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Cosquer Cave replica at the Villa Méditerranée



WELCOME TO A PROVENCE EXPERIENCE IN THE BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE

When we promise our visitors a Provence experience, we promise them a Provence dreams are made of; a place we want them to remember forever. Spectacular natural sites and heritage, striking contrasts between town and country, a multi-faceted personality, a multicultural identity, an inspiring quality of light and refreshingly simple encounters. We promise an experience that will stay in their minds and spur them to return and linger longer.

In the Bouches-du-Rhône, travel rhymes with marvel, new discoveries are authentic and sincere, and the welcome is generous. Experiencing Provence to the full means enjoying insider tips on the best deals and top addresses, and opting to live awhile like a local, in respect of the local traditions and gorgeous environment. It is an opportunity to break the mould and embrace greater happiness, where excitement, relaxation, learning and passion have pride of place.

When we promise our visitors the Provence experience, we ultimately promise them the keys to understanding this land legends are made of.



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ACCOMMODATION

Farmhouses, ranches, cottages, town houses, country houses and vineyards...

Provençal hospitality comes in many shapes and forms. What's more, our accommodation providers are firmly committed to preserving our stunning environment.

HOTELS

Domaine de Valmouriane in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Domaine de Valmouriane opened recently after two years of refurbishment work. Ideally located in the Alpilles Regional Nature Reserve, this five-star hotel offering 25 rooms and suites plus gastronomic cuisine, a spa and sumptuous landscaped gardens, promises a unique nature holiday steeped in a welcoming, casual atmosphere. www.domainedevalmouriane.com

Hotel du Parc, Arles

This intimate hotel with 11 rooms, set inside the Luma Foundation's "Parc des Ateliers", offers spectacular views over the dazzling Frank Gehry Tower and its ever-changing light reflections. Guests enjoy a variety of eating options, including the Drum Café, Réfectoire, Café du Parc and Terrasse des Forges. A unique artistic, architectural and environmental project, and the only one of its kind in Europe. www.luma.org

GUEST ROOMS

Maison Vincent, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

Set in the city centre, "Vincent's place" is a two-room apartment with a fully-fitted mezzanine. A pleasant terrace overlooks the roofs, church and Mont Ventoux. Decorated by Maison Vincent - a concept store inspired by the world of Vincent Van Gogh located on the ground floor -, this little hideaway is an ode to culture, art and fashion.

www.alpillesenprovence.com/fiches/maison-vincent-2/

Mas de l'Ange, Etang de Vaccarès, Camargue

Freshly-renovated by Sandrine, Jean-Yves and their two daughters, Mas de l'Ange nestles in the heart of the Camargue, at the foot of Etang de Vaccarès - a natural, 22-km lake - and offers 5 guest rooms plus a self-catering gite with top-of-the-range services. This warm and refined establishment is also dedicated to breathing new life into the surrounding outdoor spaces and saltmarshes while honouring the environment.

www.masdelangeduvaccares.com

ACCOMMODATION

GUEST ROOMS



Maison Fragonard



Mas de l'Ange



Casa Youm

Les Suites Saint Pierre, Istres

Two top-of-the-range suites set in gorgeous natural surroundings, combining luxury, charm and discretion. The bed, bathtub and terrace boast 180 degree vistas spanning the prettiest banks of Etang de Berre - Europe's largest sea lake - and changing colours of Sainte-Victoire mountain. Relaxation, stand-up paddleboarding, walking, bathing in wild coves and sampling local gastronomy on the marina are just some of the countless activities on offer just nearby. www.facebook.com/Lessuitessaintpierre/

Maison Fragonard, Arles

Fragonard has chosen to set down its bags in Arles at 7-9, Rue du Palais, a stone's throw from the city's famous Roman Amphitheatre and Roman Theatre. This unique new venue combines a ground floor boutique and upper floor guest house. The six rooms and suites reflect the Provençal spirit so dear to Fragonard and feature lovingly-restored traditional "tomette" terracotta floor tiles, garnet marble fireplaces and white plaster medallions. The three floors are topped with a terrace boasting breathtaking vistas over the rooftops of Arles. www.fragonard.com

Maison Tara Verte, Arles

Tucked away in the Arles countryside, at Mas de Montredon, this guest house offers 5 tastefully-decorated rooms, a wellbeing space and large, tree-filled grounds topped with a permaculture vegetable garden and small farm.

