



**Welcome to the  
discovery of  
“Villages of character”  
from Ardèche**



# RUOMS

Ruoms, a medieval village steeped in history, is an unmissable destination in Ardeche! The old ramparts of Ruoms, dating from the 14th century with their 7 round towers, bear witness to the region's turbulent medieval times, particularly during the Hundred Years' War. The Romanesque church is an architectural gem not to be missed. Ruoms limestone has a rich history. It has been used in the construction of numerous monuments and works of art, including the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York, which testifies to its quality and reputation. Ruoms attracts many visitors in summer thanks to its exceptional setting and its warm welcome to summer visitors wishing to discover the region. The Ruoms summer market is a real pleasure for the senses. Strolling among the stalls selling homemade ice cream, refreshing cocktails, clothing and decorative items is a typically summer experience. Fans will be able to taste quality local wines and learn more about the region's viticulture. In addition to its medieval past.

Ruoms, a harmonious blend of historical heritage, wine traditions and summer charm.

Tasting its wines or enjoying its lively summer atmosphere, Ruoms promises an enriching experience for all visitors from all backgrounds.





## **BALAZUC**

The village of Balazuc is indeed a true medieval jewel clinging to the cliffs overlooking the Ardèche river. Its spectacular position offers stunning views and unique charm. Balazuc Castle, dating from the 12th century, is one of the most emblematic elements of the village. With its square keep and its ancient walls, it bears witness to the medieval history of the region. The Sainte-Madeleine church in Balazuc is another architectural treasure not to be missed. Balazuc is a maze of cobbled streets, arched passages and charming little squares. Walking through these narrow streets allows you to discover the authentic atmosphere of the village. Due to its elevated position, Balazuc offers breathtaking panoramas of the Ardeche valley and the surrounding area. The village terraces are perfect places to enjoy these spectacular views. By visiting Balazuc, visitors are transported to a time when life was punctuated by fortifications and Romanesque churches. The mix of natural beauty and historical heritage makes this village one of the most charming places to discover in Ardeche.

Overlooking the Ardeche river, Balazuc seems to be clinging to its rock. The heart of the village seduces with its Saracen allure and its rich restored heritage, its maze of winding streets, staircases, stone ramps and arches. To discover on foot.





# VOGÜÉ

The village of Vogüé, nestled in the heart of the Ardèche gorges and classified among the "Most Beautiful Villages in France", is indeed an exceptional place to visit. Vogüé Castle is a true historical gem. Dating from the 11th century, it overlooks the village and offers a breathtaking view of the gorges. A visit to the castle will immerse you in the history of the region, with its imposing towers and medieval rooms. Rue des Puces is one of the most picturesque streets in Vogüé, with its tightly packed houses with medieval arcades. You can stroll through this maze of narrow streets and admire the traditional stone architecture. The Romanesque chapel of Vogüé is another treasure to discover. Its sober and elegant architecture houses stained glass windows created by the artist Alfred Manessier, adding a contemporary artistic touch to this place steeped in history. Enjoy a moment of relaxation on the beach on the banks of the Ardèche river. It's the perfect place to cool off on hot summer days or simply admire the peaceful scenery of the gorge.

As you explore Vogüé, you will be immersed in a captivating mix of history, architecture and nature. This picturesque village is a must-see destination in Ardèche, where every corner reveals a new treasure to discover.





# LABEAUME

Labeaume is truly a treasure of the Ardèche, nestled in a remarkable natural landscape steeped in history. Labeaume is surrounded by ancient limestone cliffs and rugged scrubland, providing a spectacular natural setting. The inhabitants of Labeaume worked the earth and rock for millennia, leaving behind vestiges of their ancestral culture. The hanging gardens, maintained by volunteers, offer a unique perspective on traditional agriculture in this region. The blue waters of the river have carved mysterious caves into the surrounding gorges. Labeaume is home to around 140 dolmens scattered around the village. Discovering them during walks outside the village is an enriching experience for history and archeology lovers. In addition to its natural treasures, Labeaume is a picturesque village with its narrow streets, its stone houses and its authentic atmosphere. Strolling through the village will allow you to appreciate the timeless charm of this Ardeche enclave.

Labeaume is therefore much more than a simple village: it is a true compendium of history, nature and culture. Between the grandiose landscapes and the vestiges of the past, each visitor will be able to immerse themselves in the soul of this unique place in Ardeche.





# **ANTRAIQUES-SUR-VOLANE**

Antraigues-sur-Volane is indeed an enchanting Cévennes village, perched above the valleys of three Ardèche rivers. The village square is often lively with games of pétanque and typically southern moments of conviviality. Strolling through the streets of Antraigues will allow you to discover the remains of the old castle, with its foundations and walls steeped in history. Don't miss the 100 sculpted heads scattered throughout the village, witnesses to an artistic and mysterious past. Located at an altitude of 470 meters, Antraigues offers spectacular panoramas of the young volcanoes of Ardèche and the vast chestnut forests that surround the village. Antraigues was the residence of the famous singer Jean Ferrat, who found inspiration there and who contributed to making this village known beyond borders. Visiting Antraigues also means discovering a place steeped in musical and literary history. Take advantage of your stay in Antraigues to discover local crafts and taste Ardèche specialties, particularly chestnut-based products, emblematic of the region.

Antraigues sur Volane, a jewel and the perfect embodiment of the hilltop villages of Ardeche, where history mixes with natural beauty. This village of character is an essential stopover for lovers of authenticity and the sweetness of life.





# BANNE

Banne is an exceptional village in Ardeche, steeped in ancient history and remarkable heritage. Famous for its 27 dolmens, its prehistoric monuments dating from the Neolithic period, nestled at the foot of the Cévennes and facing the Ardèche limestone plain. The village is crossed by a valley with cultivated terraces, creating a picturesque and authentic landscape. These terraces are the central location for summer festivities in Banne. They bear witness to the village's rural past and today host various cultural events. Banne has interesting remains of its medieval castle, which offers an insight into the region's turbulent history. The Romanesque church of Saint-Pierre, dating from the 12th century, is an architectural gem to discover. Its sober and elegant style reflects the Romanesque art typical of the region. Banne is lively during the summer with numerous festivities and cultural events, the perfect opportunity to discover local life and participate in Ardèche traditions.

Banne is therefore much more than a simple village, it is a place full of history and charm, where vestiges of the past rub shoulders with contemporary life. A visit to Banne promises an enriching and unforgettable experience in Ardeche.





# NAVE

Naves, located in a privileged region between the Cévennes National Park and the Monts d'Ardèche Regional Park, is a village which offers an exceptional immersion in nature and history. Naves is nestled in the heart of a remarkable natural environment of the Massif Central. The surrounding landscapes offer visitors a real natural cocoon, ideal for hiking and discovering the local fauna and flora. In the 19th century, Naves was known for its silkworm breeding industry. Explore the remains of Naves Castle, with its portcullis gate and gabled walls. These medieval structures bear witness to the village's fortified past. The streets of Naves are lined with houses with old charm, with gabled walls and mullioned windows characteristic of the local architecture. The small Romanesque church of Naves, dating from the 12th century, is a treasure to discover. As you stroll through the streets of Naves, you will immerse yourself in a unique historical atmosphere, where every corner reveals fascinating elements about the past of the village and the region.

Naves is therefore a small village which has big surprises in store for visitors, between its preserved nature and its historical heritage. A visit to Naves is the promise of an authentic and enriching experience in Ardeche.







Twenty-one Villages to discover  
An Ardèche art of living!!!!