



Trip description

Provence cycling around Orange at the foot of the Mont Ventoux

Provence bike tour starting in Orange. Discover lavender and olive fields, Roman ruins and beautiful landscape at the foot of the Mont Ventoux

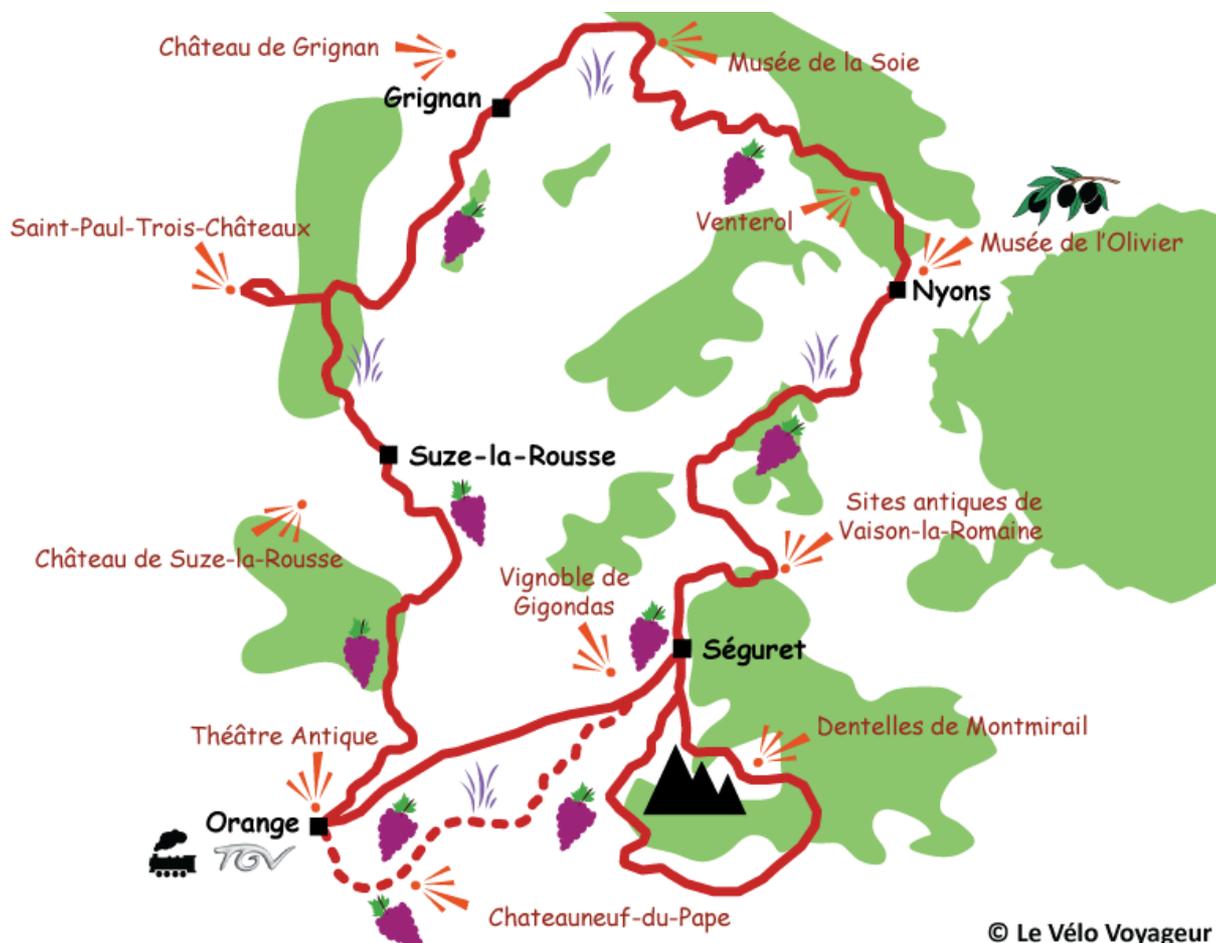


Destination	France
Location	Provence
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from March to November
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	P0701

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



Starting in Orange in the middle of the Provence you will discover the old city of Orange with its Roman theater, its small shaded streets before cycling through the lavender fields and olive groves in the idyllic Provencal countryside. After crossing charming little villages like Suze-la-Rousse you arrive at Grignan. Do not miss the beautiful walled town of Grignan. A little further take the time to stroll in Vaison-la-Romaine amongst the Roman ruins as well as in the small town of Nyons. The area is well-known for its oil mills and lavender distilleries. Charming villages surrounded by olive groves, vineyards and lavender mark out your way. You also cross many world famous wineries as Seguret, Sablet or Gigondas. A beautiful leisure cycling trip the Provence at the foot of the Mont Ventoux!

