

# The lavender



Between Ventoux Lure and Luberon

*Le Pays  
de  
Sault*

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### On the Lavender Path

Between Sault and the beautiful little village of Aurel, this 5 km-round-trip-walk is pleasant and easy going, taking you right along side the lavender fields, with informative signposts along the way. Parking and start point can be found at 1.5 km from Sault centre (direction Mont Ventoux). Just before the Vallon distillery welcomes you for a free visit from the end of July to the end of August. You could learn about the distillation process and buy their farm products.

From Avignon discover the lavender roads aboard a minibus

Provence Panorama takes you for different lavender tours every day from mid of June to mid of August.

*½ tour* : Gordes, Sénanque abbey and Sault.

*Day tour* : Gordes, Sénanque abbey and Sault with a visit to a soap factory and lavender garden.

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With Provence Reservation, visiting the lavender main towns/villages such as Gordes, Roussillon, Sault, Forcalquier, Manosque during a full day or a half day.

Period : June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> every day

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## Distilleries

### Sault - The Vallon distillery

Free visit to this friendly traditional family run distillery farm. Detailed description of the lavender distillation process. Farm products for sale.

Open every day from the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to the 25<sup>th</sup> of August from 8am-12am / 2pm- 6pm (except on Sundays and the 15<sup>th</sup> of August).

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### Sault - GAEC Aroma'Plantes distillery

Free guided visit of the distillery. Régine and Guillaume LIARDET have been working and looking after this family farm since 1978. Owing to an organic agriculture, they have obtained the "Nature et Progrès" and the "AB" quality certificates.

Growing, distilling and selling aromatic and medicinal plants, essential oils, floral water, spelt of Haute Provence. A truly rural treat.

Open from April to end of October Monday to Saturday and August 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Contact* : GAEC Aroma'Plantes, La Parente, Route du Ventoux, tel/fax. 04.90.64.04.02, [aroma-plantes.gaec@orange.fr](mailto:aroma-plantes.gaec@orange.fr), [www.distillerie-aromaplantes.com](http://www.distillerie-aromaplantes.com)

## From the grower to the consumer

### Sault - La Maison des Producteurs

Exhibition and direct selling of local farming products (lavender, honey, spelt, aromatic plants etc)

Open every day from April to November 9.30am-12.30am / 2pm-7pm - please contact the shop for update of other times during the year.

*Contact* : La Maison des Producteurs, Rue de la République, 84390 Sault, tel/fax. 04.90.64.08.98 [maisondesproducteurs@orange.fr](mailto:maisondesproducteurs@orange.fr), <http://maisondesproducteurs.monsite.orange.fr>

### Sault - La Loubatière

Lavender essential oil, flower of lavender, lavender bouquets, handcraft, organic floral water, essential oils. Untreated products.

The shop is open from May to September. Besides these opening hours please contact directly the grower.

*Contact* : Vincent DROMEL, Place de l'Eglise, T. 06.16.66.56.50, [Dromel.lavande@free.fr](mailto:Dromel.lavande@free.fr)

### Sault - Lavandes du Soleil

Farm products for sale : lavender, lavender honey, organic spelt, handcraft.

The shop is open from June to September. Besides these opening hours please contact directly the grower.

Contact : Christophe CONSTANTIN, Avenue de la Promenade, T/F. 04.90.64.13.98, [lavandedusoleil@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lavandedusoleil@wanadoo.fr)

### Sault - Lavender farm

On booking in July and August, visit the lavender fields of the exploitation and the lavender botanical conservatory with numerous varieties of lavender to be discovered.

Lavender products for sale, essential oils, lavender honey, spelt, aromatic plants, lime blossom, jams and mushrooms. Open all year.

Contact : Bernadette and Catherine LIARDET, Route du Ventoux, tel. 04.90.64.00.24

### Sault - GAEC Champelle

Lavender producers, essential oils, lavender honey, spelt, lavender souvenirs, jams, aromatic plants, all produce is in the process of converting to organic, since May 2007. .

Contact : Eveline POPEE, Route du Ventoux, 84390 SAULT, tel/fax. 04.90.64.01.50, [champelle2@wanadoo.fr](mailto:champelle2@wanadoo.fr), <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/gaec.champelle/>

### Sault - La Loge aux Lavandes

Direct selling of local products : lavender bunches, spelt, honey, art craft.

Contact : Cédric MOURARD, quartier la Ferrade, 84390 SAULT, tél. 04.90.64.00.14, [valb25@wanadoo.fr](mailto:valb25@wanadoo.fr)

### Bulles d'Arôme - La Savonnerie en Provence in Sault

Explanation, demonstration and video displays about soap manufacturing in July and August Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5.00pm, in June and September on Wednesdays at 5.00 pm. Factory shop : selling off soaps, cosmetic products made with essential oils selling.

