

Guide of Gardanne



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**"Our advices & good addresses
to discover the territory of Gardanne"**

WELCOME TO GARDANNE



Singular destination in Provence,

Gardanne benefits from a pleasant geographical situation. Situated between Aix-en-Provence, Marseille and Aubagne, she has everything of a privileged holiday resort.

As a bright city with a turbulent past and rich heritage, but little known, Gardanne is characterized by a history of two millennia. Known to have been used as model with famous paintings of Paul cézanne, or for its iconic characters such as the King René or family Gueydan, Gardanne is distinguished by the wealth and the diversity of its heritage.

It is in this red ocher city and endowed largely with wooded spaces, that more than 20,000 inhabitants meet each other and share a real village way of life.

Surrounded by natural areas, Gardanne's territory is suitable for outdoor activities, and holds even several hiking trails which will charm the sportiest.

Animated by the renowned market, it is in the heart of this former mining area that visitors from the whole world pick the magic of a unique place, immortalized forever by Cézanne...

For unique experience ...



HERITAGE AND CULTURE



The old village

Formerly called « Gardanna », the origin of the town is attested from the 11th century, when the village was a fortress. It still remains nowadays a charming old town with doors closing the old ramparts : the door Bel air, Trets door and passage Barra. Do not forget to go for a ride on the Cativel hill, Gardanne's oldest district, where you will find the remains of the three mills. Guided tours available at the Tourist Office.

Chapel of the Penitents

The White Penitents chapel was built in 1619 on the ruins of a primitive chapel "Chapelle Saint Valentin" mentioned in the sources in the eleventh century. Nowadays, it is occupied by an exhibition of the Museum « Gardanne Autrefois » as well as exhibitions of the Mediterranean Archaeology Society. Guided tours available at the Tourist Office.



The Castel of Valabre

The first mention of the site appears in 1299, in a bill of sale to « Lavabre ». It is sold to the widow Toussaint Guérin in 1500, and it is at this time that, Its name becomes Valabre. Between 1573 and 1583 the building was built with four towers, Called today in a fanciful and inaccurate way, Hunting lodge of King René.



Museum Gardanne Autrefois

This museum takes you back to the world of the past, making you relive a moment of Gardanne's inhabitants daily life, between 1850 and 1950 : tools of ancient crafts, exhibitions, Provençal costume and scenario of every day objects.

Address : 21, rue Courbet - 13120 Gardanne.

Open wednesday from 2pm to 5pm and the 2nd Saturday of the month from 2pm to 5pm.

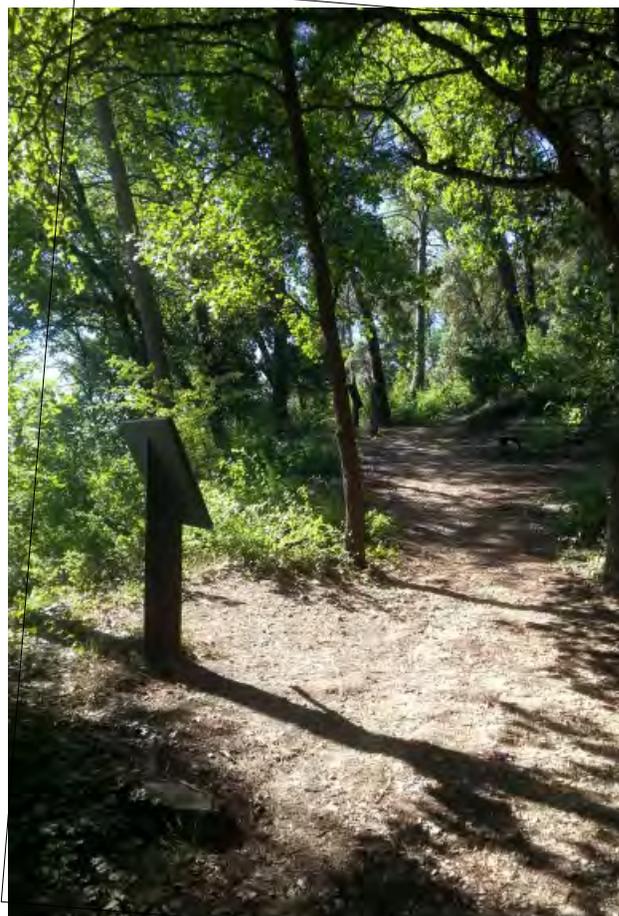


Cézanne and Gardanne's landscapes

Gardanne inspired the painter Paul Cézanne, who lived at 27 Forbin during 1885 to 1886. He will perform during its period Gardanne ten paintings, including a lighthouse painted work from La Planque representing the old town nestled around its bell tower, three views from the hill of the Brothers, a painting of the shed of Claou or the Payannet quarter and the Sainte-Victoire.

