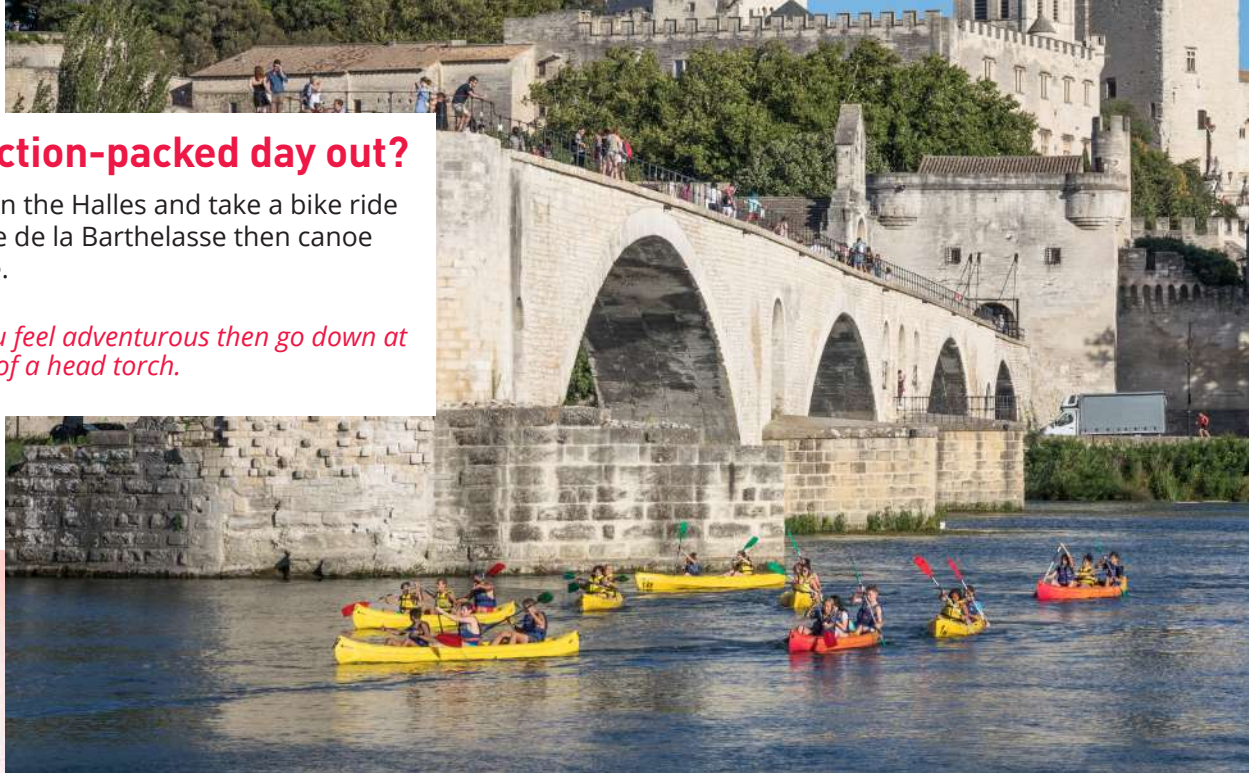
Grab your sketchbook and easel and hit the painters' road.

**In the steps of Van Gogh:
Arles - Saint Rémy de Provence**

The light is what attracted Vincent Van Gogh to Provence where he spent over 2 years. Follow in his footsteps and explore the places where he set up his easel to paint over 300 pieces. Enjoy your trip in Vincent's light!

**Paul Cézanne landscapes around
Aix en Provence**

Explore the **landscapes** that Cézanne loved to paint around Aix-en-Provence, the **Bibémus quarries**, the pine trees in **Château Noir forest** and of course the great **Sainte Victoire Mountain**.



Fancy an action-packed day out?

Buy your picnic in the Halles and take a bike ride to explore the Ile de la Barthelasse then canoe down the Rhône.

HIGHLIGHT: If you feel adventurous then go down at night in the light of a head torch.



Fancy bargain-hunting?

L'Isle sur la Sorgue is one of the region's most beautiful villages near Avignon. On Sunday have a walk around the **antique markets**: you'll find textiles, glassware, pottery, earthenware and more.

There's also a food market with **local specialities**, cheese, bread, nougat, calissons and seasonal fruit such as cherries grown in the Luberon. You're just a stone's throw from **Gordes**, in the nearby **Luberon**, and **Fontaine de Vaucluse**, where you can continue your adventure.

Do you want to pay your respects?

Remembrance tourism doesn't just exist in Normandy.

