

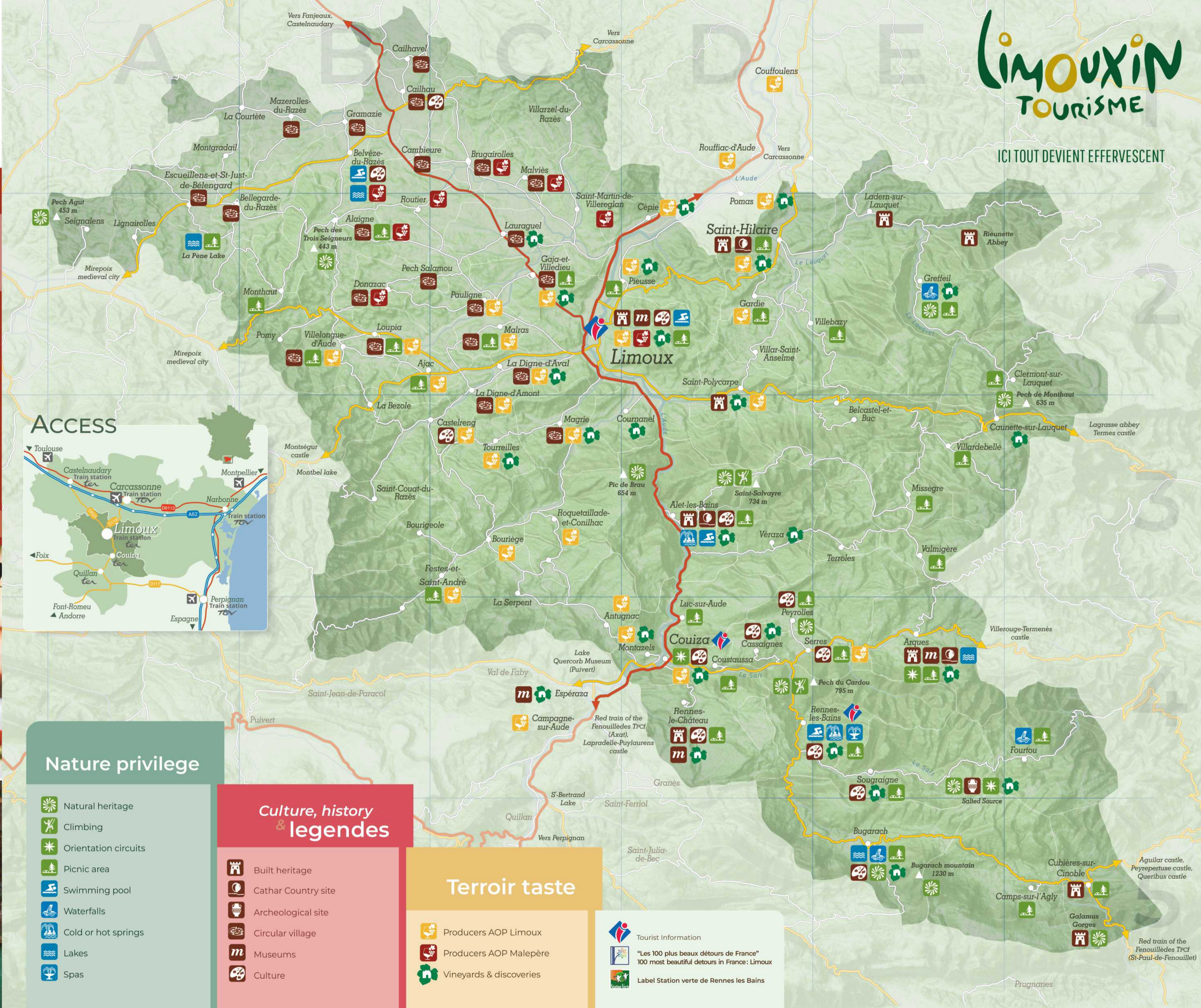
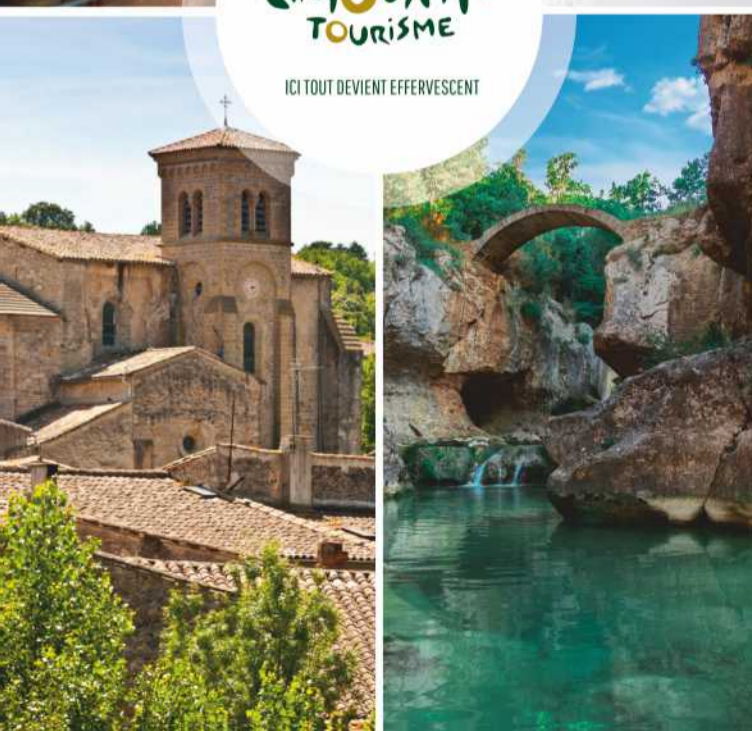