An open air museum dedicated to him on the Brothers hill, from where you can admire the unique views of the village forever immortalized.

Trail guides for sale and guided tours available at The Tourist Office.



HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Famous people

The history of Gardanne was marked by many characters :

The Forbin family Palamède de Forbin, who administered Provence in 1482 gave the land of Gardanne to his brother Jacques. In 1656, his grandson Claude de Forbin had been born. Claude had been the most illustrious Forbin. He was a sailor, a privateer of King Louis XIV, and was promoted rear-admiral in 1706 by the King who awarded him the title of Count.

The Bontemps family are originally from Gardanne. This family gave five generations of head manservants of the Kings of France (Jean-Baptiste Alexandre Louis-Alexandre, Louis-Alexandre II and Louis-Dominique). Alexandre Bontemps (1626-1701) was the head manservant of Louis XIV chamber. Subsequently, it will become the king's counsel and adviser, and was even the godfather of a king's child.



The King Rene also known as the Duke of Anjou, Count of Provence and Forcalquier and King of Jerusalem and Sicily, became in 1454 the owner of the domain Gardanne and administers until his death in 1480. He enjoyed coming to hunt birds in Gardanne ponds or small game. It exists at the edge of the Luynes, the « Hunting Lodge of King René ».

The family Gueydan, Pierre de Gueydan, at the Court of Accounts of Provence, bought the castle and estate Valabre in 1683. Following his death in 1734, it was his son Gaspard and later his great-grand-son Louis Joseph Alphonse de Gueydan, who ruled the domain. He had been married to Françoise Sibilot Josephine, died in 1853. His widow becomes the heir of the Domain Valabre and will bequeath to the town of Gardanne by her 1880 will, all the property she had inherited from her first husband, with the obligation to found a Valabre 'Agronomic Institute. "

TERROIR AND CRAFTS



Calissons and nougat Maurel

Whether black or white, provence nougat is part of the thirteen traditional desserts of Provençal christmas dinner. This was in 1852 that one sees in Gardanne black nougat from Ferdinand Maurel in its confectionery located Cours Forbin. Initially small family business, the company Maurel has evolved since more than 150 years, to become today the regional specialists of white, black nougat and calissons.

For sale at the shop of the Tourist board.



Gardanne street market

Enjoying a great reputation in Provence, the Gardanne market extends from Boulevard Carnot in the Republic and offers visitors a wide selection of local products, Provençal specialties and handicrafts.

Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning. Biver market on Thursday morning in the parking in front of the church.



TERROIR AND CRAFTS

The shop

The Tourist Board of Gardanne offers you a shop comprised of quality typical products from Provence:

- **Calissons d'Aix and Nougats**, manufactured by the confectionery Maurel and Confectionery of Roy René. These must-have little boat-shaped pastries are to be eaten as much as you like or simply for the pleasure to offer.

- **Wines and apple juice of the agricultural secondary school of Valabre.**

- **Saffron** of Emilie from Fuveau, natural and quality product.

- **The delicacies from the pastry Riederer:** come and find the navettes (typical little cookie from Provence), crunchy almonds, but also the delicious chocolate bars.

- **Real Marseille soap:** with a range of soaps and products from local soap factories.

- **Olive oil** from the Eguilles mill.

- **Savory groceries:** with local and typically Provençal products from various manufacturers

(tapenades, hummus, eggplant caviar, chickpea crisps...), pasta, crisps...

- **And** : wines from Château Val Joanis in Partuis, craft beers from the Aqua Maltae Brewery...

Also find articles related to the history of Gardanne : postcards of Gardanne and Provence, ancient postcards of coliers, hiking guides on Gardanne and Sainte-Victoire.



TERROIR AND CRAFTS



«Suïram» long beetroot

M. Claude Crudeli, farmer Gardanne, has revived an ancient tradition in making the beets which was not cultivated for over 50 years. It has real nutritional and energy values.

Address : Chemin du Capéou - 13120 Gardanne. Phone : +33 (0)4.42.58.36.94

Feraude cellar

The cellar of the Agricultural High school of Valabre allows to discover products through guided tours. Daily tours by reservation at least one week in advance for groups. The site is approved as « Ferme et Découverte » and « Vignoble et découverte ».

