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A stylized red line art graphic of the Avignon skyline, featuring the silhouette of the Palais des Papes and other buildings, positioned above the main title.

AVIGNON, AN EXCEPTIONAL CITY





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PRESS RELEASE

**Fancy a city break between history and modernity?
A stay that offers culture, special events, lifestyle,
sunshine and beautiful nature ??
Avignon is the place to be.**

The Palace of the Popes, the largest Gothic palace in the world, residence of the Sovereign Pontiffs during the 14th century, is in the centre of the city. Visitors are now involved with the interactive **Histopad tablet** that brings them spectacular historical reconstructions designed by a scientific committee.

Near the Palace stand the remains of the Pont d'Avignon, famous worldwide for the beloved children's song, and a prestigious construction in its own right. Both monuments are **listed by UNESCO as World Heritage sites**.

The city walls encircle the ancient city and lead to interesting strolls among the old winding streets, as you explore chapels and churches, buildings from the Middle-Ages, city mansions from the 18th and 19th centuries. You are surrounded by art and architecture.

Avignon museums house a wide variety of collections. The Archaeology Museum displays Greek, Etruscan and Egyptian antiquities, the Petit Palais is famous for its exceptional collection of Italian primitive paintings from the Middle-Ages to the Renaissance.

The Calvet Museum is the museum of Fine Arts; at Angladon Museum you can see 20th century masters among other objects in the founders' home.

The Voulard Museum shows decorative arts and the Collection Lambert has a vast collection of contemporary art. Avignon municipal museums under the label Avignon-musées are free for all.

City squares and terraces, shaded from the summer sun by the leafy plane trees, are an invitation to slow down and enjoy life. The perfect place to watch the world go by, enjoy a drink, chat among friends, rest from a long day of touring or shopping.

Avignon is also famous for its theatre festival, founded in 1947 by Jean Vilar. The festival continues to attract the leading contemporary creations in the performing arts. The "Festival Off" takes place concurrently with the Avignon Festival, showing some 1500 plays and

contributing to transforming Avignon into one major stage.

It is for all these reasons that inhabitants of Avignon enjoy going out, sharing, discovering, creating! Cultural activities thrive all year long – opera, theatre, clubs and associations offer countless animations. Major events animate the city such as Cheval Passion in January, the Hivernales contemporary dance festival in February, Résonance music festival, the tremplin Jazz, Frames festival and also the monumental 360° show *Vibrations* in the Palace of the Popes from mid-August to mid-October.

The city is renowned for its gastronomy and oenotourism: Avignon's chefs have garnered many stars in the best guides, and offer traditional and contemporary cuisine. Avignon's market - Les Halles – offers fresh and regional products six days a week. Le Carré du Palais is the ideal place to enjoy wine tastings and discover the Côte du Rhône wines. As the capital of the Côtes du Rhône wines, there is no lack of exquisite wines to discover.

Lively, vibrant, surprising and multi-faceted, Avignon is a marvellous escapade that will long be remembered.



AVIGNON, WORLD HERITAGE FOR HUMANITY

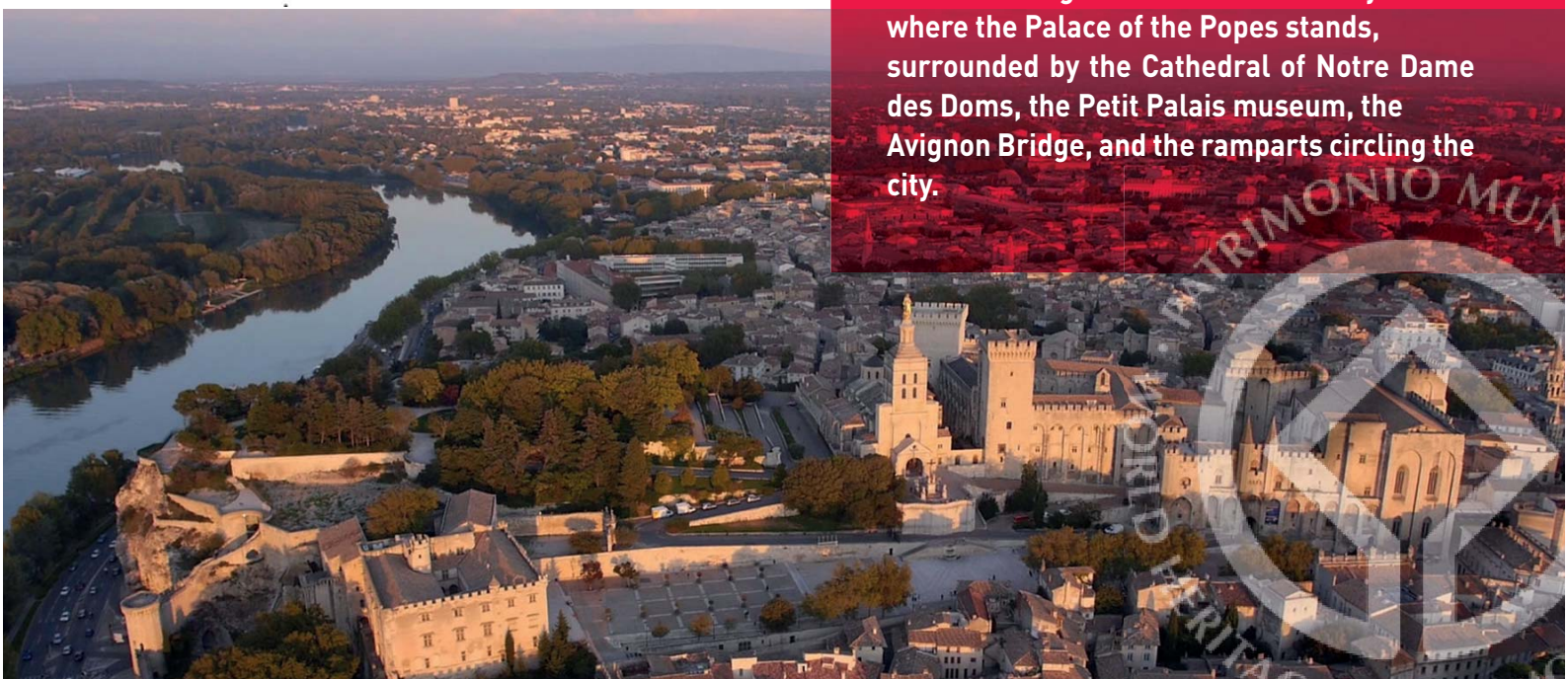


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des Nations Unies
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la science et la culture



Centre historique d'Avignon :
Palais des papes,
ensemble épiscopal et Pont d'Avignon
inscrits sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial en 1995

Avignon is listed since 1995 as UNESCO World Heritage for its historical city centre where the Palace of the Popes stands, surrounded by the Cathedral of Notre Dame des Doms, the Petit Palais museum, the Avignon Bridge, and the ramparts circling the city.

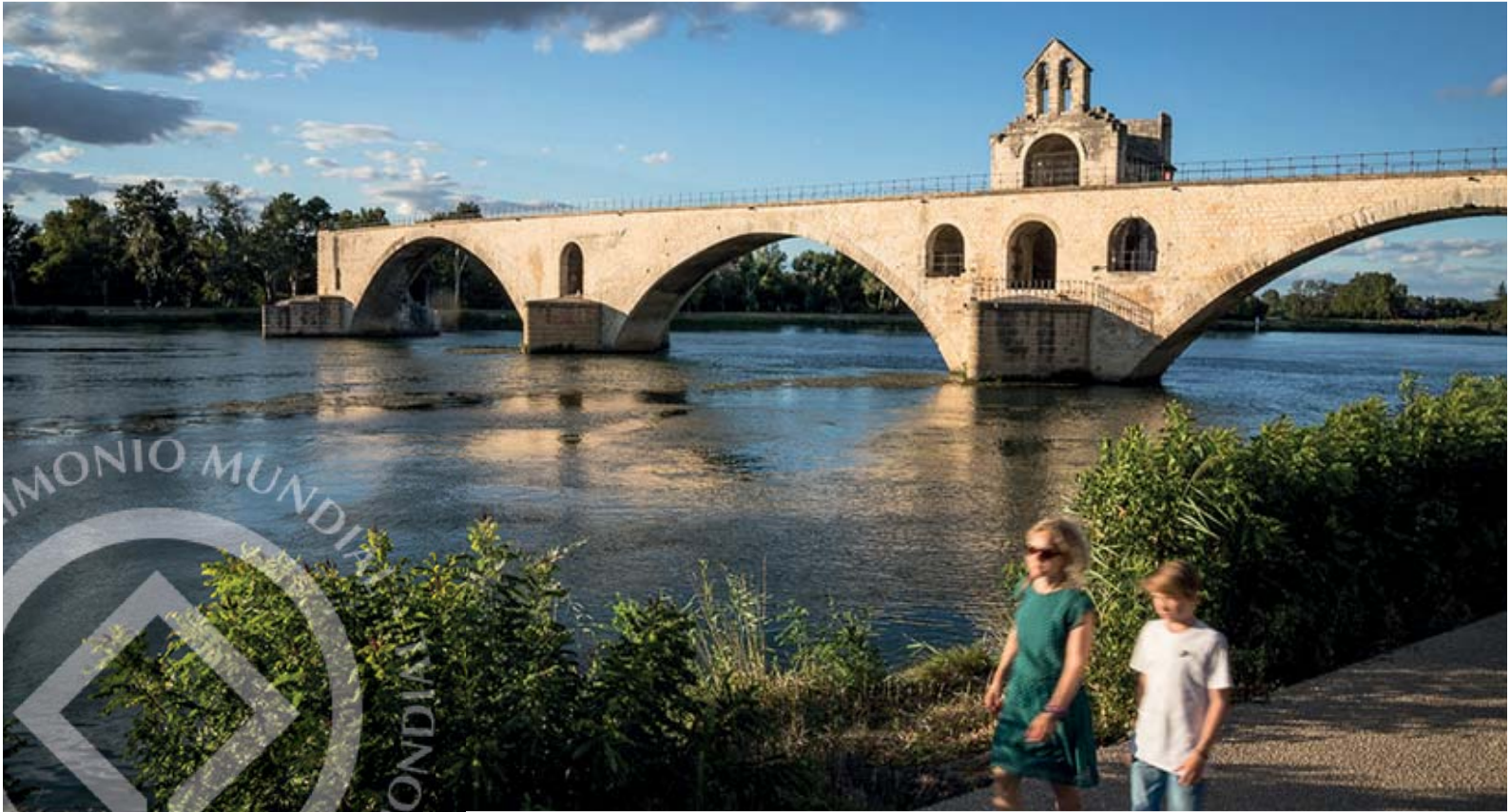


THE PALACE OF THE POPES

Nine popes reigned from Avignon. The Palace of the Popes, powerful testimony to their presence, is the symbol of the might of the Christian world and reflects power the papacy wielded in the Middle-Ages. Chronicles from the time described it as "the most beautiful and strongest house in the world" (Froissart). The Popes' Palace was built in less than 20 years, from 1335 to 1352. Two popes were the primary master builders – Pope Benedict XII who built an imposing, rich pontifical palace (referred to as the Old Palace), and Pope Clement VI, who built the "Opus Novum (called the New Palace). Twenty-five rooms in the palace are open to visitors: the great formal rooms which held banquets and ceremonies, the Treasury, the private chapels and apartments which hold priceless frescoes. The paintings in the Chapels of Saint John and Saint Martial are attributed to the great Italian artist Matteo Giovannetti.

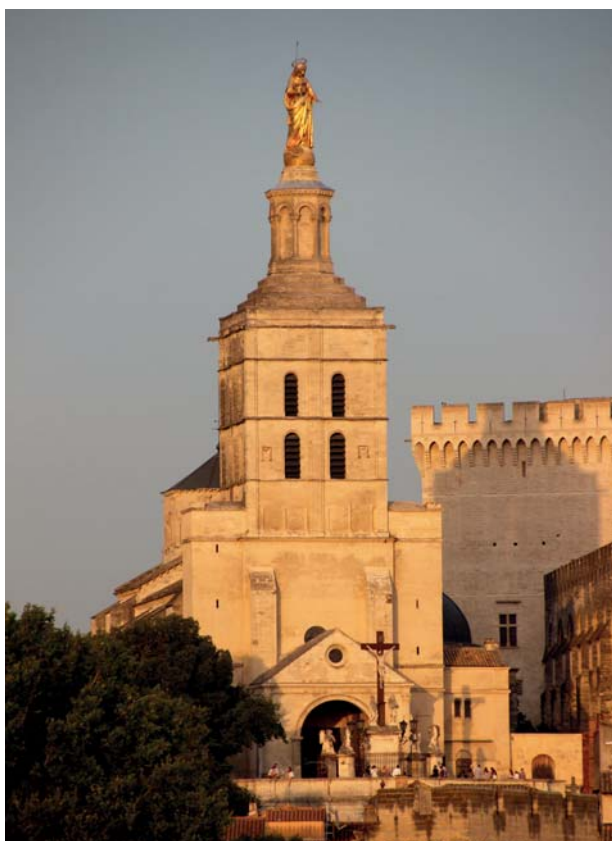
PETIT PALAIS MUSEUM

Petit Palais museum is named after the Archbishops' palace which now houses it. This "small palace" that covers 3000 m² has two indoor courtyards, a crenelated façade and beautiful mullion windows. It was rebuilt in the 15th century atop a cardinal's former palace by the Archbishop Julien de la Rovère who later became Pope Jules II. The museum is home to a unique set of paintings from the Middle-Ages and the Italian Renaissance collected by the Marquis Campana in the 19th century. The collection contains works by Botticelli and Carpaccio and was placed in the Petit Palais museum in Avignon by the Louvre. There is also a rich ensemble of Provençal paintings and sculptures from the Middle Ages in Provence, assigned here by the Calvet Foundation.



