



Selection of full-day and half-day excursions from Port-Vendres and Sète













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## RIVESALTES CAMP MEMORIAL TOUR

The Rivesaltes Camp Memorial was inaugurated in October 2015 and stands in the midst of the shacks that witnessed the fate of over 60,000 people. The marker is a unique site recognising the horrors of the 20th century: the Spanish Civil War, Second World War and wars of decolonisation.

The memorial is a historical and remembrance site that's part of the contemporary world. Its exhibitions and scientific and cultural events introduce history to visitors of all ages with a focus on children. The extraordinary building earned its architect, Rudy Ricciotti, the Équerre d'argent architecture award.

Lunch at Domaine de Rombeau - Rivesaltes

#### SALSES FORTRESS TOUR

This impressive fortress is half-buried with walls that are 12m thick, countermine corridors, artillery towers and a keep. The tour explores the living quarters and defensive

system at the fortress designed for 1500 men and 300 horses. It has fantastic views of the Pyrenees from its outstanding natural setting between the Salses and Corbières lakes.

Cave Arnaud de Villeneuve wine tasting in Salses-le-Château

Salses-le-Château departure

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## TOUR OF SANT VICENS CERAMICS CENTRE

Firmin Bauby founded the Sant Vicens ceramics centre in 1943 in a 17th century winery and has seen the likes of Dali, Picasso, Lurçat and Dufy spend time here. Join Claire Bauby, Firmin Bauby's great niece, on an exciting and fascinating tour that will make your time in Perpignan unforgettable.

www.santvicens.fr



## "A TRIP BACK IN TIME", A GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWN CENTRE

A Gothic Art and Art Deco tour introducing you to another side of the town: the Middle Ages, Belle Époque

and Roaring Twenties. The cathedral, La Loge de Mer, Campo Santo and Hôtel Pams are just some of the town's icons where 14th century monuments contrast with vibrant and colourful Art Deco and Art Nouveau architecture.

Experience the Catalan lifestyle as you wander the vibrant Rue Paratilla and lively Halles Vauban whose market stalls celebrate Mediterranean and Roussillon flavours.

Snack break on the Galeries Lafayette rooftop terrace with panoramic views of the town and iconic Canigou peak.

www.perpignantourisme.com





#### **GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWN**

Céret is a town packed with history. Join a passionate guide as you explore the cherry capital's cobbled lanes and follow in the footsteps of the many artists who made the town "The Mecca of Cubism". Experience all the monuments and heritage Céret has to offer from the Porte de France gate and Fontaine des Neufs Jets fountain to La Douleur sculpture by the famous Aristide Maillol.

#### **MODERN ART MUSEUM TOUR**

The Musée d'Art Moderne was foun-

ded in 1950 by two French artists: Pierre Brune and Franck Burty Haviland. The Céret museum is one of France's top 100 museums of modern art. It is home to pieces by world-famous artists who spent time in Céret including Picasso, Soutine, Chagall and many more.

A trip to the Modern Art Museum seeps you in the culture and legacy that these artists have left in an all-encompassing collection of art from the last century.

#### ART CLASS WITH A LOCAL ARTIST

Soak up Céret's artistic vibes and find out more about painting (oil, acrylic, watercolour, ink etc.) and drawing (classic, cartoon etc.) at an art class with a local artist.

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Experience a unique place where sculpture, nature and agriculture come together south of Occitanie, deep in the Côte Vermeille where the Pyrenees dive into the Mediterranean: explore the sea, coves, vines and olive trees and meet our very own world-famous sculptor Maillol. Welcome to magical Banyuls-sur-Mer.

Tour of central Banyuls, guided vineyard tour with a Cru Banyuls and Collioure winemaker and guided olive grove tour with an olive oil producer followed by a wine, oil and artisan olive-based produce tasting.

### AN OUTSTANDING LAND AND FINE WINF

If there's a vineyard in mainland France which has all the extremes, it's definitely Cru Banyuls and Collioure. A world of paradoxes has come to life in this place where nature itself seems to play on all its contrasts. The Côte Vermeille is home to 1600 hectares growing AOC and Vin de Pays wine: AOC Collioure, AOC Banyuls Grand Cru, AOC Banyuls, IGP Côte Vermeille in red, rosé and white (except Banyuls Grand Cru which is only available in red).

