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A bit of history

Fontaine de Vaucluse was called "Vaucluse" until 1946, and the department of Vaucluse was named after it in 1793. Fontaine de Vaucluse's name is derived from its geographical particularity: "Vallis Clausa", or enclosed valley. The spring made it unique, and the word Fontaine (meaning fountain or spring) was naturally added to its name.



FONTAINE DE VAUCLUSE

1 The spring

The Sorgue spring emerges from an immense network of underground tunnels. The water that springs forth comes from rainwater infiltration and melted snow from Mont Ventoux, the Vaucluse Mountains, the Albion Plateau and the Lure Mountain, which make up an "impluvium" of over 1,240 km² whose only outlet is the Fountain of Vaucluse. It is one of the world's 5 largest springs in terms of flow.

The Sorgometer

This is used to measure the water level at the exit from the chasm.

2 The castle

This castle once belonged to the Bishops of Cavaillon, and is thought to date back to the early 13th century. Today, all that remains are the castle ruins overlooking the village.

3 The paper mill

The paper mill makes paper following traditional 15th century techniques.

4 The Church of St. Veranus

The Church was built in the 11th century Provençal Romanesque style and is named after St. Veranus, an important figure in the village during the 6th century.

5 The Column

This was erected near the spring by the Vaucluse Athenaeum in honour of Petrarch on 20 July 1804. It remained there for 25 years before being transferred to the village square.

6 The Jean-Garcin History Museum

The museum has exhibits about everyday life during the Occupation of 39-45

7 The Chasm Ecomuseum

This museum pays tribute to the speleologist Norbert Casteret. It has exhibits about the various characteristics of the underground world (river, chasm, prehistoric murals).

8 The Santon Ecomuseum

Houses an important collection of santons (traditional nativity scene figurines), crèches and traditions of Provence.

9 The Petrarch Museum and Library

The museum houses an iconography of drawings and prints about Petrarch, Laura, Avignon and Fontaine-de-Vaucluse, as well as an archive of old editions of works by Petrarch and French and Italian Petrarchists, along with a specialist library.

10 Vallis-Clausia craft gallery

Several shops selling souvenirs and treats.

Schedules

Of the April 1st on September 30th
From Monday to Saturday 9:30 am at 1:14 am 30 at 6 pm
Sunday from 9:30 am till 1 pm
From October 1st till March 31st
From Monday to Saturday 9 am at 12:30 am at 5:30 am



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