Organic wines and juices for sale at the Tourist Office shop.

Address: Chemin du Moulin Fort, 13120 Gardanne

Reservation and information to the Cellar to +33 (0)4.42.51.44.42.

Tilery Bossy - Domain of Valabre

In an ancient tilery dating back over 175 years, a group of craftsmen has installed its workshops. The opportunity for visitors to go to meet the craftsmen to discover their technical and all their creations. Sculptures and mosaics, woodwork, watches, instrument making, pottery or wrought iron transport you into an original artistic universe.



Address: Chemin du Moulin Fort, 13120 Gardanne—www.tuileriebossy.com

Reservation and information to the Cellar to +33 (0)4.42.51.44.42.—Email : contact@tuileriebossy.com

MAP OF GARDANNE



NATURE AND LANDSCAPES



The living Museum of Mediterranean forest



The Living Museum is the perfect place for families to discover the riches of the Mediterranean forest. His museum area will reveal the mysteries of the forest floor, and present plant adaptation to drought, ecosystem diversity, or the treasures of wildlife ... Outside, the park takes you into a unique ride on a trail.

From September to June from 9:00 to 12:30 and 13:00 to 5:45 p.m. Sunday same.

July and August from 9:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00. Sunday same.

Closed on Saturday.

Address: CD7, Chemin de Roman, 13120 Gardanne—

Tel: +33 (0)4.42.65.42.10. www.ecomusee-foret

Gardanne hiking guide

The town offers 7 trekking routes, almost 50km walk in a unique environment. While following the marked paths, let yourself be charmed by the beauty of Gardanne natural heritage. Rambling maps for sale at the Tourist Office. The courses offered :

- The Cézanne circuit (2:00 - 2.3 km) • The circuit of Luynes (2:15 - 5.9 km)
- The circuit of the wall Gueidan (2:45 - 5.9 km) • The circuit Ridge (3:15 - 9 km) •
- The Wood Verdillon (1:20 - 3.2 km) • The Hills circuit (4:40 - 14.2 km) •
- The circuit of the Valleys (4h - 12.6 km)

Also discover the « Chemin des Energies », in the hills of Gardanne, for discover the industrial landscape of the territory.

GR2013

Set up in the European Capital of Culture Marseille-Provence 2013, it's a metropolitan trail of 365km long which reveals the Marseille-Provence on a new aspect.

This cultural, artistic and tourism project offers a new experience hiking. The great trail goes through Notre-Dame district, lingering in the old town and ending with the Domain Valabre.

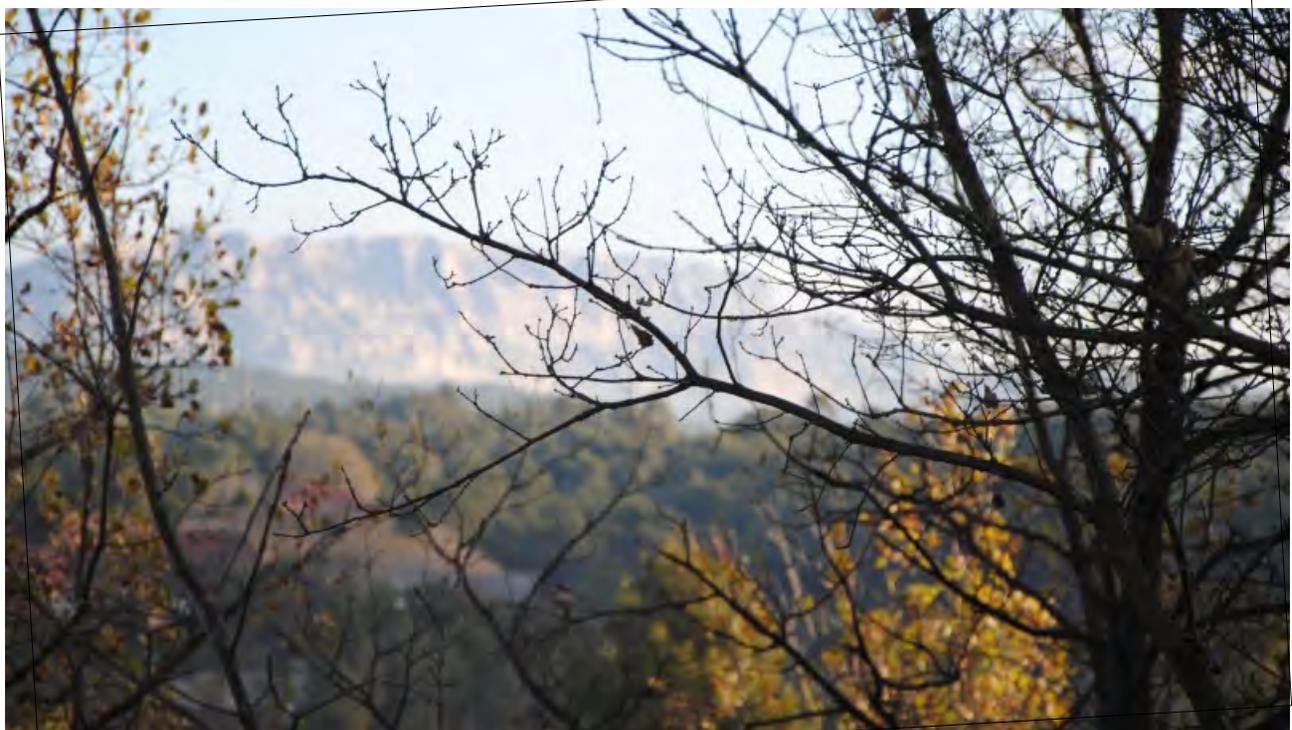
Come to discover or rediscover Gardanne on a new aspect.

