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LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

Between sky and rock



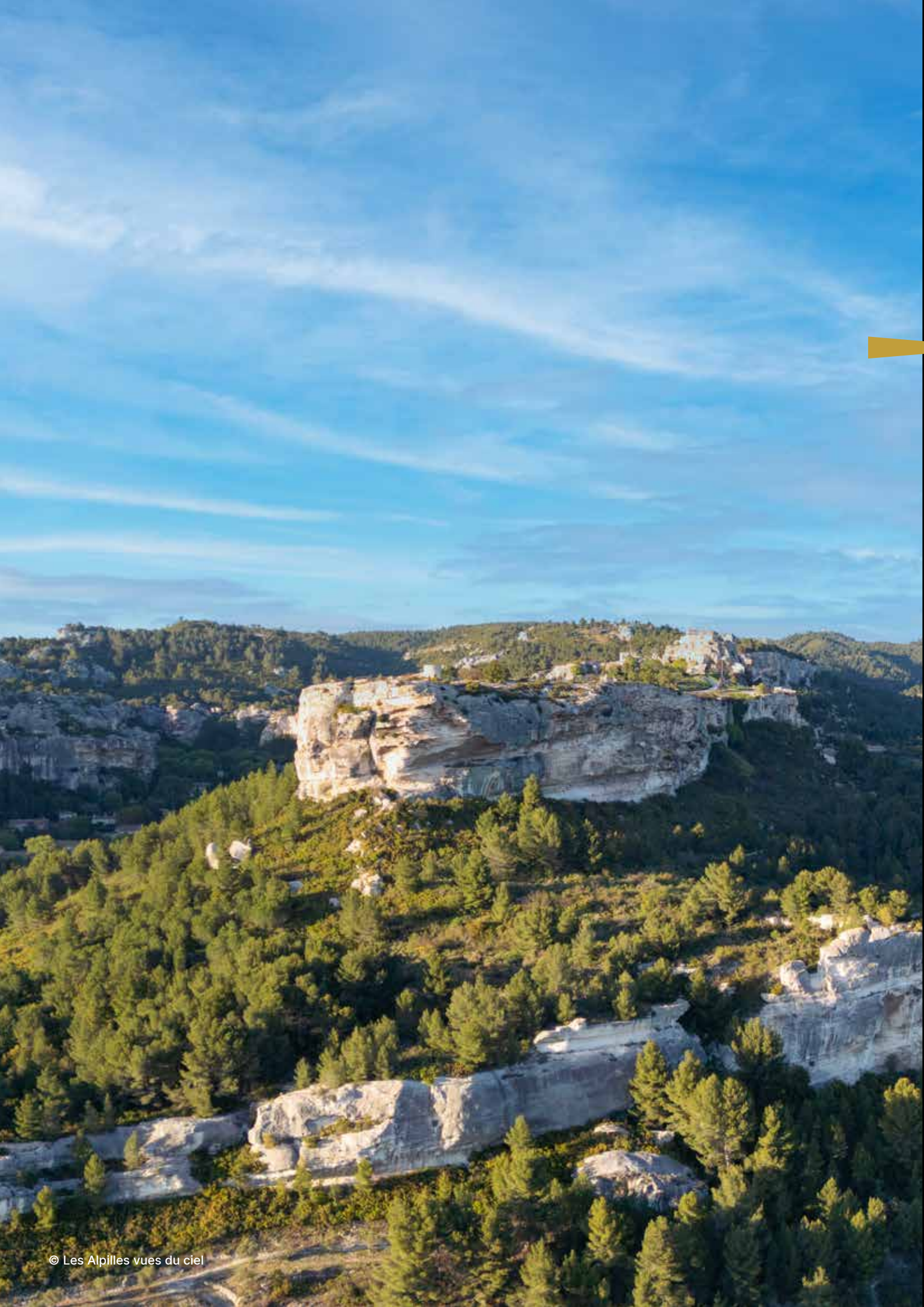
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## BETWEEN SKY AND ROCK

Les Baux-de-Provence, nestled in the sunny landscapes of the South of France, offer an authentic destination with many facets. This medieval town, perched on a cliff within the Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles, is a historical, artistic, and cultural treasure.

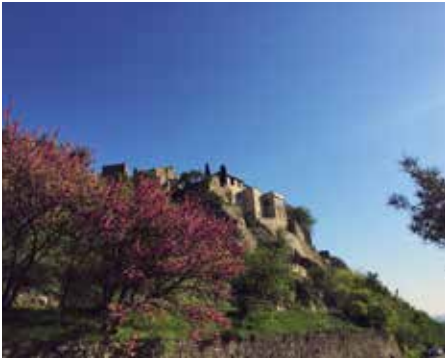
Deeply rooted in its glorious past, Les Baux-de-Provence invites you to explore the paths of history. From its majestic castle to its 22 listed monuments, and through its winding streets, the town reveals its secrets and stories to any visitor curious to discover it.

Your stroll becomes a culinary journey in this renowned gastronomic haven. With stars in your eyes, savor the flavors of the chefs and wines from the Vallée des Baux, all 100% organic. Queen of our valleys, our award-winning olive oil offers floral and spicy notes. Vineyards and olive groves give our landscapes that distinctive Provençal character, green and mineral, that has inspired many artists.

Jean Cocteau, cinematographer, poet and artist, engraver and typographer Louis Jou, painter Yves Brayer, dancer and choreographer Dominique Dupuy, and recently, pianist and composer André Manoukian—all have found inspiration in this rocky outcrop nestled in its green surroundings. Nature comes to life here through hikes and walks in our uniquely beautiful Alpilles.

Ranked among The Most Beautiful Villages in France and Outstanding Heritage Site, Les Baux-de-Provence offers something to see, feel, and discover in every season.

# IN EVERY SEASON



## SPRING

**The season of epicureans.** Spring in Les Baux-de-Provence is a lively and colorful season. The landscapes blossom, and the mild weather invites exploration. It's the time to wander for some, and to get back into sports for others. Hiking, biking, or horseback riding - every path leads to Les Baux. It's also the perfect time to taste local products that chefs and producers invite you to savor.



## SUMMER

**Light at its peak.** Les Baux-de-Provence welcomes its visitors in a post-card-like setting. The perched village, with its winding streets and luminous facades, offers an idyllic backdrop, rhythmically punctuated by the song of the cicadas. Explore the medieval castle for a panoramic view of the sunlit Alpilles. Let yourself be transported by the immersive projections at the Carrières des Lumières and enjoy the coolness inside. Finally, the grape harvest arrives, sacred in Les Baux-de-Provence...



## AUTUMN

**The golden season.** The days are pleasant, with very mild temperatures and ever-changing light. Above all, the red and orange hues tint the landscape, from the foliage to the spectacular sunsets of this autumn season. Autumn also marks the olive harvest, full of the flavors of our land: it's the time of the Olivades.



## WINTER

**Serenity.** In winter, a sense of serenity takes over Les Baux-de-Provence, only joyously disturbed by the Christmas traditions. It's the ideal season to explore the surrounding nature, which has become a refuge for many bird species, including the Wallcreeper. This winter visitor descends each year from its high mountains to spend the cold season in the cliffs of our Alpilles. With a bit of patience, you can spot it from the Church square or the Castle esplanade. In February, the almond trees bloom, heralding the gentle warmth to come...



# MUST-SEES



**1 Walk in the footsteps of the Lords of Baux.** Relive the epic journey of the Lords of Baux by exploring their medieval castle. From its ramparts, enjoy a spectacular view of the Alpilles, where every stone tells a story.



**2 Dive into the heart of the Renaissance.** Travel back in time and discover the Renaissance in Les Baux-de-Provence, a period when art and architecture came to life in the village.



**3 Discover the secrets of Les Baux and its inhabitants.** During captivating guided tours, immerse yourself in the stories that shape the soul of this historic place.



**4 Capture the most beautiful panoramas of the Alpilles.** Armed with your camera, immortalize the landscapes enhanced by the Provençal light. Don't forget to share them on social media with the hashtag @lesbauptourisme.



**5 Meet the creatures of the Val d'Enfer.** Put on your hiking shoes and set off to explore the Val d'Enfer, a natural site steeped in mystery and legends.



**6 Taste the local cuisine.** Awaken your taste buds with the authentic flavors of Les Baux: organic wines from the valley, award-winning olive oils, and locally produced goat cheeses.



**7 Art in immersion.** Immerse yourself in a unique artistic universe with the immersive projections at the Carrières des Lumières, an unforgettable experience.



**8 Visit the Yves Brayer Museum.** Explore the works of the artist and let yourself be inspired by his perspective on Provence. In 2025, the museum will host a temporary exhibition dedicated to the works of Cocteau (starting May 8th).



