



La Grotte & LA CITÉ DE LA PRÉHISTOIRE

Aven d'Orgnac
Grand Site de France

GROUP BROCHURE

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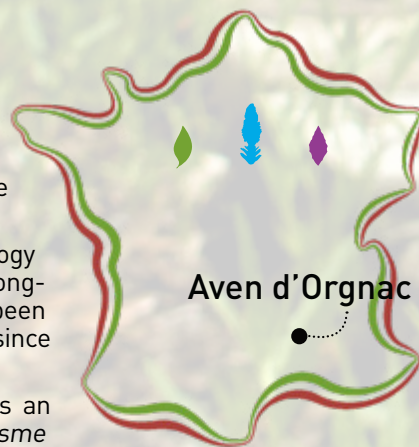
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Grand Site de France, a national eco-label

The Grand Site de France label guarantees that the site is conserved and managed following sustainable development principles, which combine the conservation of the landscape, the spirit of the site, the quality of visitors' experience, and the commitment of the inhabitants and partners to the life of the Grand Site.

It is delivered to the eligible sites by the Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development in recognition of their long-term management policy. The Aven d'Orgnac has been continuously awarded the Grand Site de France label since 2004 !

Aven d'Orgnac - Grand Site de France is also listed as an *Emblematic Touristic Site*, received the *Qualité Tourisme* label, and the *Musée de France* certification for the Cité de la Préhistoire.



Aven d'Orgnac,

A short story of a Grand Site

Explored for the very first time by Robert de Joly in 1935, The Aven d'Orgnac opened to the public in 1939. From then on, the site enjoyed continuous growth. To enlighten the artefacts from regional archaeological digs, the site was given a museum in 1988, today known as the Cité de la Préhistoire.

With over 150,000 visitors a year, it is the 3rd most visited site in Ardèche. It offers a wide range of activities, rich in emotion and sensations.

The whole Grand Site attractions and activities are designed for any kind of visitors, from kids to seniors, from beginners or advanced sports enthusiasts to strollers..

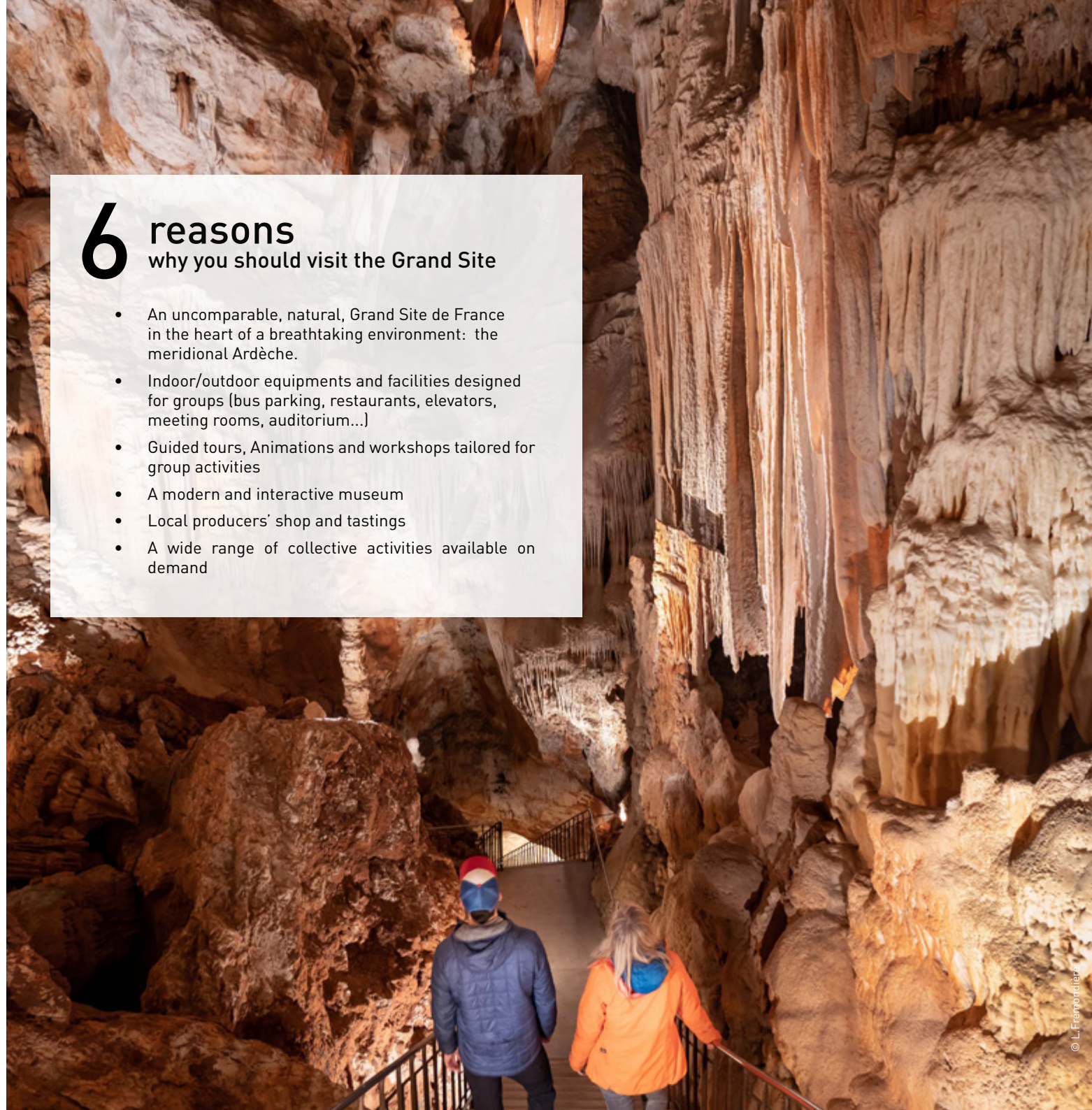
Cultural and natural heritages in the heart of Mother Nature, both the Aven d'Orgnac and the Cité de la Préhistoire invite you to explore...

