



Argileum

**the house of pottery
your journey to a
land of experience**

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Gorges de l'Hérault
Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert



Argileum, *the house of pottery*

**For over 600 years, we have been shaping clay
in Saint-Jean-de-Fos.**

At Argileum, a former 19th-century workshop, we open the doors to our history. Here, every gesture, every firing, every piece tells the story of a craft passed down from generation to generation.

As you move through your visit, the workshop comes back to life in front of your eyes.

The pottery wheel reveals the precision of the gesture, the wood-fired ovens witness the patience of the firings, and the settling pools, at the heart of the garden, tell the story of the long work of the material.

But our story goes on.

Even today, craftspeople carry on and reinvent this heritage.

At the end of the tour, their creations extend the narrative: unique, contemporary pieces, shaped with the same exacting standards and the same passion.

The tradition continues to be written, before your eyes.



Nello's garden



The Argileum garden, with its settling basins, is an integral part of the visit. In summer, it is transformed into a place where you can relax, with deckchairs and books for you to read. It is the perfect place to rest, surrounded by Mediterranean plants, which create a peaceful atmosphere.

Operation Read in Garden : in July and August.

Saint-Jean-de-Fos, *a village of potters*



As you wander through the medieval lanes of Saint-Jean-de-Fos, glazed pottery appears everywhere: on facades, around the corner of a house, even on the roof of the church.

Here, tradition is not merely observed — it is lived.

In the workshops, craftspeople welcome you, shape the clay before your eyes, and share the story of a trade passed down through the centuries.



For more information on the pottery workshops of Saint-Jean-de-Fos, visit:
www.potiersdestjeandefos.com



Workshops

All year round at Argileum

What if it was your turn to make the clay sing?

In Argileum's workshops, we guide you through the potter's gestures and help you discover the different shaping techniques.

Modelling workshops

For two hours, with your hands in the clay, we guide you.

Led by a potter, you let your creativity flow and discover the joy of watching a piece come to life under your fingers.

Prices : €15, children €9. Ages 5 and up (children aged 5 to 10 must be accompanied by a fare-paying adult).

Throwing workshops

For a full day, we learn you how to throw on the wheel: from centering the clay to the first forms taking shape under your fingers.

Price : €80. Ages 10 and up.



Throwing courses

All year round, over the course of a weekend, we guide apprentice potters through the discovery of the wheel.

Step by step, they learn to work the clay and watch plates, bowls and dishes take shape under their hands.

Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Price : €150 for both days (ages 16 and up).



The investigation game -

Mission Argileum

A revolutionary invention.

A missing potter.

A patent to file urgently.

Your turn to play.

Explore Argileum, decode the clues hidden throughout the workshop and find the mysterious object before time runs out.

Prices: €7/adult, €5 (ages 10–18).



Bookings and schedules for workshops, courses and the investigation game are available on our online ticketing platform: billetterie.saintguilhem-valleeherault.fr

The Argileum *shop*



Argileum is a unique shop where you will find a wealth of local expertise from the Hérault valley, including ceramics, decorative objects, tableware, design, arts and crafts, jewellery, cosmetics, books and much more. You're sure to find something 100% local to take home with you as a souvenir.

Prices and times



Don't miss it !

- April - *European Artistic Crafts Days*
- May - *European Night of the Museums*
- July - *Saint-Jean-de-Fos Potters' Market*
- September - *European Heritage Days*
- September, every two years - *National Ceramics Days*
- October, every two years - *Festibol, the big bowl celebration*

Prices

Prices for self-guided tours of the museum :

Full price : Adults : €7 • Children (aged 10-18) : €5

Reduced price : Jobseekers, students, large families, partnerships, senior citizens aged 60 and over.

Adults : €5 - Children (aged 10-18) : €4,5.

Free for people with disabilities.

A great offer : Admission is free on the first Saturday of the month.

Payment methods accepted : bank card, cash, cheques and ANCV holiday vouchers.

Practical informations

Open from February to December

***All opening hours
on the website***



www.argileum.fr

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For groups

We welcome you all year round for a guided tour, a pottery workshop, a meal at a local restaurant... For information and prices, please contact the Local Travel Agency.

For individuals

Book a customised trip to the Hérault valley (Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, Clamouse cave, etc.) with the Local Travel Agency.

Conference Room Rental (35m²). Prices :

Half-day : €62,50

Day : €100

Contact the Local Travel Agency :

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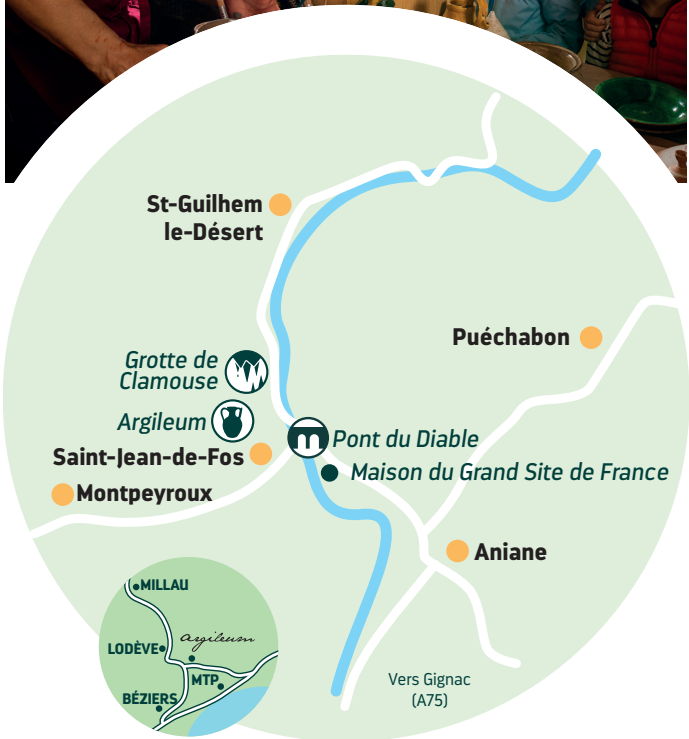
For children

Educational service for schoolchildren :

service-educatif@cc-valleeherault.fr

***Argileum, house of pottery, is fully accessible
to people with reduced mobility -
Air-conditioned space***

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