

Revitalize yourself in Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert in the Hérault Valley

Legendary inspiration

Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert

Sheltered in one of France's most beautiful villages, Saint-Guilhem-Le Désert, The Abbey of Gellone is both a masterpiece of Romanesque art and a UNESCO World heritage Site on the Pilgrimage Route to Santiago de Compostela. To wander through the narrow medieval streets of this town is like walking alongside the pilgrims letting the legends of the Château du Géant and the stories of the legendary Guilhaem echo among the ancient stones.

The Devil's Bridge (Pont du Diable)

According to local legend, the Devil built the indestructible bridge in three days and three nights after making a pact with Guilhaem... Historically, its construction dates back to the 11th century. The bridge crosses the River Hérault at the narrowest point of the gorge connecting the abbeys of Aniane and Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert. Like the Abbey of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and part of the Pilgrim's Way to Santiago de Compostela.

Useful information

The site, the gateway to the Hérault Gorges, has a car park (charged). During the season, free shuttle buses serve the villages of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Saint-Jean-de-Fos, Montpeyroux, Aniane and Puéchabon.
More info: www.saintguilhem-valleeherault.fr



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The remarkable circular villages

Wander through the cool, narrow streets and discover a viewpoint, an old house full of authentic charm, or a church coming into view around the corner. The medieval villages of the Hérault Valley like Puéchabon, Le Pouget, Saint-Jean-de-Fos and Saint-Pargoire are full of surprises for those who venture off the beaten path.

Focus on guided tours

The Tourist Office's tour guides narrate the story of the villages and iconic places in the Hérault Valley, from Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert and the ancient abbey of Aniane to the Hérault Gorges Grand Site de France, Montpeyroux, Puilacher, Argelliers, etc.

Information and bookings:
reservation.saintguilhem-valleeherault.fr

Izi Travel, an audio guide in your pocket

With the Izi Travel app, available for free on your smartphone, around ten villages in the Hérault Valley will reveal all their secrets.

Download the app:



Natural inspirations



The Hérault Gorges

Grand Site de France

For thousands of years, the Hérault River has carved its path through the rock around Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert and the Pont du Diable, shaping the landscape into spectacular gorges. Certified « Grand Site de France », these gorges offer a wild and preserved landscape.

Supervised swimming at the Pont du Diable in July and August.

For more information about the Gorges de l'Hérault, visit the Maison du Grand Site de France (Cultural Information Centre) at the Pont du Diable in Aniane, open from April to October.



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Adventures

in the great outdoors

The Hérault Valley is a sun-drenched paradise where 15 walking trails, from the mountains of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert to the wine-growing plains, offer you the chance to discover a Chappe telegraph, a hermitage, small streams, a Castellans, and much more.

And also:
Over 260km of mountain biking and cycle trails, two climbing sites...

Enorando and Enovelo

Enorando and Enovelo
Four « Enorando » (trail) (Gignac, Saint-Saturnin-de-Lucian and Montpeyroux) and an « Enovelo » (biking) (Gignac) combine vineyards, landscapes and outdoor activities.
For more informations about activities in the Hérault Valley



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Creative inspirations



Argileum,

the house of pottery

Argileum will share a story that goes back 600 years ago: the story of pottery in Saint-Jean-de-Fos. Age-old skills and expertise, the lives of artisans and the creation of a handmade piece are at the heart of this tour of a 19th-century workshop.

The workshops introduce participants to the precise movements the potters use and the art of shaping clay.

For more informations about Argileum:



Workshops every
Wednesday and during the
school holidays.

Dates and bookings:



Focus on

«Ville et métiers d'art»

The Hérault Valley has been awarded the "Ville et métiers d'art" label in recognition of the diversity of its artisans: cutlers, perfumers, jewellers, potters, and more. Discover more about these skills at the Maison du Grand Site de France on the Pont du Diable and at Argileum, the pottery centre.

Winegrower inspirations



A land of

a thousand flavours

With five Protected Designations of Origin, six Geographical Indications, and 150 wine estates, this unique terroir reveals a unique wealth of flavours. Each tasting is an invitation to explore the excellence and diversity of its wines.