**9 Indulge in a luxurious escape.** Enjoy a refined setting in one of our six hotels nestled in the heart of the Alpilles and savor a gourmet dinner at our Michelin-starred restaurants.

# History

## CROSS THE AGES

Les Baux-de-Provence, ranked among the Most Beautiful Villages of France and a Remarkable Heritage Site, are a true crossroads of history, culture, and nature. With its twenty-two listed monuments and remarkable architectural heritage, the town opens a window into time. While human presence on the rocky spur can be traced back to the Neolithic and Celtic periods, the town truly emerges at the beginning of the Middle Ages.

### NEOLITHIC

As early as the Neolithic period (around 6000 BC), a relatively dense population lived here, using this steep rock as a residence and its narrow cavities as burial sites for their deceased.

### THE MEDIEVAL GOLDEN AGE

The Lords of Baux ushered the village into a prosperous era, expanding their possessions throughout Provence, the Comtat Venaissin, Dauphiné, and Italy. The death of Alix, the last princess of Baux, in 1426, without any heirs, marked the end of an era.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### The legend of Balthazar

The medieval history of the rock was based on a legend. After the birth of Jesus, Balthazar, one of the three wise men, is said to have continued his journey following the star of Bethlehem as far as Les Baux-de-Provence.

His descendants display their claim to this illustrious lineage by using a

sixteen-pointed star on their coat of arms and the motto "à l'asard Bautezar" (by the grace of Balthazar).

### The Marquisate of Grimaldi

In 1642, Louis XIII gifted the Seigneurie des Baux to Hercule Grimaldi, Prince of Monaco, in recognition for his support for the

French Crown. While this connection was officially severed at the time of the French Revolution when the rulers of Monaco were dispossessed of the territory, the title of Marquis of Baux is still traditionally given to the Crown Prince, currently Prince Jacques. A strong bond therefore continues to exist between these two rocky sites.



## THE RESURGENCE

In the 19th century, as the population declined and the «lower town» emerged in the plain, the village of Les Baux seemed to fade into obscurity. It wasn't until the second half of the 20th century that it was reborn, fueled by the passion of heritage enthusiasts, artists, and the growing allure of Provence. Today, the charm of its cobble streets and historic buildings attracts visitors from all over the world.

Renaissance  
private mansions

Window  
Post Tenebras Lux

Quarrying of stones

Filming of *The Testament  
of Orpheus* by Jean Cocteau

## THE RENAISSANCE

In the 16th century, Les Baux-de-Provence, while remaining an important center of feudal power, gradually incorporated the influences of the Renaissance. Thanks to the efforts of Anne de Montmorency, Baron of Les Baux, the village experienced a revival with the construction of magnificent private mansions.

## TODAY

Les Baux-de-Provence have inherited a rich heritage enjoyed by two million visitors each year. Gastronomy, terroir, refinement, the Provençal art of living, and the protection of nature are now the key pillars of the village.

## TO GO FURTHER: THEMED GUIDED TOURS.

### Our guided tours

Let's discover together the treasures hidden in the village. On certain weekends and during school holidays, the Tourist Office offers guided tours of the heritage. New themes are created throughout the year.

### Themes already available:

The Castle of Les Baux  
The village  
In the footsteps of the Grimaldi family  
The tour of the rock  
The troubadours & courtly love  
Women and Les Baux  
Around stone  
Tales and Legends  
The medieval garden and the mythology of fruit and vegetables

### Practical information

Tourist Office  
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For groups and schools:  
[groupes@lesbauxdeprovence.com](mailto:groupes@lesbauxdeprovence.com)

## A MEMORY TO SHARE

In Les Baux-de-Provence, living heritage is a force that unites generations and is passed down daily. At the heart of this historic village, every stone, every gesture, every tradition embodies a living memory that makes Les Baux a unique place where history is experienced and flourishes.



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## 22 CLASSIFIED MONUMENTS

Les Baux-de-Provence boasts 22 listed monuments, testament to the richness of its historical and architectural heritage. Among them, the Church of Saint-Vincent, the Chapel of Saint-Blaise, and the Eyguières Gate are to be discovered as you stroll through the village. These buildings bear witness to a time when the town held significant influence over the entire region.

## THE WRITTEN WORD ENDURES

**La Fondation Louis Jou.** At the heart of the village, the Hôtel Jean de Brion stands out. This Renaissance building was the home of the engraver and typographer Louis Jou, who carried out important restorations in harmony with the existing elements of the village. It is here that the master created some of his most remarkable works. Across the street, a museum still preserves his hand presses and houses the headquarters of the Foundation bearing his name. Today, the house hosts the Book Conservation and Restoration Workshop. Thanks to their expertise, François and Marie Vinourd extend the life of ancient books. This meticulous craftsmanship is carried out by father and daughter in their workshop, accessible through a hidden door. The «little door of the dead» once only opened to allow the passage of a deceased. Now, it offers old books a rejuvenating treatment.

[fondationlouisjou.org](http://fondationlouisjou.org)

## THE SANTONS ON DISPLAY

### The Santon Museum.

Labelled as a Musée de France, the Santon Museum brings together various collections: Neapo-

litan figurines from the 17th and 18th centuries, 19th-century church santons, and works by the famous santonniers Carbonnel, Fouque, Jouve, Peyron-Campagna, Toussaint, Thérèse Neveu, Louise Berger, Simone Jouglas, and more. A large painting by Antoine Serra (1908-1995), depicting the midnight mass in Les Baux-de-Provence, completes these unique collections.

**Open every day.**  
**Free entry.**

## PASTORALISM

Pastoralism is an integral part of the local culture, as evidenced by the Romanesque Chapel of Saint-Blaise, which housed the wool carders' and weavers' brotherhood as early as the 12th century. Every year, in the spring, this tradition is celebrated with sheep shearing demonstrations, workshops, and educational encounters. At Christmas, pastoralism is also honored with the presence of the flock and the pastrage ceremony dedicated to it.

## AROUND THE STONE

Stone and mineral resources have been essential elements in the development of Les Baux-de-Provence, both architecturally and economically.

The light, white limestone called «mollasse» extracted from the surrounding quarries, is particularly valued for its ease of cutting and its durability. Used since antiquity, this stone was employed in the construction of the castle, the ramparts, the houses, and the monuments of the village.

The architecture of Les Baux thus bears the mark of this local material, which harmoniously links

humans to their natural environment. Light, solid, and durable, mollasse also played a key role in the construction of many monuments in the region, becoming a symbol of the craftsmanship of local artisans. This know-how is passed down during the Salon des Métiers d'Art, held every year in April, which involves the Sarra-gan quarry workers, the last active stone quarry in Les Baux-de-Provence.

## BAUXITE

**An industrial revolution in Les Baux-de-Provence.** One of the most significant discoveries of the 20th century for Les Baux-de-Provence was bauxite, an aluminum ore. The Baux region is renowned for being one of the first sites in France to exploit this resource. Discovered in 1822 by geologist Pierre Berthier, the ore was named after Les Baux. The extraction of bauxite marked an economic and industrial turning point for the region in the 19th century. The village became a hub for both limestone and bauxite extraction. This industry left a lasting imprint on the landscape and the surrounding areas. Although limestone extraction largely ceased in the 1970s, its legacy remains strongly embedded in the collective memory of the locals.

**Photographic Journey**  
**BAUXITE, LAND OF LES BAUX**  
**Until September 30, 2025**  
**Old Village**

## MUST-SEE MONUMENTS

### Eyguieres Gate

The only access to the village until 1866, the Eyguieres Gate was rebuilt during the Renaissance and raised in the 18th century by the Princes of Monaco, who became Marquis of Les Baux in 1642. The Grimaldi coat of arms, hammered during the Revolution, can still be seen in a cartouche adorned with baroque flourishes. It was once again restored in 2023.

### Kings' House – Tourist Office

Until the French Revolution, the town of Les Baux-de-Provence was the seat of a jurisdiction that was both royal and seigniorial, with its headquarters located in this building, constructed in 1499.

### Hotel de Porcelet – Yves Brayer Museum

This 16th-century residence has housed the Yves Brayer Museum since 1991. The museum offers a retrospective of the work of the painter, a key figure in 20th-century figuration, deeply connected to Mediterranean landscapes. The vaulted room on the ground floor, adorned with 17th-century frescoes, enhances the visit. The museum also hosts annual temporary exhibitions of contemporary art.

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



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### Hotel de Manville – Town Hall

The most beautiful Renaissance mansion in the village was built in 1571 by a wealthy Protestant family, that of Claude de Manville. The irregular facade follows the layout of the main street and is characterized by large mullioned windows. The interior courtyard with its arcades mirrors the same Renaissance design as the window arrangements. The restored building now houses the Town Hall.



