



Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Les Gorges du Verdon

Verdon Gorge

Verdon

The beauty of nature

The Gorges du Verdon site is a major tourist attraction in France and visitors flock from all corners of the globe. It is a natural geographical site that is both sumptuous and gigantic.

The Gorges du Verdon originate near the Allos pass and stretch for around 100 km. In places, their vertiginous depth reaches 750 meters !

Its dimensions naturally make it the largest canyon in Europe!

We divide the Gorges du Verdon into four distinct geographical areas:

- The Verdon pre-gorges pass from the village of Castellane to Point Sublime.
- The second part, the Grand Canyon stretches from the Samson corridor to the Sainte-Croix lake.
- The Gorges de Baudinard start downstream from the Sainte-Croix dam then cross the 3 lakes sector to the Quinson dam.
- The Basses Gorges from Quinson Lake to Esparron Lake.



There is 5 lake in the Verdon :
Castillon, Quinson, Esparron,
Artignosc and Sainte-Croix Lake.

In terms of surface area, **Castillon Lake** comes in second after Sainte-Croix Lake. This subtly charming lake benefits from the pure air of the Alps located not far away. A large bowl of fresh air that you will enjoy ...

Quinson Lake is relatively unknown compared to others such as Esparron Lake and Sainte-Croix Lake. However, it enjoys the same charm! Very beautiful landscapes will enchant you, as well as the surrounding calm. An ideal place for a moment of freshness and relaxation, and above all a little less frequented by tourists.

Esparron Lake is an artificial reservoir. It offers us an extraordinary landscape... steep, wild, mysterious. You will be surprised when you arrive on the heights of the lake by its particular decorations and not



Sainte-Croix Lake, Gorge du Verdon, a perfect spot to do kayak and stand up paddle.

resembling another reserve that makes up the Verdon.

little wild character, and the space on the beach is there ...

The Quinson reservoir caused the birth of a small lake in the town of **Artignosc**. Privileged place, with a huge beach bordered by beautiful trees. The place is pleasant, with a



Sainte-Croix Lake

It is the real pearl of the Verdon region and enjoys an exceptional geographical location being at the center of the natural park.

It is an artificial lake fed by the Verdon river and has an area of 22 km². The lake is born passing under the Galetas bridge which also marks the limit of the previously named departments. In addition, the lake is the largest in the Verdon.

Many nautical activities are possible on the lake: kayaking, stand up paddle, pedal boat and even sailing boat. You will easily find nautical bases on the beaches of the villages bordering the lake of Sainte Croix to carry out its various activities.

The MUST to do is the climb up the gorges from the Galetas bridge, between Moustiers Sainte Marie and Aiguines. Once your boat is on the water, you will pass under the bridge to go up the Gorges du Verdon. A few pedal strokes and you can see the Maurin waterfall on your left, unforgettable.

The most beautiful view where you can look at the Lake is from the Valensole plateau. Where you can also find some gorgeous lavender fields.

