

Streets in italics : private streets - \* see detailed map of the VILLAGE - \*\* see detailed map of PORT GRIMAUD

ameau de la Tourre Hameau des Crottes lameau des Cagnignons Hameau des Cadeous Hameau de Saint-Pons-les-Mûres Hameau de Cavillon **EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES** ( National Gendarmerie Harbour Master's Office Post office Recycling center Blaquières School Group Blaquières multi-sports complex

Grand Pont business park PATRIMONIAL ELEMENTS

Hotel "Athenopolis".

Maxime

1 to 14 : see map of the old village overleaf 15 Pont des Fées (bridge) and Vallon du Pont des Fées Notre Dame de la Queste Chapel, La Queste oratory La Queste Watering place . Beauvallon Chapel. 19 to 22 : see map of Port Grimaud on the back ACCOMMODATIONS

Motel "La Boulangerie Hotel "Verger Maelvi Motel "La Pierrerie" Hotel "Le Ginestel" 6 Hotel Sowell Hotel "Le Giraglia" 8 Hotel "Le Suffren" Hotel "Villa des Rosiers" Hotel "Villa des Anges"

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TRAIL «LA CALADE»

START: Car park of the Moulin Saint-Roch TIME REQUIRED: \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 1h20 **DISTANCE**: 4.2 km, in circle

MARKING COLOUR: Yellow ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE: + 100 m LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY Easy hike, some slopes

Explore the hills lined with the La Garde mountain stream and the old road which leads to the village, and discover the oratory of St. Joseph.

Start in the car park below the St. Roch's windmill

This circular walk is the same as the Pierredon, except you go straight ahead at the footbridge, along the river. Continue for 250m and at the junction go straight ahead and along the river. There are little huts amongst the vines.

Continue for 700m and cross the bridge, on the right head for "le chemin de la calade", from

calado which means "paved path" in Provençal dialect. Climb for 700m until you arrive at the oratory of St. Joseph. This road is the former track between Grimaud and Sainte-Maxime.

Keep climbing straight ahead until you reach the main road.

Take the main road until you reach the Tourist Information Office. Return to the starting point using the previous itinerary.

### TRAIL « LE PEYRON »

START: In front of the dog club **DISTANCE**: 2,7 km, in circle ALTITUDE DIFFERENCE : + 0 m

hese circuits are located in the Maures massif.