NOTRE-DAME DES DOMS CATHEDRAL

The cathedral stands north of the Palace of the Popes. Built in 1150, the architecture is Provençal Romanesque. Chapels built in the Gothic style were added between the 14th and 17th centuries. In 1343 the great Italian artist Simone Martini painted the frescoes that embellished the portico and are now displayed at the Palace of the Popes.



SAINT BÉNEZET BRIDGE

The Bridge was originally 920 meters long and had 22 arches. Construction of the bridge began in the late 1100's and took several centuries. Climate change in the late Middle Ages caused many changes to the Rhône River, whose roiling waters often damaged the bridge which was consistently repaired, until the 1600's. Today, only 4 of the original 22 arches still exist. On the second piling of the Pont d'Avignon stands the Chapel of Saint-Bénézet were rebuilt in 1414 after the "War of the Catalonians".

www.avignon-pont.com

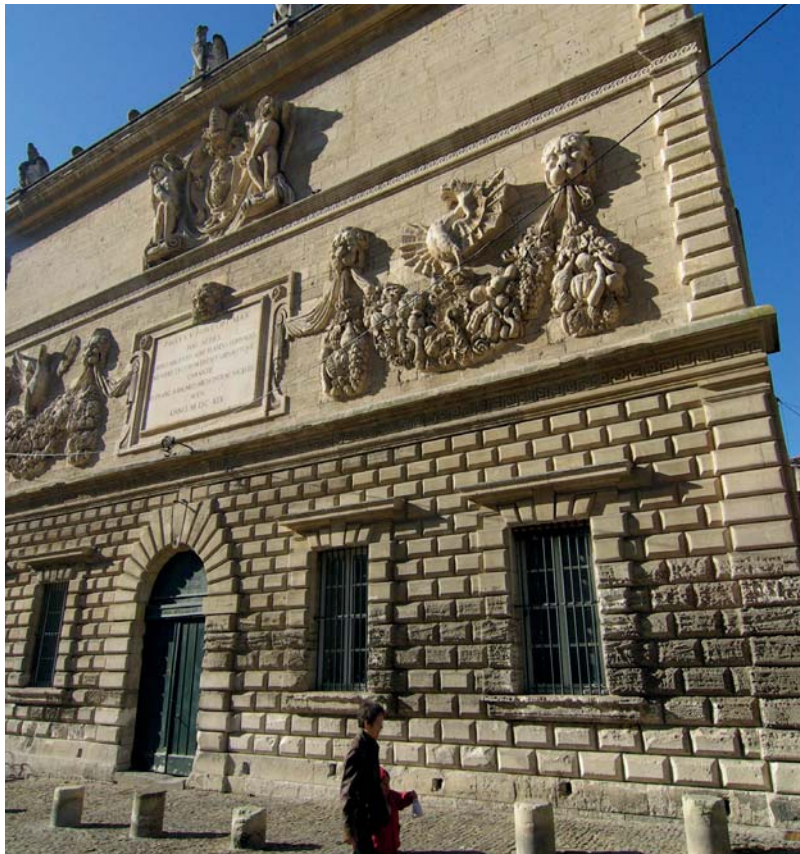
PROMOTIONAL FILM



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FOLLOW THE GUIDES!

Capital of the Christian world in the Middle Ages, Avignon has magnificent architectural heritage from its proud history. An entire sector is UNESCO World Heritage: Palace of the Popes and the Pont d'Avignon, Popes' Palace Square, the Petit Palais and Notre-Dame des Doms church, and the ramparts from the Doms Gardens to the Bridge

Information available on:

www.avignon-tourisme.com

THE POPES' PALACE SQUARE

From the Palace square, admire at a glance the Palace of the Popes, the Notre Dame des Doms cathedral, the Petit Palais Museum and the baroque façade of the Hotel des Monnaies.

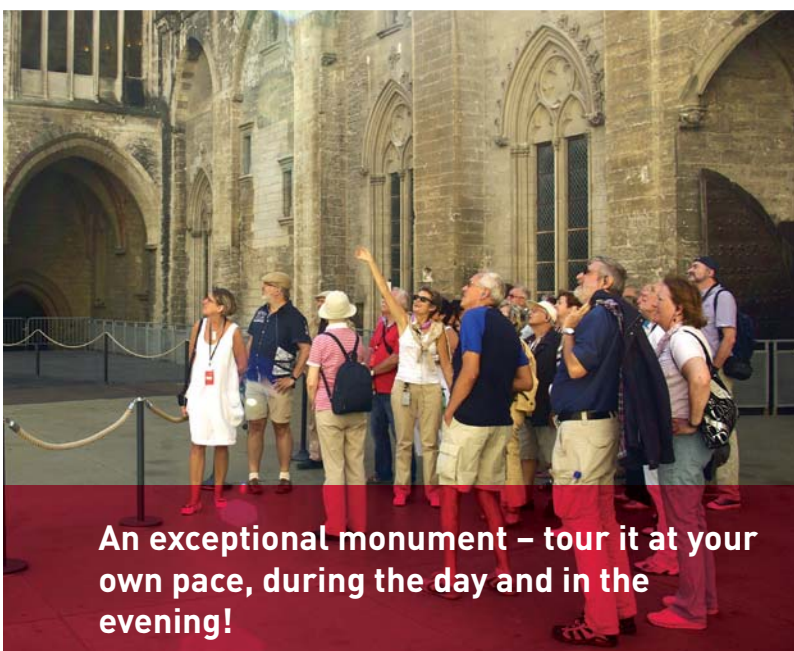


THE RAMPARTS

The ramparts encircle the entire old city. They are 4.3 km long, and were started in 1355 during the Papacy of Pope Innocent VI, to protect the city from the assaults by the roving bands of mercenaries. They were finished in 1370 under Pope Urban V. The entrance of the Avignon Bridge provides access onto the ramparts, and to the Rocher des Doms Gardens. The views over the city and the Rhône River are breath-taking.



VISIT THE PALACE OFF THE BEATEN PATH



An exceptional monument – tour it at your own pace, during the day and in the evening!

GUIDED TOURS!

Avignon Tourism offer a regular tour schedule for the general public throughout the year:

- tours (Explore the Palais des Papes – The Palais to the Pont – Avignon in the time of the Popes)
 - themed tours (unmissable UNESCO heritage)
 - Unique tours for families, teenagers and children are available on certain bank holiday weekends and in August.
- Once upon a time in the Palais...:** a tour of the Palais by a professional storyteller blending history, tales and legends.

Full schedule + languages available on the website:
www.avignon-tourisme.com

FOLLOW THE GUIDES!

The Palace of the Pope is as big as 5 cathedrals and has 15,000 m² of floor space. It is the biggest Gothic palace in the world and is full of history and details on the daily life of the sovereign Pontiffs and their court, as our guides will tell you during the tours offered all year long, providing insights into the rooms and how life was organised at the palace. Learn about the meals, the embellishments and other details of daily life during the Popes' residence at the Palace. Check out the tours on www.avignon-tourisme.com

THE HISTOPAD TABLET

History enhanced with leading-edge technology and augmented reality.

Visitors to the Palace of the Popes are invited to experience a unique journey into the past in the heart of the biggest Gothic palace in Europe. You are the actor of your visit. Using 3-D technologies and augmented reality, you can activate a door into the past whenever you want. During your visit, take along our tactile tablet to enjoy time immersion in the major rooms of the palace, entirely virtualized as they were **in the 14th century**. (Included in the entrance ticket) The Histopad proposes material based on historical and cultural content reviving spectacular historical reconstitutions, prepared by a scientific committee.

Histopad content has been developed in 7 languages.
www.palais-des-papes.com



THROUGH THE EXHIBITIONS

«ECCE HOMO» ERNEST PIGNON-ERNEST

INTERVENTIONS 1966-2019

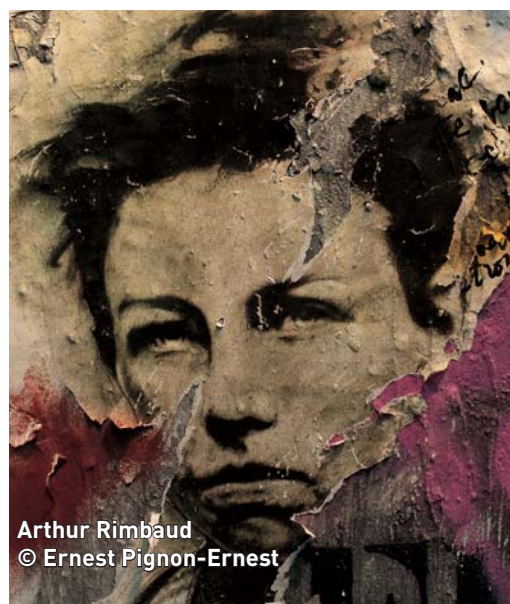
Artist Ernest Pignon-Ernest on display in the Grande Chapelle at the Palace of the Popes **until February, 29th 2020**

This exhibition, produced by the City of Avignon and Avignon Tourisme, entitled «Ecce Homo» retraces

Ernest Pignon-Ernest's career and conveys his artistic, intellectual and political approach for the past 60 years.

Nearly 400 works - photographs, collages, charcoal and black stone drawings, documents - all evoke his interventions from 1966 to the present. Ernest Pignon-Ernest is considered to be the initiator of Street art due in part to his large format images done with black stone, charcoal, and collages that he has made in the streets and on walls in cities.

www.avignon-tourisme.com



Arthur Rimbaud
© Ernest Pignon-Ernest

YANN PEI-MING EXHIBITION

«GAMES OF POWER»

- **Collection Lambert**

June 27th - September 27th 2020 (preview on June 26th)

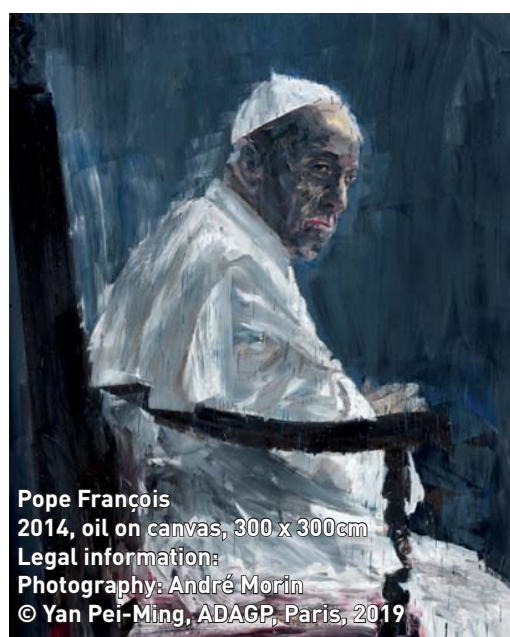
- **Palais des Papes Great Chapel**

June 27th 2020 - January 31st 2021

Yan Pei-Ming is coming to Avignon from June 2020 for a brand new double exhibition entitled Games of Power which sees him take over the ground floor rooms at the Hôtel de Montfaucon at the Lambert Collection and the Grand Chapel at the Palais des Papes.

A benchmark figure on the contemporary art scene famous for his portraits of Mao Zedong, Bruce Lee and Barack Obama, his takes on artistic masterpieces — the Mona Lisa, Le Déjeuner sur l'Herbe, the Calling of St Matthew — or major events in contemporary history, Yan Pei Ming is always in touch with art history and the museums devoted to him — Louvre, Villa Medici, Musée d'Orsay, Musée Gustave Courbet, Petit Palais etc.