Facts and figures

- **100 million** years of geological history
- **350 000 years** of prehistory
- **700 steps, 121 meters** underground: the deepest show cave in France!
- **2 elevators** for effortless ascent
- **12° degrees:** constant underground temperature

6 reasons why you should visit the Grand Site

- An incomparable, natural, Grand Site de France in the heart of a breathtaking environment: the meridional Ardèche.
- Indoor/outdoor equipments and facilities designed for groups (bus parking, restaurants, elevators, meeting rooms, auditorium...)
- Guided tours, Animations and workshops tailored for group activities
- A modern and interactive museum
- Local producers' shop and tastings
- A wide range of collective activities available on demand



The cave

Amazing by Nature !

A veritable underground cathedral, the cave reveals an extraordinary mineral heritage and surprises with its gigantic volumes, the beauty of its landscapes and its degree of preservation.



The guided tour

The scenic lighting, which evolves according to the guide's words, reveals from the most giant concretions to the smallest crystallizations. You enter a fairytale world, adorned with stacks of plates, forests of palms, pine cones, organ buffets, draperies...

Further on, 121 meters underground, the sound-and-light show sublimates the majesty of the site, before an effortless elevator ride back up in less than a minute.

Most of our guided tours are in French, but you can also book a few ones, in English, German or Dutch depending on the season.



Focus on... the elevators



For greater comfort, the exit from the cave is by elevator. These can be used by those who have difficulty descending the 700 steps, to reach the third room, where the final sound-and-light show takes place.



Awake your senses

Wine-tasting guided tour

50 meters underground, discover the finest vintages of the Vignerons Ardéchois, including the Côtes du Vivarais appellation, matured in the most spectacular cellar in Ardèche: The Aven d'Orgnac. After a descent of 220 steps, in partial darkness and absolute calm to awaken and enhance all your senses, a guide specialized in oenology will introduce you to the art of wine tasting. See, smell, taste... a unique opportunity to discover the secrets of Les Vignerons Ardéchois wines in a part of the cave which is not accessible during the classic guided tour. The tour continues 121m below ground with a sound-and-light show sublimating the grandeur of the site.