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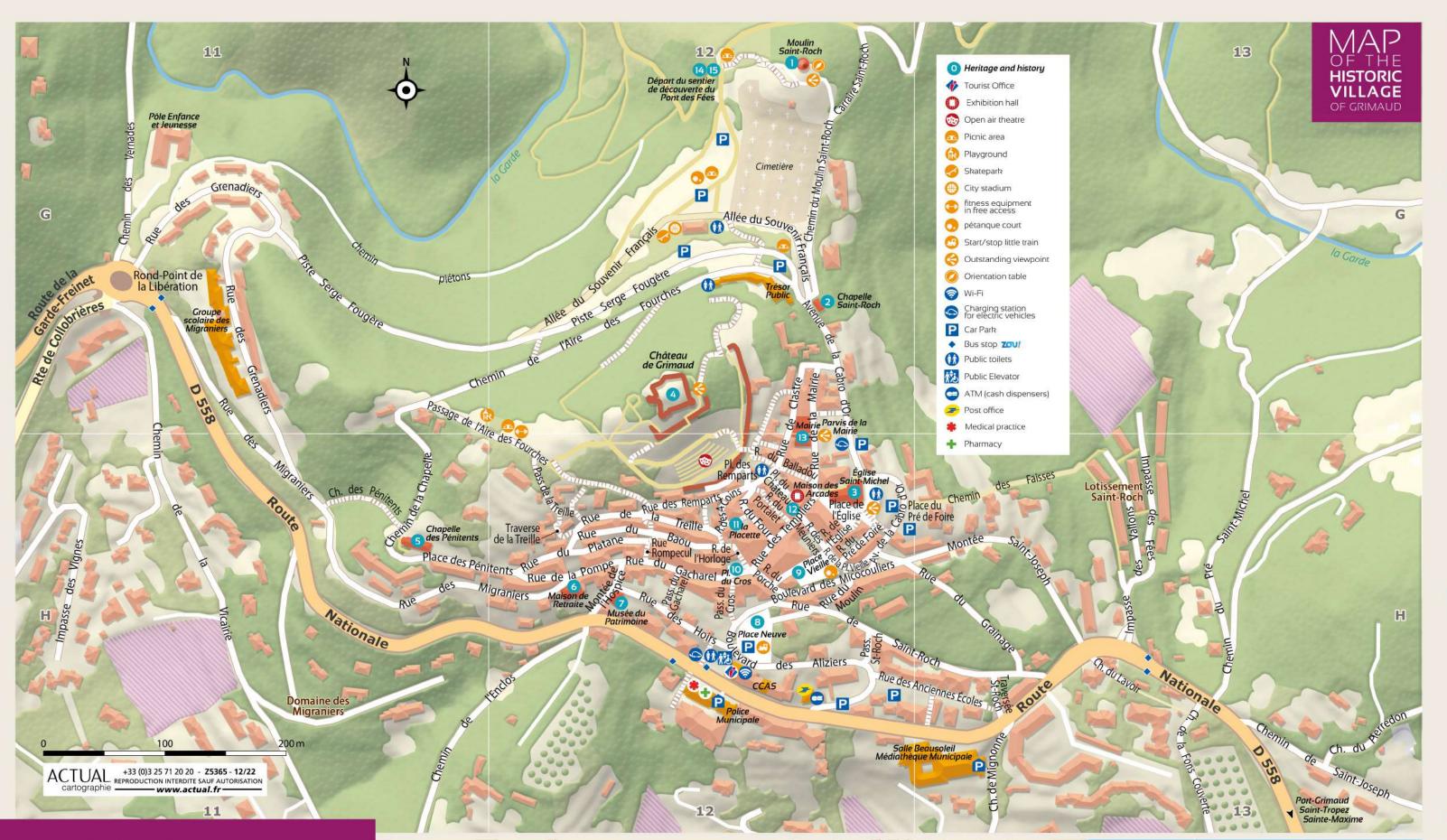
espect the information displayed and consult the map updated daily by the

TIME REQUIRED: ★40 mn • औ 15 mn MARKING COLOUR: Jaune LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Easy walk

On this circular walk you will discover part of the Grimaud plain - a source of wealth for centuries - between plantations and wild flora on the banks of the river.

The word *Peyron*, derived from the ancient Provencal dialect *Peira* which means stone, refers

to the large flat stones used in the past as a ford to cross La Giscle river Start near the Dog club. Take the Chemin des Ajusts which crosses a residential area for several hundred metres. Take the dirt track on the right which goes through the vines. The magnificent trees you see in this part of the plain are ash trees. This area, which is now the Communauté de Commune, was named *Fraxinetum* or Le Freinet after this tree as early as the 11th century. At the next junction, turn right and walk along La Giscle river. You can just catch glimpses between the trees of Grimaud village perched in the background. Provence giant cane grows naturally in the moist ground along the stream. Man grows this tall grassy plant for many different uses. In the past, it was used for construction and drying food products. Today it is grown for the fabrication of reeds for wind instruments. Go past the bridge leading to



# GRIMAUD VILLAGE FORMER CAPITAL OF FREINET

The oldest traces of occupation in the town are Neolithic. During the iron age and antiquity, the population grew on the hills and the hillsides. There is little known about the centuries prior to the year 1000. Just how present the Saracens were in the massif is yet to be

The first charters of the year 1000 mention a fortified habitat perched on the hill: the Castrum of Grimaud. The name of the village surely comes from the name of an important land-owner. For the next 300 years, the village developed and grew. It became the capital of Freinet, this vast area which is now the Communauté de Communes. The St. Michel's church is an indication of the wealth of the Grimaudois. That beriod ended with the  $14^{
m m}$  century, when difficulties made the construction of a rampart necessary to protect the inhabitants. In the 15th and 16th centuries the village grew, with the creation of new neighbourhoods. The castle was permanently abandoned during the French Revolution. Until the end of the 19th century the village had many traditional rural activities. At the turn of the 20th century, these activities began to disappear, and tourism developed. Originally winter tourism, it was largely replaced by summer tourism in the middle of the 20th century.

