SPRING

Goat's cheese

(March-June)

Poppies

(May-June)

Lavenders

and lavandin

(mid-June to

mid-July)

And Provence is now also reputed for its white and red wines, so give them a try...

- Two famous appellations to be found in our domains:
- · Côtes de Provence
- Coteaux Varois en Provence and their Wine House in La Celle

Professionals from the Vignobles & Découvertes label, 1st national label for wine tourism, welcome you for your stays and activities.

- · Vineyards on Stage (mid-October): unusual activities in the heart





Goat's cheese (July-Sept) Purple Perdrigon, the plums from

SUMMER

**Brignoles** (August) Grape harvest (August-Sept)

(Oct-Nov) Saffron (Oct-Nov)



The hinterland of the Var is a perfect setting for breathing deeply in green surroundings and enjoying outdoor activities, ideally off-season.



### THREE PARKS AND WORLD-FAMOUS NATURAL SITES!

- Sainte Baume Regional Nature Park
- Verdon Regional Nature Park
- Grand Site de France Concors-Sainte-Victoire

### YOU ENJOY.. Hiking?

A NATURE ESCAPADE

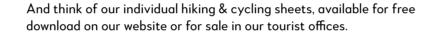
Ask for our hiking map, to see 65 walks at a glance and find inspiration. For more details:

- The special hiking map "Around the Sainte Baume mountain"
- Individual sheets of the main hikes

For sale in our tourist office or online

Ask for our Cyclotourism & Moutain bike map, to see 45 rides according to your level. For more details:

- A 45 km stretch of the Mediterranean by Bike-EV8, between Rians and Pontevès.
- The Provence Verdon mountain bike base, and its 52 routes between plateaus, lakes and the Verdon gorges.
- Professionals with the Accueil Vélo label welcome you with bicycle shelters, reception and adapted services.



# Swimming and boating?

- Water sports bases await you from Correns (canoeing), from the lake of Esparron to Saint Julien Plage (canoeing, paddleboarding, electric boats), from the Quinson lake to Montmeyan (canoeing, paddleboarding, electric boats, pedalos)
- Keep in mind the Aquavabre **aquatic centre** in Brignoles or the municipal swimming pools in Barjols, Ginasservis, Rians and Saint Maximin La Sainte Baume.



### - The Vallon Sourn between

Chateauvert and Correns: Sensitive Natural Area. Pebble beaches in a green setting and swimming in the Argens. Caution: it is extremely busy in summer closed in case of fire risk, and parking is limited. Check in advance. It is best to visit outside of peak hours or off-season. Note also in Correns, a nice and free spot on the Argens awaits you at Parc de

- Find a spot on one of our many rivers. But make sure beforehand that it is authorized at the relevant town hall or tourist office. Please note: access to rivers is not monitored for safe

Our region is a Mecca for freshwater fishing, with a large lake in Carcès, with the Fishing House, more modest ponds and top-notch

Remember your permit. There are all kinds available: for amateurs, experts, ladies and children, for a day or the whole year. On sale in our tourist offices. Rods at the ready!

# Climbing?

5 spots and nearly 400 routes, from beginner to expert. Le Vallon Sourn & Val Obscur between Châteauvert and Correns, Les Béguines in Plan d'Aups, La Roquette in Correns, la Falaise de Brauch in Carcès and Sous la roche in Saint Julien le Montagnier Topoguide for sale in our tourist office or online



### AND ABOVE ALL, ADOPT THE RIGHT ATTITUDE AND BE RESPECTFUL OF NATURE!

First of all, check the closure of natural sites in summer at www.meteo.provenceverteverdon.fr

# A SPIRITUAL ESCAPADE



Are you a fan of architecture and history? Do you like visiting cultural sites? Whatever the season, you can visit the three shrines and experience all their richness.

# SAINT MARY MAGDALENE BASILICA

# Saint Maximin La Sainte Baume

The biggest Gothic edifice in Provence has looked down over the city since the 13th century. This secret refuge of treasures and history is considered the 3<sup>rd</sup> most important Christian tomb. It contains the relics of St Mary Maadalene.

-: Go down the few steps leading to the Crypt and live a unique experience in the presence of the saint's relics.

# **SAINT MARY MAGDALENE GROTTO**

# Plan d'Aups Sainte Baume

After arriving in Provence, Mary Magdalene chose to spend the last 30 years of her life in Sainte Baume. A 45-minute pilgrim's walk takes you to a natural cave dug out of the cliff.

🕂 : Continue along the path as far as the summit and Saint Pilon chapel. At an altitude of over 1000 meters, look down over the sea and the much-loved hills of Provence.

# **SANCTUARY OUR LADY OF GRÂCES**

# Cotignac

The village of Cotignac looks like a Provençal nativity scene. Two apparitions took place here: of the Virgin Mary in 1519 and Saint Joseph in 1660. Today, it is called the Village of the Holy Family.

+ : Just as King Louis XIV did when he visited, you can follow the pilgrim's path through the pine forest and walk up the King's Steps to the esplanade.