Max. 25 pers.



Duration : 2h




Cité de la Préhistoire, in the footsteps of our ancestors

Here, « clichés » about Prehistory and the first humans are swept aside. You'll discover the real living conditions of our ancestors, far from preconceived ideas thanks to a modern, fun and tactile museum.



Walk in the footsteps...

Guided tour


 Duration : 1h15

What better way to discover the Cité de la Préhistoire than with a specialist guide? He or she will cover the key points of this period, present the major pieces in the permanent exhibition, explain ancestral ways of life and answer all your questions.




... Or find your own path

Self-guided tour


 average duration: 1hour

Step back in time, from the beginnings of Mankind to the dawn of antiquity: 350,000 years of treasures, relics and rituals are on display alongside hands-on, naturalized animals and tactile tables. The extraordinary wall decorations plunge you into a still palpable past, at the very origin of our modern civilizations.



The secrets of fire demonstration 

Demonstrations

 Duration : 30 mn

Complete your visit with immersive experiences: our animators show you how to carve flint or light a fire without modern tools, just like our ancestors did !



The sensory tour

Reserved for visually impaired visitors.

8 people max. / group (excluding accompanying adults)




Touch 350,000 years of Prehistory with your fingertips on a tour featuring tactile and audio aids, accompanied by a heritage mediator. As an option, this tour can be combined with a Neolithic pottery-making workshop.

Open air!

Hiking on Sentier du Maubois

Sentier du Maubois

 Duration: 1h


Open to all, the Maubois trail is a walk in the shade of oak trees, in a preserved environment that lets you discover the local landscape and flora. A complete guide with access map is available free of charge on request at the Grand Site's reception desk.



Free access or guided tour of Maubois trail

Let us guide you...

Guided tour of Baume de Ronze

 Duration: 1h30

Home to our ancestors for more than 10,000 years, the Baume de Ronze is an archaeological site that has been excavated over 20 years, bearing witness to various occupations from prehistoric times to the present day. A 2 km walk takes the group into the heart of this large collapsed cave, providing an opportunity to observe this singular natural site and understand its geological history and biodiversity.

Hat or cap, comfortable shoes and water will be your best partners ever for a smooth experience. Outdoor activities may be cancelled in case of bad weather conditions.



Sweet little things

Local products tasting

Awaken your taste buds to local flavors by sharing a special moment with the producers...

Taste a selection of artisanal products in our local producers' shop.



Tasting of a local products selection.
Rate : from 3€ / adult.

Grand Site shops

The boutique and library at the Cité de la Préhistoire offer books, games, clothes and souvenirs of your visit to the underground and prehistoric worlds. Some products are handmade and produced locally. Original gift ideas in sight!



The snack of the Grand Site offers light meals, fresh and hot beverages.

Picnic and playground areas

If you're packing a lunch, shaded picnic areas are available for you ! For younger visitors, there's a playground featuring a zip line, a slide and a climbing spider-web available next to the picnic area.



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Grand Site's half or full day package suggestions

The following programs are suggestions only and can be tailored to match your expectations.



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CLASSICAL FULL-DAY bundle

- 10.15 Arrival Grand Site de l'Aven d'Orgnac
- 10.30 Guided tour of the cave
- 12.00 Lunch at the restaurant (p. 9)
- 14.00 Guided tour of the Cité de la Préhistoire
- 15.30 Secrets of fire demonstration (p.4)
- 16.00 Free time in the gardens and shops (p.5)
- 16.30 End of the day

EPICURIAN FULL-DAY bundle

- 10.00 Arrival Grand Site de l'Aven d'Orgnac
- 10.15 Wine tasting guided tour of the cave
- 12.15 Lunch at the restaurant (p. 9)
- 14.00 Guided tour of the Cité de la Préhistoire
- 15.30 Secrets of fire demonstration (p.4)
- 16.00 Local products tasting** at the producers' shop
- + free time in the gardens and shops (p.5)
- 16.30 End of the day

