

Garde-Colombe / Salérans

P'tites Routes du Soleil

Départ Arrivée
Garde-Colombe Salérans

DuréeDistance2 h 35 min36,81 Km

Niveau Thématique I cycle a lot Mountains

Partly covering the Route des Princes d'Orange linking the town of Orange (by the Rhône in the département, or French county, of Vaucluse) to Orpierre, this nicely varied stage of the P'tites Routes du Soleil® takes you along the Céans Valley. A halt in the medieval village of Orpierre is well worth it. The place has gained an international reputation for its cliffs and rock climbing, hence its French nickname of "le village qui grimpe" ("the climbing village"). Next, you need to tackle the Col Saint-Jean (a pass at 1,158m), leading you into the heart of the Gorges de la Méouge. If it's a hot day, enjoy a dip in this river, an idyllic place for a swim.

Don't miss:

- Orpierre: an enchanting village in the Céans Valley in the Baronnies Provençales, near Laragne-Montéglin in the south of the county of Hautes-Alpes. Built against a mountainside, Orpierre is internationally renowned for the rock climbing up its cliffs. Special mention should be made of the reputed west face of the iconic Quiguillon Mountain.
- Ferme d'Orpierre: located 3km from the village, this farm has specialized since 1997 in producing spirulina, often termed a "super food", recommended in helping recuperate after intense physical activity!
- Méouge Gorges: in the heart of the Parc Naturel Régional des Baronnies Provençales, the Gorges de la Méouge link the Drôme Provençale to the Hautes-Alpes. Referred to as one of the marvels of the département, or French county, of Hautes-Alpes, the Gorges de la Méouge have been listed as a biological reserve and are popular not just for hiking but also for wild swimming.





