

VENTOUX PROVENCE IN THE SUMMER

Ventoux Provence captures the essence of summer living with breathtaking natural landscapes, rich culture and outdoor adventure. Enjoy warm, sunny days and long, balmy evenings – perfect for unwinding and alfresco dining.

Cycling

Ventoux is one of the top cycling destinations in Europe, thanks to the iconic Mont Ventoux and the surrounding scenic countryside.



- Mont Ventoux (1,909 m) is one of the most famous climbs in professional cycling — a Tour de France classic and a must-do for cycling enthusiasts (training recommended). There are 3 main routes to the Summit :
Bédoin route (most iconic & challenging)
Malaucène route (similar difficulty, quieter)
Sault route (easiest of the three)
- There are several bike hire shops in Malaucène. The one with the best reviews is Provence Cycles.

Not everything is extreme! Ventoux Provence offers many routes for all levels.

There are scenic road rides:

- Gorges de la Nesque: Stunning views with moderate climbing. Ideal for intermediate riders.
- Dentelles de Montmirail: Vineyards, rocky ridges, and picturesque villages.
- Vaison-la-Romaine loop: Rolling terrain with cultural stops.

Or gravel & MTB options:

- Trails around Mont Serein and Chalet Reynard.
- E-bike-friendly gravel paths and forest tracks.
- Local rentals and guided MTB tours available.

Hiking and walking



Whether you're seeking gentle nature strolls, panoramic ridge hikes, or immersive multi-day treks, Ventoux Provence offers an incredible variety of walking experiences.

You can find trails starting from Suzette and the Dentelles de Montmirail on Komoot, such as the Crête de Saint-Amand – Suzette Loop; 4.9 km. Ideal for all fitness levels with rewarding views.



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Lavender Fields



The Plateau de Sault is one of the most iconic lavender regions in France. Located on a high plateau east of Mont Ventoux, Sault is the heart of lavender country. Fields stretch as far as the eye can see, framed by mountains and forests.

Why not visit the nearby small, charming villages of Aurel, Ferrassières & Saint-Trinit, perfect for scenic drives, walks, and photography.

Ferrassières hosts a popular Lavender Festival in early July and Sault mid August.

Wine Tasting



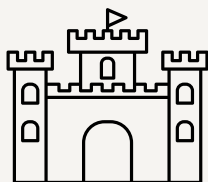
The closest vineyard to Suzette is our neighbours Domaine Sant Amand, nestled in the breathtaking Dentelles de Montmirail, offering sweeping panoramic views over the Rhône Valley, Mont Ventoux, the Vaucluse mountains, the Luberon, and the Alpilles.

Other nearby estates include Domaine de Coyeux, situated just above Beaumes-de-Venise on the southern slopes of the Dentelles, and Domaine du Grand Montmirail near Gigondas, which stretches across 70 hectares of dramatic terraced slopes beneath the Dentelles.

Cultural and Historical Villages

There is a rich history and charm to Ventoux Provence — from Gallo-Roman ruins to medieval hilltop villages, ideal for cultural exploration.

- Marvel at the Ancient Roman Ruins of Vaison-la-Romaine, the largest publicly open Gallo-Roman archaeological site in France. Explore expansive Roman villas, mosaics, baths, and the ancient theatre.
- Visit the medieval village of Crestet, nestled on a ridge, known for its Annonciade chapel, 11th-century church, and castle remains, all with sweeping views of the Dentelles and Mont Ventoux.
- Officially recognised as one of the 'Most Beautiful Villages of France,' Séguret enchants visitors with its 10th-century Saint-Denis Church, charming cobbled artisan streets, and stunning views over the surrounding vineyards.
- Set against a spectacular backdrop of Mont Ventoux and the Dentelles de Montmirail, Entrechaux is home to a historic chapel and the evocative remains of a medieval castle.



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Suggested Day Trips

There are lots of fantastic day trips within easy reach of La Colline, some of our favourites are below.

Within an hour

- Avignon: The City of Popes, is a historic Provence gem where the Palais des Papes, medieval lanes, lively squares, and the famed Pont d'Avignon bring its rich past to life.
- Orange: The heart of Provence, is famed for its Roman treasures — the majestic theatre, triumphal arch, and echoes of an ancient past.
- L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue: The “Venice of Comtat,” is a charming Provence town where canals, antique shops, art galleries, and old water wheels line the peaceful Sorgue.

A little further afield.

- Aix-en-Provence: The City of fountains and Cezanne, delights with elegant boulevards, lively markets, and timeless Provençal charm.
- Arles: On the Rhône, blends Roman splendour and Provençal life with its ancient amphitheatre, winding streets, and Van Gogh's vibrant legacy.