

La Provence as we dream of it ...

SALON DE PROVENCE

- The town in which Nostradamus settled in 1547 and where he wrote his famous "CENTURIES" which we have been trying to interpret for four centuries.
- The Castle Museum of Empéri is the oldest of the 3 important medieval fortresses of Provence and accommodates a museum of Art and Military History which is probably the most famous one after the museum of the Army of the Invalides in Paris.
- The soap factory MARIUS FABRE which was developed in the XIX century and which represents an important market of olive oil and Marseilles soap.

At about fifteen kilometres from Salon de Provence, in TARASCON, you will find the museum "SOULEIADO", famous for its Provencal fabrics.

To miss on no account: the Alpilles. Gorgeous! Their rare and typical landscapes are a must see.

LES BAUX DE PROVENCE, the castle...Once past the gates, we arrive in a headland overhanging the village, the SAINTE BLAISE chapel and the ruins of an old hospital surrounded by the décor of the ALPILLES.

Let's not forget SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE and its amazing market every Wednesday, MOURIES, EYGALIERES, and FONTVIEILLE, to name a few of these unforgettable villages of the ALPILLES.

On your way to the Alpilles, you can visit Arles, the ancient intriguing and majestic town, the antique theatre next to the arenas, dating back to the reign of Auguste. The steps were partly restored, but the paving of the orchestra is its original. You will contemplate SAINTE TROPHIME Church, its cloister, the Abbey of MONTMAJOUR and the forum's "cryptoportiques" (underground galleries).

Arles is the gateway to Camargue with its Regional Park and natural reserve. You will be able to discover the different species of birds in the ornithological park "du Pont de GAU".

Enjoy sailing on "le Petit Rhône" up to "le bac du petit sauvage".

Horse riding remains the best way to discover Camargue and its secrets. Many estates arrange daily or hourly horse rides.

AIX EN PROVENCE is at 20 minutes drive: town of Cezanne filled in every corner with inexhaustible culture, the SAINT SAUVEUR cathedral, the CEZANNE museum and his studio from where he could admire the SAINTE VICTOIRE Mountain. Do not miss the flower market on the town-hall square every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

MARSEILLES “NOTRE DAME DE LA GARDE”“LA BONNE MERE’ (“Our lady of the Guard” “Our good mother”) as we name it here. The walk is for the bravest because the way up is very steep even if you don’t put chickpeas inside your shoes as the tradition dictates it; it takes a good thirty minutes to get to the main terrace (161m. high). NOTRE DAME DE LA GARDE is a magic place from which you can see the whole city.

You should not miss it as it is the home town of MARCEL PAGNOL. You will remember his novels. The tourism office of AUBAGNE set up several itineraries to discover the different places that inspired this famous writer for his novels and his film sceneries.

Why not finish your day with a swim in our fabulous CALANQUES: Sormiou, Sugiton and “les Pierres Tombées” to discover through the road “La route des CRETES” and its superb sights.

We will be able to talk this over during your stay and give you more information.....