The county of Provence, Avignon and the Comtat Venaissin, the last two belonging to the Pope, were shelters for Jewish communities living in the South of France until 1501 in Provence and the French Revolution for the papal states. This legacy may not be as well-known as the rest of Provence's heritage but it's just as fascinating. Your tour guide will introduce you to the history of Jewish communities in Provence whether it be Jews in the County of Provence or «the Pope's Jews.»

Séjour sur le thème du patrimoine juif en Provence : Avignon – Cavaillon - Carpentras – Pernes les Fontaines – Isle sur la Sorgue – le Camp des Milles à Aix en Provence.

Fancy traditions?

We bring you a genuine and extraordinary experience.

After visiting the Palais du Roure in Avignon, head for Sorgues where Marine and Charles-Hubert de Brantes will greet you with open arms in their family château listed as a Monument Historique.

The Tuscan-inspired garden is listed as a «Jardin Remarquable».

HIGHLIGHT : its owners can put on your brunches, meals, cocktail parties and concert-tours here.

FESTIVITIES

GET A SURPRISE

all year long

Some big events in 2024

Provisional Calendar of Events
(subject to change)



JANUARY

Fest'Hiver : Winter theatre festival performed by young companies

Cheval Passion

The winter horse festival. Cheval Passion sees horses and riders flock to Avignon for an event that is all about horses and fun.

On the agenda : 1.200 horses, 250 exhibitors, competitions, 90 hours of entertainment, activities and shows plus the Gala des Crinières d'Or, one of the best horse shows in Europe.

www.chevalpassion.com

FEBRUARY

Les Hivernales d'Avignon

Contemporary dance festival, countless shows for all ages, courses for all abilities, installation, screenings etc.

L'Autre Festival – The festival that opens books

Round tables - signings - readings-writing workshops all over the city.

MARCH

Exposition collective MAC'A - emergence

Presentation of works by 5 contemporary artists at the Cloître St Louis.

Andalusian festival:

Dance, music, exhibitions.

Motor PASSION

Motor show cars and motor cycles

European Artistic Crafts Days

Theme 2023 «Sublimating the everyday».

A unique event in the world in favour of a better recognition of the craft sector.

APRIL

Avignon Spring Fair Lifestyle, food & drink etc.

Festo Picho : live performances for young audiences

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MAY

Le printemps du off (ex Indépendance(s))

The meeting place for independent theatres in Avignon. A rich programme of shows for all audiences and young people: theatre, song, storytelling, music and dance. Workshops, readings, meetings...

La nocturne des Papes – Urban trail run

Explore the city's landmarks whilst you run as they're open especially for YOU at night: Palais des Papes, Pont d'Avignon, Rocher des Doms... open their doors.

Spring Craft Festival

Designers and artisans exhibit and sell their creations in the city streets and squares.

European Night of Museums

Nationwide event whereby the city's museums open late night.

JUNE

Rendez-vous aux jardins - Garden Festival

Public and private park and garden tours and conferences.

ID-ILE

New! Contemporary music festival on the Bartheleasse Island. Music, fooding, experiences...

Côtes-du-Rhône Summer Festival

Four thursday evening events to sample wine from the local area and meet producers with music in the background in a lovely garden.

JULY

Le Festival d'Avignon

The famous Theatre Festival -

The Avignon Film Festival has always hosted the cream of the entertainment crop in terms of contemporary creation from home and abroad. The biggest actors and directors have attended. Olivier Py has been the first director to manage the festival since its founder in 2014. He has stayed true to the militant spirit of the festival and brings audiences «another relationship with the world in which politics, thought and hope come together.»
www.festival-avignon.com

OFF Festival

Over 1000 companies and over 1600 shows from all over the world in all forms of entertainment (theatre, musical theatre, dance, café-theatre, storytelling, circus, clowns, mime, poetry etc.).

Resonance Festival

Current music in amazing sites such as Pont Saint-Bénézet.

AUGUST

Avignon Jazz Festival

Early August

Evening market

Three weeks in August to stock up on local crafts and gourmet products at the summer night market, from 5pm to 10pm in the Place du Palais des Papes..

Ban des Vendanges - Harvest Festival

Launch of the Côtes du Rhône grape harvest (late August).

SEPTEMBER

Avignon 10km Run

Sports event

Carmes Medieval Festival

As part of the medieval setting in the Carmes area: medieval camp (fights-games-music-dance etc.), medieval market, gathering and medieval banquet.

European Heritage Days

Traditionally the 3rd weekend in September. Monuments and museums are open, free of charge or at a reduced rate, exceptional openings, exhibitions, visits, conferences...

