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TOP 30 ORANGE WINES

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My perfect day in Vaucluse



Abbaye Notre-Dame de Senanque

MORNING

Take a quick dip in the pool before breakfast at *Le Copuladeu*. Then head out along the road for the 15-minute journey to *Domaine de la Cècabelle* (see p83), a family-run vineyard near Ménerbes that makes southern Rhône wines from 17 different grape varieties. It also has a quirky corkcree museum and botanical garden. Enjoy a vertical reading, then head on towards Gordes, a 20-minute drive north through wild countryside and hayrack meadows. Explore the village, then head north for a hair-raising drive along dramatic gorges to the *Abbaye Notre-Dame de Senanque* (www.senanque.fr), where monks grow lavender to the fields outside the famous abbey.

LUNCH & AFTERNOON

Double back for a light but delicious lunch at the bistro restaurant at *Les Bories*, then loop around to the west for a half-hour journey to *Le Val sur le Sorgue*. This is France's capital of antiques, so spend the afternoon exploring the flea markets on the river's quaysides and the enclaves known as villages for vintage finds and curious objects, as well as high-quality antiques. For a late-afternoon winery tour and tasting, visit *Château Papeau* (see p82) near Roussillon, half an hour north. The winery exhibits give an excellent explanation of the secrets of the Vaucluse appellation, and it offers tastings of the wines made from such varieties as Grenache, Syrah and Viognier.

EVENING

It's just a 15-minute drive to *Cliffside in Brasserie*, a beautifully designed, 'weathered' hotel that occupies different buildings in a once-dilapidated village. While the gastronomic restaurant has a more sophisticated menu, the view from the terrace of the bistro is second to none: a panorama that encompasses most Vaucluse's chatty peaks, vineyards, olive groves and villages. Tuck into dishes made with fresh Provence produce as you watch the sun go down.

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Cliffside Brasserie

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Crillon le Brave

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This 'scattered hotel', which occupies historic buildings in the village of the same name, enjoys a breathtaking view of Mont Ventoux. Its refurbished rooms were designed by top French architect Charles Zana.

www.crillonlebrave.com