EASY ACCESS HALF-DAY bundle

- 14.00 Arrival Grand Site de l'Aven d'Orgnac
- 14.15 Sound-and-light show in the cave (access by elevators)
- 14.30 Guided tour of the Cité de la Préhistoire
- 16.00 Secrets of fire demonstration (p.4)
- 16.30 Free time in the gardens and shops (p.5)
- 17.00 End of the day

These suggestions remain flexible and can be arranged as per your requirements. You can build your own program by sending a request to commercial@orgnac.com

**Tasting include a minimum of 3 different products, charged by the shop 'Autour de l'Aven'.



Business-seminars, incentives, Team-building events

Amaze your teams with exclusive experiences !

Our dedicated spaces welcome you in a fully natural environment for your professional events. Two seminar rooms equipped with video projector, sound system and screen are available for you and your colleagues. The Grand Site de France offers a wide range of possibilities for organizing breakfasts, discovery evenings, receptions or cocktail parties. Our team will design a tailor-made program and propose you accommodation and catering solutions with partners to complete your stay.

Ideal for team-building, our caving outings are designed for sporty to very sporty groups. They are organized every day subject to reservation (except Christmas vacations). Abseiling (50m descent) can be combined with the Underground Vertigo, an aerial itinerary for a total of 4 hours.

Seeing, smelling, tasting... Convivial, suspended moments await your group. Producers and craftsmen will guide you through this day of sensory experience. Local products, short circuits and culinary specialties to discover. Let us guide you through an intimate experience in the heart of a Grand Site de France!

Rewind the tape of Time and plunge into the heart of Prehistory, 20,000 years ago. Your prehistoric tribes compete to provide for their daily needs. Each must learn how to hunt in the forest, make their own stone tools, set a fire, but also produce pieces of art! The winning tribe will be awarded the «sacred biface»!



Outdoor SENSATIONS

- 09.30 Arrival on site and breakfast
- 10.00 Meeting in the auditorium
- 12.00 Lunch at the restaurant (p.9)
- 14.00 Panoramic Descent (1h)*
Or Underground Vertigo (3h)*
- 18.00 Cocktail



Awake your SENSES

- 09.30 Arrival on site and breakfast
- 10.00 Meeting in the auditorium
- 12.00 Buffet of local delicatessen and products
- 14.00 Free ou guided hiking to Bois de Ronze
- 16.00 Meet the local producers
- 17.00 Wine-tasting guided tour of the cave (p.3)



PREHISTORIC Challenge

- 09.30 Arrival on site and breakfast
- 10.00 Outdoor meeting
- 12.00 Lunch at the restaurant (p.9)
- 13.30 Prehistoric challenge
- 17.00 Cocktail and challenge awards

*Max 6 people

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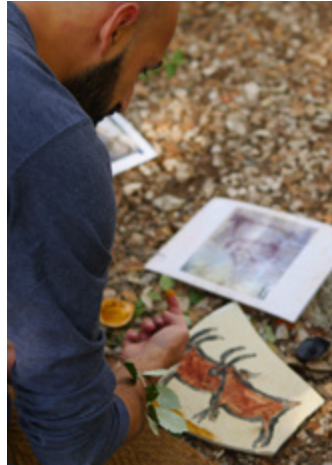


Opening period

From February the 1st to November the 15th.
For any specific demand, out of this time frame, please contact us at commercial@orgnac.com

Rates and activities

<https://www.orgnac.com/file/pdf/tarifs-guide-groupes-2024-2025.pdf>



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Meals suggestions

Menu *Express*

 Plat + Dessert + café

Exemples de plats, selon disponibilité :

- Sauté de porc Ardéchois
- Caillette à la crème
- Fricassée de poulet aux champignons

Exemples de desserts, selon disponibilité :