European Week for Sustainable Development

A week in September or October, with numerous events offered to the public to publicise both sustainable development initiatives and the ecological transition and solidarity.

OCTOBER

Avignon Vélo Passion

Cycling trade fair open to the general public. Competitions, entertainment, exhibitions...

Italian Week

One week celebrating Italian culture in a buzzing atmosphere: shows, exhibitions, food market and more...

The Art Trail

Thirty-odd artists (painters, photographers etc.) spend 3 weeks showcasing their work throughout the city.



Côtes du Rhône Marathon

One sunday in October

Medieval festival de la rose d'or

Great parade of medievalists on 7 October in the city centre. Several thousand enthusiasts will bring the Middle Ages to life: re-enactments, musical parades, battles, medieval markets, archery tournaments, etc. await the public.

Potters' market

One day in October. About thirty exhibitors, all professionals, representing various techniques: earthenware, glazed earthenware, stoneware, porcelain... present their creations.

Parcours de l'art – contemporary art festival

About thirty artists (visual artists, painters, photographers...) will exhibit throughout the city for ten days in October exhibit throughout the city.

NOVEMBER

Millevin

Vibrant event in the Côtes du Rhône and Avignon to announce the vintage: brotherhood parade, wine tasting workshops etc...

Festival de la BD - Comic strip festival

During one week-end have a dive into the 9th Art with dedications exhibitions and entertainments.

November Gastronomy week end *Bienvenue à la Ferme - (welcome to the farm)*

Farmers and breeders from Bienvenue à la ferme network make you discover their products in a friendly atmosphere !

DECEMBER - EARLY JANUARY

Christmas Festivities

Santon makers, street parades and shows, Christmas Maze, creative workshops, food and craft markets, Children's Village... Nativities in churches a few days before Christmas, nativity and seasonal traditions at the Palais du Roure, a prime Provençal cultural location.

***Full schedule on
www.avignon-tourisme.com***



👉 Every month the festivities, the unmissable events and the animations:



JOURNEY TIMES

- Avignon > Arles : **35 min**
- > Uzès : **35 min**
- > Aix-en-Provence : **1h**
- > Marseille : **1h**
- > Montpellier : **1h**
- > Nice : **2h30**
- > Lyon : **2h30**



40 minutes from Avignon

Mer Méditerranée

BUSINESS TOURISM

CHOOSE AVIGNON

5 GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE AVIGNON TO HOST YOUR BESPOKE EVENTS

Avignon, the strategic hub for your
corporate events

Conference centre

A single contact to support you throughout the organisation of your conferences, conventions, seminars and meetings in a unique UNESCO World Heritage site.

The conference centre provides a setting with 16 characterful rooms (20-536 people for meetings, 700 people for receptions and 1800m² of exhibition space).

f.jullian@avignon-tourisme.com

A large capacity exhibition centre

2 mins from the Avignon Sud motorway exit: 7 ground floor halls: 15,000m², a total outdoor surface of 50,000m², free car park and 920-seater conference room to host major events: trade and public fairs, conferences, competitions etc.

f.jullian@avignon-tourisme.com

<https://avignon-congres-expo.com>

A range of hotels to suit your event planning

4800 rooms including 1800 within walking distance of the Palais des Papes

There are countless hotels in Avignon with function rooms to host your business meetings and seminars.

officetourisme@avignon-tourisme.com

Conference center dept – hotel reservation:
a.soulier@avignon-tourisme.com

Activities and services

The Avignon Tourisme Incoming Department provides sports, leisure and cultural activities for the «pleasure» side of your business conferences, meetings and seminars. Tailor-made quotes on request.

groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com

Adapted train and air travel Connections

(see next page)



To book your self-guided or guided tour : groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com



COMING TO AVIGNON

AVIGNON TGV STATION

Examples of daily train services to Avignon:

Paris Gare de Lyon (2h38)

17 TGV/jour

Roissy CDG Airport (3h)

11 TGV/jour

Lille (4h30)

Lyon Saint Exupéry (1h30)

Lyon Part Dieu (1h10)

Marseille (30mn)

Eurostar London-St Pancras

toute l'année (7h)

Madrid (8h)

Barcelona (4h30)

Brussels (5h30)

Geneva (4h)

Rail shuttle "La Virgule"

running between the TGV station and Avignon central station (6 mins)

70 trips from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

Taxis

+ 33 (0)4 90 82 20 20

AVIGNON AT YOUR SERVICE

A team here to help you !