What can you expect from the Côte Vermeille? Age-old expertise, landscapes sculpted by vines, scenery carved out by schist walls, a land and people with personality.

#### SAMPLE ORGANIC BANYULS OLIVE OIL

Olive growing has been a key trade in Banyuls-sur-Mer for centuries. Who better than an olive farmer to introduce you to the business? Olivier Borrat loves his job and introduces you to his olive groves in the hinterland before tantalising your tastebuds with a tasting of his authentic olive oils. An unmissable and eye-opening experience. It's also the first organic olive farm on the Côte Vermeille (between Collioure and Cerbère) and the "olive" on the cake is that the world's rarest olive oil is made in Banyuls! That's all we're telling you, we'll let you experience Olivier Borrat's flavour sensations for yourself.

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## GUIDED TOUR OF THE FAUVISM TRAIL

Follow in the footsteps of Henri Matisse and André Derain. Learn how these artists made their colours sing in the Southern French light at this open-air museum. Explore the village which the 20th century transformed from a fishing port into an "art capital".

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### MODERN ART MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR

The modern art museum is a must-visit deep in a leafy haven with views of Collioure Bay. If you're looking for over-consumption of art or excess,

you're in the wrong place. This is the place to peruse hand-picked pieces, unique collections and original exhibitions where you can visit and revisit Collioure's artistic legacy.

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## ANCHOIS DESCLAUX SALTING WORKSHOP TOUR AND TASTING

Age-old expertise passed down through the generations. Anchovies in salt, oil or other flavours... the local Mediterranean star has always been artisan-made by people, not robots.

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### "TOWN OF ART AND HISTORY, THE FORMER ROUSSILLON CAPITAL"

Elne was a main road and crossroads between Iberian countries and Mediterranean Gaul. It has had a strategic border position since Antiquity.



Elne is an ancient city that was Iberian 2700 years ago and called Illibéris, then the Romans renamed it Castrum Helenae which is where it gets its name Elna in Catalan or Elne in French. Elne was a seat of power in Roussillon before Perpignan even existed. It became a bishopric in the 6th century, which it remained until the 17th century with varying success. The bishop's seat left the ancient and medieval town with an impressive architectural and artistic legacy.

## THE CLOISTER-CATHEDRAL AND JARDIN DES MÉTIERS D'ART

are fantastic relics that have stood the test of time to showcase art! Elne was a bishopric between the 6th and 17th century and still has its fantastic romanesque cathedral. It was consecrated in the 11th century and stands out for its square bell tower, marble doorway and opulent fixtures. The remarkable blue-veined white marble cloister captures the evolution between two eras, two styles and two states of mind: romanesque and Gothic.

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Wander around the village to gaze at the old ramparts surrounding the hill and the beautiful bourgeois houses in the southern districts. The uptown is packed with artists and artisans based in the Jardin des métiers d'art (a pretty courtyard with plants): pottery, painting, photography, master chocolatier, glass blower, bookbinder etc.

#### TERRUS MODERN ART MUSEUM: HOMEGROWN ARTIST ETIENNE TERRUS.

This musuem is 30m from the cathedral and celebrates the work of the landscape artist and iconic Elne personality Etienne Terrus (1857-1922). The artist was friends with famous names including Maillol, Matisse and Derain and did most of his work in Roussillon. Terrus started out as a classical portrait



and still life artist before making his mark in landscape art, sometimes by the sea.

#### CHÂTEAU D'EN BARDOU MATERNITY CENTRE: HISTORY AND HUMANITY



A memorial site to get to grips with one woman's battle: Élisabeth Eidenbenz, a member of the Swiss Red Cross children's aid. The young teacher converted this amazing little early 20th century château into a maternity centre between 1939 and 1944. The centre provided respite to mothers, Spanish refugees exhausted by the hardship they had endured at the Rivesaltes and Argelès camps, then Jewish women giving birth using fake names. Almost 600 children from a dozen nationalities were born here.

