



Randonnée Tours

Vaison Short Escape Cycling & Walking 4 Days

Summary

Length

4 days/3 nights
longer options available

Dates

Any start date between April 1 to October 31

Level

Cycling and walking are the activities available for this Short Escape

Rides: 13 to 60 km (8 to 38 miles)

Walks: 3 hours average

Your Route Descriptions will provide you with information on distances and terrain and you can choose each day which ride or walk to take

The terrain is moderately hilly, but there are options for rides with climbs or flatter routes

Vaison-la-Romaine and Beaune Short Escapes are our easiest biking choices

Select the ultimate destination to sample the best of Provence. Vaison-la-Romaine was chosen by the Romans as their favourite location in the region, and the local charm and colour have not faded. Explore superb Roman ruins in the old town. Wander among the maze of narrow streets in the medieval quarter, which culminates in a dramatic ruined castle. Enjoy one of the best markets, held every Tuesday morning, and relax in cafés on squares lined by plane trees. Then head out into the surrounding countryside for superb bike rides to Côtes-du-Rhône wine routes and walks into the Dentelles de Montmirail mountains and along the flanks of Mont Ventoux.

Itinerary



Day 1

Arrive in Vaison-la-Romaine, where you stay for three nights. Visit the famous Roman ruins, then explore the

medieval quarter perched high over the town. Your bicycle is waiting for you, so you can go for a warm-up ride.

Day 2

Today's activities are up to you. You have the full dossier of rides and walks to choose from. You could cycle through apricot and cherry orchards to Malaucène, a quintessentially Provençal town. There's a pleasant walk from Malaucène part-way up Mont Ventoux to a chapel. Or explore the Dentelles with a walk to the remote, perched village of Crestet, now home to an art centre.

Day 3

Today ride to Entrechaux, set against Mont Ventoux and with a ruined castle looming high over the village. Add loops to Mollans-sur-Ouvèze, or Buis-les-Barronies. From Mollans there's a walk to Pierrelongue, where a church perches high on a rocky spire. Or wind your way among wine villages, past Cairanne and then Rasteau, known for a sweet dessert wine. Add a loop to Sablet and Séguret hugging the Dentelles mountains. Extend your Route du Vin tour to Gigondas and beyond. Consider a walk into the heart of the Dentelles de Montmirail, among vineyards and lacy, rocky peaks.



Day 4

Enjoy more time exploring Vaison or head out on one of the rides or walks in your dossier that you've saved for today. Then depart for your next adventure.



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How to get there?

You start in Vaison-la-Romaine, a delightful town snuggled in green hills in the heart of Provence. Vaison lies about 650 km southeast of Paris, due east of Orange.

Access is via either Orange or Avignon. Both can be reached via the TGV (high-speed rail network of France) and are only a three- to four-hour journey from Paris.

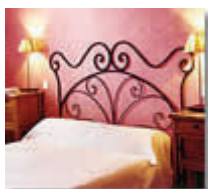
These towns can also be reached by air or from other gateway cities such as Lyon or Nice. Transfer to Vaison is via public or private transportation. We'll provide you with detailed instructions.

The Price includes:

- 3 nights hotels
- All breakfasts
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

Accommodation

Classic



Hôtel Le Burrhus

Vaison-La-Romaine

This hotel overlooks a pretty square right in the heart of Vaison. The hotel has been recently renovated, and often hosts art exhibits in the hotel's lounges.

B & B



L' Evêché

Vaison-La-Romaine

This is a huge house, but the proprietors only rent out five rooms to spend more time with their guests. There are great views of the old town and the castle, and each of the rooms is individually decorated.

Luxe



Hotel Beffroi

Vaison-La-Romaine

Located in the medieval village, this chateau features lovely gardens and a pool. It is in one of the most beautiful 16th century mansions in the Old City of Vaison; you can enjoy a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.

"The inn was lovely, I have a lot of experience at picking out nice accommodation, so "meeting my expectations" is high praise. The overall experience is excellent. We only wish we had more days to explore the area; you supplied us with enough cycling and walking tours to fill a week."

M. Ellen