GR de Pays, Sentier Provence, Energy, Mines

The municipalities of Fuveau, Gréasque, Gardanne, Meyreuil, Mimet, Trets, and as well the aggro country of Aubagne, all share a common heritage linked to the mine. Whether tangible or intangible, this heritage is available under different forms in each commune: the presence of minors, a path, wells, a museum, a specific site ...

These municipalities wished to work together in order to enhance this heritage by creating a road called "Sentier, Provence Mine d'Energies", a country GR that will link the different important places under form of pedestrian loop.

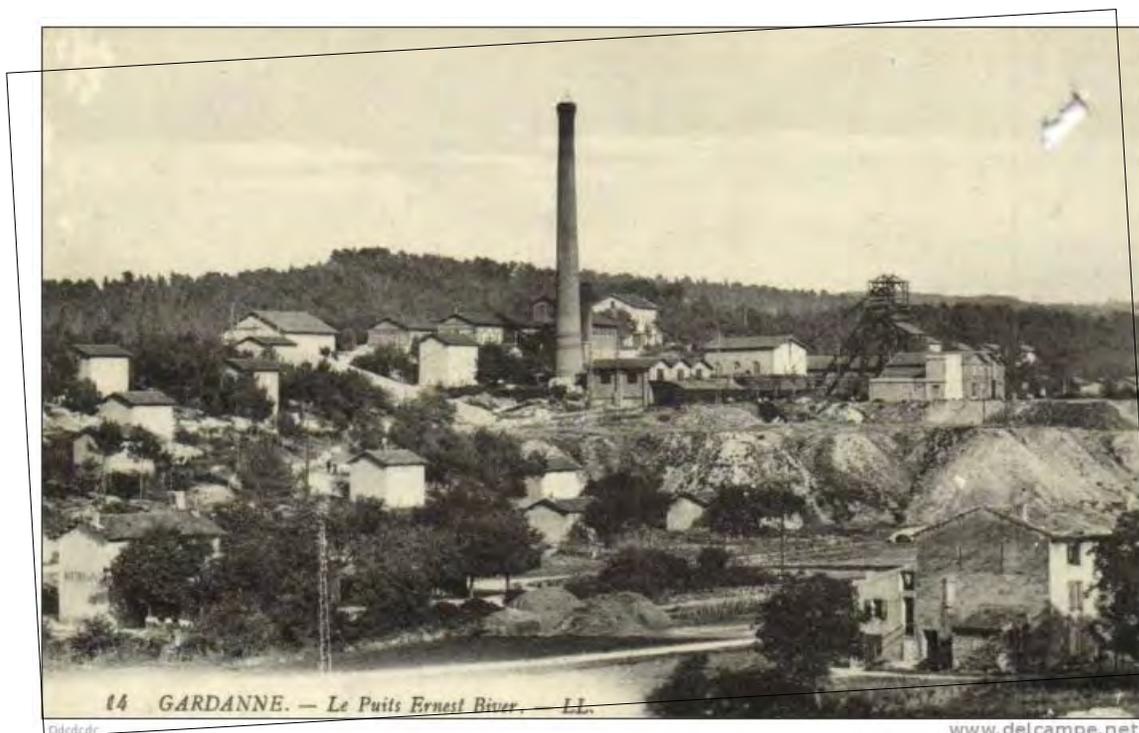
Hiking guide available at the tourist office.



INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE



It was in 1893 that the exploitation of the Ernest-Biver well began. A year later we will build the alumina plant, today European leader as well as world n°2 for the production of specialty aluminas. This material is used, among other things, the manufacture of medicines and toothpaste. Due to lack of manpower, many foreigners will gradually settle in Gardanne to work at the mine. The impact of setting up these industries and of this immigration is very visible on the demography of the commune, passing from 2636 inhabitants in 1886 to 7979 inhabitants in 1946. It was not until 1952 that the Gardanne thermal power station appeared, operating with coal from the mine. It is the most powerful fluidized bed power plant in the world with its 250 MWe.



The exploitation of the Gardanne mines will stop in 2003 with the closing of the last well of the Provence basin: the Well Yvon Morandat. This industrial and historical heritage is today in total conversion thanks to work of SEMAG, and will soon become the Center for Scientific, Technological and Industrial Culture of Aix-Marseille Provence metropolis, with a center dedicated to scientific culture and a hotel for innovative companies.



EVENT



The Indus' 3days

February - march

Several days devoted to industrial and scientific tourism with a program based on visits, conferences, meetings and exhibitions throughout the Pays d'Aix.

www.indus3days.fr



Heritage day

September

Each year during the European Heritage Days, the Tourist Office offers its visitors to follow several visits free and original guided tours on a specific theme.

Christmas market and fair santons

November - December

The traditional Christmas Market Gardanne meets annually more than 150 artisans coming from all over France and more than 13 000 visitors for a relaxing, sharing and exchange ...



LEISURES



Cinema 3 casino

Composed of 3 rooms, classified as "arthouse" and enjoying the labels' Young Audiences' 'and' 'Research and Discovery,' 'Cinema 3 Casino offers throughout the year a broad panorama of films from cinemas around the world.

Address: 11, cours Forbin • +33 (0)4.42.51.44.93 • www.cinema3casino.fr

Nelson Mandela media center

Established in 1995 and on two levels, it has a library for children and adults, but also a music library, a hall for the press, for all, as well as an auditorium with 60 seats. The multimedia space upstairs provides access to the Internet and register for free to participate in the workshops of discovery.

Address: Boulevard Paul Cézanne • +33 (0)4.42.51.15.57 • Tuesday from 13:00 to 19:00 - Wednesday and Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00 - Thursday and Friday from 14:00 to 18:00. www.mediatheque.ville-gardanne.fr



LEISURES

Fishing

For freshwater fishing enthusiasts, the fishing licenses are on sale at the Tourist Office in order to practice its activity in peace on the lake of Fontvenelle and the surrounding area.



Aquatic leisure center

The Gardanne aquatic leisure center, managed by the CPA, has a large pool of 50m, a school basin, a paddling pool, a pentaglisse, a slide and rest and play areas for feast young and old.

Address: Avenue Léo Lagrange - +33 810008060



USEFUL NUMBERS



Town hall ■ +33 (0)4 42 51 79 00

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Annex town hall of Biver+33 (0)4 42 58 39 74

Opening hours : 8:30 am to 12pm, Monday to friday

CCAS.....+33 (0)4 42 65 79 10

Municipal technical center.....+ 33 (0)4 42 12 62 50

Art school.....+33 (0)4 42 51 07 99

Train station.....36 35

Room « Le Hang'art »+33 (0)4 42 12 62 85

Room « La Halle ».....+33 (0)4 42 65 77 00

Post office36 31

Swimming pool.....0 810 008 060

Firefighter :18

Samu :15

Gendarmerie :17

or+33 (0)4 42 58 30 10

Local police :+ 33 (0) 4 42 58 34 14

List of taxis available on request at the tourist office.

