

Sisteron / Digne-les-Bains

P'tites Routes du Soleil



From Sisteron, embark on one of the longest climbs along the whole P'tites Routes du Soleil® cycle route. Why not use it as an excuse to go and visit the animal park at Saint-Geniez or to stop for a bite there or in Authon. After riding along close to the Monges Range and crossing the Col de Font-Belle (a pass at 1,304m), you'll discover the Duyes Valley. Enjoy the lovely views both from the Col d'Hysope (1,236m), which you come to on a descent, and all along the road leading down to Thoard and then Digne-les-Bains. Note that there is a short but quite lovely climb to the Pas de Bonnet (886m) a short distance before arriving at the town of Digne.

Don't miss:

- **La Vallée Sauvage animal park at Saint-Geniez:** to see both wild animals from the region's mountains, such as marmots, deer and wild sheep, and farm animals, all living in 15 hectares of nature, including woodland.
- **Digne-les-Bains:** the county town of the département, or French county, of Alpes de Haute-Provence as well as a thermal spa resort (specializing in treating respiratory and rheumatic complaints). It stands in the heart of the UNESCO Géoparc de Haute-Provence, lies along the route Refuges d'Art, dedicated to Land Art, and became home to pioneering Eastern explorer Alexandra David-Néel. All told, Digne provides visitors with many surprises!
- **Thoard:** the main settlement in the Duyes Valley, this perched village was built on a rocky outcrop and is overseen by its 12th-century bell-tower.
- **UNESCO Haute-Provence Geopark:** created in order to protect and preserve the area's exceptional geological heritage, this geopark served as model for the development of many further such parks around the globe.

Départ
Sisteron

Arrivée
Digne-les-Bains

Durée
5 h 00 min

Distance
60,82 Km

Niveau
I cycle a lot

Thématique
Mountains