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## "PORTUS VENERIS, THE TOWN OF VENUS"

Port-Vendres is a natural deep water port which played a key part in maritime freight from Antiquity onwards. History is everywhere in this beautiful bay-shaped town in the midst of the mountains, sea and terraced vineyards: military architecture: Vauban fortifications, the obelisk to celebrate Louis XVI and signal tower combined with the coves and beautiful scenery make this an authentic and natural town with a fascinating history.

## HISTORY TOUR AROUND VENUS PORT INCLUDING THE MAJESTIC OBELISK (I HR).

Its hills form a marine amphitheatre that echo the prestige of its ancient name. If being named after the goddess Venus wasn't exciting enough, Port-Vendres whisks us away on a trip back in time from the first epic sea adventures to the first globalisation plans.

This 18th century obelisk is unique in France and celebrates Louis XVI. The 4 bronze bas-reliefs depict the abolition of slavery in France, free trade, naval

power and American independence in a nod to the Battle of Yorktown when troops from Port-Vendres helped America gain independence in 1781. The 4 corners of the fence around it have 4 allegorical trophies of Asia, Africa, Europe and America: the 4 known continents at the time.

Port-Vendres has been twinned with Yorktown in Virginia since 1990. The



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towns are twinned because of their historical ties. Port-Vendres is where Louis XVI deployed the French regiments to help American rebels in their war of independence against the British.



#### GUIDED TOUR OF CAP BEAR: A BREATHTA-KINGLY IMPRESSIVE UNTAMED HEADLAND (1 HR).

See every side to Cap Bear which played a role in the Second World War and its lighthouse (listed as a Monument Historique) which has been proudly protecting the Port-Vendres beaches since 1905 in a breathtaking setting!

#### MICRO FOLIE: CULTURE FOR ALL AGES! EXPERIENCE CULTURE AND HAVE FUN FOR FREE. (1 HR)

Micro Folie is a local platform with an innovative and modern twist. It's a future-forward "third place". It provides free tools for the general public to visit or revi-

sit masterpieces from France and abroad. It has digital tablets, a large screen to really get to grips with the pieces, virtual reality headsets for adventures, fun-filled resources such as educational games and computer-based Fablab classes where you can make your own items: flocking fabric, embroidery, 3D designs.

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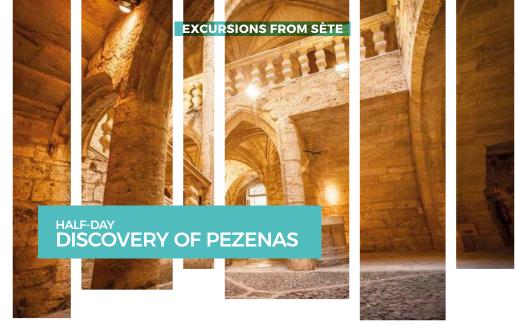


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#### **FOCUS ON MOLIERE!**

Jean-Baptiste Poquelin was born in 1622. The whole of France is preparing celebrations and commemorations, especially Versailles and Paris, where he achieved fame and wrote his greatest masterpieces.

In Languedoc, Pézenas is also preparing to celebrate Molière with whom it has a long and beautiful love history. The city built the only monument dedicated to him outside Paris...! In the castle of Prince de Conti, his protector, Molière will perform for the entire regional aristocracy. Near the « Maison Consulaire », he lent his talent to the « Etats Généraux du Languedoc ». In the Gély barbershop stall, he met Lucette, Scapin and other characters who would later become the heroes of his plays. A visit to Pézenas

in 2022 is therefore a must. Let's go in the footsteps of the artist, in the private mansions, castles or inns that welcomed him, or in the Vulliod Saint-Germain museum where you can see Molière's armchair... An exceptional journey in a preserved architectural setting, punctuated by beautiful art craftsmen's stalls.

Let's leave the last word to Marcel Pagnol: « If Jean-Baptiste Poquelin was born in Paris in 1622, Molière was born in Pézenas in 1650 ».

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## DISCOVER THE MISTERIES OF THE WORLD OF SEA FISHING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Immerse yourself in the world of fishing by visiting this 450 m2 area located in the heart of the Grau d'Agde fish auction, the only one in France to be run by a woman. Moreover, this is the first and only site in the Mediterranean to be open to the public!