Reflecting the history of the papal city, in 2020 he will present a series of landmark pieces of popes designed especially for the event in the grand chapel at Avignon's famous gothic monument. True to the powerful images of these fascinating characters, he will exhibit a series of pieces depicting the most influential figures in contemporary history at the Lambert



Pope François
2014, oil on canvas, 300 x 300cm
Legal information:
Photography: André Morin
© Yan Pei-Ming, ADAGP, Paris, 2019

Collection to build a bridge between games of power throughout history.

www.avignon-tourisme.com
<http://collectionlambert.com>

BY NIGHT WITH THE SHOW VIBRATIONS

Monumental 360° Show

Discover the monumental 360° show surrounding you in the Honour Courtyard at the Palace of the Popes every evening **from mid-August to mid-October.**

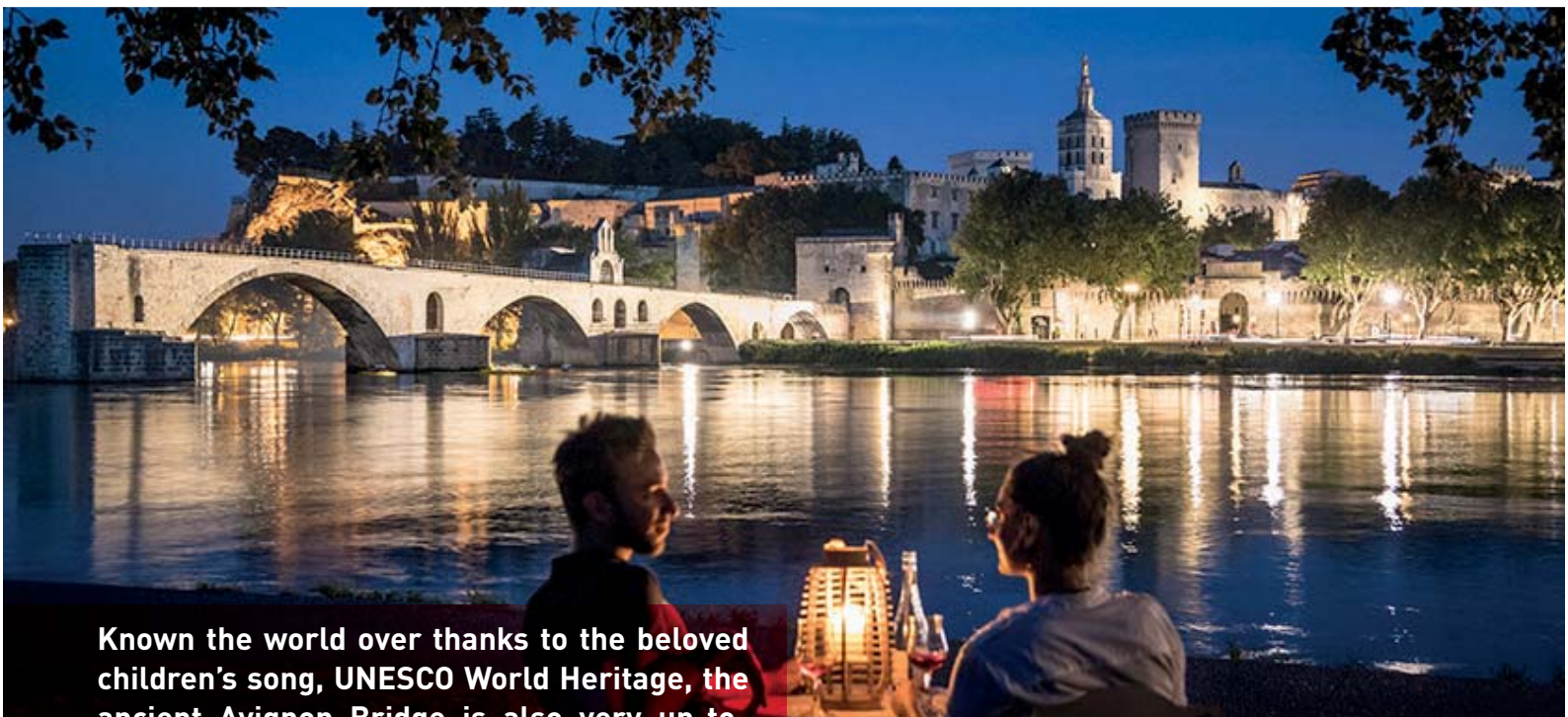
A performance to see with the whole family or among friends that opens the doors of the Palace of the Popes as night falls for an utterly amazing experience.

A totally immersive experience where emotions are fed by both image and sound, leading the viewer into a world of sensations and vibrations.

www.avignon-vibrations.com



PONT D'AVIGNON: ON THE LEADING EDGE!



Known the world over thanks to the beloved children's song, UNESCO World Heritage, the ancient Avignon Bridge is also very up-to-date with the great touring interfaces for visitors that bring the bridge to life. The Avignon Bridge is the only bridge from the Middle Ages totally accessible to persons with reduced mobility.

A historical digital 3-D recreation of the entire Pont d'Avignon.

The project for recreating, in 3-D, the Pont d'Avignon is a scientific adventure which has brought together geomorphologists, historians, archaeologists, and architects who have worked together for over four years peering into the bridge's secrets. Their inter-disciplinary investigative work is unprecedented and has considerably increased the knowledge of the bridge, for its history, paradoxically, is not very well known. Today's project aims at reconstructing, using new technologies, the 18 arches which are missing, and which enabled the bridge to span the 2 arms of the Rhone river.

This 3-D full restitution of the Pont d'Avignon Saint-Bénézet and the defensive châtelet on the side of the Philippe le Bel tower will also reconstitute the medieval river landscape and environment.

See the film on the digital recreation of going back and forth over the Pont d'Avignon on:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYVli0Rhvp0



Avignon Bridge, the first fully accessible site to persons with impaired mobility.

The Avignon Bridge - Pont Saint-Bénézet – the first fully-accessible site from the Middle-Ages, has been awarded the "Tourism and Handicap" label for access to persons with mental and motor handicaps.

The Pont d'Avignon is now entirely accessible for disabled persons.

The monument is currently studying other devices in order to welcome persons with hearing and visual impairments.

As part of UNESCO World Heritage since 1995, the Pont d'Avignon is proud to be able to be visited by everyone, whether in a wheelchair or not, and thus implement the principle of universality. After an in-depth study and 7 months of work on the ramp and the cobblestone paving of the bridge to adapt it to wheels, the monument is fully accessible.

www.avignon-pont.com

MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS

The museums in Avignon display an amazing diversity of collections: archaeology at the Musée Lapidaire, paintings from the Middle-Ages at Petit Palais, Fine Arts (Calvet museum), impressionists at musée Angladon which has the sole painting by Van Gogh in Provence, Decorative Arts at Vouland, and contemporary art at the Collection Lambert.



The Avignon museum group brings together the Calvet museum, the Lapidaire museum, the Petit Palais museum, the Requien museum and the Palais du Roure. The five museums propose joint programs, special events and combined ideas to create new synergy and guide visitors through the history and richness of the collections in Avignon, giving a whole new dimension to museum-going in Avignon.

Entrance is free for all in these five museums.

www.avignon.fr



CALVET MUSEUM

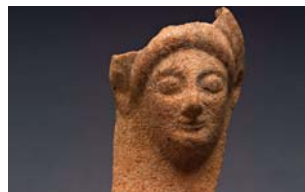
The museum is housed in a magnificent 18th century private home, and holds Fine Arts collections from the 15th to the 20th centuries. The Marcel Puech Donation contains furnishings, faïences, bronzes. Victor Martin modern art room: Soutine, Gleizes, Chabaud...

New displays of the Egyptian collections.

Sacred art starting from the 16th century and new setting for the collection of contemporary art at the museum: Vlaininck, Chabaud, Soutine, Sisley, Manet...

From June 26th 2020, new room dedicated to Egyptian collections.

www.musee-calvet.org



ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

The Antiquities Department of the Calvet Museum displays the Greek, Roman, Gallo-Roman and Paleo-Christian collections. Displays have been renovated: five rooms display Greek sculptures, vases and terra-cotta works. In the nave of this former chapel, see masterpieces of Celtic and Gallo-Roman sculpture.

New design for "From the Banks of the Nile to Roman Gaul" with the installation of recently restored mosaics.

www.musee-calvet.org



PETIT PALAIS MUSEUM

Outstanding collection of Italian (The Campana collection, Louvre Museum deposit) and Provençal paintings from the late 13th to the early 16th centuries, and collection of Romanesque and Gothic Avignon sculptures

The Painter's Studio. Italy 13th-16th century

Exhibition in partnership with the Ecole d'Avignon.

Exhibition Ernst Günter Herrmann «représenter l'espace» until March 2020

Metallic sculptures.

www.petit-palais.org



THE PALAIS DU ROURE

Museum of local arts and traditions and Center for document on ethnographic, archeological and Provençal subjects. The former Baroncelli-Javon mansion is now the Mediterranean culture centre, primarily devoted to Provence – history, traditions, language and literature.

Exposition Folco de Baroncelli (1869-1943)

Folco de Baroncelli, the poem of his life (1869-1943)

Until June, 20th 2020

Tel +33 (0)4 13 60 50 01



REQUIEN MUSEUM

Natural history museum founded in the 19th century by Esprit Requien. Geology and fauna from Vaucluse.

The rooms open to the public retrace the geological and paleontological history of Vaucluse, the formation of the Earth and the glaciations in the Quaternary, displaying fossils, rocks and minerals...

www.museum-requien.org

PRIVATE MUSEUMS



PAWN SHOP AND SILK CONDITIONING MUSEUM / MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

The museum displays objects, works and documents tracing the history of the oldest pawnshop in France (1610) and the creation of the silk packaging works that the pawnshop directors set up in 1801.

The City Archives propose temporary exhibitions on the history of Avignon and Avignon inhabitants.

www.archives.avignon.fr

Bait, registers, drawers: delve into the city's archives.

September 21st 2019-May 12th 2020

49 displays unveil almost 100 archive documents on the «reversed» walls in the Archives: internal courtyard, Rue Saluces, Rue du Mont-de-piété and Rue de la Croix.



ANGLADON MUSEUM JACQUES DOUCET COLLECTION

The art collection, gathered by a pioneering haute couture designer, is on display in a city mansion. See masterpieces from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries by Van Gogh, Cézanne, Degas, Manet, Sisley, Picasso, Modigliani, J. Vernet, Chardin... Period rooms and works from the Orient.

■ **Degas Season. Artist-themed events.**

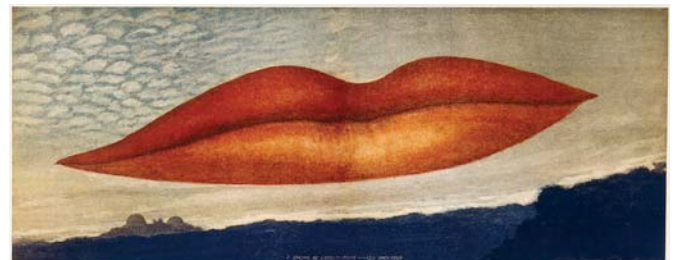
Until June 30th 2020

■ **«Also known as Man Ray. A private collection» exhibition.**

May 28th 2020 - October 25th 2020

We know Man Ray the photographer. But he was a painter, illustrator, designer and director too. Eighty pieces from a private collection are on display, mainly Man Ray's drawings and paintings

www.angladon.com



LOUIS VOULAND MUSEUM

A rich collection of decorative arts from the 17th and 18th centuries, housed in a charming former private home which opens onto gardens. Parisian furnishings, faience from the south, from Moustiers, and Marseille, gold work, tapestries, paintings are displayed as is a beautiful collection of 19th and 20th century painting from Provence.

Exhibition "Go with the flow"

from May 7, 2020 to January 3, 2021

Provençal painters loved making water their muse. Paintings, objects, photographs and installations depict water in the landscape and the evolution of our relationship with water.

www.voulанд.com



COLLECTION LAMBERT IN AVIGNON

Two city mansions, the Caumont House and the Mont-faucon House now serve as the venue for a selection of works from the permanent collection (Sol LeWitt, Douglas Gordon, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Anselm Kiefer, Niele Toroni, Andres Serrano... the works on display alternate) and for temporary displays of work by artists from the contemporary artistic scene.

■ Collecting in the 21st century – Of their time #6

December 14th 2019 - March 15th 2020

20 years of French private collections (1999-2019). In collaboration with the ADIAF

■ «I'll reflect what you are...» Exhibition

4 avril – 5 juin 2020

The intimate in Lambert Collection

■ 20 years of Lambert Collection

From June 2020

Les Artistes s'en mêlent !

■ Exhibition Yann Pei Ming « Jeux de pouvoir »

June 27th – September 27th 2020

www.collectionlambert.fr



JEAN VILAR HOUSE

Resource centre, exhibits, publications on the work of Jean Vilar (1912-1971) and the history of the Avignon Festival since its creation in 1947. Archives (posters, manuscripts, costumes, models...).

Free (except exhibitions).

maisonjeanvilar.org



ARCHIVES OF VAUCLUSE DEPARTMENT

Dedicated to researchers but also open to the public from Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Temporary exhibitions.

The oldest documents are over a thousand years old!

