

Orgon Urgonia Museum



Discover the geological, paleontological, archaeological and ornithological wealth of Orgon!



Discover the Urgonia Museum

This new space, situated within the village, presents the heritage of the territory of Orgon.

In this place, open to all, discover the geological, paleontological, archaeological and ornithological wealth of Orgon and the Alpilles.

You will also meet the rich subtropical fauna of Orgon wich initiated the Urgonien limestone. At last, come and observe the dinosaur's eggs.

Then you will go back to Prehistory when the man settled on the area 2500 years ago.

You are then invited to go through Antiquity thanks to the many, sometimes unusual, objects of everyday Gallo-Roman life.

You will end the journey with the presentation of thirteen species of protected birds visible in the Alpilles Regional Nature Park.

Through the discovery of this local heritage, this invitation to travel in time is accompanied by panels and video documentaries. Digital terminals allow you to complete and test your knowledge in a fun and interactive way.



An international reference site

Defined as a stratotype in 1850 by studying its characteristic fossil fauna, Orgon is today the eponymous site of a reference facies at the international level: the Urgonian.

The Urgonia Museum is the only museum in Provence to offer an exhibition on Urgonian limestone, its fossils, its specificities and its exploitation by man.



The pedestrianized footpath of the Stone

Because geology is above all a discipline on the ground, a path has been laid out and marked out at the start of the Museum.

This 3.5 kilometres footpath, accessible to children, completes the visit of the museum by allowing you to discover various geosites in their natural contexts. A large belvedere overlooks the quarry OMYA, which has been exploiting the limestone of Orgon since 1957.



The activities of the Museum

Guided tours

Guided visits to discover the Museum and the Path of the Stone are available on registration. They are suitable for young and old alike! Do not hesitate to ask the program and the schedules to the members of the team who are at your disposal and answer your questions at the reception of the Museum.

Educational workshops

The Urgonia Museum also offers, throughout the year, educational and fun workshops for children aged 5 to 15, in connection with the themes studied in the Museum. The program of the workshops is available at the Museum's reception.

Academic accompaniment

A pedagogical support system allows the reception of school groups. In order to adapt the content of the visits, a preparatory meeting between the teacher and the museum manager is desirable.



To go further

A book, on sale at the Museum, offers three geological itineraries to discover on Orgon and the Alpilles. You will be able to discover many sites, witnesses of the geological and paleontological history of the territory.

Orgon et la région orientale des Alpilles Itinéraires, sites et paysages géologiques

Geology of Orgon and the surrounding areas Itineraries, sites and panoramas





To get some information

Within the Museum, there is an abundant documentation on the village and the region which will enable you to organize your stay in the best conditions.

The whole team is at your disposal to inform you about the history of the village and the vestiges of its past architecture.

Practical information



Hours

Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. Closed Sundays and holidays.

Self guided tours free.

Guided tours by reservation of the Museum or the Path of the Stone

Full price : 3€00 per person. Group rate* : 2€50 per person.

Schools TDP and PNRA: 1€50 per pupil.

Schools excluding TDP and PNRA: 2€00 per pupil.

Free admission for children under 6 and pupils educated in Orgon.

Guided tours by reservation of the Museum and the Sentier de la Pierre from 4 people

Full price : 5€00 per person. Group rate* : 4€00 per person.

Schools TDP and PNRA: 2€50 per pupil.

Schools excluding TDP and PNRA: 3€00 per student.

Free admission for children under 6 and pupils educated in Orgon.

Educational workshops: Full price: 3€00 per person. Group rate*: 2€50 per person. Schools of Orgon: 2€00 per child.

* from 10 people.



Access

GPS coordinates Lat. N 43°47.444′ - Long. E 005°02.255′.

Highway A7 Exit n°25 - Cavaillon - 6 kilometres. Exit n°26 - Sénas - 6,5 kilomèetres.

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25 minutes from Avignon - 29 kilometres. 40 minutes from Aix-en-Provence - 55 kilometres.

Bus lines Line 58 Orgon - Avignon.

TER line Line 9 Marseille - Salon - Orgon - Cavaillon - Avignon.

Car park Free car park chemin des Aires.





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