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### White Penitent's Chapel

The Chapelle des Pénitents Blancs, built in the 17th century, captivates with its history and decor. Restored in 1937, it pays tribute to the former Pénitents and is dedicated to Sainte-Estelle. Its bas-relief above the door, depicting two kneeling penitents, invites contemplation. Inside, a luminous fresco by Yves Brayer, painted in 1974, depicts a traditional Provençal Christmas scene.

### Saint-Vincent Church

This 12th-century church, partially troglodytic, is a gem of Les Baux-de-Provence. Inside, the funeral chapel of the Manville family features a flamboyant Gothic vault, while a carved chapel houses the cart used during the Christmas ceremony dedicated to the pastrage. The modern stained glass windows, created by Max Ingrand and gifted by Prince Rainier III in 1962, illuminate the building beautifully.

## Renaissance Window – Post Tenebras Lux

Certainly, the most enigmatic element of the village. Facing the Hôtel de Manville, the remains of a house from 1571 bear the Calvinist inscription «Post Tenebras Lux» (After the Darkness, the Light), which is also the motto of Geneva. This testimony of Protestant faith suggests the existence of a Reformed chapel in the 16th century, a time when Protestants were numerous in Les Baux.



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## Queen Jeanne's Pavilion

In the Vallon de la Fontaine, near the old washhouse, stands this elegant Renaissance-style corner pavilion built by Jeanne de Quiqueran, wife of Honoré des Martins, Baron of the Baux from 1568 to 1581. It adorned a garden owned by the Baux family known as the «Jardin du Comte» or «Verger du Roi.» Frédéric Mistral had a replica made for his tomb in Maillane.

## Trémaïe and Gaïe Funeral Memorials

The funerary steles of «Trémaïe» and «Gaïe,» dating from the Roman era, are located at the foot of the rocky spur. They can be accessed by a small path. A monument stands above a small chapel built in the second half of the 19th century. The «Trémaïe» stele features a niche framed by pilasters, with three figures depicted. Tradition interprets this low-relief as a representation of the Three Marys («Tremaïe» in Provençal): Jacobé, Salomé, and Sarah. The sculpted effigy of the Gaïe depicts two half-length figures, dressed in togas, with an inscription at the bottom that is partially legible.

# Château des Baux-de-Provence

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## CONQUERING THE FORTRESS

Stone Vessel with an Imposing Silhouette, the Château des Baux-de-Provence is a Historic Monument. It Unveils the Tumultuous Past of the Lords of Baux. From the Top of its Rocky Spur, it Offers an Exceptional Panorama of Provence. Venture into its Ruins!

Situated on a strategic site, the medieval fortress was home to the illustrious Baux family, who claimed descent from the mage Balthazar. Since then, the sixteen-pointed star has continued to point the way to the village and the castle. The towers and the keep are the most representative witnesses of the site's defensive past, which can be visited year-round. Explore this fortification carved into the rock, still radiating its glorious history.

Visitors can wander through this spectacular maze, enjoying breathtaking views of the Alpilles and surrounding valleys. Discovery awaits at every turn of stone.

Classified Monument  
Historique



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## GO UP TO THE CASTLE !



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### The castle comes to life

Guided tours of the castle are offered throughout the year. During school holidays and long weekends, various activities are organized for both children and adults.

### Escape Game: the mystery of Alix, last lady of the Baux

Immerse yourself in the thrilling story of Alix, the last Lady of the Baux. Unravel the secrets of her mysterious fate in this captivating

escape game, where history and intrigue intertwine. Gather clues, solve puzzles, and uncover the truth behind Alix's legacy in the heart of the medieval castle.

### Practical information

Tourist office of Les Baux-de-Provence  
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[tourisme@lesbauxdeprovence.com](mailto:tourisme@lesbauxdeprovence.com)

### TARIFS

Adults : 10€  
Seniors (over 65) : 9€  
Children (under 7): free  
Children 7 to 17 years old: 7€  
Reduced: 8€  
Family : 27€  
Groups (over 20 persons): 7€  
School Groups (+20 people): 5€

### DEALS

#### Partnership with the Centre des Monuments Nationaux (CMN)

The CMN and Destination Les Baux-de-Provence have launched a new partnership allowing visitors to explore four must-see sites between Arles, Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, and Les Baux-de-Provence.

Visitors presenting a full-price ticket from the Château des Baux-de-Provence will benefit from a special discount at the Abbey of Montmajour, the archaeological site of Glanum, and the Hôtel de Sade (valid within 14 days). Conversely, visitors with a full-price ticket from any of these three monuments will be entitled to a reduced rate at the Château des Baux-de-Provence.

### The Baux-de-Provence pass

With the combined ticket for the Carrières des Lumières and the Château des Baux-de-Provence, visitors can enjoy a preferential rate on these must-see attractions in Les Baux.

### Open year-round

[chateau-baux-provence.com](http://chateau-baux-provence.com)

# LES BAUX, A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

Since the 19th century, Les Baux-de-Provence has attracted painters, writers, filmmakers, and craftsmen. Throughout the 20th century, the village hosted major artists such as Louis Jou, Jean Cocteau, and Yves Brayer, drawn by the raw beauty of its landscapes and the unique light of the Alpilles. Even today, Les Baux continues to inspire artists from various fields.



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## THE CASTLE, A LITERARY AND ARTISTIC MUSE

Perched on its rocky spur, the Château des Baux has fascinated generations of writers and artists. Mentioned by troubadours in poems and tales as a symbol of power, it has long attracted creative minds. Its spectacular ruins provide a setting conducive to the imagination, having served as the backdrop for the very first dance festival created by Françoise and Dominique Dupuy from 1962 to 1969. In the summers of 2023 and 2024, it is the Les Baux Planos festival, initiated by André Manoukian, that has taken residence on the esplanade of the Château.



## THE POETIC HERITAGE

The village inspired writers such as Charoun Rieu, whose statue stands proudly on the castle esplanade, and Frédéric Mistral, a passionate defender of the Provençal language and culture. His work, crowned with a Nobel Prize, celebrates the landscapes and traditions that resonate in the streets of Les Baux. He even went so far as to declare: «From Les Baux, I would make my capital.»



## LES BAUX IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA

The photogenic quality of Les Baux-de-Provence is beyond question. Here, the light, the landscapes, and the settings are unlike any other. Since Cocteau and *The Testament of Orpheus*, actors and filmmakers have drawn inspiration from these places to create unique universes.

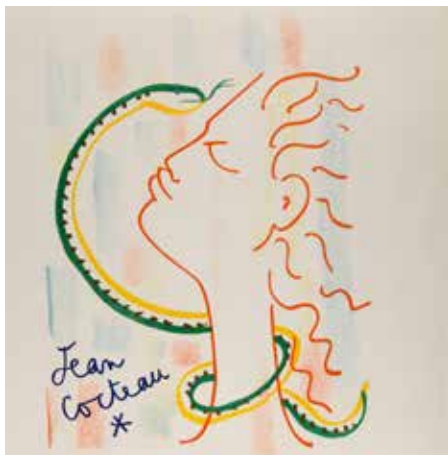
### Some Notable Film Shoots:

- 1960 *Le Testament d'Orphée* - Jean Cocteau
- 1970 *Heureux qui comme Ulysse* - Henri Colpi
- 1998 *Ronin* - John Frankenheimer
- 2006 *Indigènes* - Rachid Bouchareb
- 2013 *Avis de Mistral* - Rose Bosch
- 2015 *Un homme à la hauteur* - Laurent Tirard
- 2020 *Mince alors 2 !* - Charlotte de Turckheim
- 2021 *Fumer fait tousser* - Quentin Dupieux
- 2022 *The Walking Dead* : Daryl Dixon
- 2024 *Marius et les gardiens de la cité phocéenne* - Tony Datis

Film Office

## EVENTS 2025

### YVES BRAYER MUSEUM



Located in the heart of the village of Les Baux-de-Provence, the Yves Brayer Museum is dedicated to the work of Yves Brayer (1907-1990). Housed in the Hôtel de Porcelet, a beautiful 16th-century Renaissance building, the museum offers an immersive experience into the painter's vibrant world of color and light, from Provence to the Mediterranean.

#### **Cocteau the Enchanter May 8 – November 10, 2025**

Each year, the museum hosts temporary exhibitions. In 2025, it will be dedicated to Jean Cocteau, one of the most fascinating artists of the 20th century. In partnership with the Municipality of Les Baux-de-Provence, the Yves Brayer Museum invites you to explore an exceptional exhibition honoring this "Prince of Poets."

Through more than a hundred works—drawings, photographs, film posters, and theater pieces—discover his worlds, myths, and dreams. Let yourself be carried away by this artistic journey blending beauty, poetry, and modernity.