From May 5 to August 28, 2020

Exhibition on notaries

<http://archives.vaucluse.fr/qui-sommes-nous/informations-pratiques/>

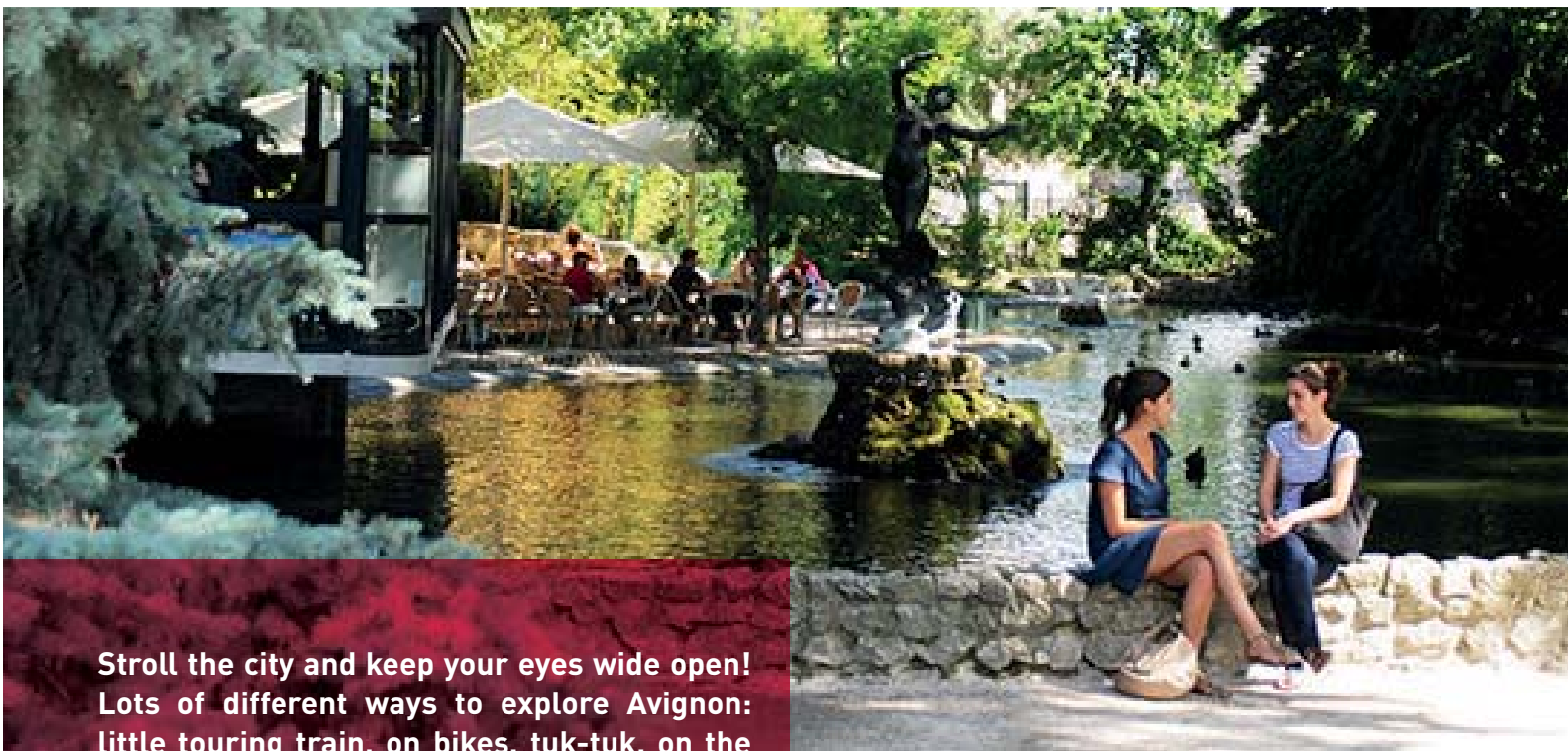


Check out the museum and library programs at the tourist office or on the website:
www.avignon.fr

Commented visits in the museums and library all year round, ask for the program.
Our events and exhibitions are available on our website in the agenda:

« les rendez-vous d'Avignon »

VISIT THE CITY IN A DIFFERENT WAY



Stroll the city and keep your eyes wide open!
Lots of different ways to explore Avignon:
little touring train, on bikes, tuk-tuk, on the
Rhône or from the air!

VISIT WITH OUR GUIDES

Avignon Tourism provides a regular tour schedule for the general public throughout the year:

- Tours (Best OF Avignon - Explore the Palais des Papes – The Palais to the Pont – Avignon in the time of the Popes)
- Themed tours (Avignon in the time of the legates - Avignon, the mysterious - Avignon, the city of a thousand faces - Unmissable UNESCO heritage - Avignon through the eyes of writers...)
- «Special Christmas» tours

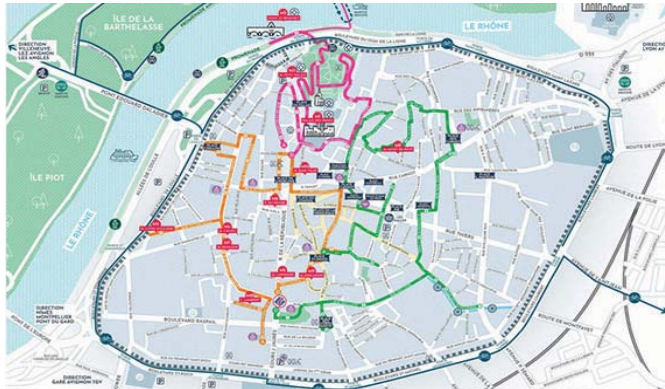
■ Unique tours for families, teenagers and children are available on certain bank holiday weekends and in August.

Pont d'Avignon, what a story: a completely unique walking tour by two actors starting at the Palais des Papes then through the Jardin des Doms ending at the Pont d'Avignon.

Once upon a time in the Palais....: a tour of the Palais by a professional storyteller blending history, tales and legends.

Full schedule and languages available on the website:
www.avignon-tourisme.com





WITH OUR LEISURE AND HERITAGE BROCHURE:

The tourist office provide leisure and Heritage brochures for free in English so you can discover the city on your own. 3 strolls are available.



www.avignon-tourisme.com

www.ftp-avignon.com/pdf/Avignon-Patrimoine-Loisirs-FR-BR.pdf

DIFFERENT WAYS

TOURIST TRAIN

A 45-minute ride on the little train to discover the most beautiful sites: the Palace of the Popes, the Rocher des Doms, the medieval streets, the shopping streets, the picturesque neighbourhoods and the Pont d'Avignon. Commented visits in 10 languages with one for children. Departure from the Palace of the Popes.

www.petittrainavignon.fr

DOUBLE DECKER BUS CITY OPEN TOUR VISITE AVIGNON LIEUTAUD

Take the double-decker bus and discover Avignon and Villeneuve lez Avignon in a different way! 19 stops available

www.visiteavignon.com



AVIGNON GOURMET TOUR

English, Spanish, Portuguese

Avignon Gourmet Tour takes you through the gastronomical heritage of Avignon: les Halles covered market, taste several local products and meet the artisans who make them and stallkeepers who sell them. Discover local AOC wines, and all the secrets of Lavender...

www.avignongourmetours.com

AVIGNON AUTHENTIC STORIES

English

Off-the-beaten-path visits of Avignon that tell stories and anecdotes that bring the city to life.

Several different itineraries are proposed: Avignon footloose and fancy-free, Avignon mysteries, Introduction to pétanque, Christmas in Provence...

<http://avignonauthenticstories.fr>

SOUTH SPIRIT BIKE/ E-BIKE RENTAL

Guided tours of the heritage of Avignon and its surroundings by electric bike.

www.southspiritbike.com

PROVENCE TUK TUK TOUR

Try the City tuk tuk which takes you on a touring itinerary in and around Avignon.

www.provencetuktuktour.fr

VÉLO CITÉ

Bicycle-rickshaws for tours of one hour or one half-hour in the city, to discover Avignon in a pleasant and unusual way. Vélo cité also offers transportation in bicycle rickshaws.

velociteavignon@gmail.com

AVIGNON GYRO

Guided Segway rides with an experienced guide.

M. Perrichon 06 88 18 90 48

TREASURE HUNT IN THE CITY (INTRIGUE DANS LA VILLE®)

French

A treasure hunt for families, a great game to share.

With riddles to solve and an investigation that takes you through the history of Avignon.

www.intriguedanslaville.fr

LES NOCTAMBULES D'AVIGNON

Invitation to explore Avignon at dusk, when the city lighting comes on. Guided noctambulant tours on 4 different subjects: Papal History, Past and Present, Christians and Bourgeois, City Squares. These night-time tours last 2 hours. Starts in the city centre and ends on Popes' Palace Square

info@lesnoctambulesdavignon.com

EASY HELICO

Provence from the sky! Explore Avignon and the area from a helicopter all year round: Luberon, Pont du Gard, the Alpilles... Discovery flight, initiation, driving school, works, seminars and incentive.

Avignon Caumont Airport

www.easyhelico.fr

CANOE ON THE RHÔNE RIVER

In July and August, come and discover Avignon from a different angle: canoe beneath the Pont d'Avignon during a lovely 8-km canoe trip, evening canoe trips and stand up paddle. The rest of the year on request.

www.canoe-vaucluse.fr

GRANDS BATEAUX DE PROVENCE

Throughout the year, cruises on the Rhône for lunch or dinner aboard the Mireio and Soane boats. One hour boat ride from April to the end of September, to discover Avignon and Villeneuve from the Rhone. Free audioguide.

Test the river shuttle!

Free crossing from the foot of the Pont d'Avignon to Ile de la Barthelasse.

www.mireio.net



AVIGNON ON STAGE



With the founding of the Festival d'Avignon by Jean Vilar in 1947, Avignon has demonstrated its passion for theatre and the performing arts. In addition to the magnificent summer festival, Avignon also has several year-round theatres, companies, and Opera-theatre and several national stages which propose new creations and touring productions all year round.

THE FESTIVAL D'AVIGNON - 74TH EDITION

2020 sees the Festival celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Ministry of Culture's foundation.

The central theme for the next festival: Eros and Thanatos, desire, death, dreams, bodies.

The Festival d'Avignon can be summed up as 73 years of universalism dedicated to preserving our cultural heritage and encouraging contemporary creation. 73 years of dialogue between art and the social reality of our world. 73 years of a political and aesthetic project which serves as witness to the great metamorphoses of the performing arts and, through them, the diversity and complexity of the world.

From the 3rd until the 23rd of July

www.festival-avignon.com

Press: presse@festival-avignon.com

FESTIVAL OFF - 55TH EDITION

The Off, a vast fair of live performances and cultural events on an international scale, offers over 1500 different plays each year. The Off means nearly 8000 artists from all over France and over 20 foreign countries, performing their creations in 130 different venues, to audiences from near and far. All the different companies performing in the Off festival turn the city of Avignon into one gigantic stage where all the theatre disciplines come together: theatre, readings, café-theatre, circus, dance, music, street theatre... classical works, modern works, contemporary creation for every audience and every age. Each summer, the huge opening parade stages thousands of the actors involved in the Off.

From the 3rd until the 26th of July

www.avignonleoff.com





FESTIVAL A-OUT

Amateur Theatre Festival gathering 5 theatres of Avignon, around 15 companies and 20 theatre plays. Théâtres des Vents, du Rempart, du Chapeau Rouge, de la Porte Saint-Michel, Atelier Florentin.

From the 1st until the 8th of August.

www.festivalaout.com

OPERA GRAND AVIGNON

The Opera-Theatre for Avignon and the Vaucluse offers a wide range of shows achieving great for all types of audiences – opera, dance, theatre and music. It reserves time and space for contemporary performances, young actors, singers and musicians.

Extensive renovation work is currently underway and shows will take place in a pop-up 850-seater theatre in Courtine.

The building's reopening in the city centre is scheduled for the 2020-2021 season i.e. October or November 2020.

<http://operagrandavignon.fr>



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JEAN VILAR HOUSE

Exhibitions, meetings, conferences and publications are all part of the rich offerings the Maison Jean Vilar contributes to the cultural scene in Avignon. The Maison Jean Vilar is a resource centre on the performing arts, with a rich library and videotheque. It is the living memory of the Avignon Festival, with outstanding collections from the inception of the Festival to the present day, and is also home to the archives of Jean Vilar.

<https://maisonjeanvilar.org/programmation>

LES SCÈNES D'AVIGNON

The group of theatres known as “Les Scènes d’Avignon” includes 6 theatres and year-round companies in Avignon:

Theatre du Balcon, Theatre du Chêne Noir, Theatre du Chien qui Fume, Theatre des Carmes, Theatre des Halles and Les Hivernales.

The group puts on quality productions all year long, emphasizing top-notch creation in Avignon and beyond, while also cultivating their differences.

Fest’Hiver

All 6 theatres work together in the heart of winter in Avignon to celebrate theatre and dance, hosting young companies from the P.A.C.A. region who do not have their own theatres in which to perform **from 23rd January to 5th of February.**

www.scenesdavignon.com

LE CDC – LES HIVERNALES

From 5th to 13th February | The HiverÔmomes (programming dedicated to young audiences)

From 13th to 22nd February | Les Hivernales 42nd edition

Dance classes and training have long been a strong aspect of the festival since its creation, and this year Les Hivernales proposes 17 learning opportunities, a great way to embrace contemporary dance and its diversity. Les Hivernales also means screenings, films, performances, readings, rest time, installation, post-festival atelier, documents and documentaries, and a nomad bookshop...

