

Itinerary

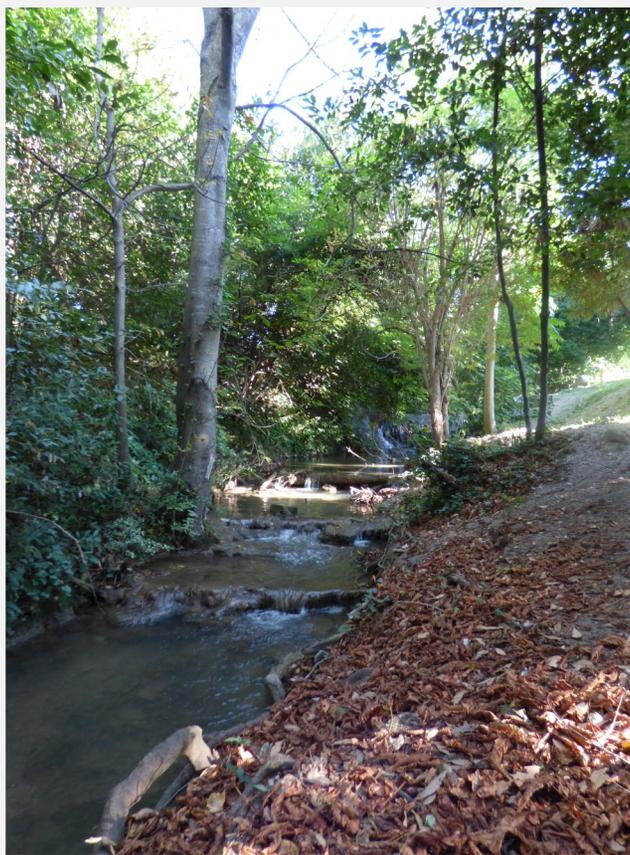
ALL ALONG WATER

Maussane-les-Alpilles

Bouches-du-Rhone's landscapes are one of the main touristic attraction; in 2014 the department was awarded by the national label « flowered department » which stands as a seal of quality for a better living environment.

May we suggest a range of different itineraries to you, which will enable to discover our quaint towns, villages famous landscapes and hidden jewels, those treasured paths we like to share with our friends.

So you can feel the true Provence !



Access :

CARTREIZE : Line 29—Salon de Provence-Arles

CARTREIZE : Line 57—St Rémy de Provence-Avignon
(in high season)

Car park : Car park de la Tasse

Useful information

On foot
1:30/1.9 km
Easy level

Get into the hidden gems of Maussane-les-Alpilles following that itinerary strewn with creeks, fountains and stream, an unusual ride that will take you into a typical Provençal village.

Discoveries

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L'Oustaloun - **+33 4 90 54 32 19**

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LOCAL PRODUCES- OLIVES AND OLIVE OIL