Yves Brayer Museum

### IMMERSIVE EXHIBITIONS AT CARRIÈRES DES LUMIÈRES

The Carrières des Lumières offers an immersive artistic spectacle that attracts thousands of visitors each year. Masterpieces by renowned artists are projected onto 14-meter-high walls, accompanied by music, creating a truly magical visual experience. Visitors can walk through the heart of this breathtaking show, embarking on a timeless journey through art and light.



#### **Monet & Le Douanier Rousseau Until January 2026**

##### **Main Exhibition: Monet, Creator of Impressionism**

The immersive exhibition at Carrières des Lumières explores the work of Claude Monet, tracing his journey from Normandy to the Mediterranean, with key stops in London and Giverny. It highlights his groundbreaking techniques, love for painting outdoors, the influence of Japanese prints and photography, and the central role of his Giverny garden in his creativity.

Alongside Monet, a special creation dedicated to naïve art unveils the dreamlike world of Henri Rousseau, offering a poetic and childlike approach to painting.

##### **Short Program: Le Douanier Rousseau, In the Land of Dreams**

This exhibition celebrates the unique universe of Henri Rousseau, a self-taught painter known for his naïve style. His dreamlike works combine lush jungles, wild animals, and poetic scenes of an industrial Paris in transformation. Though initially ridiculed, Rousseau gained admiration from avant-garde figures like Picasso and Kandinsky, thanks to his creative boldness and modernist vision. His exotic landscapes and vibrant colors invite visitors on a journey filled with poetry and escapism.



## **The Little Prince: An Immersive Odyssey**

**From July, 2025**

The watercolors and words of Saint-Exupéry come to life on the floors and walls, transporting visitors into a world where imagination knows no bounds. Roses, foxes, and snakes speak, guiding us on a journey from deserts to meadows, from planet to planet, effortlessly transcending time and space. Wrapped in this poetic universe, we follow The Little Prince on his quest to understand and tame the world around him—a magical and contemplative experience that touches the heart of both children and adults alike.

## **The Intégrales**

**From July**

On special evenings, relive the most stunning projections from past seasons at Carrières des Lumières. Immerse yourself once again in the breathtaking worlds of legendary artists:

**From Vermeer to Van Gogh**

**The Orientalists**

**Cézanne**



## **Venice, from Vivaldi to Casanova – Concerto Soave**

**Sunday, June 1st – Espace Jean Cocteau**

Carrières des Lumières welcomes Concerto Soave for a musical journey from Vivaldi to Casanova. On the program: the Baroque brilliance of sonatas and concertos by the Venetian master, performed by Marine Rodallec and Jean-Marc Aymes. Join us in the Venetian lagoon for this enchanting experience.

**Carrières des Lumières**

# Highlights

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## GREAT MOMENTS TO SHARE

While tradition holds a special place in our streets, art and culture find a prime stage in the majestic setting that is Les Baux-de-Provence.

### CHRISTMAS TRADITION



Every winter, the magic of Christmas takes over Les Baux-de-Provence. Adorned with beautiful lights, the village's streets invite both young and old to celebrate Provençal customs and traditions.

Before the traditional Aubade ceremony that precedes the midnight mass, the Nativity scenes are carefully set up in Cour de Manville and Hôtel de la Tour de Brau.

As the festivities approach, the shepherds tend to their sheep, ewes, and lambs under shelters carved into the rock, leading them through the village's streets. Take the time to engage with them, hear about the shepherd's life, the transhumance, and the legends tied to pastoralism in Provence.

**This is a festive December experience in the village!**

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR



Les Baux-de-Provence will host their third Arts and Crafts Fair as part of the European Days of Arts and Crafts 2025.

As a «Most Beautiful Villages of France» and «Remarkable Heritage Site», the village of Les Baux-de-Provence aims to showcase both ancient and contemporary craftsmanship. In this spirit, over fifty artisans will gather in various cultural venues throughout the village, sharing their worlds through workshops and live demonstrations. The Carrières des Lumières will also participate in the event.

Additionally, a Forum for businesses and training centers in built heritage will be held at the Sarragan Quarry.

**April 4, 5, and 6 in the village.**

Find the agenda of our events on our website: [lesbauxdeprovence.com](https://lesbauxdeprovence.com)



## PASTORALISM, FROM SHEEP TO WOOL



A pastoral tradition celebrated in spring with workshops for both young and old.

A bridge between traditional pastoral history and the work of today's shepherds, this event pays tribute to the artisanal professions of the wool industry. It is also an opportunity to engage with passionate professionals and key figures in the sector.

**April 11, 12, and 13**

## FANFARONNADES

Fanfaronnades organized by the Théâtre des Calanques.

It's the vibrant energy of brass bands of all kinds that will enchant the village. A festive, popular, whimsical, and humorous event.

**July 5**



## LES BAUX PIANOS

After creating the Cosmojazz Festival in Chamonix, André Manoukian brought his pianos to Les Baux-de-Provence in the summer of 2023. In a breathtaking setting, musicians translate the beauty of a historic site into music, bringing to life the stunning panoramas of a majestic promontory and offering the audience the privilege of experiencing an unforgettable moment.

**June 29 and 30**



## STAR GAZING



The Astronomers' Association of the Delta has permanently set up its telescopes in Les Baux. Throughout the year, it will offer sky observations and activities from the château's esplanade. On Saturday, March 29, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, a special event will be held around the partial solar eclipse, featuring observations and activities centered on the camera obscura. **July 4, August 16, and October 11**



## NATIONAL DAYS OF COUNTRY HERITAGE AND MILLS

Guided tour of the Bauxite, Land of Les Baux photography trail in the old village.

The red soil surrounding Les Baux-de-Provence contrasts with the whiteness of its mineral landscape. It contains a mineral rich in alumina: bauxite.

Discovered in 1821 in our region, bauxite paved the way for a global industrial revolution—the production of aluminum. Two hundred years later, the land of Les Baux remains at the heart of scientific advancements.

**June 28 and 29**

## EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

Themed guided tours of the village and château are offered free of charge. It's the perfect opportunity to discover the history and secrets of Les Baux-de-Provence.

**September 20 and 21**

## DISCOVER THE FAUNA AND FLORA AND LEARN HOW TO BETTER PROTECT THEM

Nestled in the heart of a natural haven, the Alpilles reveal an exceptional biodiversity. Between limestone cliffs, Aleppo pine and holm oak forests, and fragrant garrigues, this preserved region is home to an astonishing fauna and flora. In the plains, the landscape stretches across vineyards and olive groves. Embark on a journey through these vibrant landscapes, where each trail unveils a new scene. Along the way, you might encounter one of these charmingly named species



### Do you know the lace-winged mantis?

It resembles a praying mantis in its color and legs, and a stick insect due to its long body. Thanks to its ability to remain perfectly still, it can blend into the vegetation, making it hard to spot...

This extraordinary grasshopper has no wings and exists solely as a female that reproduces through parthenogenesis, or asexual reproduction.



### The Ocellated Lizard, an emblem of the Alpilles

Well known to the people of Provence, the ocellated lizard is the largest lizard in Europe. It is recognizable by its coat, dotted with black and yellow scales on its back and blue ocelli arranged in three rows along its sides.

You can find it in the garrigues and low-wooded maquis, rocky escarpments, olive or almond orchards, and near vineyards... In general decline across France, as well as in La Crau and the Alpilles, the ocellated lizard is a protected species.

Starting in October, don't miss the ABC of the Alpilles photography exhibition, which follows a collaborative project between the Parc naturel régional des Alpilles and its residents, focusing on the observation of local fauna and flora.





## The Wallcreeper, lord of the cliffs

Nicknamed the «ruby of the cliff,» this discreet bird, with its light and undulating flight, moves with great agility along rocky walls in search of insects and larvae.

It is recognizable by its stunning wings, bordered in red, white, and black. It is present in the Alpilles mountain range during the cold season, primarily from November to February.

This small bird is so rare that amateur ornithologists from the United Kingdom and Northern European countries specifically travel to the Alpilles to walk the trails at the foot of the Baux cliffs, hoping to catch a glimpse of this rock-climber, also known as the Tichodrome échelette.



## Messicole plants, wildflowers to protect

Messicole plants are wildflowers typically found in fields and farmland. They are an integral part of our natural heritage but face threats due to modern agricultural practices.

These delicate flowers, such as poppies, cornflowers, and wild oats, are often overlooked, yet they play a crucial role in maintaining biodiversity. Preserving these species is essential for the health of ecosystems and the beauty of our landscapes.

## TO GO FURTHER

The Tourist Office offers flyers, booklets, and fact sheets on the fauna and flora of the Alpilles, as well as hiking and walking trail guides.

