



THE LUBERON

3 PERFECT DAYS

📍 DAY 1 // EXPLORE OCHRE COUNTRY

Start in Rustrel for a morning walk through the fiery-ochre rock formations of the Colorado Provençal (p158). Seek sustenance at Le Table de Pablo (p155) then swing your handlebars or steering wheel west to Gargas to visit Europe's only operational ochre quarry (p154). Continue on to rust-coloured Roussillon (p153) to amble along its ochre trail and take an ochre workshop (p154).

📍 DAY 2 // FROM MOUNTAINS TO BOUTIQUES

Marvel at the views from Saignon (p162) before heading through lavender fields into the Luberon mountains to explore Buoux (p162) and find lunch at magnificent Ferme Auberge Le Castelas (p163). Then plunge through the Combe de Lourmarin to reach lively Lourmarin (p164). Stroll through olive groves around town and then dip into the village to take a literary tour or explore the streets lined with boutiques and *ateliers*. Sup at an outstanding restaurant, like Le Moulin de Lourmarin (p165).

📍 DAY 3 // HILLTOP VILLAGES AND HAUTE CUISINE

Wind your way around the hillsides to Bonnieux (p158) to scuttle up 86 steps to its 12th-century church, and stroll in its cedar forest. Lunch in style at one of the village's excellent restaurants (p159). Then push west to Lacoste (p159) to gaze out over the former château of the Marquis de Sade. Finish in Ménerbes (p160), calling in at the quirky corkscrew museum (p161) before charting a course through the higgledy-piggledy village to learn about wine and truffles (p161) and feast on Laurent Jouin's delicious fare at Véranda (p161).

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VILLARS p155

Zip through cherry orchards in search of gourmet treats

JOUCAS p153

Drift up and away in the morning air on a sunrise balloon flight

OPPÈDE-LE-VIEUX p161

Scramble over the ruins of an ancient village

MÈNERBES p160

Explore hilltop streets or indulge your senses with wine, truffles and views