www.maison-taraverte-arles.com

Casa Youm, Marseille

Overflowing with Provence's inimitable lifestyle, this guest house serving casual table d'hôte meals nestles on a hillside in the Estaque quarter, at the gateway to the Côte Bleue beaches. The two bedrooms and suite offer top-of-the-range services plus terraces gazing out over the Bay of Marseille, and are decorated in a blend of styles reflecting the Tunisian and Franco-Italian cultures of the owners - a delightful husband-and-wife team.

www.casayoum.com

A confidential address in Cassis

Journalist and food photographer Magali Ancenay is the talent behind the new "Suites 23" B&B welcoming up to 10 guests, set facing the impressive Cape Canaille in the village of Cassis. Designed to reflect Magali's passion for gastronomy and decoration, guests will get a chance to take part in culinary workshops paying homage to the French art of decoration, kitchens and tableware. www.quatresaisonsaujardin.com

Mas des Monges, Tarascon

Brimming with history, Mas des Monges is a pretty, 18th-century Provençal farmhouse, surrounded by 7.5 acres of woodland at the foot of the Montagnette hills. Cradled by the lilting sound of chirping cicadas, this gorgeous retreat, where generations of the same family have been rubbing shoulders for 50 years, offers two spacious, 35 m² bedrooms, plus a charming, 85m² apartment. Prolong the pleasure at the showroom, showcasing a fabulous range of creations by Provençal artisans. www.masdemonge.com

OUR TOP PICK - GOING GREEN



Lodges de Camargue, Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône

Ideally located on the banks of the Grand Rhône river, facing the ViaRhôna cycle route and Plage Napoleon beach road, the "Lodges de Camargue" were designed and built with ecology in mind. The 9 eco-friendly lodges, resembling wood cabins on stilts, blend seamlessly into this beautiful area where nature still rules. The complex even produces 90% of its own energy needs thanks to solar panels installed on the roofs of most of the lodges, while the swimming pond, embellished with numerous plant species, uses a natural water filtration system, promising a delightfully relaxing dip free from harmful products.

www.lodgesdecamargue.com



GASTRONOMY

Since 2019, the Bouches-du-Rhône's gastronomic traditions have been the driving force for a multitude of major festive events unveiling the know-how behind our generous and sunny cuisine, local artisan products and passionate, committed men and women.

Our green initiatives will be going forth and multiplying even more in 2022, encouraging eco-aware gastronomy from field to plate!



After the success of the MPG2019 (Marseille Provence Gastronomie 2019) Gastronomic Year in Provence initiative, with its impressive 1,000 events and 2 million participants, topped with special efforts to support restaurants in 2020 and the relaunch of major events in 2021, MPG is back this year for its 4th edition!

Spearheaded by the Bouches-du-Rhône Area Council and Aix-Marseille-Provence Metropolitan Council, and fronted by Provence Tourisme, MPG has been breathing new life into Provence's food scene since 2019. Overflowing with festive, popular events paying homage to Provence's rich gastronomic heritage, it has brought tradition back into the limelight and placed the quest for excellence within everyone's reach.

MPG will be continuing to unite the Bouches-du-Rhône's gastronomy geniuses in 2022, around a variety of original creations and artistic or festive concepts produced by Provence Tourisme, for the greatest pleasure of locals and visitors alike.

A FEW OF THE YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS*:

- **Pizza Festival** in spring,
- **Street Food Festival** in summer,
- **Grand Repas banquet** in autumn.

Among the biggest successes in 2019 and 2021, our "**dîners insolites**" novel dinners will be continuing to astonish the public throughout July, with a host of new venues and new chefs promising an unforgettable and even more demanding 3rd edition, exalting local produce.

Don't miss a second! www.mpgastronomie.fr

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* May be subject to change

NEW ADDRESSES

Marseille

Located at the city's trendy, revamped Docks venue, **Food Cub**, launched in October 2021, is a new concept combining a business incubator and food corner. A hand-picked selection of seven entrepreneurial cooks benefit from a showcase at the Docks at a friendly rate for a period of 10 months, to help them grow their clientele. On the menu: French-style kebabs, Genoese focaccias, chef's cuisine in jars, a fine dining corner, health food restaurant, Caribbean and solidarity cuisine, plus the Refugee Food Festival guest chef showcasing Ethiopian specialties at Fidèle Traiteur.

An authentic seafood bistro has also opened near Marseille's Old Port. **Coquille** - courtesy of chef Jules Mollaret - is the new favourite haunt for fish and shellfish fans.

Things are smelling good on Rue de Lodi: Marseille's thoroughfare is now adorned with gastronomic must-dos including **Café La Muse**, a Parisian-style brasserie boasting an excellent selection of wines; **Lodi Local**, a farmers' grocery store favouring local producers and short circuits; **Provisions**, a multilingual cookery and gastronomy bookstore-come-delicatessen and nearby **Copains** wining & dining cellar.