Online :

[www.paca.lpo.fr](http://www.paca.lpo.fr)

[www.cheminsdesparcs.fr](http://www.cheminsdesparcs.fr)

[www.parc-alpilles.fr](http://www.parc-alpilles.fr)

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

[www.cheminfaisan.org](http://www.cheminfaisan.org)

[www.guide-nature.fr](http://www.guide-nature.fr)

## EXPLORE NATURE GENTLY



## OUR IDEAS FOR WALKS AND HIKES

### Baumayrane Ridge Hike

Discover landscapes shaped by human activity, such as the olive groves and vineyards of the Valley of Les Baux-de-Provence. You'll also have the chance to observe the wild nature along the Baumayrane ridges. Finally, by taking the Lombards path, which ascends in switchbacks for 3 km, you'll reach a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the northern Alpilles and Mont Ventoux.

Duration: 4h  
Length: 12.1 km  
Difference in altitude: 288 m  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Themes: Geology, viewpoints, local products

### Bauxite Trail

This walk takes you on a journey through time, with changing atmospheres and colors as you progress along the trail—it's truly breathtaking. From the limestone cliffs with their imaginary shapes to the old bauxite quarries, the sights are well worth the detour.

Duration: 2h30  
Length: 9.9 km / Loop  
Positive Elevation Gain: 238 m  
Negative Elevation Loss: -237 m  
Difficulty: Easy  
Themes: Geology, heritage, history, viewpoints



## Family Walk Through Legends: The Val d'Enfer Trail

Over the years, erosion has shaped the limestone rocks of Les Baux-de-Provence into uniquely original forms. The ever-present mineral landscape of this corner of the Alpilles creates breathtaking views, as well as exceptional heritage, including troglodyte dwellings.

Duration: 2h30  
Length: 6.2 km  
Difference in altitude: 213 m  
Difficulty: easy  
Themes: geology, heritage, history, viewpoints

## Family walk around the rocky outcrop : The Tremaïe Trail

In a magnificent setting, at the foot of the rocky spur where the castle stands, take the time to stop and look, observe and hear the birds sing in the first light of a winter's day. At the foot of the historic village of Les Baux-de-Provence, discover the history of the Trémaïé family and climb the steps to the centre of the village to get to know this place, right in the heart of the Alpilles massif, between the rocks of Baumayrane and Entreconque.

Duration: 1 hour  
Length: 1.8 km  
Difference in altitude: 73m  
Difficulty: very easy  
Themes: Wildlife, Heritage, Panorama

## DISCOVER LES BAUX BY BIKE



### Cyclobaux: The Welcome Bike Brand

Since the summer of 2021, the Les Baux-de-Provence Tourist Office has been a partner of the Accueil Vélo brand, promoting sustainable and eco-friendly mobility.

Les Baux-de-Provence is committed to welcoming cyclists and offers several specific and free services. A parking area is available at the entrance to the village for a stress-free visit. A repair kit and practical information are also available at the Tourist Office.

# Outdoor

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## Alpilles - The Val d'Enfer

This loop trail quickly rewards you with the stunning landscape of the Val d'Enfer, Les Baux-de-Provence, and the Alpilles.

The Valley of Les Baux is an agricultural mosaic where olive trees and vineyards dominate. You will explore villages rich in history, visit oil mills, and discover the vineyards that define this beautiful region.

Level: Moderate  
Length: 41 km loop  
Duration: 4 hours  
Elevation Gain: 365 m

## Alpilles - Roquemartine

This part of the Alpilles, with its spectacular bare cliffs, will take you off the beaten path and offer a chance to discover this unique region. You will also have the opportunity to admire picturesque villages with a rich cultural heritage.

Level: Difficult  
Length: 64 km loop  
Duration: 6 hours  
Elevation Gain: 684 m



## TO GO FURTHER

### The app to download: [cheminsdesparcs.fr](http://cheminsdesparcs.fr)

On foot, by bike, or on horseback, explore the Parc naturel régional des Alpilles, its remarkable landscapes, and its diverse fauna and flora. You can find numerous circuits to download for free on the website [cheminsdesparcs.fr](http://cheminsdesparcs.fr).

### Access to forested areas: <http://bpatp.paca-ate.fr/>

For your safety and the preservation of sensitive sites in the Bouches-du-Rhône between June 1st and September 30th, access to forested areas is regulated by a prefectural order.



LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

## GET STARTED WITH GOLF ON AN ECO-FRIENDLY COURSE

### Golf du Domaine de Manville

Nestled amidst olive groves, stone walls, and the surrounding Alpilles, the Golf du Domaine de Manville is the first French golf course to hold the Ecocert label, offering an immersive experience in a preserved natural environment.

The course is carefully integrated into the landscape and local ecosystem, respecting the richness of the Valley of Les Baux-de-Provence and the surrounding agricultural fabric. Elegant geometric shapes can be found throughout, such as earth parcels, bunkers supported by stone walls, and a natural pond where ducks, wild geese, and protected frogs coexist in harmony.

More than just a round of golf, you are invited on a stroll with views of the Alpilles. The Golf du Domaine de Manville is also the first golf course to join the Relais Vert initiative, a label dedicated to organizing eco-responsible sports events. By the end of 2024, the golf course received a silver level certification, highlighting its ongoing commitment to progress. Since 2023, it has held the Biodiversity label, underscoring its dedication to nature preservation. The Golf du Domaine de Manville offers various packages to help visitors discover this outdoor sport.



Golf du Domaine de Manville

## STROLL THROUGH THE HEART OF THE BAUSSENC TERROIR

### MAS DE LA DAME



Stroll through the heart of the estate, through the garrigue, vineyards, and olive groves, along a 2.6 km marked trail (approximately 45 minutes), freely accessible from the wine cellar.

Guided tours + tasting  
Thursdays in April, May, and June  
at 2:30 PM  
€20 per person  
Duration: 1h30  
Reservation required: 04 90 54 32 24  
Not available on public holidays.

Tote-bag with aperitif to take away  
Available at the cellar for €20

Includes local products and a bottle of wine.

Picnic basket to take away  
Includes seasonal, local products for 2 people  
€60 (to be reserved 72 hours in advance, available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays).

Cellar Opening Hours  
From April 1 to October 31: Every day from 9 AM to 7 PM.  
From November 1 to March 31: Every day from 9 AM to 6 PM.  
Closed on Sundays in January, as well as December 25 and January 1.

# Outdoor

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## MAS SAINTE BERTHE

From the Caveau, a free-access walking trail has been specially designed to help visitors discover the grape varieties and the vegetative cycle of the vine. The 1.6 km marked trail offers an exceptional view of the Château des Baux-de-Provence. All wines and olive products can be discovered and purchased directly at the Mas.

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., closed on December 25 and January 1.

Mas Sainte Berthe

## MOULIN CASTELAS

Step into the world of the “green gold” of the Alpilles and discover the techniques used to extract olive oil in the Vallée des Baux-de-Provence by visiting the mill. Then, taste the flavours of the terroir — green fruitiness, traditional-style oils, or aromatic varieties — while enjoying enchanting landscapes. Extend the experience with a walk among the olive trees and become an expert thanks to the educational trail.

Open every day, all day, free of charge, no booking required. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on December 25 and January 1.

Moulin Castelas



### A LAND OF A THOUSAND COLOURS



### AOP LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE WINES, 100% ORGANIC

The AOP Les Baux-de-Provence (protected designation of origin) covers 277 hectares and includes 12 estates.

The 'terroir' is exceptional and uniform in character. The stony limestone soils provide natural drainage and allow the roots of the vine to search for water deep in the ground. The ample sunshine naturally concentrates the wines, while the mistral wind protects the soil from cold and rain.

The healthy air and soil are of vital assistance to the wine growers, who practice organic, biodynamic and sustainable cultivation methods. The whole appellation area is worked according to these principles, making the AOP Les Baux-de-Provence the first in France to make this commitment.

The winegrowers of Les Baux-de-Provence strive to keep the land that sustains them in as natural a state as possible. Gathered

together in an association of defence and management, the producers have placed respect for the environment at the heart of their daily work. Thus, the AOP is proud to have 100% of its surface area cultivated using organic, integrated or biodynamic methods.

From the 2023 vintage, the AOP Les Baux-de-Provence will be the first 100% organic wine appellation.

The wines of Les Baux-de-Provence

## WINES IN THREE COLOURS

There are three colours of wine from Les Baux-de-Provence. Of the wines from the AOP area, 53% are red, 39% rosé and 8% white.

The full-bodied, fruity reds bear the badge of elegance. They are seductive in their softly blended tannins, fresh and intense, combining body and length. Their aromas reveal a wild and powerful edge, dominated by small black fruits, spices and the garrigue scrubland, giving way to light chocolate notes at the end.

