

HISTORICAL REFERENCES

The history of Vallauris is lost in the mists of time where its fate was linked to its Ligurian neighbour, Antipolis (Antibes): at 247 metres in altitude, on the present site of the Encourdules, a Roman hill fort was found.

19 AD A milestone dating from the time of the Emperor Tiberius is discovered on the Julian Augustus way. The Romans occupy the hill until the end of their reign.

Around 408 The inhabitants "descend" into the present site of the village, which lies in a depression.

987 Vallauris is awarded to the episcopate of Antibes.

1038 The Bishop and Lord of Antibes, Aldebert, donated Vallauris to the Abbey of Lérins.

1227 A priory and chapel are built on the present site of the castle.

1480 The whole region is ravaged by the plague and the population decimated.

1501 First settlements occur: Lord Raynier of Lascaris encourages families from the surrounding area of Gênes to settle and repopulate the village.

1568 On the base of the priory a castle is built in the Renaissance style.

1815 Napoleon lands at Golfe-Juan on 1 March on his return from Elba; this event marks the beginning of the One Hundred Day campaign.

1862 The first train arrives in the station at Golfe-Juan.

From 1870 to 1910 Pottery-making reaches its height, as the smaller workshops become industries.

1889 Clément Massier shows his lusterware ceramic work at the universal exhibition in Paris.

1896 A port is built.

1904 A cooperative of orange producers known as the Nérolium is formed

1932 The 'Route Napoleon' opens in Golfe-Juan

1948 Picasso comes to live in Vallauris

1949 Picasso is made a freeman of the town and donates 'Man with a Sheep' to the town.

1949 The marriage of Rita Hayworth and Ali Khan makes headline news in all the papers.

1955 Picasso donates War and Peace to the French State: Vallauris is given a national museum.

1975 Jean Marais opens an art gallery.

1978 The town acquires works by Magnelli and opens a public gallery

1989 Construction of the port Camille Rayon; new beaches are created.

1996 and 1997 André Villers and Jean Marais are made freemen of the town.

IDENTITY CARD



Name: Vallauris Golfe-Juan

Etymological origin: complex and much debated; we favour the more endearing definition, Vallis Aurea or Golden Valley, which stemmed from the fact that since Ancient times this valley has been covered with golden fruits.

Surface area: 3 219.7 acres; 3km of seafront and the town itself stretches back 6km inland.

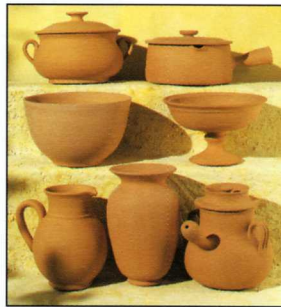
Altitude: from 0 (Mediterranean sea) to 281 m (sun and seawater centre).

Climate: exceptional; more than 300 days of sunshine per year; average temperatures of 11°C in winter and 25°C in summer.

Population: 25 951 inhabitants

Feature: world ceramic capital and historical site of Napoleon's landing on his return from Elba.

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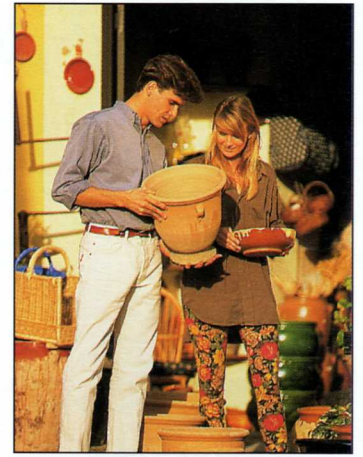
Motorway access 3 km away; Nice airport 25 km away; 2 routes nationales (A roads); the prestigious "Paris-Lyons-Marseilles" rail link. Golfe-Juan is also the starting point for the legendary route: the 'Route Napoleon'.

3 Historical and geographical references

4/5 Vallauris, town of clay Tradition and techniques

Everything you need to know about pottery: where to see the potters at

work, what heritage and contemporary works exhibitions are being held, who to speak to about the different methods of production. Two pages full of useful information.



10/11 Activities, visits and heritage

Ideas for making the most of your visit: sporting activities, historical heritage, routes to follow in the surrounding area of Vallauris Golfe-Juan, not forgetting the Pétanque Centre.



6/7 Artists of international renown

The technical know-how in Vallauris has attracted a great many artists that have come to learn more about the art of pottery making. Two of such artists firmly placed the name of Vallauris on the map: Picasso and, more recently, Jean Marais.

Find out more about them and their work in Vallauris.

Also discover: the largest public collection of works by the artist Alberto Magnelli, one of the pioneers of the Abstract movement.

8/9 Boating and other water-based activities

Sand, exceptional underwater life, and two boating ports: this is a brief summary of what Golfe-Juan has to offer.

This guide provides you with all you need to know for a break by the sea: whether you fancy relaxing on a beach, or need ideas for boat trips and sporting activities, and information on scuba diving and water skiing.