Not to be missed, in the heart of winter!

www.hivernales-avignon.com

L’AJMI

Improvisational and jazz music, classes, conferences... Great program from October to June, a summer festival and on request for groups and individuals. Occasional rental of the room and the equipment.

www.jazzalajmi.com

LES AMIS DU THÉÂTRE POPULAIRE

ATP, the heirs of the TNP (Theatre National Populaires) created by Jean Vilar, offer theatre once a month, all year long.

info@atp-avignon.fr

TOTEM

Social security-approved theatre: art, children, youth.

Alongside its year-round entertainment schedule for young audiences, Le Totem runs theatrical expression workshops and children’s festivals: Festo Pitcho in April, Festival Théâtre’enfants Festival at La Maison pour Tous Monclar in July.

www.festivaltheatrenfants.com/fr

See everything that is going on in our monthly agenda “les Rendez-vous d’Avignon” in the Tourist Office or at:

www.avignon-tourisme.com





AVIGNON, CITY OF CULTURE



Avignon has long been an important intellectual crossroads.

Land of the Papacy, Avignon has also been a centre of art from the Middle Age when the popes employed many artists to embellish the city and the churches.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, major painters Nicolas Mignard and Joseph Vernet were born in Avignon.

In the 19th century, Avignon became a cultural epicentre with scientists such as Jean Henri Fabre, Esprit Requien and the birthplace of the « Felibrige » movement (defence of the Provençal language) with poets such as Frédéric Mistral, Théodore Aubanel...

Avignon is Henri Bosco's birthplace and the town where Jean Vilar founded in 1947 Avignon Theatre Festival which is one of the most important theatre festivals for new creations in the world.

ARDENOME

The former salt storehouse, New media arts, Ardenome was created by Edis in the historical salt storehouse (Grenier à sel), a registered historical monument. Ardenome, open to all, is a multi-disciplinary cultural venue for cross-cutting artistic expression in the new media. Home to exhibitions, performances, live events, conferences-debates, residences, workshops...
www.ardenome.fr/

AVIGNON ARTS CONTEMPORAINS

This portal is the anchor of contemporary art and a reference in our region, where many artists have chosen to live. The place to check out for all the events, exhibitions, artistic encounters and other that are taking place...

<http://avignon-arts-contemporains.com/>

PARCOURS DE L'ART - 25TH EDITION

Art show all over the city centre.

www.parcoursdelart.com

LES ATELIERS D'ARTISTES

In November

40 artists open their individual or collective workshops to the public to discover all kind of visual arts.

Map available on:

<https://sites.google.com/site/aacavignon/home>

Avignon has always been a place of art and creation since the Middle-Ages and even more nowadays. Come and discover the «Made in Avignon»!

ECOLE D'ART D'AVIGNON

The Avignon School of Art - Ecole Supérieure d'Art d'Avignon (ESAA) – offers one of the four curricula in all of France on Conservation and Restoration to be accredited by the French Museum. The Avignon School of Art is part of the network “Les écoles du sud” which groups together several art schools in the region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur & Monaco.

<http://esaavignon.eu/>

MACA

MAC'A (Maison des Arts Contemporains d'Avignon) is a non-profit cultural association founded in 1995 whose goal is to spread awareness of contemporary art through activities and visits.

The association works closely with public institutions (Avignon Town Hall, Vaucluse General Council, PACA Regional Council, museums, cultural centres, theatres) and the private sector, other associations, galleries, foundations, etc...

Collective exhibition from 7th to 29th March

www.mac-a.org/

QUARTET

Here you have the coming together of prestigious heritage sites, and Avignon artists seeking to display their work. The City provides four lovely sites, free of charge, to display work and welcome the public to discover art in all forms, and the beautiful architecture in which it is displayed. Church of the Célestins, Cloître Saint-Louis, La Manutention and Chapelle Saint-Michel.

www.avignon.fr/kiosque/quartet-2018-2019/



SHOPPING “MADE IN AVIGNON”

LES FABRICATEURS

The Fabricateurs is a collective gathering twenty art venues, artists and craftsmen from Avignon. Their guide is dedicated to creations: design, textile art, decoration, fashion, accessories, stationery, furniture and contemporary art and offers a discovery tour in the city.

<https://lesfabricateurs.wordpress.com>

LE PRINTEMPS DES CRÉATEURS / SPRING OF DESIGNERS

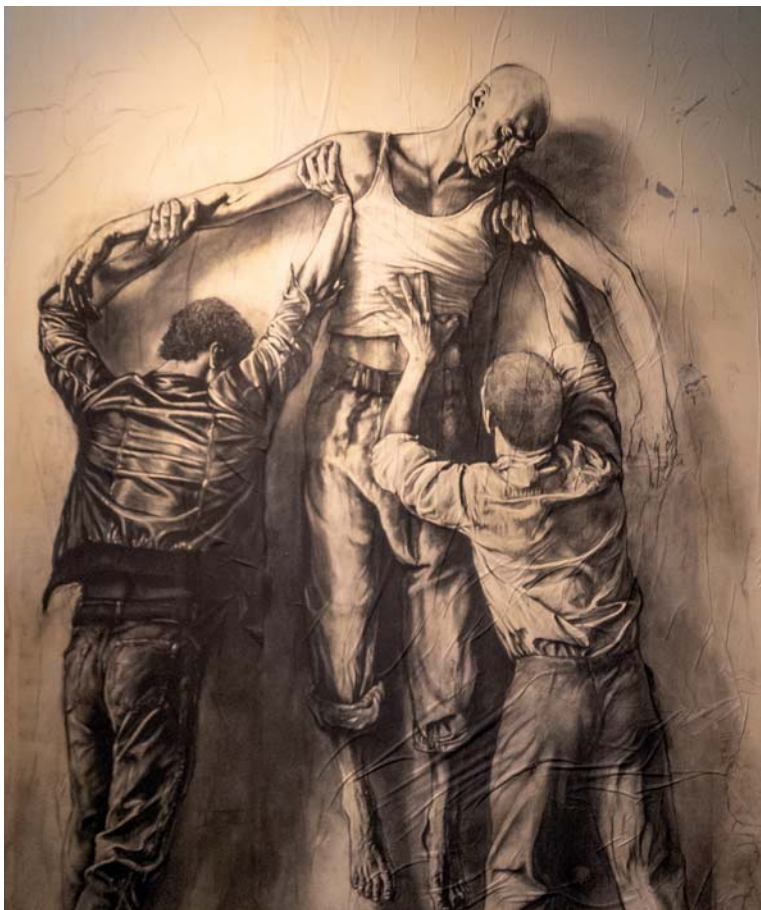
A week-end in May

Each square of the city welcomes thirty creators and artisans and some workshops (floral, makeup or street art...), free on reservation for child and / or adult.



EVENTS IN 2020

EXHIBITIONS 2020



■ PALAIS DES PAPES

Ecce Homo - Ernest Pignon Ernest

Palais des Papes Grand Chapel

Until February 29th 2020

This exhibition, produced by the City of Avignon and Avignon Tourisme, entitled «Ecce Homo» retraces Ernest Pignon-Ernest's career and conveys his artistic, intellectual and political approach for the past 60 years. Nearly 400 works - photographs, collages, charcoal and black stone drawings, documents - all evoke his interventions from 1966 to the present.

www.avignon-tourisme.com

Jeux de pouvoir « Games of Power »

Yan Pei-Ming

Palais des Papes Grand Chapel

June 27th 2020 - January 31st 2021

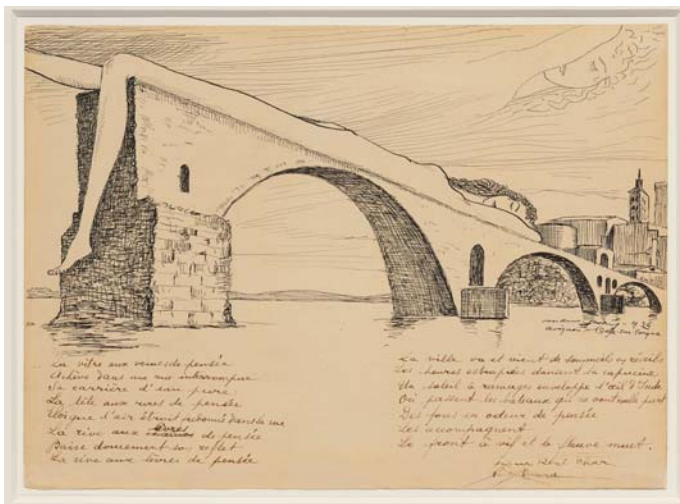
Lambert Collection

June 27th - September 27th 2020

Reflecting the history of the papal city, in 2020 he will present a series of landmark pieces of popes designed especially for the event in the grand chapel at Avignon's famous gothic monument. True to the powerful images of these fascinating characters, he will exhibit a series of pieces depicting the most influential figures in contemporary history at the Lambert Collection to build a bridge between games of power throughout history.

www.avignon-tourisme.com





■ ANGLADON MUSEUM

Also known as Man Ray.

A private collection» exhibition.

May 28th 2020 - October 25th 2020

We know Man Ray the photographer. But he was a painter, illustrator, designer and director too. Eighty pieces from a private collection are on display, mainly Man Ray's drawings and paintings

www.angladon.com

■ LAMBERT COLLECTION

Collecting in the 21st century – Of their time #6

December 14th 2019 - March 15th 2020

20 years of French private collections (1999-2019). In collaboration with the ADIAF

«I'll reflect what you are...»

April 4th – June 5th 2020

The intimate at Lambert Collection

Yan Pei-Ming

June 27th – September 27 2020

Jeux de pouvoir – « Games of Power »

Yan Pei-Ming is coming to Avignon from June 2020 for a brand new double exhibition entitled Games of Power which sees him take over the ground floor rooms at the Hôtel de Montfaucon at the Lambert Collection and the Great Chapel at the Palais des Papes.

20 years of Lambert Collection

From June 202

Les Artistes s'en mêlent !

www.collectionlambert.com

■ PALAIS DU ROURE

Folco de Baroncelli 1869-1943,

The poem of his life

Until June 20th 2020

At the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Folco de Baroncelli, within the scope of the Cycle of Renovation for the Palais du Roure, come discover this exhibit which tells the story of the life and the work of a very appealing person.

■ LOUIS VOULAND MUSEUM

Exhibition "Go with the flow"

March 28th 2020-January 3rd 2021

Provençal painters loved making water their muse. Paintings, objects, photographs and installations depict water in the landscape and the evolution of our relationship with water.

www.vouland.com

■ COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION MAC'A

From March 7th to 29th 2020

Introduction to 5 contemporary artists at Cloître St Louis.

www.mac-a.org



■ ARCHIVES OF VAUCLUSE DEPARTMENT

From May 5th to August 28 2020

Exhibition about notaries.

■ PAWN SHOP AND SILK CONDITIONING MUSEUM / MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

Bait, registers, drawers: delve into the city's archives.

September 21st 2019-May 12th 2020

49 displays unveil almost 100 archive documents on the «reversed» walls in the Archives: internal courtyard, Rue Saluces, Rue du Mont-de-piété and Rue de la Croix.



EVENTS 2020

■ CHEVAL PASSION – 35TH ÉDITION

From January 15th to 19th

1200 horses, 250 exhibitors, contests and 90 hours of entertainment and show... and of course the famous Gala des Crinières d'Or, one of the most beautiful horse show in Europe. And many more surprises to come!.

www.cheval-passion.com

■ FEST'HIVER – 12TH ÉDITION

From January 23rd to February 5th

Avignon Scenes introduce young theatre companies from the region.

<http://scenesdavignon.com>

■ AVIGNON VÉLO PASSION

From January 31st to February 2nd

For the 3rd time, VELO PASSION will come-back at the Parc des Exhibitions.

All sorts of bikes in one event! Shows, competitions, exhibition, and animations.

www.avignon-velopassion.com



■ THE OTHER FESTIVAL THAT OPENS BOOKS – 2ND EDITION

From February 7th to 9th

Dedications, conferences, workshops in several venues in Avignon: Palace of the Popes, Theatre du Chêne Noir, Mercure Pont, Mercure Palais and Novotel Centre 80 authors are featured in this festival.

New! Establishment of literature prizes awarded on Sunday night during the closing evening.

■ LES HIVERÔMOMES

From February 5th to 13th

Hivernales d'Avignon: program dedicated to the children

www.hivernales-avignon.com

■ LES HIVERNALES

From February 13th to 22nd

Contemporary dance festival.

Performance, shows, documentaries meetings...

www.hivernales-avignon.com

■ GYM PASSION

February 15th and 16th

Talented new European gymnasts appear for 2 days and perform at the Gym Passion Show.

www.entente-gymnique-avignon.com

■ AVIGNON GEEK EXPO

February 15th and 16th

An amazing fair around science fiction, video games, cosplay...

www.avignon.geekexpo.fr

■ PRINTEMPS DES POÈTES – 21^E ÉDITION

From 7th to 23rd of March

Readings, exhibitions, poetic walks, encounters, workshops... on the theme of Ardour.

www.printempsdespoetes.com

■ LES RENCONTRES DU SUD – 10TH EDITION

From March 16th to 21st

Meetings between professionals and general public, films in preview, blockbusters, arthouse movies, documentaries... (takes place in several cinemas).

www.lesrencontresdusud.fr

■ AVIGNON MOTOR FESTIVAL 18RD EDITION

From March 20th to 22nd

An entire century of engines and motorized travel....