Libala is the baby of fervent foodies Mathilde and Hugues Mbenda, chef at Le Jardin de l'Orphéon in Marseille. This nurturing establishment welcomes hungry punters for lunch, snacks and beverages in the beating heart of Marseille. Their healthy and delicious juices, concocted by the chefs creative mind and talented hands, are an absolute must.

Various new addresses shining the spotlight on female chefs opened in late 2021, including **Regain** by young chef Sarah Chougnat on Rue Saint-Pierre in the 5th arrondissement and **Catherine** by Marie Dijon and her brigade on Cours Julien. Both chefs have presided over the Gastronomic Year in Provence "dîners insolites" novel dinners. At **La Maison des Nines** in Rue d'Aubagne, every room unveils a new surprise: a kitchen for eating, a walk-in closet brimming with the latest fashions, a bathroom for perfumes and cosmetics, and dining room for private dinners and workshops.

VV Healty Living in the city's Pointe Rouge seaside quarter is a cosy and delicious new address for vegan brunches with sea views.

If you want to enjoy a bird's eye view of Marseille, hop over to the new Artplexe Canebière cinema housing the Brasserie Blum and Les Réformés restaurant - a rooftop venue set gazing out over Eglise des Réformés church -, or the **Ciel** rooftop restaurant serving lunches and brunches topped with panoramic vistas over Notre-Dame de la Garde basilica.

After Le Chardon in Arles and La Mercerie in Marseille, Julia Mitton, Harry Cummins and Laura Vidal have teamed up with young Marseille-born chef Valentin Raffali - the right-hand man of chef Harry Cummins for the last three years - to launch **Livingston**, a new organic wine bar-come-bistro in the Cours Julien quarter.

Aix-en-Provence & Pays d'Aix

Sauvage is THE new up-and-coming gastronomic address in downtown Aix.

Quentin Durand is the new chef of the **Orangerie** restaurant at the sumptuous Château de Fonscolombe, a charming hotel and vineyard set on a time-honoured estate - the former property of the aristocratic Saporta family - in Puy-Sainte-Réparate.

Chef Matthieu Dupuis Baumal never ceases to surprise us. A fervent Japan buff, he has joined forces with Japanese chef Kazunari Noda to create **Kaiseki**, a new, 100% Japanese address at Château de la Gaude paying tribute to the cuisine of Kyoto. This gourmet restaurant, where everything is lovingly curated down to the minutest detail, also serves sushi and Japanese street food.

Maison Française in Aix has expanded into a magnificent address encompassing a restaurant, tea room and boutique, based on an innovative concept: it brings together the very best of French gastronomy and tableware, and exports it throughout the world.

Les **Halles 1889** in Eguilles is a 900 m² covered market offering a mouth-watering line-up of food shops: an Italian delicatessen, vegetable shop, wood-fired rotisserie, fish and shellfish, plus a chic, buzzing bistro, combined café and pastry shop, traditional Aix "calisson" candy maker and range of gourmet workshops.

Arles

Focusing on a carefully-curated selection of unique and original dishes from Arles, **La Cachette** a cosy eatery created by talented chef Marjorie, has several hats: at lunchtimes, Marjorie revisits the humble sandwich with Challah bread traditionally eaten on Shabbat and cuisine made with locally-sourced ingredients, while Friday is mezze night...

Located in a gorgeous, 18th-century stone building in the centre of Arles, **L'Oriel**, on Rue du Forum, serves gourmet, entirely homemade French cuisine. Local producers - market gardeners, butchers, fishmongers and even cheese makers - have pride of place here.

Tucked away in Arles' historic quarter, between the arena and Luma Foundation, **L'Aire** is a restaurant-come-art gallery serving a combination of gourmet and cultural delights in a creative and welcoming atmosphere..

La Ciotat

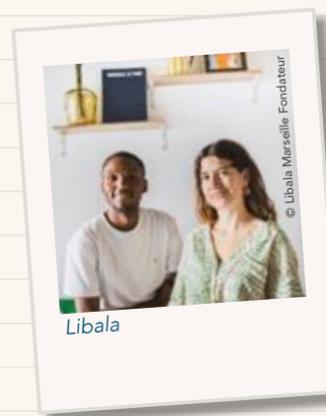
After a very successful first year for Léa and Thomas Lecointe's Maison Acacia B&B, the dynamic duo have now launched the **Café Acacia**. Savour a delicious cup of coffee with a homemade cake before perusing the tempting display of decorative items, craftwork and fresh produce, all against a backdrop of the couple's favourite playlist. A great stop-off before heading to the shores of La Ciotat for a spot of sunbathing.