GROUPS-MICE BOOKINGS

A single contact to organise your bespoke packages and stays:

INCOMING GROUP DEPARTMENT

Avignon Tourisme

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

AVIGNON CAUMONT

10 mins from the town centre

Private business flights

Direct flights from the UK

www.flybe.com: Southampton and Birmingham

every Saturday from May to September

London City Airport: July - August

More details on www.avignon.aeroport.fr

MARSEILLE PROVENCE

45 mins from Avignon

(Terminal 1) Numerous national and international destinations. Direct flights to Seoul, Montreal, Toronto, Tel Aviv.

Marseille Provence (Terminal 2) – low-cost terminal

MONTPELLIER

50 minutes from Avignon

Direct flights in France: Lyon, Nantes, Paris Orly, Paris CDG Roissy

Direct flights in Europe: Amsterdam, Brussels South Charleroi, Frankfurt Hahn, London Gatwick, Madrid.

PALACE OF THE POPES

Admission

gardens included

Adults: **14.5 €**

Discounts / Groups: **11.5 €**

Schools / Children under 8 yo : **8 €**

gardens not included

Adults: **12 €**

Discounts / Groups: **10 €**

Schools: **6.5 €**

gardens only

Adults: **5 €**

Discounts / Groups: **3 €**

Schools: **free**

BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

Admission

Adults : **5€**

Discounts / Groups: **4 €**

Schools: **3.5 €**

Bridge of Avignon + Palace of the Popes' gardens

Adults : **8 €**

Discounts / Groups: **4 €**

Schools: **3.5 €**

PALACE OF THE POPES

+ BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

Tarifs entrées (Hors exposition)

gardens included

Adults : **17 €**

Discounts / Groups: **13 €**

Schools: **9.5 €**

gardens not included

Adults : **14.5 €**

Discounts / Groups: **11.5 €**

Schools: **8 €**

Prices include VAT: 10% VAT on admission.

Groups rates for 20 people and over.

Free admission: Adult groups: 1 guide

School groups: 1 adult for every 10 pupils

Children under 8 / Coach drivers

AVIGNON TOURISME

LICENSED GUIDES

Prices VAT 20 % included

Admission to monuments not included

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS NOT INCLUDED)

• TOUR OF BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

Week Days **145 €** - Sundays **180 €**

Public Holiday **230 €**

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES' GARDENS

Week Days **120 €** - Sundays **150 €**

Public Holiday **200 €**

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS INCLUDED)

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS NOT INCLUDED) AND BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS NOT INCLUDED), BRIDGE OF AVIGNON AND OLD TOWN

Week Days **195 €** - Sundays **240 €**

Public Holiday **325 €**

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS INCLUDED) AND OLD TOWN

• TOUR OF PALACE OF THE POPES (GARDENS INCLUDED) AND BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

Week Days **235 €** - Sundays **300 €**

Public Holiday **360 €**

• HD TOUR (3 HOURS)

Old Town or Theme Tours or Museums

Week Days **195 €** - Sundays **240 €**

Public Holiday **325 €**

• FD TOUR (6 HOURS)

Week Days **310 €** - Sundays **445 €**

Public Holiday **490 €**

PRICES FOR REGIONAL

PACKAGES WITH GUIDE

Tours in French, German, English, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian and Ukrainian

Prices include VAT (VAT 20%)

Admission to monuments not included. Full days = guide's lunch to be paid by customers (contact us).

Quote on request.

• HD TOUR (4 HOURS)

week days **235 €**

Sundays **300 €** - Public Holidays **360 €**

• FD TOUR (8 HOURS)

week days **420 €**

Sundays **520 €** - Public Holidays **660 €**

ADDITIONAL HOUR

week days **55 €**

Sundays **70 €** - Public Holidays **80 €**

PALACE OF THE POPES AND BRIDGE OF AVIGNON

4 November to 31 December

1st January to 29th February :

10am - 5pm

(Closes at 6pm during school holidays)

1st March to 3rd November :

9am - 7pm

Deadline for admission to ticket offices :
1h00 before the Palace of the Popes closes
and 30 minutes before
the Bridge of Avignon closes

SALES TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR GUIDED VISITS (in 10 languages)

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Total amount will be billed for confirmed services without cancellation 48 hours before visit, degressive partial billing up to 8 days before the visit.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VISITORS PER GUIDE

Adult groups: 40 people

School groups: 30 pupils

In the region (by coach): 50 people per guide, including group leaders.

Prices given in this document are for information purposes only.