# PORT GRIMAUD

The coastline has always been frequented, particularly in the surroundings of the Saint-Pons-les-Mûres hamlet, a junction between major routes and landing stage for the village of Grimaud.

Port Grimaud spread over a marshy area and an alluvium plain named La Giscle. Originally this area was only used for farming and hunting. The development of tourism on the coast only began in the 1960s. In 1964 the architect François Spoerry, bought the land to build what every sailor dreams of - a house with a boat moored at the bottom of the garden. Once he had decided that, François Spoerry imagined a village where the land and the sea would meet. He chose traditional architecture which he found more "gentle" than other big property development projects of the period. He proposed typical Provençal style houses to which he added other Mediterranean influences.

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Heritage and history

Campsite

Beach

Tourist Office

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First aid pos

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Plage de Port-Grimaud Sud

Harbour Master's Office

ATM (cash dispensers)

Dental practices

Cycle track - V65

Sea shuttle

Refuelling, fuel pump

Public toilets

Pharmacy

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Start/stop little train

Wi-Fi

Taxi

P Car park

Bus parking

Bus stop zou!

Restricted access

Resident access

Charging station for electric vehicles

OF PORT

The centre of the village keeps the sou of the medieval market town which went from the castle to St. Michel's church. Th buildings are square the streets sinuou

and you can still see beautiful door and

### LA RUE DES TEMPLIERS

Grand-Rue, Rue Droite Rue des Juifs, it was the main street of the village. Rich and important families of the capital of Freinet - the former name of the area - had their homes o



this street. The buildings with arcades (15th - 16th centuries) are home to shops village with drinkin and businesses. On the corner of the Rue du water. This uniqu

# EXPLORE OUR COMMUNE

AND DISCOVER ITS TREASURES.. From small squares to narrow streets, our village reveals its

remarkable, sometimes secret, heritage. Some monuments are equipped with QR codes to give you more information.

For families, a playbook is available to discover the village in a funny

In the middle of the 20th century, an alleged

presence of Templar knights in one of the buildings

on the street was mentioned. Despite the fact that

we now know this is not true, the street still bears

their name. The Maison des Arcades is a cultural

centre open to the public offering regular exhibi-

a lack of space, the cemetery around the church

was moved near the St. Roch's windmill at the end

of the 19th century. Inside there are traces of old

frescoes which decorate the walls and arches.

Above the transept, an 1850 fresco depicts St.

Michael, St. Peter and St. Bartholomew. The

stained-glass and resin windows were made by the

eweller, Jacques Gautier in 1975. An organ was

nstalled in 2015 by the organ builder, Pasqual

Quoirin. During the Middle Ages the village

as far as the church. The Rue du Baladou ("small

evolved with time. Basic in the 11th to 13th century,

reached their peak in the 17th century. Abandoned

at the end of the 18th century, and dismantled during the French Revolution, the castle was largely

estroyed. Grand families followed, first related to

rovence counts, then Charles II of Naples. In the

niddle of the 15th century, Jean de Cossa, a grand

seneschal, left his mark on the area when he

day. Then in the middle of the 18th century, the

eigneurs from the powerful de Castellane family

spanded the building and ordered the construc-

ion of the southern towers. Officially listed as a

istoric monument, there have been restoration

works since the 1980s.

ccupies two buil- dings

which were reorganised

n the 1980s. This

building was the

"Clastre" from at least

he 16th century. It was

entury, the town hall

DISCOVERY TRAIL FOR NATURAL

AND HISTORIC HERITAGE · GI2

priests. In the

founded the village of Saint-Tropez as we know it

they were developed in the 15th century, and

ball" in Provençal dialect) connected them all.

on this hill, above the

fertile plain, since a

least the end of

antiquity. The 11th century

tretched from the castle to the top of the hill and

tions of various artists.

