

IN QUEEN VICTORIA'S FOOTSTEPS, DISCOVER THE CHATEAU DE LA CLAPIERE

A surprising journey to an original vineyard estate



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Type of excursion

- Tour of a beautiful vineyard estate and its cellar
www.chateau-la-clapiere.com

Type of public – All ages

- Families, Cultural, Leisure public

Time

- About 4-5 hours (depending on the formulas)

Location

- HYERES LES PALMIERS- 35 minutes by bus from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal



What is « The Château de la Clapière » ?

- Built in the XVIIIe century, La Clapière is a classic Florentine style mansion surrounded by small houses formerly used by the farmers. The estate first belonged to a Scottish baroness and became famous in 1892 with the visit of the Queen Victoria. Henri Favre, a well-known wine trader, purchased the estate in the late 20's and developed 550 ha of vineyards; nowadays, the Château de la Clapière produces high quality wines such as "Côte de Provence" and a panel of luxury-premium products like the "Diadema line". The gorgeous cellar, one of the most beautiful in France, shelters those treasures and other local products.

The Château de la Clapière's features

- The Château de la Clapière is not a vineyard estate like others: after 6 years of restoration, the mansion and its garden are completely renovated and restored to their original form, just like the Queen Victoria first saw them during her stay.
- Henri Fabre, owner of the estate, collects items related to the reign of Queen Victoria for years; the visitors can enjoy porcelain dishes, pictures, documents... and buy souvenirs, décor items and tableware of Victorian inspiration. Queen Elizabeth II herself has approved the collection, sending to the owner her best wishes. Prince Albert II of Monaco, who came at the Château de la Clapière in 2012, is the second royal to set foot on the estate, 110 years after Queen Victoria.

WHAT TO DO:

- Tour of the vineyard, the mansion, the garden and the cellar which has been renovated according Napoleon III's style. In the shop, discover six giants' oak and century-old wine barrels.
- Follow in Queen Victoria's footsteps by visiting the collection of items related to her reign.
- Wine and local products' tasting sessions.

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TOUR OF THE CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD

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Type of excursion

- Guided tour of an international renowned racing circuit - In English or French
www.circuitpaulricard.com

Type of public – All ages

- Families, Cultural, Recreation/Sport, Leisure public

Time

- About 2-5 hours (depending on the formulas)

Location

- LE CASTELLET - 40 minutes by bus from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal



What is the Circuit Paul Ricard?

- The Circuit Paul Ricard, also called “the Castellet Circuit”, is a world renowned racing circuit created in 1970. It has forged its legend in the 70's and 80's by hosting numerous cars, sidecars and motorbikes' championships; in those days, the circuit was a world reference in term of design thanks to its famous 1.800 meters straight's track! The Circuit Paul Ricard welcomed 14 “F1 Grand Prix of France”, 22 “Bol d'Or” and 12 “Moto Grand Prix” until 1999.
- Following a large program of renovation, the Circuit Paul Ricard is nowadays a high-tech and innovative place with highly secured tracks. Their colours blue, red and white improve the visibility for the pilots: it is called the “Blue line concept” which, viewed from the sky, looks like an abstract painting. The Circuit offers 167 possibilities of tracks, from 826m for the shorter to 5 861km for the longest, and the public can watch the races or the F1 tests seated in new stands (5 000 visitors' capacity).

Circuit Paul Ricard's features

- The Circuit hosts championships, private tests on the High Tech Test Track (HTTT), karting sessions on the Karting Test Track (KTT), but it is also a valued place for Communication and Marketing events (the Circuit has a private jet runway).

WHAT TO DO:

- A guided tour of the Circuit: the Paddock, the Pit Building Hall, the Track Video Control Room, the Telemetry room, the Medical Center, the Security Lane.
- Enjoy a ride on the Karting Track.
- Have lunch in the “High speed Club” Brasserie.

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Type of excursion

- Golf, hotel and restaurant
www.dolcefregate.fr

Type of public – All ages

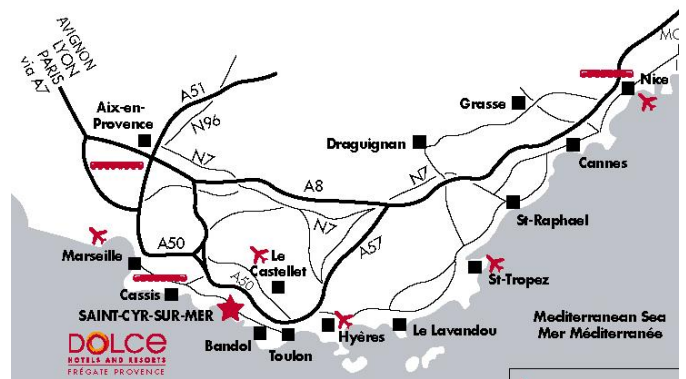
- Families, Recreation and Leisure public

Time

- About 3-4 hours (depending on the formulas)

Location

- SAINT CYR SUR MER - 20 minutes by bus from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal



What is the “Dolce Fregate Provence Golf Resort”?