They do not have contractual value.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF VISIT INSIDE THE POPES' PALACE

you want to visit the Popes'Palace on your own with a headset

- Go to the cash desk of the Popes'Palace –Pont d'Avignon or at the gift shop of the Tourist Office, and buy your tickets, those ones are subjected to availability of the time slot (a time slot is recommended)
- You can book your ticket on Avignon tourisme website www.avignon-tourisme.com
- You can book your ticket by calling +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74

You want to visit the Popes Palace with your personal tourist guide who holds his European Tour guide certificate (this certificate must be delivered by the high authority of one of European Community members)

For groups from 1 to 8 people + your personal tour guide

- Go to the cash desk of the Popes'Palace –Pont d'Avignon or at the gift shop of the Tourist Office, buy your tickets, those ones are subjected to availability of the time slot (a time slot is recommended)
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- You can book your tickets by calling +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74

For groups from 9 to 19 people + your personal tour guide

- If your personal tour guide conducts the tour inside the monument an additional fee will be requested for the right of speech : 25 euros for the visit of the Popes'Palace – 25 euros for the visit of Pont d'Avignon – 40 euros for the visit of the two monuments.
- Go to the cash desk of the Popes'Palace –Pont d'Avignon or at the gift shop of the Tourist Office and buy your tickets, those ones are subjected to availability of the time slot (a time slot is recommended)
 - You can book your tickets on Avignon tourisme website www.avignon-tourisme.com
 - You can book your tickets by calling +33 (0)4 32 74 32 74
 - You can pay the right of speech on the spot, the day of the visit. No need to book the right of speech in advance, the purchase of the ticket only guarantees the time slot.

For groups from 20 people + your personal tour guide (groups are limited to 40 people per guide)

- If your personal tour guide conducts the tour inside the monument an additional fee will be requested for the right of speech : 25 euros for the visit of the Popes'Palace – 25 euros for the visit of Pont d'Avignon – 40 euros for the visit of the two monuments. The right of speech fee is requested to every tour guide.
- Go to the cash desk of the Popes'Palace –Pont d'Avignon and buy your tickets, those ones are subjected to availability of the time slot (a time slot is recommended)
 - You can book your tickets via the group incoming department
Mail : groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com
Phone : +33 (4)90 27 50 50
 - You can pay the right of speech on the spot, the day of the visit. No need to book the right of speech in advance, the purchase of the ticket only guarantees the time slot.

You want to visit the Popes'Palace with a blue badged Tour guide of Avignon Tourisme

- Please contact the Incoming group service
Mail : groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com
Phone : +33 (4) 90 27 50 50

Our tariffs include all taxes – VAT 20% (Entrance fees of the monuments are not included)

Popes Palace (without the gardens) OR Pont d'Avignon:
Week 145 € - Sunday 180 € - Bank holidays 230 €

Popes Palace (without the gardens) + Pont d'Avignon:
Week 195 € - Sunday 240 € - Bank holidays 325 €



AVIGNON

committed !

A unique and outstanding ambition is fuelling Avignon's transformation. Its inspiring revival has seen Avignon earn countless accreditations and awards, most of which reflect the city's focus on the environment, that fuel its energy and appeal.

TOURISME & HANDICAP

The state's Tourisme et Handicap accreditation acknowledges a business's commitment to inclusion and guarantees appropriate disabled facilities. It is awarded to tourism companies involved in a quality process focusing on making leisure activities and holidays accessible to everyone. The label is renewed every 3 years.



We are approved for all 4 impairments: motor, visual, auditory and mental.

Visit our special page to explore Avignon no matter your impairment. You can download our accessibility guide. A full guide about accessibility at our monuments, museums, experiences, guided tours and so much more!



Accueil Vélo

Accueil Vélo is a French brand that guarantees hospitality and first class services along bike paths for cyclists on holiday. The label is renewed every 3 years.

We provide information and free resources to visitors: detailed pamphlets, regional maps and free equipment (pump, e-bike charger and repair kit).

Please visit our special page for further information. You can also download our Avignon à Vélo guide. A complete guide for cycling in and around Avignon!



"2024 Land of Games"

by the Paris 2024 Olympics Committee for the council's countless sports facilities (the Stade Nautique's 50m heated pool, Plaine des Sports, Halles Sportives Géricoud, Stade Gillardeaux etc.)

that won over the jury.



AVIGNON 2025 LAND OF CULTURE

Celebrating Avignon's 25th anniversary of being the European Capital of Culture is the perfect opportunity for the city and its cultural figures to bring culture to the masses and invite locals and visitors to become ambassadors. Artists and locals will spend 4 years making all forms of artistic expression mainstream.

New cultural and heritage sites will open to boost Avignon's cultural identity and appeal to tourists.

www.avignon.fr



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