Alpilles

Court-circuit in Saint-Rémy-de-Provence is an inspiring organic and vegan restaurant, giving pride of place to delicious, healthy food. The cuisine is seasonal and made with locally-sourced produce. What's more, it sports the "Engagé Anti-Gaspi" anti-waste commitment label.

Cassis

Set inside a beautiful old house (now a listed monument) in a lane in the old quarter of Cassis, crowned with a novel decor and chic, relaxed ambience, **Ô rêv** is a brand-new eatery serving creative, beautifully-presented cuisine focusing on fish. A genuine treat for the eyes and tastebuds.



Libala



Café Acacia



Soupe au pistou

GASTRONOMY

PRODUCERS



Château Bonisson



The Petit Roman



Mx

Château Bonisson, a new AOP Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence vineyard, is enriching the Pays d'Aix wine tourism offering with a tour of its vines and tasting cellar, plus a contemporary arts centre dedicated to artistic promotion and research.
www.bonisson.com

Garagai pastis is an artisan pastis made with around twenty plants and fresh flowers: lemon balm, savory, thyme, dill, fennel flowers, peppermint, oregano and bay leaf, all gathered by Maixent Dubois around Sainte-Victoire mountain. Savour a sip of this delicious elixir for a voyage to the sweet-scented, sunny garrigue, redolent with the sound of chirping cicadas!
www.distillerie-garagai.fr

EXPERIENCES

TOWN - Dive into a uniquely immersive experience at this novel venue dedicated to the world of pastis, recently opened at the Docks in Marseille.
Mx by Pernod Ricard comprises 4 spaces instilled with the scents of Provence, offering tours, tasting sessions and workshops: a Pastis museum, shop, pastis bar and restaurant complete with a boules court. In addition to its immersive museum, Mx is a great place to hunt down local produce, savour an aniseed (or other) cocktail and sample an ever-changing menu courtesy of Provencal cuisine-loving chefs.
www.mxmarseille.com

COUNTRY - The **Petit Roman** stables offer gourmet horse rides showcasing locally-sourced artisan produce. You can opt for a half day, full day or longer trek, including bivouacking in summer. Trained by Navajo Indians, Sébastien and his team plunge riders into the palpating atmosphere of the Wild West, at the heart of the Alpilles Regional Nature Reserve.
www.randochevalalpilles.com

LA VALLÉE DE LA GASTRONOMIE - FRANCE ©

The Bouches-du-Rhône area is part of the **Vallée de la Gastronomie - France ©** (Gastronomy Valley): a never-before-seen collaboration between two regions and two local areas - Burgundy-Franche-Comté, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, Bouches-du-Rhône and Gard – to promote a new, international-level gourmet destination around the Saône and Rhône valleys. Its ambition: to offer a range of remarkable gourmet experiences, satisfying the quest for authenticity of today's travellers. From tours of Burgundy vineyards to authentic "calisson" candy tasting and discovering the secrets of truffle farming, visitors enjoy meeting a wide range of passionate men and women dedicated to growing, elaborating and preparing France's gastronomic treasures. www.valleedelagastronomie.com

OUR TOP PICK - GOING GREEN



Domaine du Temps Perdu in Mouriès
Abandoned since 1956, this ecosystem farm spanning 30 acres was blessed with a new lease of life in March 2020 and is now planted with olive trees, almond trees, fruit trees and vegetables. The farm is currently in-conversion to organic farming and is looking forward to obtaining the coveted AOP (Protected Designation of Origin) label for its Vallée des Baux olive oil. Not to be missed!
www.domainedutempsperdu.fr



NATURE

The Bouches-du-Rhône area promises never-ending changes of scenery, all within arm's reach, from the arid garrigue of the Garlaban hills to the peaks of the Alpilles, views as far as the eye can see, cliffs suspended over azure waters and endless stretches of sand winding along the coast of Camargue...

Explore this land of many faces to your heart's content thanks to our new hiking and cycling trails.