# 7 TOURIST OFFICES AT MY SERVICE

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Boulevard Grisolle | 04 94 77 20 01 barjols@provenceverteverdon.fr

# BRIGNOLES

Carrefour de l'Europe | 04 94 72 04 21 contact@provenceverteverdon.fr

# CARCÈS

11 place Bramadou | 04 94 04 59 76 carces@provenceverteverdon.fr

# COTIGNAC

Pont de la Cassole | 04 94 04 61 87 cotignac@provenceverteverdon.fr

# NANS LES PINS

2 cours Gal de Gaulle | 04 94 78 95 91 nanslespins@provenceverteverdon.fr

# PLAN D'AUPS SAINTE BAUME

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SAINT MAXIMIN LA SAINTE BAUME 51 rue G<sup>al</sup> de Gaulle | 04 94 59 25 89

saintmaximin@provenceverteverdon.fr

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# **AND OUR RELAYS** Tourist Information Points, for a local welcome in the villages

· Espace Tourisme & Découverte in Le Val · Germain Nouveau Media Library in Pourrières

# AT THE TOURIST OFFICE, I CAN BOOK MY:

# · Theme weekend

- · Group tour
- · Tickets for a show
- · Leisure activities

# www.ProvenceVerte.co.uk

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- Art & Wine (May to October): artists install their works or perform in cellars, wineries, or in the middle of the vineyards in the Southern
- of vineyards and Vignobles & Découvertes destinations throughout

### A WHOLE REGION OF **WONDERS & DELIGHTS**

Goat's cheese, oils & olives, Provençal honey, local beer, aromatic herbs.



# Flowering or production of our emblematic products or plants

**AUTUMN** Goat's cheese

Quince



**WINTER** 

Olive oil

# (Oct-Nov)

# HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Choose from 80 offers of things you can do on foot, on horseback, on 2 wheels, by boat, under the stars, with butterflies, exploring our villages and museums, tasting wines or olive oil, a visit to

An exclusive offer from the Tourist Office: we take care of everything and give you gifts with discounts, bonuses and exclusive offers galore.







# WITH OUR LEISURE GUIDE

# Looking for something fun to do?

Porquerolles or to the Calanques.





# baludik WITH OUR DIGITAL TRAIL GAMES

# On your screens, ready? Play! With family, as a couple or with friends, set off on an adventure with Nine, our intrepid gecko!

Discover the treasures of our region with FREE treasure hunts you can download to your mobile phone. Along each route, follow the clues and complete the challenges to explore the heritage around you.

# HOW TO INSTALL BALUDIK? · Scan the QR Code with your

internet access not required

See you at the starting point!

smartphone

Install the **FREE** Baludik application Select your route. Once downloaded.

# GAMES AVAILABLE

Sacred hike in Sainte Baume Plan d'Aups Sainte Baume

Panic at the Mine Tourves

The Sanctuary through the ages

The Treasure of the Templars

Montfort-sur-Argens

# Strange discovery of the Basilica Saint Maximin la Sainte Baume



# DIARY OF KEY EVENTS



### **JANUARY**

Saint Marcel's Day (traditional feast) Barjols

Saint Vincent's Day (winegrowers' festival) - Saint Maximin La Sainte Baume

### **FEBRUARY**

Les Boucles du Haut-Var (bike racing)

### **APRIL**

Mad Jacques (discovery trek)  $Bras \rightarrow Rians$ 

Exhibition-fair - Brignoles

# **Medieval Fair**

Saint Maximin La Sainte Baume

The Var nature week

# MAY

Var Provence Verte Marathon

Brignoles

Civil Security Open Days

Brignoles

# **JUNE**

Les Printemps du Monde Festival

(world music) - Correns

Les Trans-Piades (MTB ride) St Julien le Montagnier or Ginasservis

Jazz Festival - Brignoles

# Néoules Festival

(world music) - Néoules

St. Mary Magdalene's Feast Saint Maximin La Sainte Baume

# **JULY-AUGUST**

Les Toiles du Sud Festival

(outdoor cinema) - Cotignac **Musical Evenings of Abbey** 

(classical) - La Celle

**Musical Nights** (classical) - Mazaugues En Voûtes music concerts (classical)

Saint Martin de Pallières

# **MARKETS**



# **TUESDAY**

Cotignac (80) Garéoult (100) Tourves (20)

# **WEDNESDAY**

St Maximin La Ste Baume (110)

# **THURSDAY**

La Roquebrussanne (5) La Verdière (5) Néoules (5) Tavernes (7) Varages (2)

# **FRIDAY**

Entrecasteaux (15) Forcalqueiret (5) La Celle (3) Le Val (15) Montmeyan (12) Pourrières (9) Rians (3)

# **AUGUST**

# Les Médiévales

(medieval festival)- Brignoles

Cotignac Rock Village - Cotignac

Saint Eloi Feast

(traditional feast) - Nans les Pins

The Bouchon de Tourves (reconstruction of the famous traffic jam on the National Road 7) Tourves - Every second year (odd years)

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sausage Fair - Le Val Chickpea Fair - Rougiers

# **OCTOBER**

Chestnut and Local Produce Fair Camps la Source

**Quince Festival** - Cotignac

Pumpkin Feast - Rians

**Santon Fair** - Brignoles

La Ruée des Fadas (obstacle race)

Brignoles

Vineyards on Stage

## **NOVEMBER** Santon Fair - Saint Maximin

**DECEMBER** 

The Provence Pastoral Nans les Pins and Le Val



# **SATURDAY**

Brignoles (140) Carcès (25) Garéoult - Farmers' market (10) Plan d'Aups Ste Baume (7) Rians (15) St Julien le Montagnier (25) Saint Maximin la Ste Baume

# **SUNDAY**

Farmers' market (5)

Barjols (27) Bras (6) Méounes Les Montrieux (10) Nans Les Pins (30) Rocbaron - Fray Redon District (40) Rougiers (10) St Maximin La Ste Baume (5)



(X) maximum number of exhibitors This figure may be lower in winter or in bad weather.