Open all year from Monday to Saturday

Contact : route de Saint Trinit, tel. 04.90.64.17.99, [info@lasavonnerie.com](mailto:info@lasavonnerie.com), [www.lasavonnerie.com](http://www.lasavonnerie.com),

### Ferrassières - Le château de la Gabelle

Direct selling of farm products : lavender bouquets, oil, flower and honey, aromatic and medicinal plants, floral water, local products. Visit of the farm and workshops for groups.

Italian and English spoken. Open all year.

Contact : Marguerite BLANC, Route du Revest-du-Bion, 26570 Ferrassières, tel. 04.75.28.80.54, [chateaulagabelle@free.fr](mailto:chateaulagabelle@free.fr), [www.chateau-la-gabelle.com](http://www.chateau-la-gabelle.com)

### Ferrassières - Ho ! Bouquet de Lavande

To get to know the lavender better, take a visit to this family run farm, where you can see how the sickle is used when cutting the bouquets, get to see the distillation process thanks to a scaled down distillery, a truly educational experience. (no charge for visit)

The boutique is also open to all visitors with a wide range of home grown products on offer, honey, lavender, essential oils, spelt, etc.

Open from end of April to the end of October 9am to midday/ 3pm till 7pm everyday except Sunday pm in July and August, other periods 9am to midday/ 3pm till 6pm closed on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoons.

Contact : Nathalie BUSI, 26570 FERRASSIERES, Tel. 06.74.61.84.28 [hobouquetdelavande@orange.fr](mailto:hobouquetdelavande@orange.fr)

### Ferrassières - « La miellerie de Lulu »

Free visit of a honey traditional factory and a lavender farm. Tasting and direct selling of farm products : honey, lavender, lime blossom, spelt, hyssop, marjoram, etc

Open from June to September every Monday and Thursday at 5.00 pm, on appointment besides these schedules

Contact : Aurélie JOUVE, tel. 00 (33) 4.75.26.43.35 or 00 (33) 6.62.74.85.75, [jouvefrederic@gmail.com](mailto:jouvefrederic@gmail.com), [www.saultenprovence.com](http://www.saultenprovence.com) rubric Local products and gourmet

## Exhibitions

Sault - Centre de Découverte de la Nature et du Patrimoine Cynégétique (The Nature Discovery and Cynegetics Heritage Centre).

Exhibition : "Senteurs de lavande" from July to September each year. (Lavender exhibition)

Entertainment all year round with the "lavender olfactive games" learning workshop.

600m<sup>2</sup> of exhibitions on animals, birds, reptiles, plant-life, flowers, trees etc, audio-visual displays, CD roms, quizzes, computer games, a truly amazing opportunity to learn about the flora and fauna of the great Mont Ventoux and Sault region. Guided visits for groups welcome by appointment.

Open from mid-February to mid-December - Monday to Friday 10am-12am/2pm-6pm. In July/August 10am-2pm/3pm-7pm. Weekends by appointment and for groups only.

Contact : Rosette ROUX, Avenue de l'Oratoire, 84390 Sault, tel. 04.90.64.13.96, [cd.nature@orange.fr](mailto:cd.nature@orange.fr), [www.saultenprovence.com](http://www.saultenprovence.com) see the Art and Cultural section

## Workshops

Savoillans - Lavender jewel workshop

Making your own pendant with a dry lavender flower and metal advised by a jeweller.

Open 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm every Wednesday and Saturday in low season (February to April / September and October), every day except on Sunday in high season.

Price : 35 €

Contact : Jean-Pierre HONORE, Le village, tél. 00 (33) 6.65.59.45.37, [boutique@bijoutier-des-lavandes.fr](mailto:boutique@bijoutier-des-lavandes.fr)

Simiane-la-Rotonde - Sainte Victoire laboratory

On the first floor, visitors will be totally intrigued by the secret world of aromatic and scented plants. Exhibitions and films invite you to enjoy a symphony of scents during your discovery of lavender, which the village of Simiane holds close to its heart. It is the true capital of essential oils with the largest Provence scented plant Cooperative in France. The specialised team from the Sainte-Victoire Laboratory, which is to be found in the castle, are pleased to welcome you and introduce to you the uses and therapeutic benefits of essential oils through distillation demonstrations with an alambic still, conferences and workshops (programme available on request).

Contact : 00 (33) 4 92 75 98 90 - [lsv@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lsv@wanadoo.fr)

## Events

Ferrassières - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Lavender festival in a Provençal village located in the heart of lavender fields. Lots of entertainments : hiking with a local guide through lavender fields, exhibition of agricultural machines and of culture and harvest of lavender, selling of local products, exhibition of photos, lavender lunch.

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Sault - The Great Lavender Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August

This fabulous festival is an annual event held on the same date each year, watch local lavender producers harvesting the lavender (there is a field of lavender in the very centre of the festival), even the public get to have a go! A competition is held to see who can cut the most in a given time, old provençal costumes on parade, horses, equestrian show, pony rides, live provençal music, a book market, selling of all local produce, plenty of entertainment for the children (including lavender icecream) treat yourself to a traditional lunch under the shade of the pine trees along side the festivities. A unique day out.

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Lavender in flower in Sault Country: approximately from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 20<sup>th</sup> August