Total exhibition surface area comes to 50,000m² of which 27,500m² is roofed.

www.avignon-motor-festival.com

■ FESTIVAL ESCALES VOYAGEUSES 23RD EDITION

From March 20th to 22nd

Annual festival for all travel lovers: films, meetings, exhibitions.

2020 Photo contest: Tenderness moments around the world.

<https://asso-adm.fr/>

■ FESTIVAL ANDALOU – 19TH EDITION

One week in March

Dance shows, music, exhibition, workshops... to celebrate the constitution of Andalusia.

www.alhambra-asso.com

■ FESTO PITCHO -14TH EDITION

From March 28th to April 12th

A live performance festival for young audience, from 6 month baby to 18 years old teenagers.

Theatre, puppets, music, dance, tales, poetry.

www.festopitcho.com



■ EUROPEAN ARTISTIC CRAFT DAY

From 6th to the 12nd of April

A unique event in the world to promote the craft sector.

www.journeesdesmetiersdart.fr



■ SPRING FAIR - 98TH EDITION

From April 17th to 20th

Gastronomie, bien-être, équipements maison et jardin, esprit « camping-car ». Nombreuses animations.

www.foire-avignon.com

■ LOVE LETTERS FESTIVAL

April 24th and 25th

Pop music festival organised by Brigade Du Love Productions, Radio Campus Avignon and Lambert Collection in Avignon.

www.collectionlambert.com

www.facebook.com/lovelettersfestival/

■ URBAN TRAIL – NOCTURNE DES PAPES

May 9th

6 or 12km urban race in the streets and monuments of the centre

www.avignon-tourisme.com

■ EUROPEAN NIGHT OF MUSEUMS

May 16th

www.nuitdesmusees.culture.fr



■ ALTERAROSA

From 21st to 24th of May – Ascension Weekend

Once again from May 21st to 24th this year, the Palais des Papes pays tribute to the most cherished flower, the rose, and sets the stage for the French Society of Roses exhibition presenting brand new creations from rose growers. Exhibitions, workshops, conferences and more, the rose reveals its secrets and gives the monument a special glow. A magical and beautiful experience to share with friends or family to celebrate spring.

www.alterarosa.com

■ PRINTEMPS DES CRÉATEURS

One weekend in May

On the squares and streets of the city, designers and craftsmen will show and sell their creations. Stands, workshops...

www.avignon.fr

■ GOSPEL ART IN AVIGNON / GOSPEL FESTIVAL

From May 21st to 24th

Workshops, concerts...

www.gospelart.fr

■ RENDEZ-VOUS AUX JARDINS

From June 5th to 7th

2020 theme: Transmission and expertise.

A wonderful invitation to discover the riches and diversity of public and private parks and gardens.

www.avignon.fr

<http://rendezvousauxjardins.culturecommunication.gouv.fr/>

■ LES ESTIVALES DES CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

On Thursday: 6th, 13th, 18th, 25th of June

4 evenings to try local wines and meet the wine makers with some nice music in a public garden!

<https://compagnonscotesdurhone.fr/les-estivales-du-rhone/>

■ EUROPEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 21st

Several concerts in the city during the day and at night.

www.avignon.fr

■ FESTIVAL D'AVIGNON - 74TH EDITION

From July 3rd to 23rd

To be an international meeting place for innovation and creation in the performing arts; to give poetry, modern literature, and philosophy a prominent place; to attract young audiences; to increase the Festival's presence at the local level; to make new technologies vectors of social and cultural integration: those are the goals Olivier Py has chosen for a Festival its audience sees as "an international celebration of the performing arts," at once "a keeper of our dramatic traditions" and a supporter of "new, experimental paths," whose aim is to "skillfully render the complexity of our modern world."

www.festival-avignon.com



■ FESTIVAL OFF - 55TH EDITION

From July 3rd to 26th

With nearly 80000 artists, The Off is a vast fair of live performances and cultural events on an international scale. More than 1500 performances, 140 venues, 147 performances from abroad (theatre, dance, lectures, tales, circus, poetry...).

www.avignonleoff.com



■ FESTIVAL RÉSONANCE - 11TH EDITION

3-4 days end of July

Electronic Music Festival in outstanding historical architecture sites like Avignon Bridge.

www.festival-resonance.fr

■ FESTIVAL A-OUT - 8TH EDITION

From August 1st to 8th

The FESTIVAL A-OUT is the Festival of Amateur Theatre started by the Theatre des Vents in 2013. Today, the festival includes 5 theatres who host over fifteen amateur troupes who propose over twenty performances throughout the week of the festival in early August. Since 2016 the city of Avignon has been backing this initiative.

www.theatredesvents.com

■ AVIGNON JAZZ FESTIVAL / TREMLIN JAZZ D'AVIGNON - 29TH EDITION

5 evenings early in August

Jazz concerts and european Tremplin jazz européen for young bands.

www.tremplinjazzavignon.fr



■ VIBRATIONS

From mid-August to mid-October

A monumental 360° show surrounding you in the Honour Courtyard at the Palace of the Popes every evening from August to October.

The monumental images in Vibrations are simultaneously projected on all 4 façades of the Honour Courtyard by 14 projectors.

www.avignon-vibrations.com

www.avignon-tourisme.com

■ HÉLIOS FESTIVAL AVIGNON

In August, every evening from 10pm until midnight

A free sound and light show on several squares of Avignon: place du Petit Palais, de l'Horloge and place Saint-Didier.

www.avignon.fr

■ HARVEST PROCLAMATION - 25TH EDITION

August 29th

The "Compagnons des Côtes du Rhône" organize a series of wine-related cultural and festive events which include the "Harvest Proclamation", or "Ban des Vendanges", a traditional celebration which is held along the Rhone River. This is a popular feast celebrated each year in September in Avignon, featuring a parade of the wine-making brotherhoods, a Harvest Mass, gathering of the grapes from the papal vineyard, tasting of Côtes du Rhône wines and sales of regional products. Musical entertainment.

www.bandesvendanges.fr

www.compagnonscotesdurhone.fr

■ MEDIEVALES DES CARMES

September 12th and 13th

Medieval Festival at Carmes Square. Jousts, knights, magicians and jugglers, medieval arts and crafts, a medieval banquet, troubadours, a tavern, games for children...

www.lesmedievalessdescarmes.fr

■ EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS 37TH EDITION

September 19th and 20th

Free entry or reduced price in the monuments and museums. Exhibitions, conference, guided tour...

www.avignon.fr

■ FRAMES FESTIVAL

September 5th and 6th

Video Web and heritage meet together in Avignon: conferences, projections, shootings etc. are proposed.

www.framesfestival.fr

■ FESTIVAL C'EST PAS DU LUXE

From 25th to 27th of September

Fifty-odd artistic projects (dance, theatre, videos, music, exhibitions etc.) in several Avignon venues.

www.cestpasduluxe.fr

■ PICNIC OF THE CHEFS

Sunday September 27th (to be confirmed)

The chefs' association "Avignon tu me regales" groups together several chefs from Avignon and sponsors events throughout the year, including the highly popular "Picnic of the Chefs"

Over one thousand picnic baskets are booked each year.

www.avignontumeregales.fr

www.facebook.com/avignontumeregales/



■ PROVENÇAL WEEK – 6TH EDITION

One week in October

6th Edition of this event dedicated to the provençale culture: concerts, exhibitions, visits, conferences...

www.avignon.fr

■ THE ITALIAN WEEK – 3RD EDITION

One week in October

In Avignon, Italy is the guest of honour! A fun and varied programme of events featuring the cultural and gastronomic riches of Italy.

www.avignon.fr

■ PARCOURS DE L'ART – 26TH ÉDITION

3rd week of October

Art show all over the city centre.

www.parcoursdelart.com

■ LES AUTOMNALES DE L'ORGUE

From September to November

Fall Organ Festival in Avignon and Vaucluse.

www.orgueenavignon.org

■ FESTIVAL MÉDIÉVAL DE LA ROSE D'OR

Mid-October

Gathering of thousands people passionate about the Middle-Age: battles, medieval market, reconstitutions, archery tournament... Every 2 years.

On the Barthelasse island.

■ L'ECHO DES RIFFS

One week in November

Event devoted to blues, jazz and world music in several Avignon venues.

www.lesonographe.fr/echo-des-riffs

■ LES ATELIERS D'ARTISTES

In November

40 artists open their individual or collective workshops to the public to discover all kind of visual arts.

Map available on:

www.avignonateliersartistes.org

■ MILLEVIN

November 19th

Festive days for the Côtes du Rhône growing area

www.millevin.fr





■ AVIGNON ANIMO PASSION

November 21st and 22nd

3000 dogs, 300 cats, 600 birds, 1500 poultry, rabbits, reptiles, turtles. Nearly 6000 animals showed in the fair at the exhibition centre.

www.avignon-animo-passion.com

■ WEEK-END GASTRONOMIQUE BIENVENUE À LA FERME

One week in November

The farmers, the breeders of the network Bienvenue à la Ferme introduce their products to the public.

www.bienvenue-a-la-ferme.com



■ FESTIVAL DE LA BD – 3RD EDITION

28th & 29th November

A weekend of signings, events and exhibitions.

A dive into the 9th art.

Authors, illustrators, colourists, comic book artists, the festival is your chance to meet the people behind comic books.

www.avignon.fr

■ CHRISTMAS IN AVIGNON

In December and early January

Christmas market, theme guided tours, village of children with shows and activities. Craftmen markets, streets shows...

Provençal cribs in churches: few days before Christmas. Christmas food traditions of Provence at the Palais du Roure...

www.avignon.fr

www.avignon-tourisme.com



AVIGNON, TEMPLE OF GASTRONOMY



Avignon is the epicentre for Provençal gastronomy. Chefs work with the sun-gorged local products, in the traditional manner and with amazing re-inventions! Chefs propose cooking classes and events. A stroll through Les Halles marketplace in Avignon is a first step, as is a wine tasting of the Côtes du Rhône wines – Avignon is their capital!

AVIGNON AND ITS RENOWNED COOKING CHEFS

In the very heart of Provence, Avignon benefits from a cornucopia of gorgeous local products that are creatively put to delicious use by a great number of chefs, including:

- **Mathieu Desmarets** who's gastronomic restaurant «Pollen» is successful. He just opened his café/canteen Moloko in 2019 in Joseph Vernet street.
- **Florent Pietravalle** the chef of la Mirande. 1* Michelin. The restaurant is an institution.
- **Guilhem Sevin** has taken over the famous Maison de Christian Etienne, the shrine to Provençal cuisine, right next to the Palace of the Popes. It is now called The Restaurant Sevin.
- **Séverine Sagnet** charismatic cheffe at the Table Haute de la Mirande proposes a prix-fixe Farm to Table prepared in the historical kitchens.

- **Julien Gleize** and his restaurant L'Agape has garnered a Bib gourmand.
- **Gérald Azoulay** at the helm of Hiely Lucullus in its Art déco setting.
- **Thierry Baucher**, «meilleur ouvrier de France» and his restaurant Les 5 Sens.
- **Italia Palladino**, cheffe from Italy with her restaurant Italie Là-bas ! prepares spare, intense cuisine with an Italian accent. With her husband, they just opened in November 2019 a second table in La Manutention: Café Roma
- **Pascal Barnouin**, chef at the restaurant la Maison de la Tour, in an old mechanics workshops. Here you taste contemporary organic cuisine in a cool, cozy setting.
- **Amélie Nogier** opened Le Lapin Blanc (a reference to Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland) in collaboration with Mélanie Bonnemer. A great team that works with daily market-fresh choices and inspiration.
- **Jon Chiri** who started his career in the '90's in California and has opened his restaurant inside Les Halles: Cuisine Centr'Halles.

- **Pascal Auger**, chef of the Vieille Fontaine restaurant, a culinary reference of Avignon who won 1 Michelin star in 2020.
- **Robin Mayen**, young chef at Le Diapason, passionate about food, drink and his hometown.
- **Alexia Baskakoff**, chef at Cœur d'Artichaut: a tale of love, shared passions and lots of good food.
- **Marc Fontanne**, Michelin-starred chef at Le Prieuré in Villeneuve lez Avignon who earned his stripes at top Michelin eateries.

Countless other restaurants throughout Avignon also draw their inspiration from regional products, many grown right on Barthelasse Island, or selected early each morning from Les Halles d'Avignon or local farmers' markets. Their creations delight all five senses!

PICNIC OF THE CHEFS:

Sunday, September 29th (subject to confirmation)

The chefs' association *Avignon tu me régales* groups together several chefs from Avignon working with a common approach: defending local products from Vaucluse and Avignon, and promoting "home-made". The association sponsors events throughout the year, including the highly popular "Picnic of the Chefs" in late September or early October on Barthelasse Island. A great opportunity to taste fresh local products and discover the gorgeous heritage of Avignon.