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CULTURE,
HISTORY
AND
LEGENDS

Built heritage



Alet-Les-Bains Abbey
www.aletlesbains.com
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In the heart of the medieval city of Alet-Les-Bains, Notre Dame of Alet, built between the 11th and the 12th century, will amaze you by its roman and gothic architectural elements then by its size.

Saint-Hilaire Abbey
www.saint-hilaire-aude.fr
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Birthplace of the Blanquette de Limoux this fortified Benedictine Abbey, dating back to the 8th century, is comprised of a gothic cloister, a roman church in which there is Saint Saturnin's sarcophagus, an architectural masterpiece of the Cabestany Sculptor, an abbey housing decorated with painted ceilings, a dining hall and finally a wine cellar.

Abbé Saunière museum and domain, Rennes-le-Château
www.rennes-le-chateau.fr
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At the end of the 19th century, a singular priest named Bérenger Saunière built a stunning domain composed of: The Béthanie Villa, the Magdala Tower, the Glass Tower. He has also renovated the humble church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine with an original touch. How did he erect such buildings? Whispers say he found a treasure...

Arques Castle
arqueswisite.com/arques-chateau
+33 4 68 69 84 77

With its elegant dungeon and its magnificent Logis Tower, the castle entirely restored is a masterpiece of gothic military construction from the 13th century. This fortified house has been classified as historical site of France since 1887 and Cathar Country Site.

Sainte-Marie de Rieunette Abbey, Ladem-sur-Lauquet
www.rieunette.org
+33 4 68 69 69 06

Founded in the 12th century, this Cistercian Abbey was burnt down in 1568, it long remained unoccupied but was restored in 1994. Nowadays a small monk community live in it, and sing the old Gregorian chants in the ancient church.

Notre-Dame-de-Marcelle basilica, Limoux
www.assoc-notre-dame-marcelle.fr
+33 4 68 31 19 70

Remarkable site built during the 12th century, the basilica and its park represents an important step of the pilgrimage (in September) and an alternative to the Chemin de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. This monument also hosts a mysterious black Virgin Mary and the museum of the Ex-Voto.