Day 1

Orange

Enjoy Orange and its charming lively streets. The ocher hues of the city will immerse you immediately into the Provence atmosphere. Do not miss a visit to the very well preserved antique theater.

Day 2

Orange - Suze-la-Rousse

Bike
25km

As soon as you leave Orange, you ride on a plain lined with vineyards with the Mont Ventoux in the background. From village to village, you cross the garigue before reaching the University of Wine located in the castle of Suze-la-Rousse.

Day 3

Suze-la-Rousse - Grignan

Bike
25/32km

You leave Suze-la-Rousse and ride through beautiful stretches of lavender and olive trees. On your way you can make a small detour (+ 7kms) to visit the village of Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux, which is famous for its truffles and its magnificent cathedral. Your arrival in Grignan gives you a wonderful view on the medieval village dominated by the castle of the Marquise de Sévigné.

Day 4

Grignan - Nyons

Bike
32km

Ride through the countryside to the charming village of Taullignan where you will find a nice silk museum. You leave Taullignan towards the "Enclave des Papes". You will wind through vineyards until reaching Venterol, a beautiful village overlooking the valley of the Eygues. You ride gently down through the olive trees to Nyons, famous for its Provencal know-how (olive oil, lavender, soaps, scourtins, etc.).

Day 5

Nyons - Séguret

Bike
33km

Shortly after leaving Nyons, when passing over the river Eygues, enjoy the beautiful view of the old town. You will then ride up the olive groves and admire the magnificent panorama over the valley. After the village of Mirabel aux Baronnie, the circuit winds through vineyards surrounded by mountains up to Vaison la Romaine. After visiting the Roman ruins, continue to the village of Séguret, ranked "most beautiful villages in France".

Day 6

Round-trip around Séguret

Bike

Altitude

You can either quietly enjoy the day at the pool and walk to the cute villages around or take the bike tour, which takes you up among the rocks of the "dentelles de Montmirail". This impressive rock towers over you as you cross the mountain to Beaume-de-Venise, the capital of Muscat wine. You will also explore the vineyards of world famous wines of

Bike
34km

Altitude
±300m

Gigondas.

Day 7

Séguret - Orange

Bike
25/48km

You ride along the very intriguing rock formation called "Laces of Montmirail" and enjoy the traditional knowledge of winemakers who work on the worldwide known Sablet or Gigondas land. You cross again the plain of Orange before reaching the historic city center.

The long option leads you to the salted pond of Courthézon. A bit further, Chateauneuf-du-Pape welcomes you! Do not miss the visit of the ruins and the paved streets of the village. Then, you reach back Orange and its famous arenas.

Day 8

Departure from Orange

You leave after a last walk in the old city center of Orange

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.

One night is spent in a typical provincial wine estate where the owner will be glad to show you around and have you sample the wines.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-4Star hotels of Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included! One night is spent in a typical provincial wine estate with a swimming-pool. The owner will be glad to show you around and have you sample the wines.





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Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight for Avignon, Marseille Provence or Nîmes

By train: TGV trains from Paris/ Gare de Lyon station to Orange (direct or 1 connection). The duration of the trip is between 4h and 4h30. Regional trains from Lyon/ Part Dieu station. The duration of the trip is between 2h and 2h30. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking:

If you drive to Orange, there are several options for parking:

- **if you are accommodated in category A:** you can park your car in the closed car park of the hotel (8€/day, on reservation) or in a public secured car park in the city center (decreasing daily rate of 8€/24h). There are also many places where you can park your car for free (not secured). You will find the details of the different options in your travel documents.

- **if you are accommodated in category B:** you are accommodated in a bed&breakfast in the outskirts of Orange. You can park your car there for free (subject to availability, to be confirmed at booking).

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A

1099 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in ** / *** hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)

70 €/pers

Extra for a single room (**)

76 €/nuit

Extra night in Orange

78 €/pers

Category B

1199 €/pers

Double room fare

7 nights in *** hotels or B&B's

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

luggage transport

access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
7/7 hotline

High season extra (*) 60 €/pers

Single room extra (**) 87 €/pers

Extra night in Orange 90 €/pers

Options

Extra E-bike (6 days) 90 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle -110 €/pers

Extra for solo traveler 150 €/pers

(*) **High season** :
from 26.05 to 25.08

(**) valid for 2 participants minimum

Children discount (in the same room as two full rate participants)

0-4 years : -70%

5-11 years : -50%

12-17 years : -30%

The package doesn't include:

journey to the tour location

drinks

meals which are not included

entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

local visitor taxes

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