NEW BOOKING SYSTEM FOR CALANQUE DE SUGITON FJORD

FROM MARCH 2022

The Calanques National Park has attracted such huge crowds in the last two summer seasons (over 3,000 people a day in July and August 2021) that it has now decided to implement a free daily booking system, the first of its kind in a national park. The new system will initially only apply to Calanque de Sugiton, one of the Park's most popular fjords as it is fairly easy to reach. A maximum of 300 people a day will be able to stroll through the fjord, with checkpoints at all accesses (especially the main access on the Luminy campus). The aim of the booking system is to reduce the number of visitors and hence better protect the fjord's flora and fauna, trampled by sometimes-disrespectful walkers (litter, excessive noise, etc.). Please check the website for details on how to book.

www.calanques-parcnational.fr

MAN & NATURE TRAIL AT LES MARAIS DU VIGUEIRAT

Inaugurated during the World Wetlands Days (January 29th - February 28th, 2022), the 2 km "Sentier Homme et Nature" trail offers walkers a taste of typical Camargue scenery and wildlife (bulls, horses, herons, birds of prey, storks, etc.) and explores the ties woven for generations between man and nature in this extraordinary land. Focusing on environmental protection, farming, traditional know-how, archaeological digs, eco-constructions, and cultural and artistic activities, the new trail comes in addition to the 6 km Sentiers de l'Étourneau trail that visitors can also enjoy exploring at their own pace. A new app will be on offer too, designed to facilitate identification, discovery and interpretation during the walk. Walkers will also enjoy a free guided tour of the trail during the World Wetlands Days. Open every day from 9 am to 5 pm. Entrance fee €6 (access to all trails).

www.marais-vigueirat.reserves-naturelles.org

NATURE



Sentier Homme et Nature

GR® 69 La Routo®

Sentier Canal du Verdon

GR® 69 LA ROUTO®, A NEW LONG-DISTANCE TRAIL

La Routo is a long-distance hiking trail launching in spring 2022, stretching almost 540 km between France and Italy, along the old transhumance paths used to move flocks from their summer to winter pastures. This magnificent trail introduces walkers to various aspects of pastoral farming, from the plains of Camargue and La Crau to Stura valley in Piedmont. It departs from Arles and crosses the towns and villages of Maussane-les-Alpilles, Aureille, Salon-de-Provence, Pelissanne, Eguilles, Aix-en-Provence and Vauvenargues in the Bouches-du-Rhone area. You'll also be able to purchase a special Topoguide® guidebook to accompany your adventure.

www.larouto.eu

NEW WATERSIDE HIKING TRAIL

The ancient Verdon canal in Peyrolles-en-Provence was used to irrigate the Pays d'Aix area for nearly a century. It was shut down in 1970, then underwent a major architectural, environmental and touristic rehabilitation project. Today, walkers can enjoy this new, 12 km discovery and hiking trail: a round trip comprising 2 itineraries crossing Peyrolles forest from East to West. The rehabilitation work also included the safeguarding and consolidation of various engineering structures. The canal's old galleries have been closed to preserve protected bat habitats, while new information panels now relate the history of the Verdon canal.

www.grandsitesaintevictoire.com

PAYS D'AUBAGNE, A NEW, MUST-DO OUTDOOR SPORTS HUB IN PROVENCE

Already appreciated by hiking enthusiasts, the Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Étoile area joined forces with the Rossignol group in October 2021 to launch the first Provence-Mediterranean Stations de Trail® and Nordik Walk® trails, together with an Espace R-Bikes® space. The offering includes around fifty outdoor activity trails (trail running, Nordic walking, cycling & hiking) and aims to become the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region's new base camp for outdoor sports. Promising to delight amateur sports fans and athletes alike, the trails cross three exceptional playgrounds: the Garlaban hills cherished by famous French author Marcel Pagnol, set gazing out over the Med, the ancient forests of the Sainte-Baume hills, and Sainte-Victoire mountain. You'll find the trails on the special apps developed by Rossignol Outdoor Experiences.

www.tourisme-paysdaubagne.fr/outdoor-experiences/

CAR-FREE IN CAMARGUE

Camargue's tourist offices now offer cycling and river guides, the latter designed primarily for recreational boaters. Devoted to sustainable tourism, Camargue is also committed to developing its tourism offering and welcoming new visitors, through a range of itineraries and services that help maintain local resources, strengthen social cohesion and preserve the lifestyle of the local inhabitants. www.myprovence.fr

OUR TOP PICK - GOING GREEN



2024 Olympics: eco-friendly and innovative new water sports

BlueWay™ Trott Camargue, a leisure centre based in Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, offers a variety of slow tourism Camargue tours, including all-terrain electric scooter hire and excursions, canoe hire and excursions on the Petit Rhône river, plus an exclusive, eco-friendly and 100% recyclable new concept: the BlueWay™ electric watercraft. Reaching speeds of up to 11 km/h, this very-stable board, suitable for ages 5 to 85 years, allows users to stand and stroll on water and is perfect for exploring the local environment at an easy-going pace. www.trottcamargue.com