Come and discover the fish auction house, its fleet, its facilities, the different fishing techniques, the Mediterranean rules, how it operates and its contribution to the economy...

A guided tour overlooking the auction's technical infrastructures, as well as a beautiful illustrated exhibition will allow you to learn more about this fascinating universe. Our advice? Come in the afternoon to assist in live auction through bay windows, and assist to trawlers return. Exceptional!



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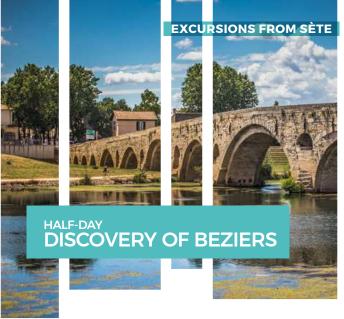
## UNUSUAL NATURAL BEAUTIES BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE PONDS

Cycle with a guide through the protected natural site of the Villeneuve Les Maguelone salt marshes to the south of Montpellier and discover an ecologically rich environment. This is an easy bike ride accessible to most people during which you will follow paths along the canals and salt marshes. You'll be able to observe a mosaic of natural environments between fresh and salt water, where many remarkable species, such as pink flamingos, egrets, avocets, waders, terns and seagulls come to nest, reproduce or feed.

On arrival, a thousand-year-old cathedral, former bastion of the papacy in Languedoc and its incredible destiny, facing the vineyards and the Mediterranean sea! Wonderful. After a small 360° tour of the peninsula, a few anecdotes on the history of this fascinating place, the Compagnons de Maguelone will welcome you for a tasting of organic, elegant and aromatic wines, but also handi-solidary, born from noble grape varieties.

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#### **GUIDED TOUR OF BEZIERS**

Did you know that? Crossed by the Orb river, surrounded by the Mediterranean sea and the oldest vineyard in France, Béziers was built before Marseille in the 7th century BC and is said to be the oldest city in France...! Don't miss a gentle journey through time. Let's go from the Paul Riquet alleys to the Roman amphitheatre and its arenas, or to the memory of the medieval towns and the Albigensian crusade... The highlight of your visit will probably be the 9 Fonseranes locks on the Canal du Midi at the foot of Béziers: the most spectacular view over the impressive Saint Nazaire's cathedral.

Follow our guides to know much more about this town boasting an exceptional heritage and rich in 27 centuries of history... The essentials of Béziers in half a day!

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## GUIDED TOUR OF SAINT GUILHEM LE DESERT

With a guide, you will discover the medieval village of St Guilhem Le Désert, nestled in the magnificent Hérault gorges and classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France. The visit will continue in the abbey of Gellone, a Unesco World Heritage site, founded in 804 by Guilhem, Charlemagne's cousin, and considered today as a jewel of Lanquedoc Romanesque art. It contains a piece of Jesus Christ's cross and the relics of Guilhem. A unique place, a haven of peace, and a stopover for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela, St Guilhem Le Désert is a truly exceptional site.

#### THE CLAMOUSE CAVE

Classified by the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development as 'a scientific and picturesque site', Clamouse cave is located near Saint Guilhem Le Désert and at the entrance of the Hérault gorges. The richness of its aragonite concretions, its underground river which has been brought to light, its two adventure courses and escape games make Clamouse an essential site in Langue-

doc. Attached to ecological values, the cave is the first site in France to be awarded the «Sustainable Entertainment: Responsible Emotion» label, followed by the Puy du Fou and the LE PAL park. A real guarantee of quality for your groups, without greenwashing! A magical out-of-time journey...

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## DISCOVER AN OIL MILL AND ITS OLIVE GROVE

Small family business on 10 ha of olive trees (5 ha of which are organic). Muriel, the oil presser, will show you all the secrets of the mill and its olive grove.

She makes olive oil (single variety and Lucques), and olive-based specialities: tapenade, olive paste etc. with the greatest respect for quality, from hand-picking to bottling.

- · Explore the oil mill and tapenade workshop
- · Estimated duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

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## DOMAINE DE ROQUEMALE ORGANIC WINE

Today, using organic farming methods, Valérie and Dominique run a 13-hectare vineyard. They produce 9 wine varieties and harvest almost all of their vines by hand in small skips or crates, at night, by headlamp.

