

Cucuron / Manosque

Around the Luberon by bike

DépartArrivéeCucuronManosque

DuréeDistance3 h 28 min52,22 Km

Niveau Thématique I cycle a lot Mountains

This stage of the Autour du Luberon cycle route takes you to Manosque to discover the place that inspired that fine regional author, Jean Giono. To reach the town, the cycle route circles around the south side of the Luberon Range, leading you across wide open spaces and hills covered in forest and a colourful variety of crops. As you tackle the climbs and descents, you encounter one village after another; two that stand out are La Bastide des Jourdans and Pierrevert, the latter the area's wine capital. Entering the département, or French county, of Haute Provence, views open out onto the Durance Valley with the Alps in the background rising so majestically into the deep-blue southern skies.

The Cycle Route

This stage follows quiet county roads mainly serving local residents as you ride from one parish to the next. Take care on the rather busier section, plus the slope, before arriving at Pierrevert (along the D6 raod). From there, the way into Manosque is peaceful, along secondary roads without too much traffic.

Links : EuroVelo 8 - La Méditerranée à vélo ; Le Pays d'Aigues à vélo ; Collines de Manosque

SNCF train stations

- Manosque Gréoux les Bains
- Gare de La Brillanne

Don't miss

 Manosque: L'Occitane (factory tour and shop for the widely-known French cosmetics brand born here); Maison de la Biodiversité (featuring plant life); "Le Paraïs" Maison de Jean Giono (the regional author's house); Centre Culturel Jean Giono; the historic town centre (vieille ville); the Plan d'eau des Vannades, a lake.