The glassmaker workshop in the forest area of Salines, Sougraigne
www.salicorne-en-aude.fr
+33 4 68 69 82 94

In the Domain of the Salted Water, archaeological excavations have uncovered remnants of two heating arrangements particularly well conserved: a melting furnace of more than 20 feet and an annealing oven. These ovens have operated between 1650 and 1750.

The Castle of Cubières
+33 4 68 69 87 01

Formerly owned by the Archbishops of Narbonne, the castle is located in the village where the last Cathar Perfect had lived. This castle is inhabited and furnished, and open to visit: symbolic garden, rose garden, magical plants, mandrakes, children's labyrinth!

Villages



The circular villages or "Circulades"
www.tourisme-limoux-in-aude.fr

Ajac, Ailaigne, Bellegarde-du-Razès, Brugairolles, Cailhau, Cailhavel, Cambieure, Donazac, Escueillens, Gaja, Gramazie, La Digne d'Amont, La Digne-d'Aval (on the picture above), Lauraguel, Loupia, Magrie, Malras, Malviès, Mazerolles-du-Razès, Pauligne, Pech-Salamou, Routier, Villelongue d'Aude: the region of Limouxin counts 23 traditional villages that has been built in concentric circles. The center is the site of a château-fort or a parish church.

The medieval village of Alet-les-Bains
www.aletlesbains.com
+33 4 68 69 93 56

Discover destinations from another time.

This village with its narrow streets hide beautiful half-timbered houses, centenarian gates and many other surprises such as the lodge of the Silver gauntlet or the ancient thermal baths...

Cailhau the artist village
www.tourisme-limoux-in-aude.fr

Numerous artists such as the famous pointillist painter Achille Laugé have been seduced by this small town. Artists have settle in attracted by this site and its panoramic landscapes. A path retracing the Achille Laugé's story was dedicated to the painter.

Museums



Piano museum, Limoux
www.limoux.fr
+33 9 63 68 34 54

The only public French museum dedicated to the Piano instrument. The chronological tour from 1822 to nowadays unveil the secrets of great French piano makers such as Pleyel, Erard...

Domain of L'Abbé Saunière and museum, Rennes-le-Château
www.rennes-le-chateau.fr
+33 4 68 31 38 85

Nowadays converted in a museographical set, the presbytery of the Abbé invites you to find out more about this interesting priest and its discoveries but as well the "After Bérenger Saunière time". Information panels, archives, furniture and scale models will help you decrypt the enigma of Rennes-le-Château.

Museum of Ex-Voto, Limoux
assoc-notre-dame-marcelle.fr
+33 4 68 31 19 70

This place brings together all the ex-votos that were once arranged on the walls of the church.

Mask Arts Institute
www.iam-limoux.fr
+33 6 11 68 15 60

Exposition of Masks that is evolving depending on the seasons on various themes; in winter the carnival, in summer the theatre.

Printing museum, Limoux
www.museedelimprimerie.fr
+33 6 82 30 17 04 / +33 4 68 31 03 57
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This museum evokes the history of printing throughout an impressive set of collection pieces.

The dinosaur museum, Espérazza
www.dingsauria.org

+33 4 68 74 26 88 / +33 4 68 74 02 08
The first museum in France solely dedicated to dinosaurs. A genuine journey through prehistoric time, back to the origin of life 3,5 billions years ago. More than 2000 m² of exhibition area retraces geological history and tells the extraordinary saga of biodiversity.

Petiet museum, Limoux
www.limoux.fr
+33 9 63 68 34 54

This museum offers a great diversity of pictorial works, in particular these of Marie Petiet artist-painter from Limoux of the 19th century but also works of Achille Laugé a local pointillist painter.

Museum of Automata, Limoux
+33 6 70 39 01 74

Mechanical scenes in a sequel of universes where different fairy-tale characters and mythical inspired characters coexist.