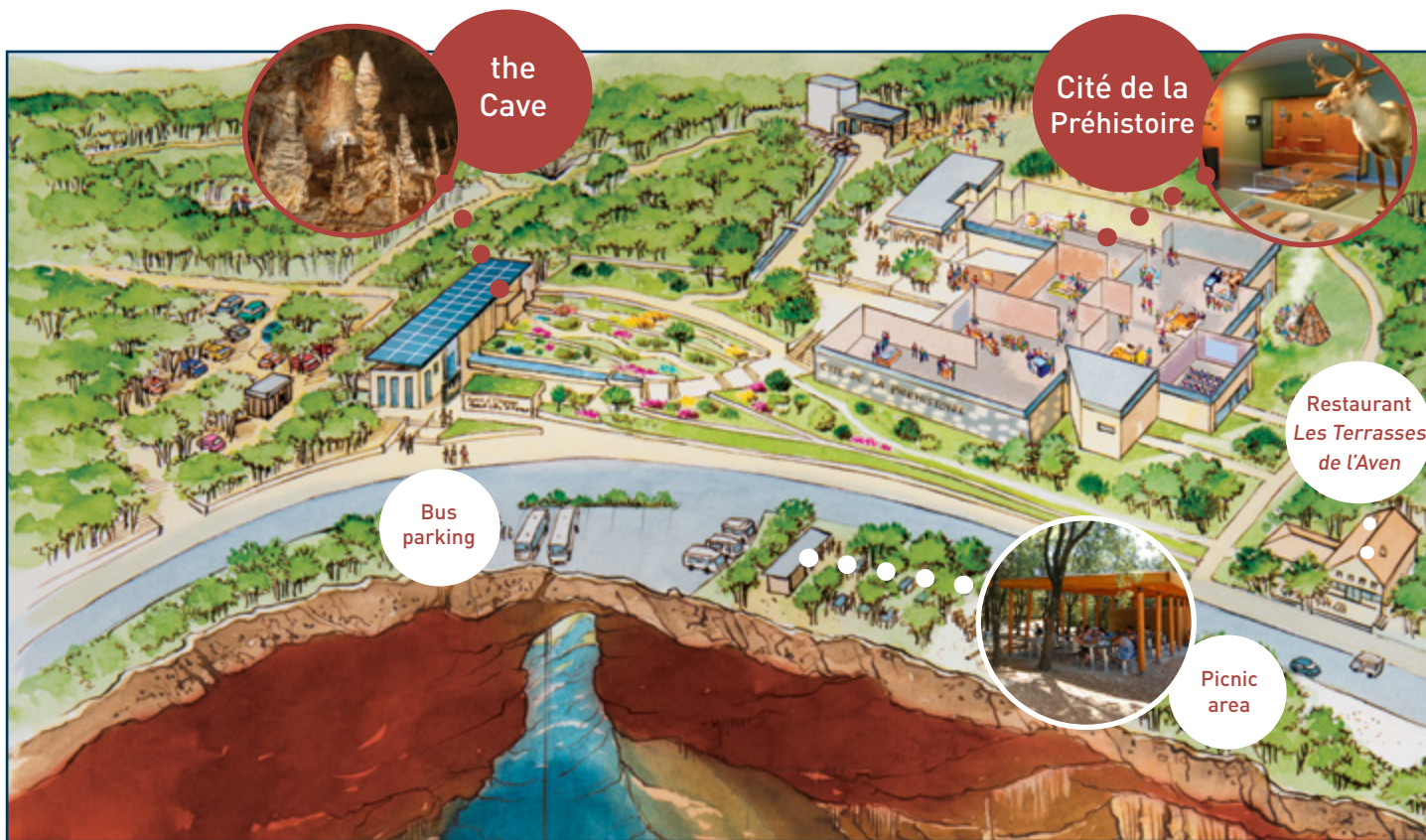
- Parfait glacé aux fruits de saison
- Mousse aux fruits de saison
- Crème caramel
- Tarte aux pommes façon tatin

Menu *Aven d'Orgnac*

 Entrée + Plat + Dessert + café

Exemple de menu, selon disponibilité :

- Croustillant de légumes sur salade et
pétales de jambon cru ardéchois
- Sauté de volaille
- Tarte feuilletée aux pommes,
Chantilly et coulis