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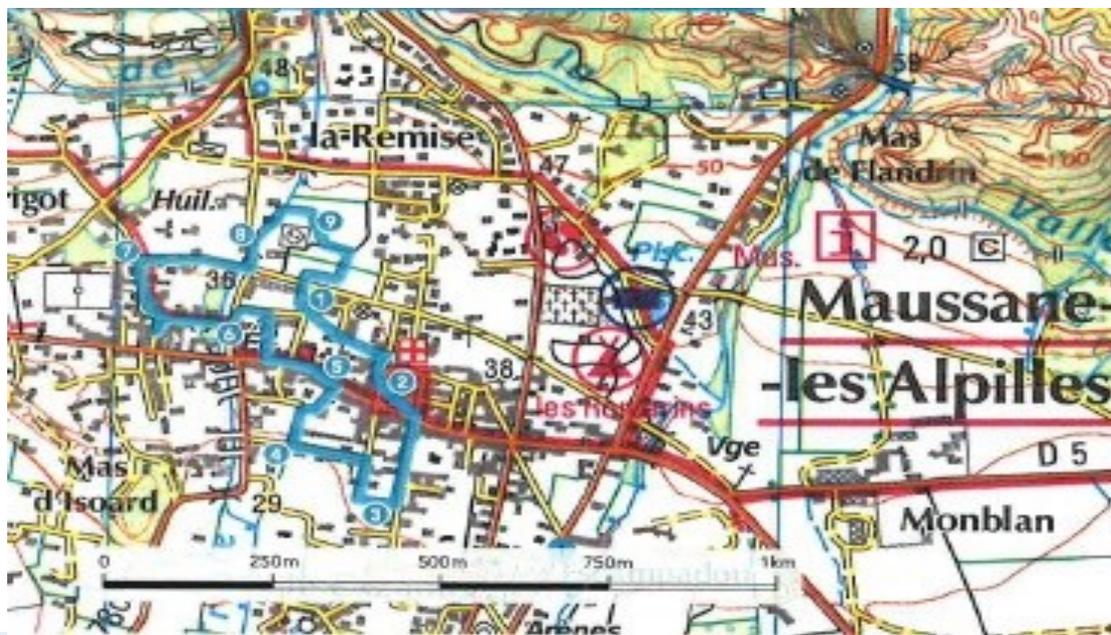
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1 : Start from « Place Henri Giraud » square, walk through a centuries-old tree-park named « Benjamin Priault », don't miss the house of this olive oil merchant and the olive oil mill turned into a media center and take the pedestrian crossing, called « passage du Temps Retrouvé ».

2 : Turn right and walk through « Place Laugier de Monblan » square. Notice Sainte Croix church and the shady bar terraces in front of ! Have a look at the four seasons fountain, built around 1869, a masterpiece for such a little village ! Walk through « avenue de la Vallée des Baux » avenue and down « Charles Piquet » street : you will go past a few little fountains and a wash-house.

3 : Turn right on « Charles Piquet » car park go through until the pedestrian passage on your right. Take « Rue Simon Barbier » street on a few meters. Turn left in « Rue Sautel » street and find a new fountain.

4 : Then turn right before « Simon Barbier » car park and walk on a little « *carrairon* ». In provençal a « *carrairon* » denotes a small path running along side a brook. Follow this path, staying on the right side until « la Calade » dead end .

5 : Walk through « Avenue de la Vallée des Baux » avenue and stop by the Napoleon III wash-house. It was an innovating concept at the time, because users were allowed to wash in standing position !

Go on walking along « la vallée des Baux » avenue and next to the school, see the mural paintings by Jean-Claude Quilici, painted with the help of Maussane primary school pupils. A little fountain invites you to turn right, then walk along the back of the school. At the end, turn left and walk along the « *gaudre* ».

A « *gaudre* » is a provençal word denoting a small brook. It may be dried up in summer time or flow slowly the rest of the year.

Many « *gaudres* » are going through the village, they all come from the Alpilles hills and end up in old swamps in the south of village. Turn left and go down « Avenue des marronniers » street.

6 : Turn right in « rue du vieux Maussane » street, crossing a little bridge that steps over the « *gaudre* ».

Here you are in the historical village center. You will look at a beautiful private mansion « maison Quenin » built shortly before the French revolution.

Turn left and go down « rue Charloun Rieu » street until « fontaine du Planet » fountain and its adjacent wash house. It used to be a place of sociability where washerwomen chatted while washing their linen.

7 : Go up « rue Charloun Rieu » street to « Maître Cornille » mill (dating back to the 16th century). Guided visits are available by reservation. Turn right and take a path named « chemin des Batignolles »; it is a former unused railway between Arles and Salon-de-Provence. At the end of the lane, turn left on « route des baux » walk along for a few meters.

8 : Then, turn right before the bridge that steps over the « *gaudre* ». Follow a little trail running in the woods alongside a fresh brook. A little waterfall welcomes you at the end ! Climb up the slope on your right and here you are in « Agora » park !

9 : Follow the way lined by almond trees and go down steps on the right. Do make a stop by a giant Map of France, an ashlar monument of 5X5 meters and 6 tons standing in the park ! Go through the garden and the car park, then cross the little bridge. Cross « Avenue des Alpilles » and go down « rue de la gare » street. You are now back to « Place Henri Giraud » square.