The rosés are ideal for the table. These balanced wines have pleasing notes of red fruits, crushed strawberry or gooseberry, with a spicy zing. Freshness, delicacy and complexity are their main characteristics. Produced by the saignée method, they have a darker pink colouring and are most suited for drinking with food. Their bouquet is surprisingly lively, demonstrating delicacy and complexity.

The rarer whites reveal a broad aromatic palette, mixing yellow fruits, citrus, exotic fruits, white flowers and honey, at times giving way to a slight note of bitterness. They draw their mineral character from the depths of the limestone terroir.



**Vineyards in  
Les Baux-de-Provence**

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**L'Affectif**  
[laffectif.com](http://laffectif.com)  
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### AOP OLIVE OIL FROM THE VALLÉE DES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE



The Vallée des Baux-de-Provence is, above all, the land of the olive tree. It offers one of the most striking olive-growing landscapes in the South, dominated by the Baux Citadel. This terroir is unique because, for a single geographic designation, three different products from its olive groves are recognized with controlled origin: olive oil, cracked olives, and black olives.

The geological layers of the production basin, centered on 12 communes, are highly varied. They impart a wide range of flavors to the olive oil. This diversity is further enhanced by the fact that the oil is a blend of five different olive varieties.

The AOP Vallée des Baux-de-Provence is also the only appellation with two distinct characteristics: green fruitiness and black or

mature fruitiness. In a green fruitiness type, the oil offers aromas of fresh hay, cut grass, apple, fresh hazelnut, almond, raw artichoke, tomato leaf, with a touch of bitterness and pungency. In a black or mature fruitiness type, the oil is characterized by aromas of preserved olives, black olives, cocoa, truffle, mushroom, cooked artichoke, with a smooth sensation, free from bitterness, and little to no pungency.

**The olivades** begin in the first half of October and last until the last days of December.

**The Salonenque** gives the oil its smoothness.

**The Grossane**, a large fleshy olive, adds softness.

**The Béruguette or Aglandau** varieties provide pungency.

**The Verdale** is typical of the Bouches-du-Rhône region.

**The Picholine**, small and pointed, produces an oil with an intense fruitiness and a hint of bitterness.

**Green fruitiness and black or mature fruitiness** are obtained with these same olive varieties. The difference lies in the maturation time of the olives between harvesting and crushing. A green fruitiness is obtained with olives harvested in the morning and processed within 24 hours. A black or mature fruitiness is obtained by keeping the olives for 4 to 5 days between harvesting and crushing.

AOP Vallée des Baux

# Terroir & Gastronomy

## CASTELAS, GOLD PRIZE-WINNING PRODUCERS

Twenty years ago, Jean-Benoît and Catherine Hugues decided to build their own mill to control the entire production process, from selecting the date of the olive harvest to the manufacturing method and blending.

The mill produces several types of olive oils, including green fruitiness and black fruitiness, organic production, as well as a range of aromatic oils — herbs, citrus, or spices are crushed with the olives.

Numerous medals have recognized these products both in France and abroad. In France, at the 2024 Concours Général Agricole in Paris, the Moulin Castelas won no fewer than 7 medals: 5 gold medals, 1 silver medal, and 1 bronze medal.

“At our place, we work with the seasons, we work with the wind, we work with nature.” With deep respect for the landscape, nestled in the heart of the Vallée des Baux-de-Provence under the protective gaze of the Château des Baux, the Moulin Castelas produces intense olive oils used by top chefs and offered at the Élysée Palace shop.



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**Moulin Castelas**

## TRADITIONS SURROUNDING THE OLIVE



These traditional festivals take place every year in Mouriès, in the Vallée des Baux.

On the third Sunday of September, the Green Olive Festival, the Salonenque, is held. This olive variety is used to prepare cracked olives, a practice protected by the AOP for over 20 years. A world competition for olive crackers and costume parades mark the day.

On the first Sunday of December, millers gather for the New Oil Festival.



## AOP BROUSSE DU ROVE

After obtaining its Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) in 2018, Brousse du Rove became the 51st French dairy PDO in May 2020.

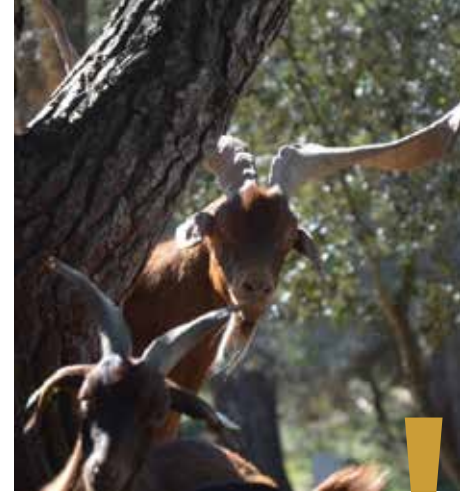
This raw milk cheese is primarily produced in the Bouches-du-Rhône department, but also in the south of Vaucluse and the western part of Var in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. The Brousse du Rove PDO sector consists of eight milk producers, eight farm producers, and eight processing workshops.

The Rove goats, recognizable by their twisted horns shaped like a lyre, were introduced to the Phocaean basin 2,000 years ago by the Phoenicians. Their hardiness allows them to adapt to a mineral and arid land like that of the hills around Les Baux-de-Provence. Natascha Duverdier named her herd after

one of the coat colors of the goats, Boucabelle, which is black and flame-colored.

The Boucabelle pastoral farm is located in the hills of the Désert district in Les Baux-de-Provence. Natascha sells her PDO cheeses directly from the farm every Saturday morning from late May to November. The brousse is only made from spring to summer when the goats are in the summer pastures. It is traditionally consumed with sweet additions like jam or orange blossom, or with a drizzle of olive oil for a savory version.

Boucabelle des Baux obtained the «Valeurs Parc Naturel Régional des Alpilles» label in December 2020, confirming its commitment to local development.



**Boucabelle des Baux**  
**Quartier du Mas de Chevrier**  
**Mas de Vinaigre**  
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**Boucabelle des Baux**

## ALMONDS



The blossom of the almond tree, the first tree to flower in the Alpilles, is a symbol of spring.

Since 2015, the almond orchards of Provence – the world's leading producer of almonds up to the 20th century – have been experiencing a revival. The demand for high-quality almonds, used among other things for making typical Provençal confectionary such as calissons or nougat, has led to a renewed interest in these fruit trees.

Below the fortress, white- and pink-blossoming almond trees have been planted in a five-point pattern to evoke the coat of arms of the Grimaldis of Monaco, whose Crown Prince is the Marquis of Les Baux-de-Provence.

## SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTED GASTRONOMY

The products from our terroir are elevated in the plates of chefs. Ever more committed to environmental preservation, they have embraced sustainability to honor local seasonal products, organic farming, and reduce food waste.

### BAUMANIÈRE LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE, FOR SUSTAINABLE GASTRONOMY



Baumanière works in line with the Relais & Châteaux Manifesto, advocating for a better world through the table and hospitality, aiming to promote sharing, transmission, and the preservation of resources in the fight against environmental impact.

In this respect, Baumanière has its own Ecocert-certified vegetable garden, where the organic products that enhance the reputation of its restau-

rants and chocolate shop. Chef Glenn Viel has developed a zero-waste approach and eco-responsible cuisine at the three-star restaurant L'Oustau de Baumanière. These commitments were recognized in 2020 with the awarding of the first green star by the Michelin Guide.

The Chef and his team received the «Sustainable Gastronomy» distinction from the Michelin Guide,

which highlights the actions of 50 French chefs who are working daily for a more sustainable cuisine. «Our vegetables from our organic gardens and products from local producers play a key role in our cuisine, highlighting the Provençal terroir in our menus,» Glenn Viel.

Since 2023, the gourmet restaurant La Cabro d'Or has been awarded the «Green Food» label, confirming its commitment to sustainable and authentic gastronomy based on environmental respect. Chef Michel Hulin was honored with the Gault & Millau «Tradition d'Aujourd'hui» trophy in 2019 and the Michelin plate awarded to him in 2016, recognizing his high-quality cuisine.

«Provence, and more specifically the Alpilles, offer us a wide range of products of great variety and quality: a unique terroir,» Michel Hulin.

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**L'Oustau de Baumanière**  
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**baumaniere.com**

[Learn more](#)





## L'Oustau de Baumanière\*\*\*, an exceptional stage

Owner of the Baumanière estate, Jean-André Charial is the worthy heir of the Michelin-starred gastronomic restaurant L'Oustau de Baumanière, founded by his grandfather Raymond Thuillier in 1945.