The Maison du Grand Site de France wine library at the Pont du Diable showcases this winemaking expertise. From April to October, a selection of the best vintages is available for tastings and meetings with the producers.

Explore the wine estates in the Hérault Valley:



Gourmet inspirations



Terroir - gourmet

Rich soil and year-round sunshine are the perfect recipe for the finest products of the Hérault Valley. Juicy strawberries, goat's cheese infused with the wild herb aromas of garrigue, crunchy olives, and delicious gourmet jams - these are the elements that inspire chefs to create menus bursting with local flavours.

The best place to experience it:

the markets

The scent of flowers and ripe fruit mingle with the lively chatter, an explosion of colour on the stalls and the unique tastes of sun-ripened vegetables. Every week, the markets offer a feast for all the senses.

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Young people inspiration



A playground

Wooden carts for racing, farm animals, clay for crafting, tree-top adventure courses, a beach for swimming in full safety, and even a cave. The little ones have a blast in the Hérault Valley.

Discover all the family activities:



Practical info

Gignac reception

From April to October, Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:30
From November to the end of March, Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 17:30. Closed on public holidays.

Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert reception

From 5 April to 4 July and from 1 September to 28 September, 7 days a week, 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 18:00
From 5 July to 31 August, every day from 10:00 to 18:30.
From 29 September to 2 November, every day, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30
From 3 November to March (excluding holidays), Tuesday to Friday, 14:00 to 17:30 and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:30
School holidays (zone C), 7 days a week, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30
Closed on 25 December and 1 January

Maison du Grand Site de France at the Devil's Bridge reception

From 5 April to 4 July and from 1 to 28 September, seven days a week, from 10:30 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 18:00.
From 5 July to 31 August, every day from 10:00 to 18:30.
From 29 September to 2 November, every day, from 10:00 to 17:00

Argileum, the house of pottery in Saint-Jean-de-Fos reception

From 5 April to 4 July, from 1 September to 2 November, Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 18:00 (closed on Mondays except Easter and Whitsun)
From 5 July to 31 August, every day from 10:00 to 18:30.
December, Tuesday to Friday, 14:00 to 18:00, Saturdays, 10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 17:30
Winter holidays (zone C), Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 18:00

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Online ticketing: reservation.saintguilhem-valleeherault.fr

On the Tourist Office website, you will find :

- a list of the best places to stay (hotels, B&Bs, gîtes, campsites, etc.)
- the best restaurants
- activities for families, friends and couples
- unique experiences with enthusiasts from the Hérault Valley
- practical information on parking, getting around, etc.
- good deals selected by the Tourist Office
- not-to-be-missed events

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Everything you need to know about mobility in the Hérault Valley



By air

Airports of Montpellier (scheduled flights from Lyon, Nantes, Paris, Bordeaux, Ajaccio, Bastia, Brest, Lille, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, etc.) and Béziers: (scheduled flights from England, Germany, Sweden, Paris, etc.)

By train

Montpellier, Sète and Béziers stations are served by major SNCF lines (Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, and Marseille)

By coach

With Lio Transport, several lines serve the Hérault Valley, mainly Gignac and its multimodal transport interchange. **www.lio-occitanie.fr**

Moving around the Hérault Valley

Parking at the Grand Site de France
Parking lot at Pont du Diable (charged from April to October) and free shuttle buses to Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, the Clamouse cave, Saint-Jean-de-Fos, Aniane, Puéchabon and Montpeyroux.

By coach with Lio Transport

Several lines link the surrounding villages to Gignac.

Tadarn

Transport on demand allows you to travel to all the villages in the Hérault Valley. Reservations on +33 (0) 805 60 81 00 €2/journey

Info: www.cc-vallee-herault.fr

Modulauto

Two self-service vehicles are available at the Gignac multimodal transport interchange.
Information: www.modulauto.net

Carsharing

With Mobicoop: www.mobicoop.fr/

By taxi or private hire vehicle: several companies offer their services throughout the region.



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Unesco

2 Pont du Diable (XI^e siècle)
Unesco - Swimming site
Maison du Grand Site de France
(Tourist office, Sale of local and
cultural products, restaurant)

3 Argileum
The house of pottery
Discovery tour, shop, workshops

The Hérault Valley

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-  Compostela