#### MOULIN SAINT-ROCH • G12\*

back to the 16th century. First called the La Gardiole windmill, it became the St. Roch's windmill in the 17th century when the chapel named after the saint was built severa

EGLISE SAINT-MICHEL • H12\* hundred meters away. is one of the town's 4 windmills. But there were Grimaud had a small church named after many other mills which also produced flour -Saint Michael but we no

watermills. There were 9 in the area. longer know exactl In the 1990s, the roof, the blades and the mecha- where it was or what i nics were restored. In front of the edifice there is a looked like. It threshing area. In this area horses tread on sheaves replaced by this be of wheat. Sometimes, for increased efficiency, they ful church with Ro dragged a stone roller. Once the dust and straw had Provençal architectur been cleared away, the grains were taken to the mill The dimensions and quality of the construction of to be crushed by two millstones. The miller put sails this church, built in granite and limestone, are an on the blades of the mill. He would carefully indication of the village's considerable wealth at observe several conditions, like the strength and the end of the 12th century and beginning of the 13th direction of the wind, while the wheat was being century. This building was originally covered in ground. When the millstones ground fast enough it schist flagstones. Since then, the original architec-

ture has been modified, such as the construction of These mills stopped operating at the beginning of the bell tower (16th century), the sacristy (18th centuthe 20th century. ry), and the widening of the southern doors. Due to

#### 2 CHAPELLE SAINT-ROCH • GI2\*

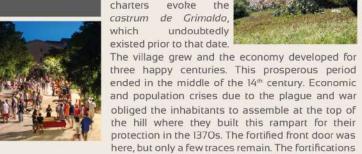
was possible to produce good flour.

This chapel was built in the 17th century. Situated on one of the main roads to the vil- lage, it is dedicated to Saint Roch. who was often evoked for the protection against contagious illnesses like the plague.

Inside, paintings on the 4 THE CASTLE • GI2\* wall depict the saint's life. They were painted by Andrée Gavens in 1937. In the choir there is a There is little doubt that man has been present medieval altar made from basalt.

#### 9 PLACE VIEILLE • H12\*

This charming square is the centre of village life where petanque players and other inhabitant



### 10 PLACE DU CROS • H12\*

Cros means hollow in Provencal dialect. Under the existing paving stones is a catches the rain water from the surrounding roofs. The Cros covered passageway gave

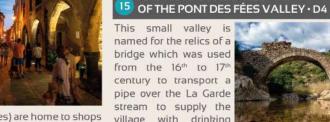
access to kitchen gardens and other farmland which stretched to where the Place Neuve is located today.

### 3 THE TOWN HALL • HI2\*

window frames dating from the 15th and 16th boys' classroom. In the beginning of the 19th century, centuries, a prosperous period for the village. the teacher used the small garden below as a kitchen

### ET MAISON DES ARCADES • H12\*

In bygone days, called



Portalet ("small gateway" in Provençal dialect) is system and the natural the old town hall. 1555, the date of the neighbou- wealth of the area contributed to the valley being rhood's construction, is on the keystone. The listed as a "remarkable site" in 1927. A hiking trail, building opposite was home to the powerful with a dozen information panels, is ideal for seigneurial family, De Castelane. On the corner of discovering the local heritage, as well as the wildlife Rue du Four - where there was a baker's oven - the and flora typical to the Massif des Maures coast-Christ's monogram is engraved: IHS, followed by line. And more particularly, this type of temporary MA (Virgin Mary) and the supposed date of the stream and the alternation between forest, riparian building'sconstruction, 12th December 1566. woodlands, and rocky areas.

#### 16 ORATOIRE SAINT-JOSEPH • E5

one of many in territory. These litt shrines usually public, are situated near places of worship or on junction This Oratory of St. Joseph is a reminder of the S Joseph's chapel which n



longer exists and was situated at the entrance of the village.

#### CHAPELLE DES PÉNITENTS • HII\*

Built at the end of the 15th century, ND du Coulet was built at the entrance to the village 1482, the date of construction is engraved in Roman letters or the lintel of the door (M CCCC. LXXXII, the 8 is a

punctuation sign). The primitive porch was filled in to expand the inside of the chapel. It became the home of the White Penitents congregation which helped the local

Inside, there is a 17th century altarpiece and the Pietà painted by Paul-Emile Barberi in 1808. There Grimaud often lacked are also the relics of St. Theodor, and a variety of water. The village's two other statues, including Our Lady of seven Sorrows. Wells and the several In the south-eastern corner, there is a stone engradings were not enough ved with an inscription in Gothic characters for the village's 900 in meaning: "His Grace of Fréjus gave 40 days of habitants and live

#### RUE DE LA POMPE • H12\*



girls. Not far away, a brick hand pump to discover.

