

GRIMAUD



Grimaud is one of the oldest villages in the Massif des Maures. This small mediaeval village overlooks the Gulf of Saint Tropez from its feudal chateau. Located five kilometres from the beaches, this haven of peace allows visitors to relax and contemplate the breathtaking view. The chateau, the mill, the narrow streets and the old buildings make Grimaud an unmissable destination in the Gulf of Saint Tropez.

A rich medieval heritage

CHATEAU DE GRIMAUD

Located at the top of the hill where Grimaud stands, this old chateau dates back to the 11th century. According to historians, it became a defensive structure from the 13th century, when the ramparts were built. You can visit the ramparts because a large part of them still remains, which is quite rare in the region. The chateau has borne witness to the history of the village and has been listed as a historic monument since 1928. Work to conserve and secure the building has been ongoing since the 1990s. The fact remains that this chateau offers a breathtaking view of the village and the entire Gulf of Saint Tropez. From mid-July to mid-August, the Château de Grimaud hosts the Grimaldines.





MOULIN SAINT-ROCH

Located below the chateau is the village mill which can be visited in the summer. Overlooking the Vallon des Fées, this monument is very well preserved and again offers a magnificent view of the sea.

CHURCH SAINT-MICHEL

This church, in the very heart of the old village, dates back to the second Roman Provençal age (12th-13th century). This building is remarkable for its time due to the granite and limestone architecture. Its construction also required a significant mobilisation of men and animals for the transport of materials.

The thickness of the walls gives the building a certain robustness, guaranteeing its longevity. This church is also interesting to see for its sundial, located on the southern facade. During the day, light enters the building through stained glass windows created in 1975 by Jacques Gautier, giving the place a magical appearance.



THE CHAPELS



The village of Grimaud is also home to several chapels, distributed within and around the village. At the intersection of the D14 and the D44, you can visit Notre-Dame de la Queste, which has been in use since the late 11th century, according to historians. The church is surrounded by a small park full of beautiful trees at least 200 years old, and a spring, which, as legend has it, cures diseases of the skin and eyes. In the village are the Chapelle SaintRoch and the Chapelle des Pénitents. They both house magnificent paintings. .

A site to discover on a walk



THE HISTORICAL CIRCUIT

The Grimaud tourist office offers tours of the village via a historical circuit that takes about an hour to complete. To do this, follow the signposted route that will take you from the Church of Saint-Michel to Place du Cros. This circuit is accessible to all and does not present any real difficulty. In particular, it allows visitors to discover the loveliest little roads in the village, the chateau and the municipal museum of arts and popular traditions.

THE THREE WALKING TRAILS

Three trails that allow you to discover the heritage and the surroundings of Grimaud. Through a charming valley lined with olive trees, Le Pierredon circuit (2 km, 50 minutes) allows you to explore the Vallon de la Garde, where three watermills and a windmill await you. To explore the hills bordering the Garde River and Saint Joseph's Oratory, you will need to follow La Calade circuit (3.7 km, 80 minutes). These first two circuits start at the Moulin Saint-Roch. Lastly, a third circuit, La Castellane (3 km, 45 minutes), allows you to discover the plain and the areas to the south of the village.



Walks in Grimaud



THE LITTLE TRAIN OF GRIMAUD

Less energetic visitors can also tour the village on the little train. The 50-minute trip tours the entire mediaeval village and costs €7 for adults and €4 for children. Starting from Port Grimaud.

Activities during the summer



LES GRIMALDINES

Every Tuesday, from mid-July to mid August, the village and chateau of Grimaud host the Grimaldines festival. This event makes the mediaeval village resonate to the sounds of world music. It includes free entertainment : small concerts, street theatre, walks etc. It also hosts prestigious headliners on the stage of the chateau (for a fee).

GRIMAUD VILLAGE CRAFT MARKET EVERY

Thursday morning, a craft market invades the delightful streets of the village centre. You will find local products, pottery, clothing and jewellery. A good way to do a bit of shopping in an idyllic setting.

NIGHT CRAFT MARKET

Monday evenings, from 6 pm
Place du Marché de Port Grimaud I

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