**Jean-André Charial** entered the culinary profession at his grandfather's request, after a tour of France with the greatest chefs: the Troisgros in Roanne, Alain Chapel in Mionnay, Haeberlin in Alsace, and then Bocuse and Freddy Girardet. Since then, L'Oustau de Baumanière has become a historic landmark in French gastronomy, a legendary establishment with international renown.

### The Chef, Glenn Viel

Since 2015, the cuisine of this 3-star Michelin restaurant has been in the hands of Chef Glenn Viel. A seasoned professional with experience in prestigious restaurants and a collaborator with today's culinary giants, Glenn Viel has, since 2015, been Jean-André Charial's right-hand man in the kitchen at L'Oustau de Baumanière. Glenn Viel creates and experiments with innovative techniques to achieve optimal flavor intensity. Deep reductions of vegetable juices up to 20 times to concentrate flavors, or seasoning pebbles to replace salt, the chef embarks on a true quest for taste. He loves to highlight the product in its most authentic form and is overflowing with ideas and imagination to offer a unique experience.

L'Oustau



## La Cabro d'Or, a generous table awarded the Green Food label

La Cabro d'Or is the second restaurant of Baumanière, where Michel Hulin has worked for the past twenty years. The gastronomic restaurant welcomes you in the bucolic setting of its terrace under the shade of mulberry-plane trees, or in the warm and intimate atmosphere of its dining room. It offers refined and sustainable Provençal cuisine inspired by the products of the Alpilles terroir, the estate's organic garden, as well as the wines and olive oil from the Vallée des Baux.

### The Chef, Michel Hulin

Passionate, Michel Hulin selects his products from local producers and strives to preserve all the flavors

of Provence while seeking the perfect balance. Through his experiences with Gérard Boyer at Château Les Crayères and Michel Guérard at Les Prés d'Eugénie, this chef from Narbonne has developed proven technique and a deep love for culinary exploration.

La Cabro



# Terroir & Gastronomy

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## At Domaine de Manville, we collaborate with nature



The history of the agricultural estate of Manville is closely tied to permaculture. The meeting between Patrick Saut and Vandana Shiva, an ecologist and activist inspired by humans and life, led the Domaine to embark on the adventure of agroecology.

Supported by Permalab, a consulting firm specializing in permaculture, this pilot agroforestry farm project has now become a reality, which can be tasted in the dishes at the Michelin-starred restaurant L'Aupiho.

The garden of Domaine de Manville is a precious one, abundant with fruits, vegetables, and aromatic herbs. Maintained daily by a market gardener, it serves as a source of inspiration for Chef Lieven Van Aken and his team, whose culinary creations are directly nourished by the garden.

[Learn more](#)



### L'Aupiho\*, The gourmet break

The Michelin-starred table of L'Aupiho offers a journey into the unique world of Chef Lieven van Aken, who uses the natural treasures cultivated on-site while also proposing a few detours to Flanders. This bold and successful back-and-forth is an experience you won't leave unchanged! From lunch under the parasols to dinner by candlelight on the terrace, the cuisine of L'Aupiho can also be savored in the inner courtyard, the heart of the former agricultural estate of Manville. Shaded by centuries-old plane trees and refreshed by the pool and fountain, it's the perfect place for a gourmet break.

#### Chef Lieven van Aken

Originally from Belgium, Lieven van Aken began his career in the kitchens of the two-starred restaurant «Comme chez Soi» in Brussels. It was alongside Michel Guérard in Eugénie-les-Bains that he mastered his craft. Today, he champions the quality and flavors of local products by creating contemporary, playful, and colorful dishes.

[L'Aupiho](#)



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## EATING IN THE OLD VILLAGE

### **La Reine Jeanne**

La Reine Jeanne offers a breathtaking view of the Baux Valley. The menu features signature dishes inspired by the local terroir, including charcoal-grilled meats, shellfish, a live seafood tank, and fish specialties. Open year-round.

Rue Porte Mage  
+33 4 90 54 32 06  
la-reinejeanne.fr

### **Au Porte Mages**

Terrace and landscaped garden. Set under the olive tree, the cypress trees, or in the vaulted 16th-century room with its monumental fireplace, you can enjoy the chef's traditional and Provençal cuisine.

Rue Porte Mage  
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### **Café du Musée**

Traditional and family cuisine in the heart of the village.

Grand Rue Frédéric Mistral  
+33 4 90 91 55 19

### **Le Bautezar**

Panoramic terrace offering stunning views of the valley. Local food.

Grand Rue Frédéric Mistral  
+33 4 90 54 32 09

### **Le Bouchon Rouge**

Near the Château des Baux, a charming restaurant offering Provençal flavors.

Rue du Trencat  
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### **Le Petit Rocher**

This restaurant, carved into the rock, offers terroir cuisine with Mediterranean accents.

Rue du Trencat  
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## LOCAL KNOW-HOW AND CRAFTS

The sustainable and responsible commitments of Les Baux-de-Provence extend to local craftsmanship and know-how. Artisans are key players in the local economy. Essential to the development and attractiveness of a region, their expertise is a driver for the future.

Les Baux-de-Provence recently joined the network of privileged partners of the Chamber of Trades and Crafts PACA on Friday, April 5, 2024. The municipality signed the Charter of Support for Local Economic Activity, in the presence of local elected officials and artisans from Les Baux, including Jean-André Charial, owner of Baumanière, Marie Vinourd, conservator-restorer of ancient books at the Louis Jou Foundation, and Elsa Lenthal, who creates lavender spindles in the traditional Provençal manner. The label «Consume Local, Consume Artisanal» now has its rightful place in Les Baux-de-Provence.



### L'ATELIER DU LIVRE

Like the engraver and typographer Louis Jou, the conservator-restorers of ancient books, Marie and François Vinourd, contribute to the rich heritage of the village. In their discreet workshop located at the Louis Jou Foundation, they breathe new life into ancient documents from the 6th to the 17th century, including Byzantine manuscripts and parchments.

Workshops and open doors are regularly organized at the Louis Jou Foundation to showcase their remarkable work.

[Learn more](#)

### CARRIÈRE SARRAGAN

The Sarragan Quarry, the last stone extraction site still in operation in Les Baux-de-Provence, is committed to practicing sustainable and responsible extraction. It is also a key player in the transmission of a craft inherent to Les Baux-de-Provence: stone cutting. The quarry regularly opens its doors to the public during educational events such as the Arts and Crafts Fair or the European Heritage Days.

[Learn more](#)



## BIJOUX JACQUES MONIQUET

Les Baux-de-Provence invites you to discover the unique world of Jacques Moniquet. It was as a cinema professional that the artisan first encountered the village and decided to stay. That was 60 years ago. Today, this jewelry and art object creator continues his work in his workshop-boutique, speaking with passion about the lifetime of craftsmanship. His door is always open to visitors and curious individuals who wish to see how he shapes metal into noble creations.

[Learn more](#)

## ELSA LENTHAL LAVANDES

Passed down through a family tradition, the making of lavender spindles by Elsa Lenthal requires precise and meticulous steps. The rounding of the bouquet, the folding of the stems, the precision of the weaving—each gesture is important and adds to the uniqueness of this object, which carries the full history of Provence. Every summer, Elsa Lenthal offers workshops where visitors can experience the craft firsthand.

[Learn more](#)

## CHOCOLATERIE BAUMANIÈRE

Embark on a tasting experience dedicated to pleasure, where praline will elevate the chocolate creations born from the collaboration between Pastry Chef Brandon Dehan and Chocolate Chef Justine Berger. In November 2022, just five months after its opening, the Baumanière chocolate shop was awarded the Excellence Award and a Gold Tablet by the Club Des Croqueurs de Chocolat. They were also honored with the «Fou de Pâtisserie» trophy in the chocolate creation category.

[Learn more](#)

## ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Every year, during the European Days of Crafts, the village of Les Baux-de-Provence hosts around thirty artisans for this special event. Set up in various cultural venues throughout the town, these artisans share their expertise through workshops and live demonstrations, allowing visitors to explore and appreciate the intricate skills behind their crafts. This event highlights the importance of traditional craftsmanship and gives the public the opportunity to engage directly with the artisans, learning about their techniques and the stories behind their creations.

# Staying in Les Baux-de-Provence

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## ART DE VIVRE AND AUTHENTICITY

### THE LUXURY INTERLUDE

#### BAUMANIÈRE LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE \*\*\*\*\*

At the foot of the rocky spur of Les Baux-de-Provence, the Baumanière estate unfolds in a wild and peaceful landscape surrounded by the mineral nature of the Alpilles Regional Park and embraced by vineyards, garrigue, and olive trees.

A jewel of luxury hospitality and fine French cuisine, Baumanière Relais & Château\*\*\*\*\* has been welcoming discerning gourmets and distinguished figures from around the world for over seventy years, from crowned heads to renowned artists and actors.

