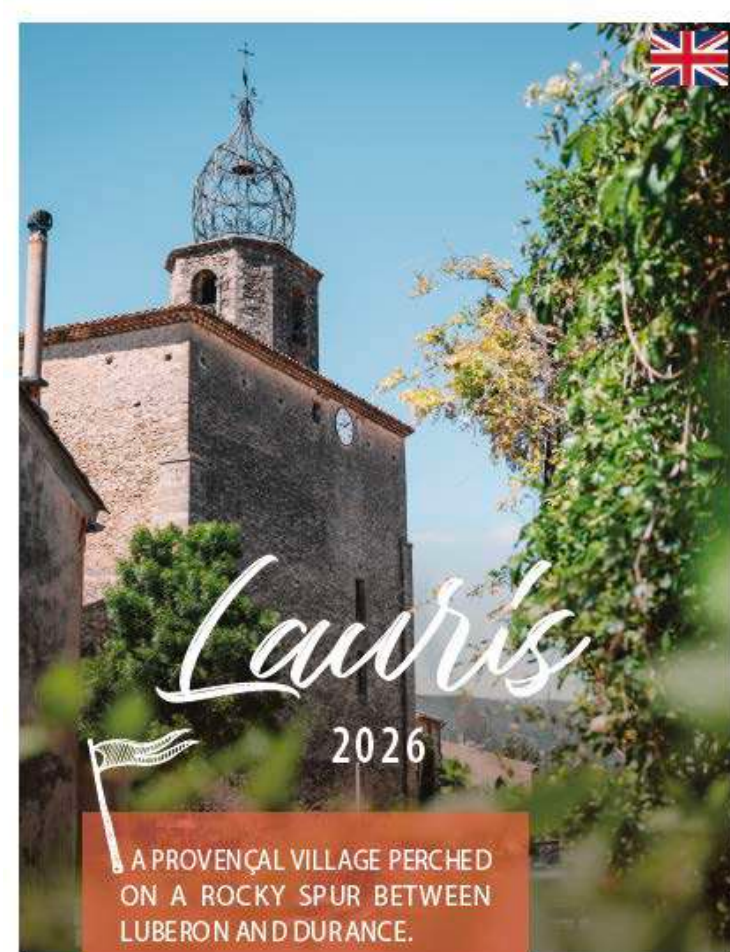




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You can get detailed information sheets about these walks from our tourist information office.

These walks, which are not difficult, should be avoided when the weather is at its hottest. From 15th June to 15th September, access to the Vaucluse forests is regulated by prefectural decree. If you want to stroll in the forest, contact your Tourist Office in advance or call +33 (0)4 28 31 77 11 (In French only).

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1 PLACE DU PORTAIL

This square dates back to the 18th century when Jean-Louis d'Arlatan, the last lord of Lauris ordered a monumental door to be built on the level of the old olive mill. Nowadays, you will find the little duck fountain (1853) near the mill. Before this, the gateway to the village was located a bit farther on, alongside the so-called 'guard' house (13th century). If necessary, this gate could be closed to protect the villagers. The outlines of the successive ramparts are partly known due to the traces that still remain and to the cadastral maps. This is how we know that the 14th-century enclosure was enlarged in the 16th century and that it was still intact at the time of the Revolution.



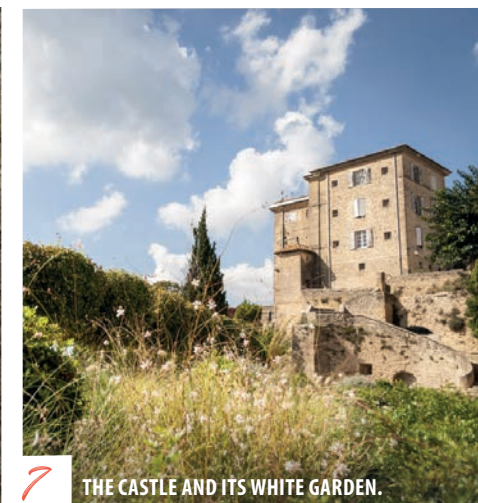
Discovery tour
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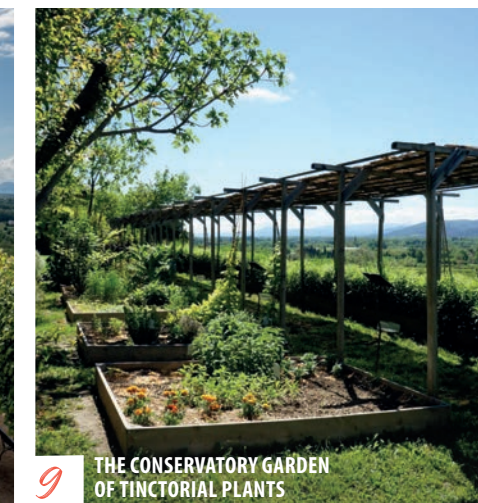
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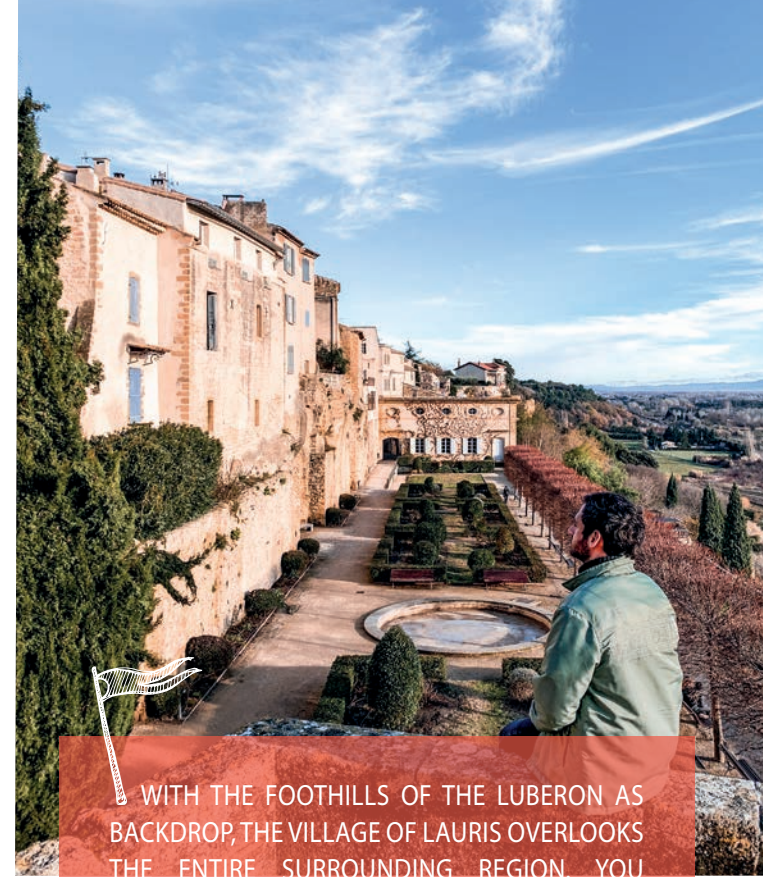
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8 THE CASTLE TERRACES



