

## ALL THE HEART CAN CALL FOR.



### Location

The Mas des Olives is located 4 km from Bédoin on the way to the Mont Ventoux and 28 km from Carpentras, in 55 minutes one reaches the TGV Station at Avignon which is 47.5 km distant.

### Places

Not far from the Mas des Olives there are some beautifully located villages to rest and discover interesting things, for example Villes-sur-Auzon, Mormoiron, Crillon-le-Brave (15 min.), Beaumes-de-Venise (30 min.), Vacqueyras (40 min.), Gigondas (45 min.), Gordes (50 min.), L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue (55 min.) and Fontaine-de-Vaucluse (1 h).

### Mont Ventoux

The [Mont Ventoux](#) is a mountain as no other exists, 25 km long and 15 km wide it culminates at 1'912 m. Reaching out of the landscape of the East-Provence in a gigantic way, it stretches out all the way into the plain of the Comtat Venaissin in the south, cuts deeply with the Gorges de la Nesque into the Monts of the Vaucluse. In the west it ends up at the Dentelles the Montmirail, in the north lie the Vallée du Toulourenc and the isle of the Drôme.

The Mont Ventoux was created by the tectonic convergence of the African and Eurasian plates, in a marine environment, when the Pyrenees and the Alps were formed 95 to 40 million years ago. It stood out of an ocean

which covered the Provence around 20 million years ago. Its today's structure results from alpine tectonic movements 10 to 2 million years ago and the following erosion. The name originates from Venturi, a word used in the Provence for Mountain. A proverb in the Provence says: "You are not crazy if you climb it, but you are crazy if you climb it a second time".

The Mont Ventoux is not only the mountain of the Mistral and its most stormy place; thanks to its great flora and fauna it belongs to one of the most popular biosphere reservation of the [UNESCO](#).

The top of the Mont Ventoux at 1912 m is reached after 17,5 km in about 20 minutes with the car; by foot it takes about 3 to 3,5 hours.

### Hiking

The Provence offers hiking routes for every taste and fitness. Unique nature and cultural experiences, mysterious wood trails, visits of aged ravines (Combe d'Ansis et Fiote), spectacular view points and many more await the visitor on his [hikes](#) through the UNESCO biosphere of the Mont Ventoux.

Not only this but also the Gorges of the Nesque, the roundtrip of the Dentelles offer unique [hiking moments](#).

## Les Ogres

In about 2 ½ hours from the center of Bédoin one reaches the unique sandstone quarries (carrières d'ocres) by foot. To experience the overwhelming colors of this very peculiar place we suggest to undertake the hike (with camera in hand) either in the mornings or evenings. The landscape seems to originate directly out of an American western movie, the stratified layers occur in a multi colored dress starting with egg colored to sapphire red. It's about naturally aggregated ferrous oxide, natural earth pigment, which is used in painting, pottery, in decoration and construction because of its fastness to light and weather resistance.

## Culture

### [Lavendes en fete, Sault](#)

The one who visits the Provence in the high season of summer, will experience the Lavender Festivals. With oblivious colors and scents lavender, the flower of the Provence, is celebrated during harvest in august.

Every year the Pays de Sault is filled with the odor of the cut lavender. Traditional dances and music, a contest in reap hook cutting, the market with regional specialties, riding ponies for children and much more are offered daily in colorful attractions.

### [Jazz, Villes sur Auzon](#)

The small but exquisite Jazzfestival which takes place end of July / beginning of August and is locally organized with much passion offers often some unique pearls of Jazz culture.

### [Tremplin Jazz, Avignon](#)

Who visits Avignon end of July, beginning of August should not miss the [Festival Tremplin Jazz](#). It's been on the agenda for 20 years and is a fixed event in the cultural calendar of France. As a solid, internationally aligned event it shows at 5 to 6 evenings well known Jazz legends, talented and young formations on stage.

### [Cyclemuseum, Bédoin](#)

100 years history of cycling in the 20th century and at the Mont Ventoux, told with unique and historically important objects: Racing cycles, water bottles, shirts, backpacks, postcards etc., partly signed by the cycling legends who owned the items, originating from a private collection of Lino

Lizzerini, a passionate collector from Cavailon.

### [Chorégies, Orange](#)

The Opera Festival Chorégies in the little town of Orange belongs to the oldest classical festivals of France. Special is the old location in which the festival is held yearly in July to the beginning of August. Orange has the oldest amphitheatre originated from Roman times, which also belongs to the UNESCO world heritage. The Chorégies festival of Orange presents in this colorful surroundings international acts.

## Wine

Wine Côtes du Ventoux:

### [Vignerons du Mont Ventoux](#)

Bédoin (10 min.)

### [Chateau de Valcombe](#)

St Pierre de Vassols (15 min.)

### [Chateau de Pesquie](#)

Mormoiron (15 min.)

### [Cotes du Ventoux, Domaine Olivier B.](#)

Methamis (20 min.)

### [Objectif Terroir](#)

L'Isle sur la Sorgue (40 min.)

## Markets

The market at Bédoin is regularly held on Monday mornings in the middle of the village. Merchants will offer seasonal fruits, vegetables and all kinds of products from the regional production.

The colorful Friday market of Carpentras is held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the centre of the city. Here you will find local products, handicraft from the Provence, groceries, spices, ceramic and leather goods. Besides florists, gardeners and gardening nurseries from the region offer cut flowers, plants, ornamental shrub, flower and plant seeds and aromatic herbs.

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## **Gastronomy**

The Southern kitchen characterizes the regional gastronomy. Here you will find some restaurants close by:

### [Restaurant la Colombe, Sainte Colombe](#)

Located on the road to the Mont Ventoux, with a beautiful shady terrace or depending on the season big fireplace inside. Jean-Luc and Cristel serve refined dishes all year round, with fresh products.

### [Restaurant Le Guintrand, Sainte Colombe](#)

Only a few steps from the Mas on the road to the Mont Ventoux, in Sainte Colombe you will find Christine's and Hervé's regional kitchen with the flavor of the Provence, open every day.

### [L'Esprit Jardin, Bédoin](#)

The restaurant is located at the Hotel Les Pins at the foot of the Mont Ventoux, which is run by Guillaume Roux. The Chef Laurent Archias offers a creative cuisine of the south. He finds his tasty products at the markets nearby and from regional cultivation.

### [Restaurant Jerome Blanchet, Crillon-le-Brave](#)

The restaurant Jerome Blanchet offers at the Hotel Crillon le Brave a fantastic selection of dishes and beverages. Thanks to the cooperation with farmers, producers and wine grower of the nearby surroundings and region the kitchen is supplied with daily best seasonal local products.

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