Transparent kayak and step paddleboard Azurloc & Go in La Ciotat rents out transparent kayaks that allow you to paddle while observing the underwater world. Also very eco-friendly, the step paddleboard uses leg power to propel the board forwards (like a stepper). It is fitted with a handlebar for excellent stability, promising a sporty and picturesque adventure in one of the world's most beautiful bays! www.azurlocandgo.com



CULTURE

Deeply attached to its traditions, the Bouches-du-Rhône area offers cultural tourism in every shape and form, from prehistoric heritage to contemporary art, opera and electronic music festivals. In 2022, the Bouches-du-Rhône is expanding its museum offering with the opening of a stunning replica of the Cosquer Cave at the Villa Méditerranée in Marseilles.

NEW PAUL RICARD MUSEUM AT DOMAINE DE MÉJANES

The first Museum dedicated to the fabulous destiny of Paul Ricard has opened its doors at Domaine de Méjanès. Revamped by Paul Ricard's daughter Michèle Ricard, the estate is a genuine concentrate of Camargue, with bull and horse shows starring the local "gardian" cowboys, a tourist train weaving between land and lakes, horse riding, gypsy caravan lodgings, two restaurants and a shop selling local produce. The museum offers a fascinating dive into the story of the great entrepreneur and activist Paul Ricard, closely tied to that of Camargue and its people.

www.mejanès-camargue.fr

OPENING OF THE LEE UFAN FOUNDATION IN ARLES

Famed for his extreme minimalism, South Korean contemporary artist Lee Ufan discovered Arles in 2012, at the time of the release of his first French monograph published by Actes Sud. He decided to set up his Foundation in the town and purchased the Hôtel Vernon, also referred to as the "Maison Dervieux", built between the 16th and 17th-centuries. The building's rehabilitation was entrusted to Japan's star architect Tadao Ando, who also designed a museum dedicated to Lee Ufan on the Japanese island of Naoshima. Opening in spring 2022, the foundation will feature the work of Lee Ufan, together with a bookshop, mediation spaces and reception areas.

www.leeufanfoundation.org



Rhône River



Musée Paul Ricard



Fondation Lee Ufan

A MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY MUSEUM IN SAINTES-MARIES-DE-LA-MER

The town of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer will be unveiling a new museum space in spring 2022.

The first section of the museum, devoted to maritime archaeology, will be showing objects unearthed during underwater digs off the coast of Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer from the 1980s, together with objects accidentally picked up by fishing nets. The area between the Rhône River and Mediterranean Sea was extremely busy between 5 BC and modern times, and numerous wrecks have been found there.

The Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer museum has also inherited the collections of the former Baroncelli museum, an official "Musée de France" dedicated to Camargue and, in particular, the life of the Marquis Folco de Baroncelli. Committed to defending Camargue's natural heritage and the language and traditions of Provence, the Marquis, considered as the father of Camargue's unique identity, spread the area's renown far and wide. The new museum layout brings the two collections together and offers a chronological insight into the history of Camargue, from the arrival of the first Greek and Etruscan settlers, to the Marquis' death in 1926.

Accessible to all, the Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer museum will be proudly presenting numerous local heritage treasures to the public for the very first time.

COSQUER CAVE, A SUNKEN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURE

The Cosquer Cave, located in Calanques National Park or, more precisely, in Calanque de la Triperie fjord at Cape Morgiou in Marseille's 9th arrondissement, near Cassis, was first inhabited 33,000 years ago. It was discovered by the diver Henri Cosquer in 1985 and revealed to the public in 1991. The cave features over 500 exceptional cave paintings, including world-unique depictions of marine animals such as penguins, seals and creatures reminiscent of jellyfish. Due to rising sea levels since the Eighties, this magnificent cave is now submerged and its entrance is located 37 metres below sea level.

It is the only prehistoric underwater cave in the world.

Its replica, based on the model of the Chauvet Cave, will offer the public an exciting insight into this inaccessible site, while preserving an archaeological heritage that is doomed to extinction and raising awareness of the impact of rising sea levels. After two and a half years of work by Kleber Roussillon, Eiffage and the Corinne Vezzoni architecture firm, the magnificent replica will be opening in June 2022 at the Villa Méditerranée - J4 Esplanade, in Marseille.

www.grotte-cosquer.com



Atelier scolaire © Kleber Roussillon



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CALENDAR

FROM JANUARY 2022

INSTALLATION "Lumière" Mucem, Marseille

Artists Angela Detanico and Rafael Lain have wrapped Fort Saint-Jean's Tour de Fanal tower in a radiant sky of sunshine and clouds, formed entirely using the word "Lumière", printed on tarpaulin. www.mucem.org