Déodat Roché museum, Arques
arqueswisite.com/arques-chateau
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The house of Déodat Roché (historian and philosopher of Catharism) hosts a permanent exposition dedicated to the Catharism.

Culture



Arts and crafts : push the door of our artists and artisans. Wood, stone, paint, land-art, photography, soaps, engraving... in their workshops, galleries, on the market and other events. They know how to share their knowledge and their passion. You can continue by coming to the cultural café « La Claranda » in Serres, the only cultural café in the county.

NATURE
PRIVILEGE

Natural heritage,
leisure, outside activities



Galamus Gorges, Cubières-sur-Cignoble
www.gorgesdegalamus.fr

The road which was dug in the rock by a handle of men in 1890, overhangs the impressive canyon burrowed by the waters of Agly. That incredible achievement begins by a tunnel with a hidden chapel and a hermitage built in a natural cavity below.

The Pic of Bugarach
www.bugarach.fr

The "Highest hill" of the Corbières Massif (4039 ft), this limestone massif astonishing and unusual testifies about the Pyrenees growth which change forever the region at the Tertiary era.

Treasure of Natural Environments
www.audeclaire.org

Plentiful varieties of trees, plants and flowers embellish the Limouxin territory. Not less than 87 species of orchids make Aude one of the richest county of France.

The Summits and the Peaks allow to take the height to discover varied landscapes with the Pyrenees for horizon.

The Pech of the 3 lords in Ailaigne (B2)
The Pech of Monthaut in Clermont-sur-Lauquet or La Caunette-sur-Lauquet (F3)
The Pech Cardou in Rennes-les-Bains (E4)
The Pic of Brau in Roquetaillade (C3)
The Pech Agut in Seignalens (A2)

The observatory of vultures in Bugarach
www.aude.lpo.fr

This observatory was converted in the heart of a sensitive natural zone. It is furnished of several information panels which describes vultures in their natural habitat. A photographic exhibition in the town is dedicated to these birds.

Feet
under
water



Thermal station of Rennes-les-Bains
www.thermes-renneslesbains.fr

Rennes-les-Bains is the only thermal station of Aude. Its hot waters (91°F to 111°F) make it a renowned station for its virtues in rheumatology. You can also relax yourself during a Jacuzzi session, a spa session or even do aqua gym...



The Thermal Source of Alet-les-Bains

This thermal spring was discovered and exploited by the Romans 2000 years ago. At the public washing place, the water runs at 75°F throughout the year.



The pools
Belvèze-du-Razès and Limoux.

Alet-les-Bains and Rennes-les-Bains are alimented by thermal springs.



The lakes
Arques, Bugarach, La Pène in Escueillens and Belvèze-du-Razès: swimming is prohibited. Montbel (09), Saint-Bertrand (Quillan) and Puivert : supervised swimming.



The Waterfalls
Greffeil, Fourtou and the "Mathieux waterfall of Bugarach".

Fishing
www.fedepêcheil.fr

On the Aude river, on many streams and lakes of 1st and 2nd category.

Water sports

Possibility of canyoning in the Galamus Gorges, kayaking, rafting, hydro-speeding and canoeing on the Aude river.

Feet
on earth

Mountain biking and bicycle touring
Maps of biking circuits and road biking in the Haute-Vallée county of Aude.

Hiking routes and permanent orientation circuits
Maps are available in the sites of the Tourist office.

Climbing sites

We climb throughout the year on the Cardou climbing spot in Rennes-les-Bains and on the Saint-Salvayre site in Alet-les-Bains.

Salted Source, Sougraigne

www.salicorne-en-aude.fr

In Sougraigne, there is a source called the "Sals", where a salmon-coloured water spurts out with a salted taste. Its saltiness level changes depending on the season. All of these elements give birth to the Sals River which is aptly named.

