

During your stay, you can visit different places in the surrounds of Aiguines:

The Gorges du Verdon tour

From Aiguines, drive down to the Sainte-Croix lake and Moustiers Sainte-Marie (faïence town). Just before arriving to Moustiers, drive towards La Palud-sur-Verdon on the Verdon right bank where you can appreciate Galetas panorama and Mayreste viewpoint. Once in La Palud, follow the route des Crêtes (D23), especially made-up to access easily the viewpoints on the Verdon and its cliffs (climbers' paradise). The road goes by the chalet de la Maline (Martel hike departure) and loops back to La Palud. Beware, the route des Crêtes is a one-way road. Then drive to Rougon where you can stop at the Point Sublime viewpoint, admire the entrance of Couloir Samson and perceive some vultures. Next, you follow the road via Castellane and Trigance, medieval village. You arrive then at the other side of the Verdon, the left bank: the Corniche Sublime towards Aiguines. All along the emerald green river, you will appreciate successive viewpoints: the Mescla (where Artuby river flows into the Verdon), the Artuby bridge, the Cavaliers cliffs, the Vaumale cirque, the Col d'Illoire, before arriving in Aiguines.



You will drive approximately 5 hours for this 100 kilometers road trip.



The Valensole plateau

Valensole is well-known for its huge lavender fields, mirrors of the blue sky of Provence. Lavender offers bees' excellent nectar. This latter is transformed into honey in numerous hives of bee-keepers of the surroundings. Situated 40 kilometers far from Aiguines.

Typical villages

Thanks to their history or their architecture, several villages in the surroundings are quite remarkable. Among them :

- **Moustiers Sainte-Marie**, one of the most beautiful villages of France. Moustiers is also famous for its faïence and faïence museum. Located 15 kilometers far from Aiguines.
- **Trigance**, medieval village. It is located on the left side of the Gorges du Verdon, 36 kilometers far from Aiguines.

Villages on the lake shore

- **Les Salles-sur-Verdon** is a village built in 1970 (the old village has disappeared under the Sainte-Croix lake) and is consequently one the youngest villages of France. Located 6 kilometers far from Aiguines.
- **Bauduen** is a picturesque waterside village, located 22 kilometers far from Aiguines.
- **Sainte-Croix du Verdon** is located on the other side of the Sainte-Croix lake. At the bottom of the Valensole plateau, this village offers a splendid view on Aiguines, 40 kilometres apart.

Several million years before...

Time wrote its history in the Verdon area, and you can discover it :

- in **Castellane**, located in the Reserve Naturelle Géologique de Haute-Provence. You will also find there the Sirènes & Fossiles museum, which explains life here 40 million years before. Located 53 kilometers far from Aiguines.
- in **Quinson** where the Prehistory museum recounts 1 million years of human history in Haute-Provence. Located 40 kilometres far from Aiguines.

Discover the local products

Provençal markets will know how to whet your five senses: colours, aromas, textures, flavours and good atmosphere. The most important of them in the surroundings are :

- in **Aups** where the market takes place on Wednesday and Saturday morning. Moreover, it is a typical village of Provence, with a rich historic past. The Var's capital city of the truffle (whom story is being told by la Maison de la Truffe d'Aups et du Verdon) is located 24 kilometers far from Aiguines.
- in **Riez** also called "Riez la Romaine". The weekly market takes place every on Wednesday and Saturday morning in this Gallo-Roman village located 30 kilometers far from Aiguines.