FROM MARCH 2022

EXHIBITION "Venise la sérénissime" Carrières de lumières, Les Baux-de-Provence

The "Carrières de Lumière" exhibition centre continues to explore the history of art with this new multimedia show dedicated to Venice, inviting audiences to roam along the Canal Grande and discover the mosaics adorning Saint Mark's Basilica. On a contemporary note, the accompanying short programme will be devoted to "Yves Klein, Infinite Blue".

www.carrieres-lumieres.com

UNTIL MARCH 22ND, 2022

EXHIBITION "Living room" Hôtel de Gallifet, Aix-en-Provence

Three series by three guest artists, offering the public a fascinating insight into multiple viewpoints, visual expressions and artistic worlds. This atypical arts centre harbours a restaurant serving refined homemade cuisine concocted with local produce, plus a tea room. It hosts regular events showcasing local creative talent.

www.hoteldegallifet.com

UNTIL MARCH 27TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Trésors de Venise - Collection Cini" Hôtel de Caumont, Aix-en-Provence

The Hôtel de Caumont is offering visitors a magical Venetian voyage courtesy of masterpieces from the Cini collection: one of the world's largest collections of ancient Italian art. Shown for the first time in France, the selection of 70 works gives centre stage to the aesthetic and cultural core of the collection, spanning the 14th to 18th centuries.

www.caumont-centredart.com

MARCH TO AUGUST 2022

EXHIBITION La Joconde, Palais de la Bourse de Marseille

The Palais de la Bourse is welcoming the Mona Lisa – or almost! Rest assured, the original work will remain safely tucked away inside the Louvre in Paris. Featuring a variety of virtual immersive and interactive workshops, this exhibition aims to answer the many mysteries surrounding this mythical work of art. Who was Mona Lisa? What was her relationship with the artist? And what made the painting such an incredible success?

APRIL 6TH TO AUGUST 22ND, 2022

EXHIBITION "Abd El-Kader" Mucem, Marseille

An exhibition paying homage to the extraordinary life of religious and military leader Abd El-Kader, founder of the Algerian State and forerunner of modern humanitarian law, and his immense historical and intellectual impact. www.mucem.org

UNTIL APRIL 24TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Perahim de l'avant-garde à l'épanouissement, de Bucarest à Paris" Musée Cantini, Marseille

The Musée Cantini is paying tribute to the singular career of Jules Perahim, one of the foremost painters of the avant-garde Surrealist movement in Romania in the 1930s.

www.musees.marseille.fr/musee-cantini

APRIL 29TH TO AUGUST 26TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Italia discreta" Musée Granet, Aix-en-Provence

An exhibition in partnership with the "Rencontres de la Photographie d'Arles" dedicated to photographer Bernard Plossu's work on the theme of Italy. The show will feature around a hundred mostly never-before-seen photos, covering the period from the late Seventies to 2017.

www.museegranet-aixenprovence.fr

UNTIL MAY 1ST, 2022

EXHIBITION "Souffler de son souffle" Fondation Vincent Van Gogh, Arles

www.fondation-vincentvangogh-arles.org

CALENDAR



Lumière



Festival d'Aix-en-Provence



Fondation Van Gogh

UNTIL MAY 15TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Marseille, de Port en Ports" Musée Regards de Provence, Marseille

An exhibition showcasing the exceptional geography of the Marseille coastline and its fjords, hills, islands and twenty or so ports, through the eyes of around sixty painters and photographers from various eras.

www.museeregardsofprovence.com

UNTIL MAY 15TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Gargareôn" d'Ugo Schiavi, Musée Réattu, Arles

Plunge into the heart of neo-mythology, where gargoyles mingle with plastic and human waste to form hybrid creatures and chimeras... Artist Ugo Schiavi, who spent several months in residence at the Musée Réattu, was deeply inspired by this history-packed site and the power of the adjacent Rhône River.

www.museereattu.arles.fr

MAY 5TH TO SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2022

EXHIBITION Raoul Dufy, Centre Caumont d'Aix-en-Provence

Featuring around 80 works, this exhibition of paintings, drawings, watercolours and ceramics, hosted in conjunction with Paris's Museum of Modern Art, explores every period of Raoul Dufy, with particular focus on the artist's close ties with the work of Cézanne from 1908 to 1914.

www.caumont-centredart.com

MAY 25TH TO MAY 30TH, 2022

FESTIVAL Festival de la Camargue et du Delta du Rhône

Local stakeholders actors, associations, environmentalists, photographers, naturalists, professionals, artists, scientists and public authorities will be joining forces again this year at the Camargue Festival to swap ideas and debate on the topics of nature and major environmental issues.