SOS Médecins +33 (0)4.42.26.24.00 or 36.24

Dental emergencies..... +33 (0)8.92.56.67.66

Medical emergency hotlines..... +33 (0)4.42.50.60.15

USEFUL NUMBERS

Pharmacy :

All-night drugstore.....	32.37
Biver pharmacy — Church Square.....	+33 (0)4.42.51.22.62
Central Pharmacy - CC Carrefour market, Aix road.....	+33 (0)4.42.58.31.39
Pharmacy College - 1 rue Jules Ferry	+33 (0)4.42.58.00.07
Pharmacy College - 113 avenue Pierre Brossolette.....	+33 (0)4.42.51.58.16
Pharmacy Market - 5 cours de la République.....	+33 (0)4.42.58.30.14
Pharmacy Marion - 2 boulevard Carnot.....	+33 (0)4.42.58.34.09

Car park :

Esplanade Péri - Avenue des Ecoles 13120 Gardanne - Places G.I.C/G.I.G

Parking Fontvenelle - Voie de Bomperthuis 13120 Gardanne

Parking de la Gare Routière - Avenue Lieutaud 13120 Gardanne - Places G.I.C/G.I.G

Parking Mistral - Rue Mistral 13120 Gardanne - Places G.I.C/G.I.G

Parking des Molx - Derrière le Cours Carnot 13120 Gardanne Places G.I.C/G.I.G

Parking Savine - Avenue Léo Lagrange 13120 Gardanne - Places G.I.C/G.I.G

Parking Victor-Hugo - Boulevard Victor Hugo 13120 Gardanne - Places G.I.C/G.I.G

All of the car parks in Gardanne are free or in a blue zone.



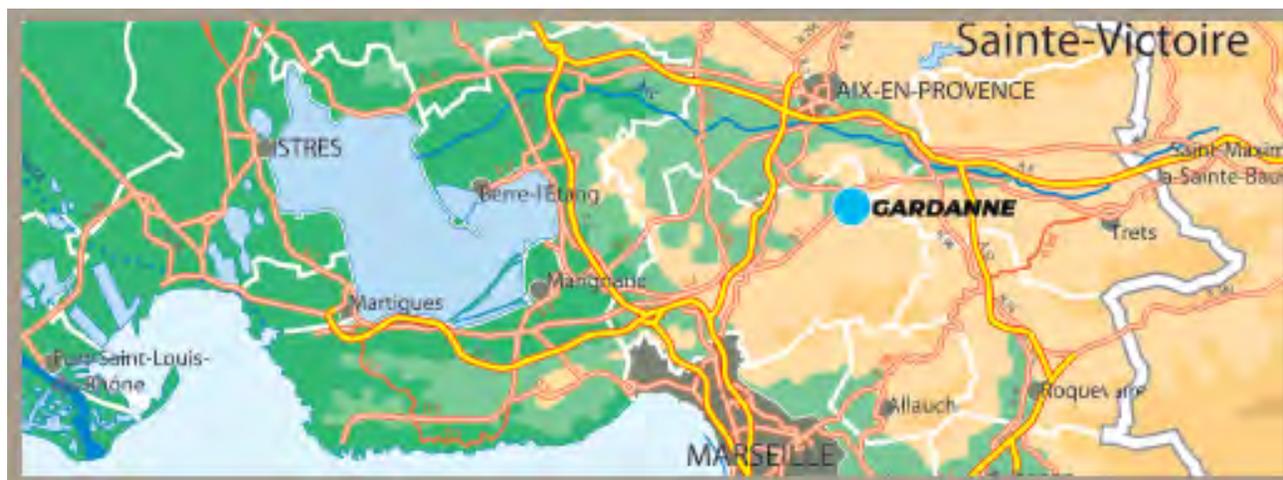
COME TO GARDANNE

By car : From the highway D6 which provides access to the motorway A51 (Aix-Marseille) and A8 (Nice-Aix).

By train : **Line 12** Marseille / Aix / Pertuis, Gardanne SNCF train station.

By bus : **Line 172** Fuveau - Gardanne • **Line 290** Mimet - Aix-en-Provence • **Line 180** Gardanne - Aix-en-Provence • **Line 161** Trets - Pôle d'activité d'Aix • Réseau urbain de Gardanne lignes 182, 183, 184 • Réseau Carreize **Line 64** Trets-Marseille • **Varlib line 4002** Brignoles - Gardanne

By plane : Marseille Provence Airport (Marseille-Mérignac) 30 km (30 min).



Office de tourisme de Gardanne :

1 boulevard Bontemps, 13120 Gardanne - Tel : +33 (0)4.42.51.02.73 contact@tourisme-gardanne.fr
www.tourisme-gardanne.fr

Opening hours :

From January to June and from September to December :

- Monday : open from 9am to 12.30pm
- From Tuesday to Friday : open from 9am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 5pm
- Saturday and Sunday : close

In July and August :

- Monday : open from 9am to 12.30pm
- From Tuesday to Friday : open from 9am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 6pm
- Sunday : open from 9am to 12.30pm