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# Lavender Route

*Banish thoughts of grandma's closet. Get out among the purple haze, sniff the heady summer breezes and navigate picturesque hilltop towns, ancient churches and pretty valleys.*

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

4 km

### Abbaye Notre-Dame de Sénanque

Sublimely simple  
12th-century abbey  
framed by rows of  
lavender

50 km

### André Boyer

Wonderful sweet shop  
and baker turns out  
traditional treats

Banon

Forcalquier

Plateau de  
Valensole

Monosque

### Prieuré de Salagon

Ethno-botany at its  
most fragrant and  
seductive

135 km

4–5 DAYS

210KM / 130 MILES

## GREAT FOR...



## BEST TIME TO GO

July is purple prime  
time, but June's  
blooms still impress.



## ESSENTIAL PHOTO

The road just north of  
Sault is a particularly  
stunning spot.



## BEST FOR OUTDOORS

Mont Ventoux has  
brilliant hiking trails  
and is hallowed ground  
for cycling fans.