9 THE CONSERVATORY GARDEN OF TINCTORIAL PLANTS



1 PLACE DU PORTAIL



2 THE PUBLIC WASH HOUSE



3 THE CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DE LA PURIFICATION



4 THE COLONEL'S HOUSE

2 THE PUBLIC WASH HOUSE

Dating from the 19th century, this wash house is classed as a historical monument. It was built on the site of the old cemetery which can be seen on the cadastral map from 1731. The water in the wash house still echoes the conversations of the women who came here to do their laundry, while keeping their eye on the basins where the wood ash flowed.

3 THE CHURCH OF NOTRE-DAME DE LA PURIFICATION

A first church was built on this site in 1480. It was a small building with a single nave. Having become too cramped and dilapidated, it was replaced by a new one in the early 18th century, according to the plans of Aix architect, Vallon. The wrought iron cage (called 'gabie' in the Provençal language) was made in 1857 based on drawings by Sollier. It surmounts the bell tower and houses a hemispherical bronze bell. Viewed from behind, the church is a fortress since it is positioned along the length of the enclosure. And from the front, it is an urban church with a symmetrical and sober façade. Inside, the magnificent paintings, dating from the 17th to the 19th century, should not be missed.

4 THE COLONEL'S HOUSE

This building boasts two splendid façades which have recently been renovated. The left-hand one dates from 1782. It is the plainer of the two, with lintels, a cornice and a main porch with drooping festoons. The one on the right, dating back to 1898, is adorned with a harp and an Irish shamrock. At the time, the property was owned by a colonel in the 175th

Irish infantry regiment. You will also see pilasters adorned with garlands of flowers and a triangular pediment with a vintage triumphal crest.

5 PHILIPPE'S TOWER

This 13th-century building has two twin windows. It has long been known as Philippe's Tower in remembrance of Philippe Lambesc, a valiant lord who lived in the 14th century.

6 THE MONASTIC HOUSE

In the early 18th century, this fine building replaced an earlier one dating from the late 15th century. It perfectly exemplifies the consequences of the door and window tax that was instigated by the Directory in 1798. You can actually see that many of the openings for doors and windows were bricked up by the owners so that they would not have to pay as much tax.

7 THE CASTLE

In the 11th century, a small keep was built on the cliff top overlooking the valley. This strategic position made it possible to keep watch over Durance and the territories beyond. In the 16th century, the feudal castle became a Renaissance-style dwelling, thanks to Julien de Perussis, lord of Lauris. In the 18th century, Jean-Louis d'Arlatan turned it into a recreational castle. He also built the courtyard, the monumental gate and the stables that are still partly visible today. The rest of the building was sacked during the Revolution. It was subsequently adapted for a range of different utilitarian functions, resulting in its present-day appearance.

8 THE CASTLE TERRACES

The walls and arches supporting the terraces were built in the 16th century under Julien de Perussis. In the 18th century, the terraces were embellished with ponds and fountains. On the main platform, you can now see the 'White Garden' (free admission) which is so called because of the white blossom on the plants growing there. From here you are presented with a magnificent view over the Durance Valley, the Alpilles and the Sainte-Victoire Mountain. In 2011, the castle's terrace gardens were distinguished with the 'Remarkable Garden' label.

9 THE CONSERVATORY GARDEN OF TINCTORIAL PLANTS

Lauris remains the emblematic village of color with its conservatory garden of dye plants. This unique site in Europe houses approximately 150 dye plants from which pigments are extracted for the production of inks, paints, dyes, as well as for cosmetics and food. The cultivation of dye plants, especially madder, was a prosperous industry in Lauris and the Provence region for a long time.

Today, this garden is managed by the association "*Les Amis du Jardin*" in partnership with the Town Hall. Take a stroll on the terraces of the castle, listed as a heritage site, offering an exceptional view of the Durance plain, and discover the white garden labeled "*Remarkable Garden*".

Free or guided visits of the dye garden and workshops are offered. For hours, requests for guided tours, and information, you can contact them by phone at +33(0)7 66 25 21 99 or visit the «Les Amis du jardin» website: www.lesamisdujardin.com.