Over one thousand picnic baskets are booked each year ahead of time at a very modest price, on the website: **www.avignontumeregales.fr**



COOKING CLASSES



CUISINE CENTR'HALLS

Californian chef **Jon Chiri** is at the helm of a restaurant in the heart of Les Halles marketplace. He proposes cooking classes and demonstrations in a festive ambiance. Menus are market-inspired and based on participants' ideas.

www.jonathanchiri.com

MAISON DE LA TOUR

Pascal Barnouin (Maître cuisinier de France) shares his talents at the Maison de la tour, a former mechanical workshop now a beautiful restaurant, culinary laboratory and garden.

Mornings start with a visit to Les Halles to create the menu based on what you see and want, and seasonal availability.

www.maisondelatour.wordpress.com

LE MARMITON : COOKING CLASSES AT LA MIRANDE

Classes take place in the historical kitchens from the 19th century, in this beautiful former city mansion, where the chefs work with small groups, one week per month, around the "grande table", in a wonderful warm and friendly atmosphere. Aprons, utensils and recipes are provided, and the classes end with the meal, accompanied by the wines specially selected by the sommelier.

See the complete program on line at:

www.la-mirande.fr/cookingschool/default-fr.html

LA CUCINA, COOKING CLASSES AT ITALIE LÀ-BAS

Italia Palladino, cheffe at the restaurant she opened in 2013 with her partner, loves to propose intense, spare cuisine where every ingredient makes sense.

She very naturally transmits her knowledge and experiences as a chef from Naples, in the cooking classes she shares with individuals or small groups.

Two or three times a month, Friday and Sunday morning followed by a full lunch with the chef.

www.avignon-tourisme.com/ACTIVITE/AVIGNON/fiche-4774675-1.html

TO DISCOVER



LES HALLES MARKET

Les Halles is the large indoor Provençal market with 40 stands. The food sellers at les Halles are true ambassadors of taste, quality and authenticity. The market is full of colours and activity, with a vertical garden on the outside of the market created by Patrick Blanc. Cooking demonstration every Saturday at 11am (except August). Free access.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday, every morning from 6.00 to 13.30.

www.avignon-leshalles.com

PRODUCERS MARKET

From April to October, a growers market takes place every Monday from 5pm to 7pm at les Allées de l'Oulle.

WEEK-END GASTRONOMIQUE «BIENVENUE À LA FERME»

The farmers, the breeders of the network Bienvenue à la Ferme present their products.

One week-end in November

www.bienvenue-a-la-ferme.com

AVIGNON AND REGIONAL SPECIALTIES:

■ **LES PAPALINES:** (fine chocolate with sugar and oregano spirit) is one of Avignon specialties.

■ **AVIGNON-STYLE DAUBE** is an alternative to the classic daube originally made with beef marinated with herbs and olives. Instead of beef the Avignon-style daube is made with leg of lamb and marinated white wine.

■ OTHER REGIONAL SPECIALTIES INCLUDE:

Candied fruits from Apt; the melon from Cavaillon; «Berlingots» (sweets) and truffle from Carpentras; Nougat from Sault; Rice from Camargue; Asparagus from Lauris; Olives; Pastis, Provençal herbs, olives, fougasse bread.

The local cuisine is using lots of garlic, olive oil, tomato coulis and several aromatic herbs



AVIGNON CAPITAL OF THE CÔTES DU RHÔNE WINES



Wine has been cultivated in the Rhone Valley since antiquity, and extended with the State of the Papacy in the 14th century on the left side of the Rhone River, and in the 17th century, in the Kingdom of France, on the right banks of the river. The « Côtes du Rhone » appellation was born in 1937. It establishes strict rules of production for Côtes du Rhone wines and the grand crus, or vintages, of which the most famous is the heady red wines from Châteauneuf du Pape. In 1996, Avignon officially became the capital of the Côtes du Rhône.

THE CARRÉ DU PALAIS WINE SCHOOL

In the heart of hearts of Avignon, a gourmand palace for Côtes-du-Rhône wines and all things wine-tourism related.

Located on the square in front of the Palace of the Popes, the Carré du Palais is the place to be in Avignon. Devoted to the wines from the Rhône valley, to gastronomy and wine-tourism, the Carré du Palais is home to a school on Rhône wines and a 100% Rhône Oenotouristic Wine Bar. With an impressive cellar, fabulous rooms and patios, special events all year long, the Carré du Palais is a magnet for visitors passing through Avignon, meeting-goers, business tourism and locals.

Program and reservations for the wine school:

www.vins-rhone.com/ecole-des-vins

EVENTS

LES ESTIVALES DES CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

On Thursday: 4, 11, 18, 25 of June

4 evenings to try local wines and meet the wine makers with some nice music in a public garden!

www.bandesvendanges.fr/

HARVEST PROCLAMATION

Saturday 29th of August

The "Compagnons des Côtes du Rhône" organize a series of wine-related cultural and festive events which include the "Harvest Proclamation", or "Bandes Vendanges", a traditional celebration which is held along the Rhone River. This is a popular feast celebrated each year in September in Avignon, featuring a parade of the wine-making brotherhoods, a Harvest Mass, gathering of the grapes from the papal vineyard, tasting of Côtes du Rhône wines and sales of regional products. Musical entertainment.

www.bandesvendanges.fr

MILLÉVIN

Thursday 19th of November

Festive days for the Côtes du Rhône growing area.

www.millevin.fr

CLOS DE LA VIGNE DU PALAIS DES PAPES

The Unesco-listed little vineyard overlooks the Rhône and the city's iconic Pont d'Avignon.

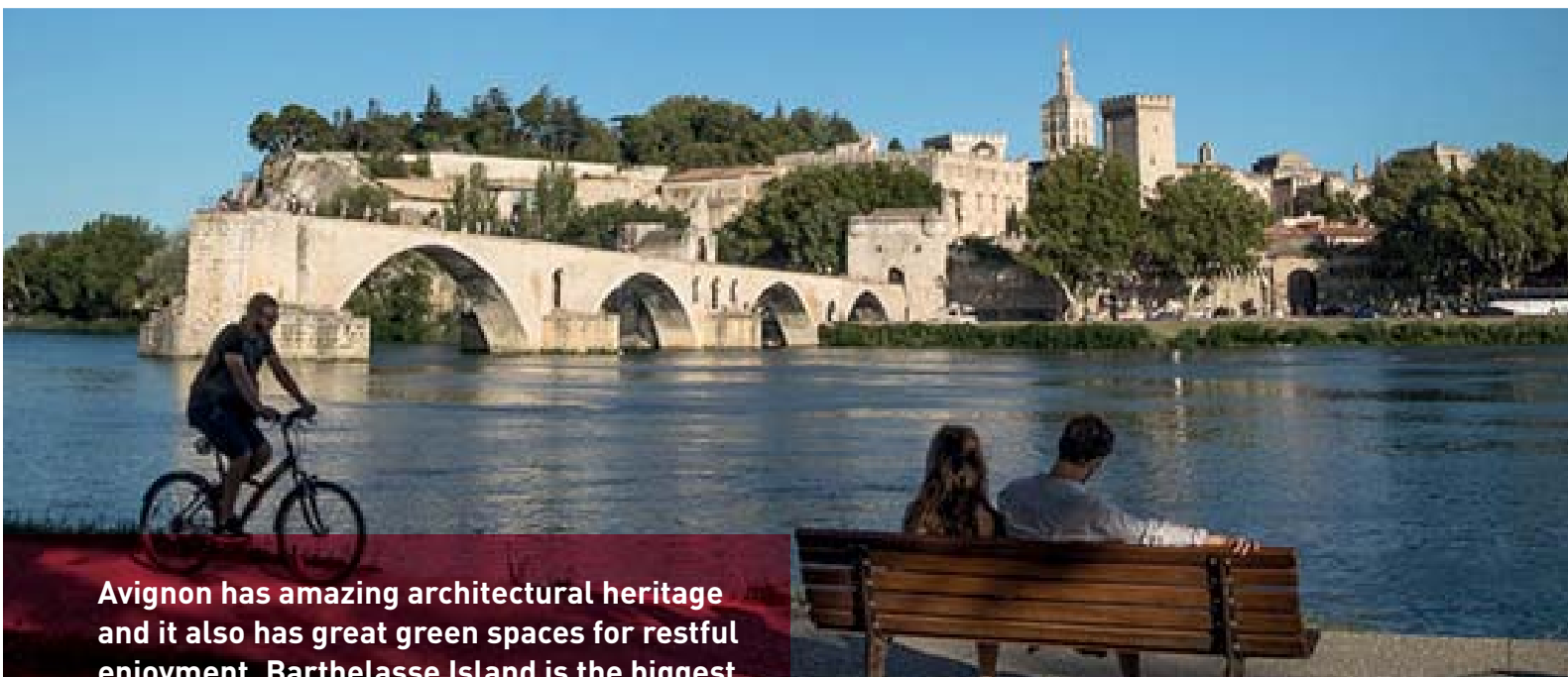
It covers 900 square metres of land for 554 vine roots or a dozen Rhône Valley grape varieties.

The Compagnons des Côtes-du-Rhône association is in charge of maintaining and protecting it.

This association is made up of winemakers and enthusiasts in equal measure



AVIGNON, A PRESERVED ENVIRONMENT



Avignon has amazing architectural heritage and it also has great green spaces for restful enjoyment. Barthelasse Island is the biggest river island in Europe. It is part of Avignon and one of the locals' favourite places to stroll and picnic. In the city, major effort is being devoted to soft transport and an enjoyable lifestyle.

FREE SHUTTLE BOAT

Now the banks of the Rhône surrounding the Pont d'Avignon have been redesigned and a free river shuttle «La Ville d'Avignon» takes you across to this bucolic retreat, the largest green space in Avignon.

www.avignon-tourisme.com/COMMERCES/avignon/fiche-4615641-1.html

BARTHELASSE ISLAND

700 hectares of land, 400 of which are farmable, Barthelasse Island is the biggest river island in France. It is surrounded by the two arms of the Rhône River, the big Rhône on the Villeneuve side and the little Rhône on the Avignon side.

The mighty and wild Rhône River created islands which varied in number and size over the centuries. Some ended up as part of the mainland on the Gard side, some on the Vaucluse side. Others formed a sort of unstable archipelago which joined together forming a single island, Barthelasse Island, whose southern tip has retained the name of a former island, Ile Piot. In 1447 an Avignon citizen by the name of Jean Richard, referred to as "Barthelucius", took out a long lease on most of the islands between Villeneuve and Avignon. The banks of the Rhône have been developed into a walking path since the year 2000. This former towpath has fabulous views over the city of favourite with the Avignon people for jogging or simply strolling (bicycles circuits sign posted on the island).



BIKE & WALKING TOURS

3 major routes to show you another side of the city by bike. Ask for routes at the Tourist Office.

«RAMPART TOUR» HERITAGE TRAIL

A 4.3km bike path was recently opened along the ramparts - Parking is not allowed. This rampart tour is a particularly popular route among cyclists, runners and walkers. It takes you past the ramparts, city gates, train station, Chabran bunker, court, Avignon University, former salt warehouse, some contemporary sculptures and as far as the banks of the Rhône up to the Pont d'Avignon and Oulle lanes.

THE CANALSIDE GREEN PATH, A FAMILY-FRIENDLY OUTING

A green path, covering around 11km from the intra-muros to Montfavet, is the fulfilment of a green transport link along the Vaucluse Canal, fishing spot, family-friendly Pont des 2 Eaux to the 6ha Chico Mendes Park where you can still see the relics of a 1770 mill to beat laundry.

This green path is only for green transport methods: walkers, disabled people, rollerskaters, leisure or commuters.

www.avignon.fr

THE BARTHELASSE TRAIL, RELAXATION AND NATURE

A relaxing stroll in a leafy setting covering around 13km along the Rhône, Barthelasse (the biggest river island in Europe, 700 hectares, 400 of which are farmed), a distillery, farms selling their produce and incredible views of Villeneuve-lez-Avignon, Avignon and their amazing landmarks.

Ask for the routes at the Tourist Office.



AVIGNON À VÉLO AVIGNON BY BIKE / TOURIST INFORMATION APPROVAL

Avignon Tourist Information will be approved as «bike-friendly» (Accueil vélo) in the 1st trimester of 2020. It promises to give cyclists a warm welcome, point them towards appropriate equipment and provide information about routes and services available in the city.

With this in mind, it provides visitors with a handy booklet listing trip ideas, accommodation, rental companies, approved sites and restaurants



GARDENS

For a nice break after your visit, enjoy these two public gardens in Avignon: the Rocher des Doms garden, and the square Agricola-Perdiguer, right next to the Tourist Office:

■ **SQUARE AGRICOLA-PERDIGUIER**, just next to the Tourist Office.

Also known as the 'Petit Jardin', Square Agricola Perdiguer owes its name to the former local politician and carpenter whose statue stands in the garden.

There is a play area for little children. A snack bar open in summer is a great place to enjoy lunch or dinner, beverages and ice cream.

■ **ROCHER DES DOMS GARDEN**

This high area was the cradle of civilization in Avignon, where a large Neolithic settlement existed, and then an oppidum. During the middle Ages, this area was common grazing grounds. In 1839 the decision was made to develop a park, and statues of famous men were added: Jean Althen, Félix Gras, and then the Venus with Swallows by Félix Charpentier.