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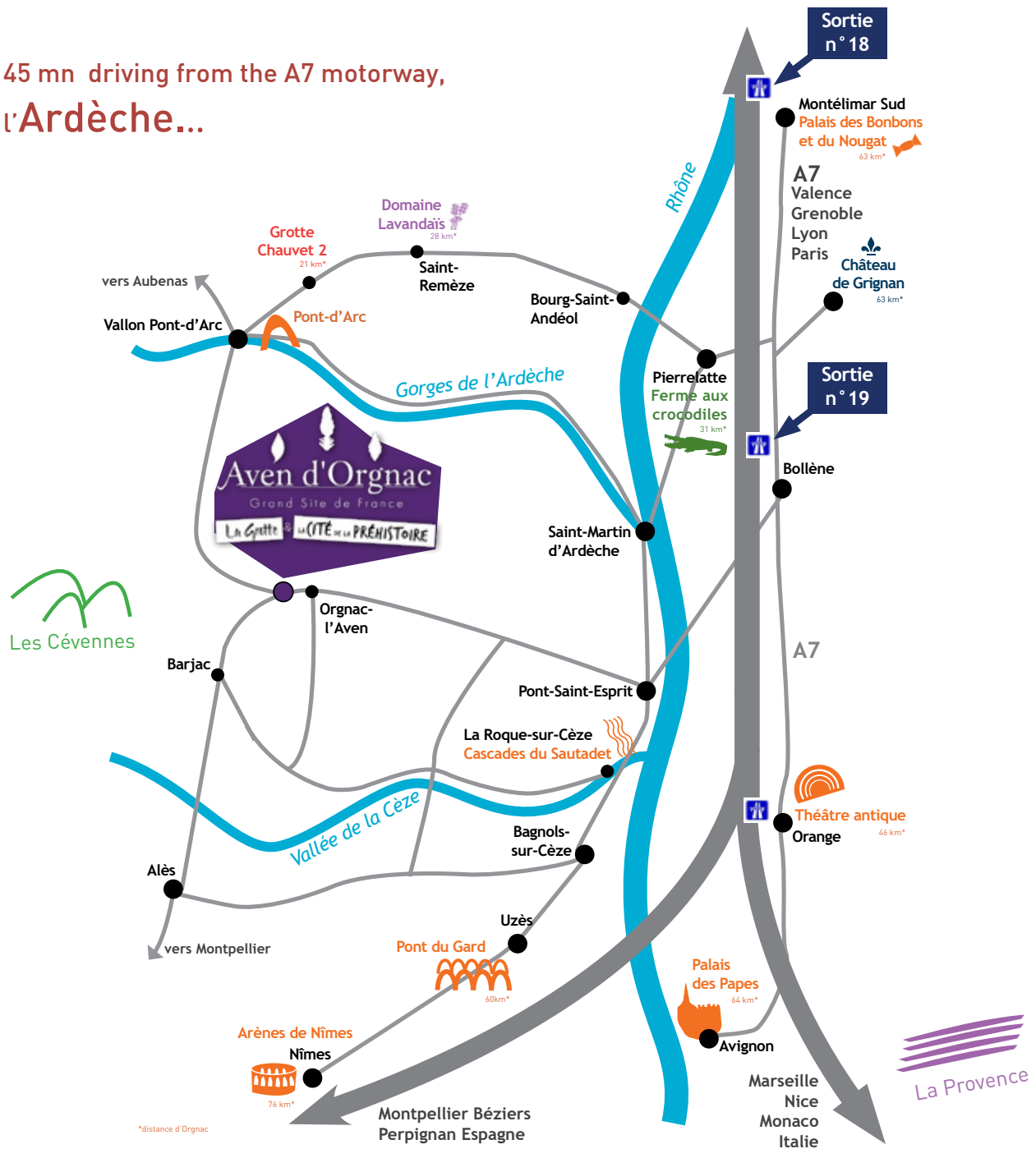


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Make sure you arrive 15 mn before your visit starts.
No pre-payment required. Payment on site.

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l'Ardèche...



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