#### LA CHAPELLE NOTRE-DAME DE LA QUESTE · D6

Like other edifices in t region, this chapel wa built at the end of the II century. During tl Middle Ages an i portant agricultural fa developed, as well Marian devotions. In t 16th century it becam

necessary to expand the church. Finally, the expansion was too ambitious, pe-l'oeil painting and only the big nave was built in the middle of the representing architectural motifs (columns, oculus,

During the French Revolution the chapel was seized then bought by the Grimaudois who Marché (market square). returned it to the town.

The chapel keeps an interesting collection, mosaics of black and white pebbles inspired by the including a magnificent 17th century altarpiece, and Portugueese "calçada" and evoking the type of a painting of the Rosary Donation. Shops in front of which they were located at the St. Lambert is represented in a reliquary bust and a creation of the marina. painting. The nearby spring named after him is said to have miraculous properties. The watering place on the road is a sign of the importance of the agricultural fair. When the chapel was restored in 2002 Coline Fabre created particularly contempo rary stained-glass windows.

### 8 CHAPELLE DE BEAUVALLON • C9

built at the same time as the estate. The garden is adorned with the bust the promoter Em Berheim sculpted artist Chana Orloff. This district, formerl agricultural, developed thanks to winter tourish

This small chapel was

at the end of the 19th century. From the 1910s, date of the building

Bernheim built there an estate around a golf course, as permit for the lakewell as a Grand hotel, now turned into a private estate. side city. Getting Many renowned architects worked on the construc- approval had been moved in, along with the justice of the peace, and the tion of villas. Two of them are listed as Historic difficult because of Monuments: the Villa Vent d'Aval by Pierre Chareau strong opposition. and the Villa Seynave by Jean Prouvé. These private properties are not open to the public.

19 EGLISE SAINT-FRANÇOIS D'ASSISE • 116\*\* The massive style and the imposing arcatures are reminiscent of the Saintes-Mariesde-la-Mer church. Inside, the single nave sober. Above the platform, you can see a series of stained-glas

Vasarely. From the top of the church tower there a spectacular view of Port Grimaud, the bay of Saint Tropez, and the plain. In the distance, you can mal

HERITAGE MUSEUM • H12

house, an old forge, ar the former oil mill whi date back to the I century. The collechas been assemi over 30 years,

retraces the bygo

days of this part of the Massif des Maures. Different activities like the cork and timber industries, olive oil and wine production are represented in the museum galleries. On the upper floors you will liscover costumes and scenes from past daily life, with the reconstitution of a living room, bedroom, and barn - the typical layout of a home in villages

#### 8 PLACE NEUVE • H12\*

stock. In the 16th centu

water from an abunda spring a few kilometres from the village was piped

to the village's fountain, situated near the church. nfortunately, this system only lasted a century. Only a few traces remain, including the Pont des Fées (bridge). As a result, the town lacked water again until 1884, when thanks to a steam machine, the groundwater on the plain was pumped to the village to supply the houses. This fountain was built n 1886 on a new square to commemorate the end of the work and the arrival of water in the village. A dedication on the back of the edifice expresses the village's gratitude to the town which made the onstruction possible.

It was later run by nuns, and also became the school for The Rue des Hoirs which leads to Place Neuve was named Rue des Orts in bygone days (from the Provençal word ort which means garden). You can still see pretty gardens on either side of the street.

## ARCHITECTURAL ORNAMENTATION

rancois Spoerry at the end of the 1960s, the lakeside city of Port Grimaud presents esolutely anean architecture. decorated with tro

capitals), statues or figures like the Provencal woman leaning on her balcony on the Place du

Under the arcades, there are also remarkable

# PLACE FRANÇOIS SPOERRY

The buildings on th square have beautifu blue and white cerami decorations. The monmental founta decorated with Azulejo glazed tiles bears portrait of the founder



### PLACE DU 14 JUIN • J16\*

Port Grimaud.

This square, locate in the first part of Port Grimaud, was name as a reminder of the



# 1 to 7 THE HAMLETS

These small grouped houses contribute to the district's style.

Scattered throughout the area, their construction began in the 16th and 17th centuries, except for Saint-Pons-les-Mûres, that is even

In the past it was too dangerous to live on the isolated plain. They were situated close to the farmland, making access easy.



windows by Victo

out the Grimaud village and castle on the hill.