

ITINERARY

## Curious walk !

### MAUSSANE-LES-ALPILLES

The landscapes of Bouches-du-Rhône are one of the strongest attractions of the territory. In 2014, the department received the Fleuri national label. This mark of a quality welcome rewards actions in favor of improving the living environment for all. To discover these multiple landscapes, Bouches-du-Rhône Tourisme offers a selection of discovery itineraries, among which

#### "CURIOUS WALK!"

Throughout these courses, discover our towns and villages, our streets and our streets: known landscapes or hidden nuggets, they could be the ones we borrow when we want to let our friends know our favorite sites.

Good stay in Provence !



**Access :**  
CARTREIZE : Line 57 : Saint Rémy - Avignon  
Ligne 29 : Salon-de-Provence - Arles

**Parkings :**  
Arena, Agora, C. Piquet, H. Giraud

Useful information	On foot
	1h30 / 1,9 km
	Level easy

An unusual and original trip to Maussane-les-Alpilles! At the heart of the Regional Natural Park of Alpilles, between the plains of Crau and Camargue, Maussane-les-Alpilles, village of rural and pastoral tradition offers you the authentic softness of Provence.

This "Curious walk" will reveal more than the discovery of a charming Provençal village, but many surprises, curiosities, unusual anecdotes of the municipal heritage. Everything you have never suspected of our village!

#### DISCOVERS

##### Biscuit craft:

In the heart of the village, original recipes of sweet and savory biscuits with variations ranging from thyme, poppy, almond, chilli, anchovies, basil, raspberries ...

1, rue des Cigales

Tel. 06 32 08 29 61

this circuit was awarded the prize for the best enhancement of the heritage in the competition for towns and villages in bloom.

##### Restaurants:

L'Oustaloun: Tel. 04 90 54 32 19

The Clos St Roch: Tel. 04 90 98 77 15

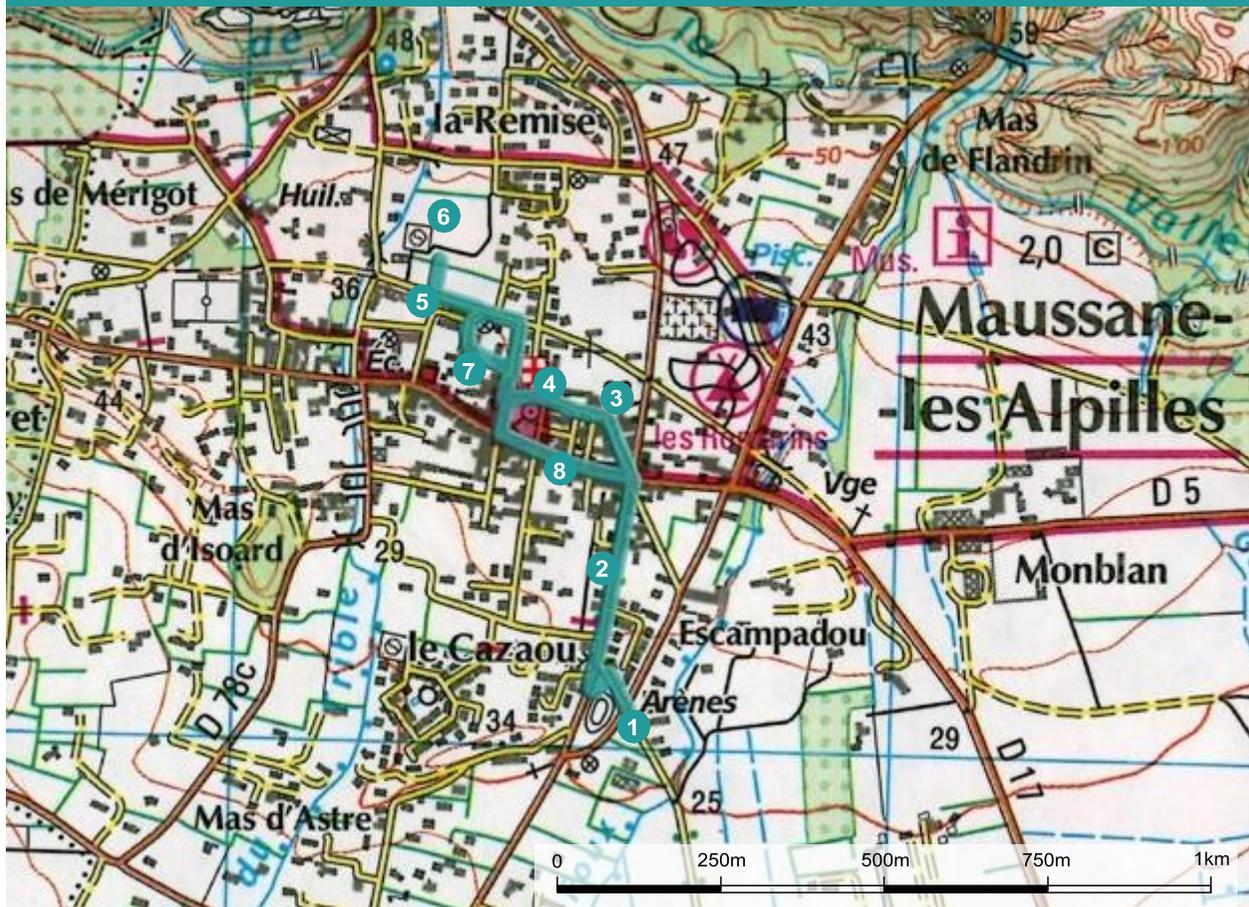
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**1** Departure from the parking Mas de Chabran street. Pass in front of Saint-Eloi oratory and cross the road. Do you know what level of the sea you are? Find the answer on the façade of the healthcare center looking for a cylindrical cast iron plate. You have just discovered a Bourdalouë landmark! KEZAKO? It is an altimetric benchmark. You are 28 meters above sea level During the years 1857-1864, P-A Bourdalouë established a leveling network on the French territory.

