

# Verdon Gorge & Lake of Sainte-Croix - France

## A Visit to the Verdon Gorge & Lake of Sainte-Croix - France

In the most magnificent and awe inspiring land south eastern France in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence we find artificial Lake of Sainte-Croix and the Verdon Gorge formed by the Verdon River, which is named after its startling turquoise-green colors that changes magically with the sunlight of each advancing hour of the day. This area of France is well worth a visit and is still unknown to many.

It can be reached best by car, you can fly to Nice on the Cote d'Azur, rent a car there and drive up via the alpine roads or from the other side drive in via Manosque and Castellane. Now please be careful when driving around the area roads are narrow and sometimes very steep around the gorge, also fill up your car's gas tank before heading around the gorge as there are not many gas stations in the area. You can easily find great accommodation in a small Hotel in the area or as well rent a cabin ( see [gites-de-france.com](http://gites-de-france.com) ) as we did in the area around the lake. There are also many camping grounds available around the lake and in the area.

Guess I don't have to tell you about the great food you can get anywhere in France with the great delicacies that can be found in many Restaurants or just as we did buy some cheese, great bread and whatever makes you happy and enjoy it with some of the fine wines from the area. Things to do around there are plenty from just enjoying the landscape, to extensive hiking tours or a visit to the extensive Lavender fields where it is grown commercially mainly for the production of its essential oil, the extracts are used as fragrances for a variety of products. Look around for some local shops where they sell many of these fine locally produced creams soaps, fragrances or lavender honey as souvenirs and as a fine treat as well for yourself.

It is also recommended to pay a little visit to the Musee de Prehistoire de Gorges du Verdon, located in Quison, see [museeprehistoire.com](http://museeprehistoire.com) for details, tariffs and opening hours. See also Wikitravel for more info on the general area of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur [here](#).

The attached images were taken in the general area of Verdon Gorge and Lake of Sainte-Croix.



Gites de France



Winding Roads around the



Verdon Gorge

## Verdon Gorge



Lake of Sainte-Croix,  
France



Lake of Sainte-Croix boat  
rentals



Lake of Sainte-Croix



Aiguines France



lavender flower and  
butterfly



Lake of Sainte-Croix



Sainte-Croix-du-Verdon



Lavender Souvenirs



Verdon Gorge



Fine French Wine and  
Souvenirs



Musee de Prehistoire de  
Gorges du Verdon

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## [Gardens Of Salagon Plus Forcalquier](#)

### **A visit to the Gardens Of Salagon and Forcalquier**

Ethnobotanical Gardens And Museum Of Salagon and the village of Forcalquier are a fantastic jewel to be discovered and enjoyed in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence department of southeastern France.

Jardins de Salagon (the gardens of Salagon) are surrounding the buildings of Salagon priory from the 12th century that is turned into a museum showcasing the Ethnographic Heritage of Haute-Provence. The garden is made up of five different sections like the medieval garden with four hundred different plants used in the Middle Ages, the garden of herbs and village plants, the garden of aromas, the garden of modern times and the garden of the white oak. These gardens are of incredible beauty and a definite must visit for any nature lover! The attached images can only show a small impression of the real gardens that magically delights your senses with wonderful smells and sights! For opening time and more info please see [musee-de-salagon.com](http://musee-de-salagon.com)

After or before visiting the gardens we recommend you stop by and visit Forcalquier that is close by and is built around the slopes of a steep conical hill, crowned by an octagonal chapel with a fantastic panoramic view once you master the steep hike up there. The historic village of Forcalquier invites you to discover its beautiful sites plus offers many great restaurants plus some boutiques to buy some of the local goods.



Salagon, France, botanical gardens



Jardins de Salagon -Garden Herbs



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Salagon ethnobotanical gardens



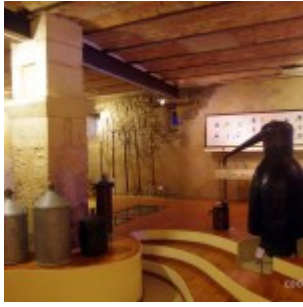
Salagon, France, botanical gardens



Salagon Monastery



French Road Signs



Salagon Museum of the Ethnographic Heritage of Haute-Provence.

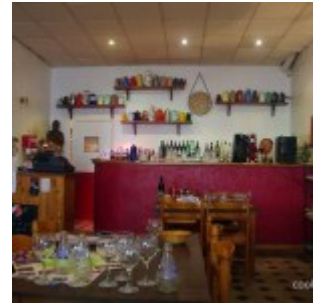


View from Forcalquier



The Jardins de Salagon are a public park, museum and an ethnobotanical garden located in the town of Mane, in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence Department of France.

Forcalquier Wine and Cheese Boutique



Forcalquier Village Plaza



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Joan of Arc Fontaine

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