ITINERARY

The landscapes of the Bouches-du-Rhône are one of the region's greatest attractions. In 2014, the département was awarded the national 'Département Fleuri' label, a mark of quality hospitality that rewards efforts to improve the quality of life for all.

Discover the many different landscapes,
Bouches-du-Rhône Tourisme
offers you a selection of itineraries
to discover, including:

«CURIOUS STROLL»

Along the way, discover our towns and villages, streets and alleyways: well-known landscapes or hidden nuggets, they could be the ones we take when we want to show our friends our favourite sites.





PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Come to Maussane by bus with the ZOU line:



Line 702: Arles-Maussane-Salon de Provence

Line 707: Maussane-St Rémy de Provence-Avignon (July/August only)

<u>Nearest Parkings:</u>



Parking Simon Barbier
Parking agora

Parking Place Henri Giraud (except Thursdays)





Curious Stroll



An unusual and original walk in Maussane-les-Alpilles.

Practice: walking Length: I.9km Duration: Ih30







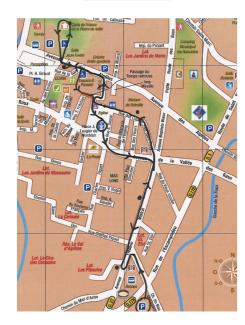








THE TRAIL



1: Leave from the car park on the Mas de Chabran road. Walk past the St Eloi oratory and cross the road.

Do you know how high you are?

Look for a small cast-iron cylindrical plate on the front of the Cabinet de Santé.

You've just discovered a Bourdalouë landmark! KEZAKO? It's an altitude marker. You are 28 metres above sea level.

Between 1857 and 1864, P-A Bourdalouë established a levelling network across France.

A marker 0.40 m above the tidal scale line as a starting point at the Marseilles tide gauge at the Marseille tide gauge marked the zero level, known as the "Bourdalouë zero".

More than 450,000 benchmarks had to be put in place to produce the General Levelling of France!

2: Go up the rue Frédéric Mistral and follow it until you reach N°8



Do you know how irrigation water used to be distributed in the village?

Find out by turning a mechanism hidden in the wall of this house... Lift the hammer to reveal a hidden water supply network!

3: Cross the av. de la vallée des Baux, walk up rue St Roch and take rue des cigales. Discover an unusual Biscuiterie Artisanale! Véronique offers unexpected recipes for sweet and savoury biscuits. Her original concept is part tea room, part production workshop, part art exhibition and part shop!

4: After the sweet, a bit of the sacred! Follow the path to the north of the church (opposite the retirement home). The lord of the manor, Laugier de Monblan, donated Sainte Croix church to the people of Mauss in 1754. Did you know that he is hiding somewhere on its façade? Look for the generous benefactor's face near the loopholes...

5: Go up rue Jules Deiss, turn left and walk along av. des Alpilles as far as the old station.

The Marseille tide gauge marks the zero point for altitude in Europe.

And yes, all measurements start from this point. The Mont-Blanc and its 4,810 metres or the Eiffel Tower and its 324 metres!

And the old Maussane station?

Look for the Bourdalouë marker on its façade to find the answer!

6: Cross the av. des Alpilles, the car park and go to the Parc Agora. Discover a giant "jigsaw puzzle" measuring 5 m x 5 m and weighing around 6 tonnes, representing France and its départements. The only one of its kind in France!

7: Go back the way you came, cross the av. des
Alpilles, and turn left towards the médiathèque B.
Priaulet media library. Take the Temps Retrouvé
pedestrian walkway as far as Place Laugier de
Monblan. Do you know how high you are? Look for
Bourdalouë's marker on the south side of the church to
find the answer, or not...

The Fountain of the 4 Seasons, built around 1869, is an unexpected masterpiece for a village that only had 1,800 inhabitants at the time. The statues supporting its dome symbolise the 4 seasons.

Is this true? Look for the mistake!

Admire the unfinished campanile of Ste Croix church and discover the story behind it... De Monblan wanted the people of Mauss to build it so that they would feel they had worked on their own church. There was some misunderstanding, however, as some people felt that the lord no longer had the money to complete the building. To silence his critics de Monblan had a bridge built near his castle at his own expense!

8: Follow the av. de la vallée des Baux, go down the rue F. Mistral and join the car park at the arena.