The park now covers 29,000m² and has a large basin with swans, ducks, geese and carp, the delight of generations of children and a cool, pleasant stop for all. The gardens overlook the Rhône and afford magnificent views of the entire area.

www.avignon.fr

HEART OF PROVENCE

Surrounding Avignon is an amazing diversity of natural beauty, which contributes to Avignon's own highly attractive face.

In just a short time, visitors can also go to varied sites such as Fontaine de Vaucluse, Mont Ventoux, the ochre cliffs in Roussillon, the Luberon and its perched villages, Camargue and the Rhône delta, the Alpilles... and all the outdoor sports and activities that go with this natural beauty.

www.provenceguide.com



ALTERA ROSA

May 21-24, 2020

Alterarosa, a reference to Altera Roma (the other Rome) as Avignon is also known, is all about celebrating the rose like never before by revealing the miracle ingredients that go into making new blooms every year.

www.alterarosa.com



THE PALAIS' BEES

Avignon decided to set up hives at the Palais des Papes on March 21st 2019.

6 hives have been set up on St Laurent Tower's roofs on the south side of the landmark, the east-west line.

A webcam screens what the bees are up to all year in real-time on the website

www.palais-des-papes.com

The beekeeper Thierry Azzolin is renowned for his work in the southern region and tends to the Palais' hives over the seasons.

The project is sponsored and funded by MELVITA which supports countless national and international projects and has been battling to protect bees and biodiversity for over a decade.

This project sees Avignon Tourism become part of the protection and biodiversity strategy launched by Avignon Council. The first harvest in September 2019 yielded 25 kilos of honey. Next one should be in spring 2020.



RENOVATING THE HYPER-CENTRE AND MAKING IT PEDESTRIAN

Improve the daily life of inhabitants and strengthen the commercial and touristic attractivity of the centre city – that is the driving force behind the City's renovation of the centre city. Pedestrian areas are extended, architectural heritage is enhanced. A global strategy with several major axes: Rue des 3 faucons and Place St Didier, rue Bonneterie (extension of the pedestrian streets from Rue des Teinturiers) and the tour des Halles and more recently: the streets Carnot/Carreterie (reorganisation of usage to emphasize soft transport).

www.avignon.fr

FORMER SAINTE-ANNE PRISON

This unique and historical memorial site has been abandoned for 15 years and is about to become a social hub for people to get together. Unlike the imprisonment site it once was, it will open up to the city and its locals. Work scheduled to end by late 2020 - early 2021

www.avignon.fr/grands-projets/grands-projets/rehabilitation-de-la-prison-sainte-anne/



SWIMMING STADIUM

The Swimming Stadium is an iconic sports building recognised as «20th Century Heritage» that has been abandoned since 2010. But after 100,000 hrs and 18.4 million Euros of work, it reopened on December 14th 2019.

25,000 visitors used to come to the long-standing facility in the summer and it has been fully renovated to provide an array of activities to suit all generations and visitors be they sports clubs, schoolchildren or families.

The Swimming Stadium joins the Sports Plain which was inaugurated in July 2019, a leafy 7ha space entirely devoted to sport and leisure, in the heart of the Saint-Chamand neighbourhood, a stone's throw from the future sustainable Mediterranean Bel Air neighbourhood

www.avignon.fr



ALL PROJECTS AND EVENTS AVAILABLE ON:

www.avignon.fr/ma-mairie/grands-projets/



ECOLOGICAL TRANSPORT

■ ORIZO – GRAND AVIGNON PUBLIC TRANSPORTS

Orizo is the multi-modal evolution and future of a global transport network: Tramway, Chron'hop, bus, shuttle bus, Vélopop, Allobus etc.

Orizo is the new Greater Avignon public transport network run by TCRA which is still Greater Avignon's transport operator.

Orizo has gradually been popping up on every marketing tool and new trams and buses since October 19th 2019...

www.orizo.fr

■ VÉLOPOP

300 public bikes available 24/7 in Avignon at 30 docking stations in Avignon, Villeneuve-Lez-Avignon, Le Pontet, Montfavet and Agroparc.

www.velopop.fr

■ LA BALADINE

A 100% electric, silent clean vehicle with 7 seats to travel through the centre city. Adapted to the narrow winding streets in the historical city centre, this new Baladine Bus is the perfect solution to get around town, do your shopping, get from one neighbourhood to another, stroll or visit the monuments. Wave your hand to show you want to get on.

www.tcra.fr

■ ELECTRIC SHUTTLE BUSES

There are now two parking lots outside the city walls, connected to the city centre with shuttle buses which run every 20 minutes. One parking lot is on Ile Piot, and the second is the "Parking des Italiens".

3 electric shuttle buses replace the old buses. Clean,

silent smaller electric buses connect the parking lots to the centre city – an improvement in the quality of life for inhabitants and visitors.

■ THE TRAMWAY

Grand Avignon opened its first 5.2km tram line on October 19th 2019.

It accommodates 145 passengers per carriage with 14 carriages measuring 24m long made by Alstom to connect the city's intra-muros southern districts. Building work has renovated the highway and seen 850 trees and 7350 shrubs planted as well as the creation of 15,000m² of plant coverage.

www.orizo.fr

www.grandavignon.fr

■ CHRON'HOP

Chron'hop, simpler and faster bus routes.

The high-frequency Chron'hop bus routes joined the tram line in autumn 2019.

One bus every 12 minutes in its own lane with priority at the lights.

OUTSIDE CAR PARKS WITH FREE SHUTTLE TO THE CITY CENTRE:

■ ILE PIOT CAR PARK

1100 free parking places. Watchman from Monday to Friday 7.30am to 8.30pm, Saturday 1.30pm to 8.30pm. During the theatre festival in July: every day 7.30am to 2.30am.

Free shuttle bus to the city centre every 10 min.

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■ PARKING DES ITALIENS

1430 free parking lots. Watchman from Monday to Saturday 7.30am to 8.30pm. Free shuttle bus to the city center each 10 min from Monday to Thursday 7.30am to 10.00pm, Friday and Saturday 7.30am to midnight.

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AVIGNON HIGH TECH



Avignon rides the wave of new technologies. Avignon has the French tech culture label since 2015, and draws investors, tech champions and works on setting up innovative projects in cultural and creative industries.

DIGITAL AVIGNON, THE FRENCH TECH LABEL

In 2015 Avignon has been awarded of the French label "French Culture Tech" which emphasizes culture and digital technology. The Avignon-Arles economic basin includes 600 companies which work in the field of digital technology.

Awarding of this label to Avignon will help the city develop its digital economy.

<https://frenchtechculture.fr>



TECHNOPÔLE PÉGASE AVIGNON

The Pegasus cluster was created in May 2006 by a group of 14 people from industry, education and research area, with a request to build an ambitious development plan for the aerospace industry in the region of Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur.

It brings together more than 300 actors motivated by the development of a new generation of aircraft (drones, airships, light aircraft, helicopters, new concepts and stratospheric aircraft).

www.pole-pegase.com

www.avignon.aeroport.fr

AVIGNON CONFLUENCE

Development project of the Courtine district.

The BAU - B Arquitura I Urbanismo team has been chosen to take over the management of the future district.

6000 inhabitants expected, an urban project of 600 hectares, 2500 dwellings planned, 300 businesses... the Courtine Confluence program, a real innovative district that will create a modern city, exemplary in terms of sustainable development, focused on technical, architectural and social innovations.

Source : www.avignon.fr

www.grandavignonentreprendre.com

AVIGNON CONVENTION CENTRE



Strategic location, easy access by car, TGV and the Marseille-Provence airport. Unrivalled historical architecture, intense cultural activity and great hotel capacity – all this and more makes Avignon a venue of choice to hold exceptional events in the heart of Provence

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE IN THE HEART OF THE PALAIS DES PAPES

The outstanding setting for all your events. The Convention Centre occupies two private wings of the Palace of the Popes, located in the heart of the historical centre of Avignon, easily accessible on foot from the hotels. The conference centre provides a setting with 16 characterful rooms (20-536 people for meetings, 700 people for receptions and 1800m² of exhibition space).
www.avignon-congres.com



A LARGE CAPACITY EXHIBITION CENTRE

2 minutes from the motorway exit Avignon South: 7 ground floor halls: 15000 m², on a total outdoor surface of 50 000 m², free car park and 920-seater conference room to host major events: trade and public fairs, concerts, competitions, etc.

www.avignon-expo.com



AVIGNON CONFERENCE SALES TEAM: PALAIS DES PAPES AND PARC EXPO

A professional sales team that's on hand and here for you, a single contact from your first message to the fulfilment of your event so your event is exceptional, unforgettable and exceeds your expectations.

Contact: *Florence Jullian*

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A RANGE OF HOTELS TO SUIT YOUR EVENT PLANNING

4800 hotel rooms, 1800 of which are within walking distance of the Meeting and Convention Centre and 2800 outside the city walls.

There are countless hotels in Avignon with function rooms to host your business meetings and seminars.

Avignon Tourist Office

officetourisme@avignon-tourisme.com

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

■ **The Avignon Tourism Incoming Department** provides sports, leisure and cultural activities for the pleasure side of your business conferences, meetings and seminars. Tailor-made quotes on request:

groupreservation@avignon-tourisme.com

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■ **The Tourist Office** is at your service for information on incoming agencies, event organisers, meeting rooms, reception venues and all other information for business event organisation.

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GETTING TO AVIGNON

Avignon is only 2 hours 40 from Paris and 3 hours from Roissy Charles de Gaulle by TGV. It takes 5 hours 49 to London by Eurostar with a direct line all year round.

Regular trains between the TGV station in Avignon - Francfort, Barcelone and Madrid, TGV Lyria Avignon Geneva.

Avignon airport operates direct flights to Great-Britain and Amsterdam. Marseille airport, 45 min from Avignon by car operates direct flights towards 150 destinations.

The airport has been undergoing extensions and renovation since 2016 scheduled to be completed in 2026.

BY TRAIN – 2 STATIONS

The TGV train station, designed by Jean-Marie Duthilleul and opened in June 2001 in the Courtine area, Avignon is now 2 hours 40 minutes from Paris, 3 hours from Roissy Charles de Gaulle and 1 hour from Lyon thanks to the Mediterranean TGV line (30 minutes to Marseille).

Avignon-London in Eurostar all year round.

New direct connection with Barcelona, Madrid, Frankfurt, Geneva and Amsterdam

Avignon centre city train station: regional train schedules for Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur on www.oui.sncf

Train connection to city centre “la Virgule”, 40 returns a day.



BY PLANE

The Avignon airport provides direct flights to UK: Southampton, Birmingham and London city in summer and many more with connections from these airports to Ireland, Scotland

www.avignon.aeroport.fr

Bus line (n°30) from the city centre to the airport:

www.orizo.fr

The Marseille – Provence airport is only a 45mn drive and provides 118 direct national and international flight, 29 countries, (22 new regular flights)

Direct train TER: Vitrolles (Marseille MP2 Airport) to Avignon centre. (20 trains a Day).

Free shuttle between Marseille-Provence Airport (coach station - Bay 5) and Vitrolles-Marseille-Provence Airport train station

Wait time*: 10-15 minutes

Estimated journey time*: 5 minutes

www.mp.aeroport.fr

- N7
- A7
- A9
- N100

Le pôle d'échange multimodal (PEM) : regional bus connections between Avignon and nearby cities:
www.pemavignon.fr

BY BOAT

The Compagnie des Grands Bateaux de Provence runs the Halte Nautique. It stands on Quai de la Ligne at the foot of the Rocher des Doms. Over 1000 boats drop anchor here every year for stays lasting a few days to several weeks. The Halte Nautique is open from April 1st to October 31st with times to suit the City's seasonal schedule.

halte.nautique.avignon@gmail.com



KEY FIGURES

TOURISM OFFICE SERVICES 2019

PERSONAL RECEPTION	263 857 visitors
LEADING FOREIGN CLIENTELES	USA Spain Germany Great Britain Italy
MAIL AND TELEPHONE SERVICE	9 668 documentation requests + 817 sales + 26 053 phone calls
GROUP SERVICE All sort of guided tours	City tours for individuals: 5114 persons 6637 groups
AVIGNON TOURISME WEBSITE	543 000 visitors / 1,2 millions visitors on all Avignon Tourisme websites / Facebook: 9100 followers
BUSINESS TOURISM	Congress center: 189 Events including 35 congress, Exhibition center: 42 events including 18 professional fairs and 24 public fairs

2019 ATTENDANCE AT THE PALACE OF THE POPES AND AVIGNON BRIDGE

	Visitors
PALACE OF THE POPES	682 650
AVIGNON BRIDGE	452 300

FESTIVALS 2019

FESTIVAL D'AVIGNON	47 shows, in french and foreign languages, 40 venues 224 performances 150 800 paying tickets including 42 800 free events
FESTIVAL OFF	1 538 plays 63 133 off cards sold 133 venues 97 530 paying tickets

The Theater Festival of Avignon is the most important cultural event of Vaucluse.

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