The “zero Bourdalouë” is fixed as being 0.40 m line of the tide scale from Fort Saint-Jean to Marseille. The completion of the General Leveling of France required the setting up of more than 450 000 landmarks!

**2** Go up the rue Frédéric Mistral and walk up to the level of No. 8. Do you know how irrigation water was once distributed in the village? You will discover it by activating a mechanism in the waal of this house... lift the hammer that will reveal you a hidden network of

the hammer that will reveal you a hidden network of water supply!

**3** Cross the avenue des Baux Valley, go up rue Saint Roch and take rue des cicales. Discover a funny Biscuiterie Artisanale! Véronique offers unexpected recipes of sweet and savory biscuits. Its concept is original, both tea room, production workshop, exhibition space of works of art and sale !

**4** After the sweet, a little sacred! Continue your way to the north of the church (facing the retirement home). The lord of the place, J. Laugier de Montblan, offered the church Sainte Croix aux Maussanais in 1754. Do you know that he is hiding somewhere on his facade? Look for the generous benefactor's face near the loopholes ...

**5** Go up the rue Jules Deiss, turn left and follow Avenue des Alpilles to the old train station. You now know that the Marseilles tide gauge marks the zero point of altitude in Europe. And yes, all measurements start from this point. Mont Blanc and its 4,810 meters or the Eiffel Tower and its 324 meters! And the old station of Maussane? Look for the landmark of Bourdalouë on its facade to find the answer!

**6** Cross the Avenue des Alpilles, the car park and go to the Agora Park. Discover a giant puzzle of 5m x 5m and about 6 tons, representing France and its departments. Unique monument in France!

**7** Retrace your steps, cross the Avenue des Alpilles, and head left towards the media library

**B. Priaulet.** Take the pedestrian crossing of Temps Retrouvé until the place Laugier de Monblan. Do you know what level of the sea you are? Look for the Bourdalouë landmark on the south facade of the church to find the answer! The fountain of 4 seasons, built around 1869, is an unexpected masterpiece for a village that then had only 1800 inhabitants. The statues supporting its dome symbolize the four seasons. Is that correct? Find the mistake ! Admire the unfinished campanile of the church of Sainte Croix and discover the bottom of history ... De Monblan wanted the Maussanais realize the work to have the feeling of having worked in their own church. A misunderstanding is emerging, some believing that the lord has no money to complete the building. To silence his detractors, de Monblan had a bridge built near his castle at his own expense.

**8** Follow the avenue of the valley of the Baux, go down the street Frédéric Mistral and join the parking of the arena.



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