- Dolce Fregate Provence Golf Course is renowned as one of the most beautiful courses in Europe thanks to its extraordinary views over the Mediterranean Sea. Located in a typical Provencal environment – with vines and olive trees – the Resort has 2 golf courses, the “Fregate Par 72” (18 holes, 6210m) that offers 15 viewpoints over the sea, and the “Fregate Par 29” (9 holes, 1700m) dedicated to beginners, designed by the legendary golf architect Ronald Fream.
- In addition to the golf course, the resort is the perfect place to relax. The visitors can enjoy the spa, the outdoor pool (opened from April to December), as well as 2 restaurants and bars. For longer stays, the hotel has rooms and suites.

Dolce Fregate Provence Golf Resort's features

- The Resort is ideally located next to Sanary, Saint-Cyr or La Ciotat, 3 typical fishing ports with beautiful marina's walks.

WHAT TO DO:

- Enjoy one of the most beautiful golf courses of Europe (18 holes or 9 holes), or have a relaxing time at the swimming pool or spa.
- Have lunch at the restaurant or a drink at the Piazza bar on top of the hotel.
- Discover the South's way of life by playing a typical “pétanque game” over an aperitif, or going next door at the “Domaine de Frégate” for a wine testing session.

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Type of excursion

- Sporting and/or relaxing outdoor activities
- Tasting sessions of local wine products

Type of public – All ages

- Families, Recreation and Leisure public

Time

- About 2-4 hours (depending on the formulas)

Location

- LA CRAU – 25 min by bus from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal



What is the “Domaine La Castille »?

- La Castille is a beautiful 160ha vineyard estate opened to the public all year around. It is the perfect place to enjoy a typical Provencal environment by strolling through the vines and along the watercourse, or by tasting local wine and products in the “cellar shop”. For longer stays, an old mansion (18th century) surrounded by hundred-year-old plane trees shelters a hotel with a restaurant.
- The visitors (from 7 year old) can also enjoy a fun and adventurous activity in the “accrobranche park”. “Accrobranche” is an outdoor sporting activity that takes place in the trees: the goal is to go from one tree to another by using ropes, bridges, nets... until the end of the course, without setting foot on the ground. 7 courses are available, depending on the level of difficulties (from very easy to difficult). A mini park is also available for children aged from 3 to 6 years old. The park is managed by a private company *Ecopark Adventures*, and its dedicated team ensures the security of all the visitors providing helmets and harnesses.
www.ecopark-adventures.com/fr/ecopark-la-castille

La Castille's features

- The estate of La Castille is managed by the church of Toulon-Fréjus since the 20's and produces 15 grape varieties, one of which is “Côte de Provence”.

WHAT TO DO:

- Discover a Var vineyard estate by strolling through the vines.
- Taste local wine and products in the cellar, have a typical Provencal meal in the restaurant.
- Climb on top of trees in the “accrobranche park”.
- For more: the hilltop medieval village of Solliès-ville is located 15 minutes by bus from La Castille.

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Type of excursion

- Tour of the RCT Stadium (Toulon's Rugby Club)
<http://www.rctoulon.com/accueil>

Type of public – All ages

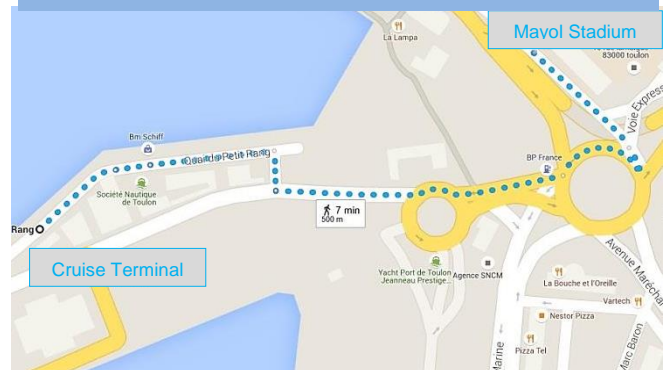
- Families, Cultural, Recreation/Sport, Leisure public

Time

- About 1-3 hours (depending on the formulas)

Location

- TOULON - 5 minutes by foot from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal



What is the RCT?

