



PRE AND POST FIELD TRIPS

FT6 LUBERON & HAUTE-PROVENCE PALAEOLOGICAL SITES

This field trip will provide an opportunity to discover the emblematic sites of two Geological Nature Reserves, two Unesco global Geoparks and two Regional Nature Parks (Luberon & Verdon). Geological Heritage and Geo- and Paleobio-Diversity.

SCHEDULE 14-18 JULY 2018:

The Geological Nature Reserve, the Regional Nature Park and the Unesco World Geopark of the Luberon: 2 days

Day 1 July 14th: Transportation (bus) to Apt, visit of the Apt museum and the palaeontological collections, the Aptian stratotype, the Salignan mill, a wine cellar, and testing.

Day 2 July 15th: The Oligocene continental basin of Apt (mammal tracks, lacustrine limestones), typical villages and visit of the Cereste museum.

The Geological Nature Reserve and the Unesco Geopark of Haute Provence, the Regional Nature Park of the Verdon: 3 days

Day 3 July 16th: The Bès valley with its emblematic sites: Esclangon, the Vélodrome structure with Miocene bird footprints and Art Refuge of Andy Goldsworthy, the Toarcian Ichthyosaurus, The country product House of Mallemoisson.

Day 4 July 17th: The Barrême palaeontological exhibition, the Eocene Sirenian site, the museum in Castellane: "Nature and Heritage", visit of the village.

Day 5 July 18th: Digne-les-Bains: the Sinemurian Ammonites slab, "Promenade Museum" of the Unesco Geopark (collections, exhibitions, aquarium...), the Valensole Plateau and its large lavender fields; then Aix TGV-Paris.

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POINT OF DEPARTURE: Avignon, railway station (84)

POINT OF ARRIVAL: Aix-en-provence, railway station (04)

PARTICIPANT FEES:

Cost: 670€ depending of the number of participants and the type of room
Hotels for 4 nights (double-bed rooms), bus transportation, breakfasts, picnics or restaurants for the lunchtime, dinners (alcoholic beverage not included), entrances to museums and exhibitions...

Not included: TGV Paris (Lyon Station)-Avignon and Aix-en-Provence TGV-Paris.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS MIN/MAX: 20/39

WEATHER/REQUIREMENTS:

In July in Provence it's rather hot (25-30°C). Altitudes are 250 m (Apt) to 1200 m (Sireniens). Easy, short hikes; provide equipment for walks on the countryside and mountainous trails: backpack, water bottle, shoes steps, rain jacket (in case of storm, rare), hat, sunscreen, windbreaker, light sweater. Sirenian site: 2.5 h round trip, 100 m (vertical drop); Ichthyosaurus site: 2.5 h (150 m). Vélodrome 3 h round trip, 300 m (vertical drop).

ACCOMODATION: Hotel

TRANSPORTATION: Bus

EXCURSION GUIDE:

Open air museum, museums, land art sites, natural and cultural heritage, testing local products, festive moments.