The Red Lands Serres/Peyrolles

Called the "El Dorado of Corbières", the Red Lands offer a wide variety of landscapes: rivers, forests, viewpoints, vineyards, castle, bridge, red marl. The picturesquely eroded red lands form a succession of small canyons. It is in this type of marl that dinosaur eggs are found as well as many other fossils.

TERROIR
TASTE



Limouxin vineyards

Limouxin and Malepère expand their labels and grape varieties. Limoux offers a large number of AOP wines made from organic and sustainable agriculture, still and sparkling wines worldwide recognized by the finest connoisseurs.

The "Blanquette de Limoux" label was one of the first AOC in France.

"Vignobles & Découvertes" label

Created in 2009, this "vineyards & discoveries" label was assigned in 2018 by Atout France for a period of 3 years, after the recommendation of the Superior Council of Wine Tourism to the area of AOP (Appellation d'Origine Protégée; Protected Designation of Origin) labels in Limoux. "Vineyard of History and Legend".

Destination of touristic and wine vocation, it spread on 41 municipalities and offers you a selection of multiple and complementary tourism products (accommodation, restoration, cellar visits and wine tasting, museums, events...) allowing a simplified organisation of your stay and permits to orientate you on qualified services.

During the summer the Tourism office holds "Rendez-vous Gourmands" in the region.

Gastronomy

Here gastronomy rimes with quality: sweet or salted, enjoy local products elaborated by our small growers: "Pébradous", delicatessen, "Fricassée de Limoux", meats, cheeses, jams, honeys, breads, pastries, cakes (such as the "Limos"), chocolates (the "Tap") and fruit juices.

Agriculture and farming

The Limouxin is also a land of breeding and traditional, organic and familial agriculture: production of fruits and vegetables, cattle and sheep farming, breeding of horses and goats.

You can find the products of our small growers in their structures, shops or on our local markets every week.

LIVING THE
EFFERVESCENCE

ALL THE YEAR !

The Carnival of Limoux
From January to March

"The Night of the Blanquette"
last week of the carnival

"Toques et Clochers"
AOP Limoux, week-end of Palm Sunday

"Limoux Brass Festival"
Limoux, end of April/ beginning of May

"Walks of the Terroirs"
Limoux, bike, end of April

"Farm to farm"
Haute Vallée de l'Aude, 1st of May

"Farm to farm"
Piège, Lauragals, Razès, last Sunday of May

"Artists to follow"
Haute Vallée de l'Aude, week-end of the Ascension Day

Patrimonial Hike
territory, end of May

Concerts at the Auditorium of the Piano museum
from May to October

"Walk of pictures"
territory, from June to september

"Roque en Vins"
Roquetaillade, end of June

« Cabanes en Fêtes »
Magrie et Cournanel, end of June

"The Salt March"
territory, 1st week-end of July

The Ligat Festival
territory, July/August

"The Malepère Thursdays"
AOP Malepère, July/August

"Rendez-vous Gourmands"
territory, July/August

"Open Cave"
territory, July/August Wednesdays

The "cyclomontagnarde"
Limoux, beginning of July every odd year

"The Serres meetings"
Serres, July

"Young Virtuosi festival"
territory, mid-July

"Yesteryear's Feast"
Cubières-sur-Cinoble, last week-end of July

"NAVA Festival"
territory, end of July and beginning August

"L'Aude à la bio"
(Organic festival Aude), Couiza, 1st week-end of August

"Foire aux bestiaux"
Missègre, beginning of August

« Festival du film insolite »
Rennes-le-château, mid-August

"Le Buffoli"
Ladem-sur-Lauquet, Tuesday, end of August

"Rando Razès"
Escueillens, 2nd week-end of September

"The Art is invited to Magrie"
Magrie, end of September/ beginning of October

Musical festival "Bulles Sonores"
Limoux, mid-October

"Organic Wine exhibit"
Saint-Hilaire, First week end of November

Foire au gras "poultry fair"
(market), Limoux, end of November