- The Rugby Club Toulonnais (RCT) is deeply intertwined with Toulon's History. The Club has been created in 1908 and has become renowned in the entire World thanks to its victories (1st club to win the European Champions Cup 3 times in a row) and its emblematic international players like Tana Umaga or Jonny Wilkinson (from 2009 to 2014). The Stadium regularly welcomes international teams: the All Blacks, Leinster Rugby, Natal Sharks, London Irish or Saracens set foot on the field!
- Winner of European Rugby Champions Cup in 2013, 2014, 2015; Winner of the French National Championship in 1931, 1987, 1992, 2014.

RCT's features

- The Club is actually located in the legendary Mayol Stadium, the only stadium in Europe with a 15 500 spectators' capacity to be situated downtown.
- Mayol Stadium is right in front of the Cruise terminal; passengers can even have a look at it from the upper deck of their ship!
- The *Pilou-Pilou* is a "war cry" sang by the RCT supporters before and after a game. It has been written in the 40's and became very popular in Toulon's area.

WHAT TO DO:

- A guided tour of the RCT stadium: stroll along the "legend avenue" (handprints of famous players), discover the field, the stands, the boxes, the dressing rooms... The presence of players is possible!
- Enjoy a beer at the RCT pub with famous RCT songs (*Hells Bells*, *Pilou Pilou*, *Coupo Santo*) and receive your RCT's welcome gift.
- Find a gift in the RCT souvenir shop.

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Type of excursion

- **Guided tour of a XIIe century abbey**
www.thoronet.monuments-nationaux.fr

Type of public

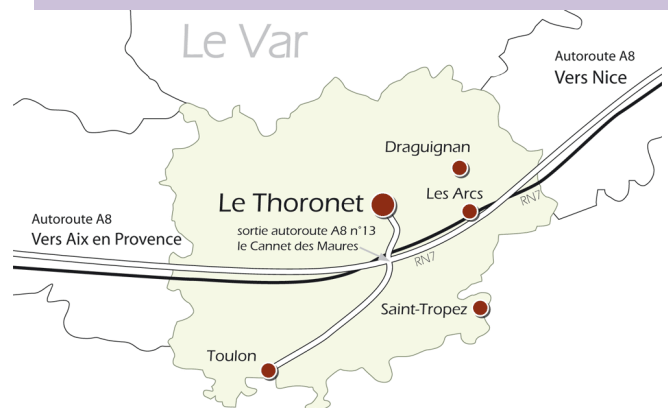
- **Families, Cultural, Religious public**

Time

- **About 3-5 hours (depending on the formulas)**

Location

- **LE THORONET - 1 hour by bus from Toulon's downtown Cruise Terminal**



What is « the Thoronet Abbey »?

- Surrounded by Provencal hills, the Thoronet is one of the most outstanding abbeys of France. It was built in 1146 by the Cistercian Order and, although it is centuries old, it remains one of the best preserved ancient buildings. The visitors can still admire its fantastic Romanesque architecture made with light and stone, stroll along the different rooms (the church, the refectory, the dormitory, the library...), and admire the cloister.
- The Thoronet Abbey is the perfect place to learn more about the Cistercians through centuries, monks who chose to live outside the modern world to create a place dedicated to labor and prayers while respecting the Nature. The old cellar, wine tanks or the olive presses are witnesses of the economical, domestic and spiritual activities in the monastery.

Thoronet Abbey's features

- For centuries, the monks have sung in the Thoronet Abbey: thanks to the architecture, the acoustic is exceptional and contributes to the legend of the monument. A renowned medieval music festival, with Gregorian chants, takes place in the Abbey every July. The visitors can also enjoy musical demonstrations during the guided tours.
- With 120 000 visitors/year, the Thoronet Abbey is the 1st historical monument to be visited in the Var area. It is currently managed by the French government.

WHAT TO DO:

- Guided tour of the Thoronet Abbey: the Cellar, the Cloister, the Capitular room, the Dormitory, the Church... Enjoy the exceptional acoustic of the place by listening to some music!
- Have a welcome breakfast or lunch with French specialties (croissants, bread...).
- Visit the souvenir shop for a gift.

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