- · Explore the estate and tasting workshop
- · Estimated duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

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#### **CATAMARAN TASTING TRIP**

Set sail on board the MANSATHAU catamaran to discover oyster beds and the riches of the Thau lagoon, all while enjoying oyster tasting and wines from the area.

Estimated duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

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## DISCOVER THE O'BALIA THERMAL SPA - BALARUC-LES-BAINS

With its therapeutic properties, the water of the Balaruc thermal baths has been used since ancient times. Today, in a sumptuous setting on the banks of the lagoon, Balaruc-les-Bains is the top spa resort in France.

With 34° water, you will enjoy its benefits

Estimated duration: 1 hour

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#### **TOUR OF LA MAISON NOILLY PRAT**

Its two-hundred-year-old wine cellars with their incredible vats stand on the edge of the charming little

port of Marseillan.

This house is behind a vermouth that is not only acclaimed worldwide on the cocktail scene, but also appreciated by the world's greatest chefs.

The tour will finish with a cocktail workshop, where you can make James Bond's favourite cocktail!

Estimated duration: 1 hour

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## ELECTRICALLY ASSISTED BIKE RIDE ALONG THE LAGOON

A route that takes you from the port of Marseillan to a shellfish farm along the Thau lagoon between salt marshes and vineyards. A beautiful experience!

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#### BARGE TOUR OF THE OYSTER BEDS AND TASTING AT LE ST BARTH FARM

Take part in an unforgettable moment

on the farm, to discover this authentic place and the passion that has driven this family for three generations.

Embark on our barge to discover the oyster farming profession and our oyster farms which are ingeniously fitted with solar panels.

You will then disembark on an infinite pontoon, stretched between the water and the sky, where a Swiss Family Treehouse awaits you with its terrace.

You will taste the famous Tarbouriech special oysters, enhanced by local wines. A unique place, for memories you are sure not to forget.

Estimated duration: 1 hour 30 minute barge tour + tasting

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## BOAT TRIP ON THE THAU LAGOON

Come aboard the "Diane" to discover the Thau basin

Claudia, the only professional fisherwoman in the lagoon, will be your captain. She will tell you all the secrets of her job and the remarkable environment in which she works

You will pass near the mouth of the Canal du Midi. a UNESCO World

Heritage site, which flows into the Etang de Thau before ending its course in the Mediterranean.

Along the coastline, which separates the lagoon from the Mediterranean, you will finish your trip near the oyster farms when you will learn about breeding techniques.

Estimated duration: 1 hour

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## IMMERSION INTO THE WORLD OF WINE AND VINE

Plunge into the heart of the radiant cellar specialising in white and rosé wines from the Thau lagoon. Discover a revolutionary site unique in Europe. Total immersion into the world of wine and vine. A fun guided tour which is a cross between an interactive show/tour and a game/tour.

An enjoyable experience

for young and old
Estimated duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

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## AN OFF THE BEATEN TRACK CITY TOUR

Discover Sète and its secret spots on an electric bike, guided by a state-qualified instructor (Pont Levis district on the edge of the Thau lagoon, the coast road overlooking the Mediterranean, the beaches, city tour etc.)
Easy level - approx. 12km
Estimated duration: 1/2 day



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## DISCOVER SÈTE WITH A RICH 19TH CENTURY WINE MERCHANT

Dramatised tour of Sète, through the character and life of Lorenz-Simon Nahmens, one of the main wine merchants of the 19th century. Discover the city's and port's evolution during this century of economic progress for Sète.

Estimated duration: 1 hour 45 minutes

Dramatised tour
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#### THÉÂTRE MOLIÈRE TOUR

Listed in the inventory of Historic Monuments and recognised as «the most beautiful Italian-style theatre in the whole of the South of France», the Théâtre Molière hosts shows in theatre, dance, song, classical or contemporary music, lyric art, young audiences and contemporary circus throughout the season, all of which bear witness to the current artistic scene at regional, national and international level.

From the basement to the gods and from balconies to galleries, you will go behind the scenes of this magnificent Italian theatre.

Estimated duration: 1 hour

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