The 20-hectare estate enchants with the healing atmosphere and the art of living that defines this legendary location.

5-star hotel

Spa

2 restaurants, including a 3-star restaurant

+33 44 90 54 33 07 - [www.baumaniere.com](http://www.baumaniere.com)



Baumanière

#### DOMAINE DE MANVILLE \*\*\*\*\*

At the foot of the Baux, a 5-star luxury-responsible domain set in a former agricultural estate, where luxury is experienced through the gentleness of life, the sunrise over dry stone walls, field flowers in large vases, tranquility and pleasure, the smell of freshly baked bread, honey flowing from the estate's hives, a pool as beautiful as a basin, and the morning massage

Immersing yourself in this infinite space at the foot of the white cliffs of the Alpilles is to breathe and exist outside of time. The Domaine de Manville welcomes its guests with sincerity, tenderness, and high standards.

A sanctuary for modern souls where vastness and subtlety coexist. Like a return to the roots.

5-star hotel

Spa

Bistro and Michelin 1-star restaurant

18-hole golf course

+33 4 90 54 40 20 - [www.domainedemanville.fr](http://www.domainedemanville.fr)



Manville



## IN THE HEART OF PROVENCE

All the hoteliers in Les Baux-de-Provence share a common philosophy rooted in essential values of authenticity, friendliness, simplicity, and respect for nature. While each establishment retains its unique character and atmosphere, they all share the same passion: to offer guests the pleasure of staying in an exceptional setting at the heart of the Alpilles.

### **Le Mas de l'Oulivié\*\*\*\***

Le Mas de l'Oulivié has been committed to sustainable and responsible tourism for over 10 years.

This Provençal farmhouse, nestled between scrubland and olive trees, just 2 km from the village, is a 4-star hotel that combines chic comfort with environmental commitments.

Closed until April 3  
Hôtels au Naturel  
Valeurs Parc  
Accueil Vélo  
Clorofil  
+33 4 90 54 35 78  
[www.masdeloulivie.com](http://www.masdeloulivie.com)

### **Benvenuto\*\*\*\***

At the foot of the rocks, this charming Provençal bastide with its beautiful olive grove and tall pines is delighted to welcome you for a relaxing stay enhanced by Provençal delicacies. Large park, heated pool, tennis court, private parking, pétanque court. Every autumn, the establishment offers a weekend dedicated to Olivades.

Closed until March 28.  
04 90 54 32 54  
[www.benvenuto.com](http://www.benvenuto.com)

### **Mas d'Aigret\*\*\*\*\***

Charming Hotel-Restaurant, an authentic 17th-century Mas partially carved into the rock, ideally located just 5 minutes' walk from the village, offering one of the most stunning views in the region over the Alpilles, Château des Baux, and the Vallée des Baux. Meet Éric Valette in the kitchen, owner and Master Restaurateur.

Closed until March 22.  
Valeurs Parc  
+33 4 90 54 20 00  
[www.masdaigret.com](http://www.masdaigret.com)

### **L'étoile des Baux\*\*\*\*\***

The experience of discreet and refined luxury, in a Provençal mas built into the rock face. L'Etoile des Baux, part of the Iconic House hotel collection, offers a magnificent view of the village of Les Baux-de-Provence. The property has been entirely reimagined as an Artist's retreat, revealing eight beautifully appointed suites, troglodyte rooms carved into the limestone cliff, a swimming pool, an open-air theater, and a fitness room.

Luxury property for rent.  
+33 6 08 35 87 06  
[www.iconic.house](http://www.iconic.house)

### **Fabian des Baux\*\*\***

Charming hotel at the foot of the village of Baux, Fabien des Baux welcomes you in his cozy rooms with a terrace or balcony. Surrounded by olive groves, where peace and serenity reign, enjoy a view of the surrounding countryside. In the shade of the patio or by the pool, you will appreciate the tranquility and joy of a stay in the Alpilles.

+33 44 90 54 37 87  
[www.hotelfabiandesbaux.com](http://www.hotelfabiandesbaux.com)

# Les Baux for everyone

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## OUR STAY IDEAS

### FOR NATURE ADVENTURERS

Travel along the hiking trails to Les Baux-de-Provence, circle the rock to appreciate the unique geology of the area, and then visit the «stone monsters» of the Val d'Enfer.

During your walk, observe the emblematic species of the Alpilles. Stay at Mas de l'Oulivié, holder of the Hôtel au Naturel label, which shares essential values of authenticity, conviviality, simplicity, and respect for nature and people.

#### Organize your nature getaway:

- cheminsdesparcs.fr
- parcalpilles.fr
- Mas de l'Oulivié

### FOR THOSE WHO LOVE LOCAL PRODUCTS:

Visit the cellars of Mas Sainte Berthe and Mas de la Dame and taste 100% organic wines. Why not also enjoy a walk along the vines and have a picnic along the way? Further on, the Moulin Castelas invites you to wander through its olive groves and discover its AOP Baux-de-Provence olive oils, renowned as far as the Élysée.

#### Savor the local flavors:

Mas de la Dame  
Mas Sainte Berthe  
Moulin Castelas

### FOR A ROMANTIC GETAWAY

If you love romance, seek refinement, and desire intimate tables where you can enjoy Michelin-starred cuisine, if you're longing for hand-in-hand strolls through history and nature, and if the idea of contemplating the breathtaking landscapes of the Alpilles together appeals to you... then you're in the right place.

#### Things to do together:

- Stay in one of our hotels
- Enjoy gastronomic and local food
- Treat yourselves to delights from the Baumanière Chocolate Shop
- Relax in one of our spas

### IN FAMILY

No matter the season, you won't run out of things to do with the family. From strolling through the old village and surroundings, to immersive exhibitions at the Carrières des Lumières and a visit to the castle, make the most of the «family pass» to experience all that Les Baux has to offer.

#### Things to do with the family:

- Immersive exhibitions at the Carrières des Lumières
- Visit to the castle
- Mystery games for little ones (available at the reception)
- Escape Game at the castle: The Mystery of Alix

### FOR HERITAGE ENTHUSIASTS

Whether you're strolling on your own or enjoying a guided tour, the heritage of Les Baux-de-Provence is full of fascinating discoveries. From the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, step through the doors of time. Walk through the village to the castle, passing by the Maison du Roy, Hôtel de Manville, the Post Tenebras Lux window, the church, and the Santon Museum.

#### Things to do in Les Baux:

- Pick up your map at the Tourist Office, Maison du Roy
- Book a guided tour
- Visit the castle and the village

### FOR ATHLETES

Come to Les Baux on foot, by running, or by bike – the trails are plentiful, and so are the challenges. After all, it's said you have to "climb to the castle," so it's up to you where you start. Stay at Mas de l'Oulivié, which offers sports activities. Looking for new experiences? Try golfing on the eco-friendly green at Domaine de Manville.

#### My sporty stay:

- Chemins des Parcs
- Golf at Domaine de Manville
- Mas de l'Oulivié



# COMING TO THE BAUX-DE-PROVENCE

## BY TRAIN

4 hours from Paris  
2h30 from Lyon  
1 hour from Marseille  
TGV stations nearby:  
Marseille Saint Charles (50 min)  
Aix-en-Provence (120 min)  
Miramas (35 min)  
Nîmes Pont-du-Gard or Nîmes center (20 min)  
Avignon (20 min)

## BY PLANE

Marseille-Provence Airport  
50 minutes by car  
Directly connected to Arles and Tarascon via the Vitrolles - Marignane -  
Airport train station

Marseille Provence: 65 km  
Nice Côte d'Azur: 235 km  
Nîmes-Alès-Camargue-Cévennes: 45 km  
Avignon-Provence: 30 km

## BY CAR

7 hours from Paris  
2 hours 30 minutes from Lyon  
1 hour from Marseille

## BY BIKE

ViaRhôna [www.viarhona.com](http://www.viarhona.com)  
L'Eurovélo [www.francevelotourisme.com/itineraire/la-mediterranee-a-velo-eurovelo-8](http://www.francevelotourisme.com/itineraire/la-mediterranee-a-velo-eurovelo-8)  
Chemins des Parcs [www.cheminsdesparcs.fr](http://www.cheminsdesparcs.fr)

## BY BUS

Line 707 Summer: July - August 2025  
→ Avignon – Saint-Rémy – Les Baux – Arles  
[www.zou.maregionsud.fr](http://www.zou.maregionsud.fr)

## LESBAUXDEPROVENCE.COM

Want to know everything about the destination? [lesbauxdeprovence.com](http://lesbauxdeprovence.com) is a must-visit. From the experiences to be had, to the walks and activities, to information about our partners, the website captures all the essence of Les Baux-de-Provence.

Learn more: [lesbauxdeprovence.com](http://lesbauxdeprovence.com)

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