www.festival-camargue.fr

JUNE 10TH TO JUNE 12TH, 2022

MUSIC Festival Marsatac, Marseille

www.marsatac.com

JUNE 16TH TO JULY 11TH, 2022

DANCE Festival de Marseille

Held at the city's finest venues, this dance and music festival offers an exciting blend of international talent and original creations by local artists.

www.festivaldemarseille.com

JUNE 22ND TO OCTOBER 17TH, 2022

EXHIBITION "Pharaons superstars" Mucem, Marseille

Combining history and legend, this 5,000-year retrospective leads visitors on an exotic voyage exploring the exploits and, especially, posthumous rise to worldwide fame of the pharaohs. www.mucem.org

JUNE 23RD TO JUNE 26TH, 2022

COMPETITION Le Défi de Monte Cristo, Marseille

Created in 1999 and inspired by Edmond Dantès' mythical escape from Château d'If, the Monte Cristo Challenge is now Europe's biggest sea race, with 10,000 swimmers competing in 2021.

www.defimonte-cristo.com

JULY 4TH TO JULY 23RD, 2022

OPERA Festival International d'art lyrique d'Aix-en-Provence

A not-to-be-missed event for contemporary opera lovers, this year's edition will be featuring two world premieres, prestigious conductors leading exceptional orchestras and top stars from the worlds of theatre and opera, boasting some of today's finest voices.

www.festival-aix.com

JULY 2022

CINEMA FID, Marseille

This one-week event showcases around 150 films by directors from the world over. Screened throughout the City of Marseille, it attracts around 23,000 movie buffs.

www.fidmarseille.org

JULY 2022

MUSIC Marseille Jazz des 5 continents

www.marseillejazz.com

JULY 2022

MUSIC Les Suds, Arles

A popular and friendly week-long festival, featuring an exciting line-up of world music concerts by top international talents.

www.suds-arles.com

JULY 2022

COMPETITION Le Mondial La Marseillaise

Over 12,000 players will be battling it out again this year at the world's biggest petanque (boules) championship. Even amateur players get a chance to measure themselves against champions from around 20 countries. The Mondial is also a huge, popular celebration of petanque, free for spectators.

www.mondiallamarseillaiseapetanque.com

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022

FESTIVAL Les Rencontres de la photographie d'Arles

www.rencontres-arles.com

JULY 22ND TO AUGUST 19TH, 2022

MUSIC Festival de Piano de la Roque d'Anthéron

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the exceptional Roque d'Anthéron Piano Festival is benchmark on the international scene.

www.festival-piano.com

SEPTEMBER 2022

FOOD & WINE Les Vendanges étoilées, Cassis

3 days dedicated to gastronomy, beautiful tableware and fine AOC Cassis wines...

www.les-vendanges-etoilees.com

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2022

EXHIBITION "Requiem" de Lee Ufan, Les Alyscamps, and "Arles 1981-2021", Cloître Saint-Trophime, Arles

A superb line-up of installations and exhibitions celebrating the 40th anniversary of the city's UNESCO World Heritage listing.

OCTOBER 2022

FOOD & WINE "Fascinant Week-end", Pays d'Aix

Organized by Atout France, this delicious weekend event features yoga in the vines, musical evenings, gourmet hikes and heritage tours, hosted by holders of the prestigious "Vignobles et Découverte" Wine & Discovery label. www.fascinant-weekend.fr

OCTOBER 30TH, 2022

COMPETITION Le Marseille-Cassis

Starting out from the Orange Vélodrome stadium and ending in Cassis via Gineste mountain pass, this mythical half marathon welcomes over 20,000 runners from the four corners of the world and boasts breathtaking panoramic views.

www.marseille-cassis.com



PRATICAL INFO

Fancy doing a feature on the Bouches-du-Rhône, or trying out an address or Provence experience?

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The Bouches-du-Rhône area has been a leading French tourist destination for many years, clocking up nearly 41 million overnight stays, 8 million visitors and 28,600 tourism-related jobs.

Here at Provence Tourisme, our mission is to develop tourism while preserving the Bouches-du-Rhône's natural spaces (representing 50 % of our surface area), nurture the quality of life of our inhabitants – the destination's foremost ambassadors -, and enhance attractiveness while respecting our age-old identity.

Our job is to unite public and private tourism stakeholders behind a collective project, in the aim of expanding our tourism offering and spearheading new, meaningful marketing initiatives.

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