

# Sporting activities, visits and heritage

A wide range of ideas to help you make the most of your visit to Vallauris Golfe-Juan

## TENNIS

**J7 Tennis municipal des Courcettes** (public court)  
Avenue des Courcettes - Tel. 04 93 63 41 23  
4 green set courts.

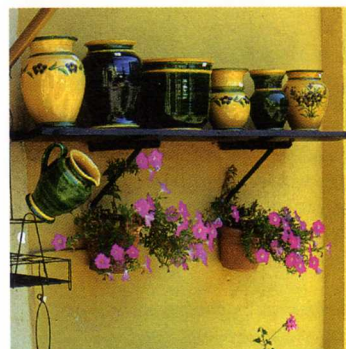
**B5 Tennis municipal des Tuilières**  
Tel. 04 93 64 28 45  
4 green set courts, 2 astro-turf courts and 2 clay courts.  
Open daily from 8.00 to 12.00 and 15.00 to 20.00 during the summer, and from 8.00 to 18.00 and out of season. Court hire: 10-13 € per hour. Lessons and course are organised by the tennis club of Vallauris Golfe-Juan.

**G5 Tennis Country Parc**  
308, chemin Lintier - Tel. 04 93 64 53 91  
6 clay courts, including three floodlit courts.  
Open daily from 8.00 to 22.00 all year.  
Court hire: 16 € per hour, with a sliding scale.  
Individual tuition and courses are available.



## B5 MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

The Tuilières sports complex  
Tel. 04 93 64 63 38 - Prices: Adults: 2,30 €  
Children: 1,50 €  
During the school holidays the pool is open from 9.00 to 12.00 and from 14.00 to 19.00  
At weekends, during the summer, Open from 9.00 to 19.00



## CRAFT

Apart from pottery, the town enjoys a very lively and varied arts and crafts scene: olive wood crafts, wickerwork and rattan furniture, small bottles of wood essences, glasswork with an iridescent sheen, dried flowers, products from Provence, and much more.

## AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The hills of Vallauris Golfe-Juan still house 39 farms that specialise in flower cultivation (in particular roses, mimosas and strelitzias), market gardening and citrus fruit production. Traditional farming activities of growing perfumed plants have led to their transformation into products for the perfume industry. Today, the majority of these holdings are wholesalers. Visits to see how perfume is traditionally made can be arranged.

**F4 BOUIS PERFUMERY** (savons, soap, cosmetic products, eau de toilette, etc)  
50 bis, avenue Georges Clemenceau  
Tel. 04 93 64 38 27 - [www.bouis.fr](http://www.bouis.fr)

### Three annual events are held in celebration of local produce:

- Orange Blossom feast on May
- On the first Sunday in August the "Fête des paysans" (country-folk festival), known as "la Saint-Sauveur" is held with processions of highly decorated farm trucks.
- In November there is the "town farm" festival.



## ART GALLERIES

As a creative town, Vallauris Golfe-Juan is home to a large number of artists' workshops and galleries with a wide variety of works on display. To find out more about each artist's particular creative focus, contact the Tourist Office for a list.

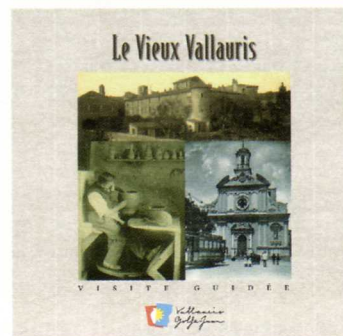


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## ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

The town's architectural heritage is very diverse and to a large extent undiscovered. You can see its industrial architecture (potteries, perfumeries, distilleries, etc), the Old Town that was built in the 16th century according to a genuine programme of town planning, as well as some highly developed residential properties with some fine examples of houses and buildings from the turn of the last century in Golfe-Juan both on the sea front and on the N7, not to mention the traditional historical buildings such as the castle, churches and other religious buildings.



### Three routes for you to discover

#### • WALKS AROUND THE OLD TOWN

The Old Town was built "in sections" according to some very detailed town planning by the Abbey of Lérins, at the time of the settlement act in 1501.

The fortifications do not comprise ramparts in the strictest sense of the word. They are houses that have been aligned one against the other with their blind wall facing outwards, forming the defence. To complete the defence, at each angle of the quadrilateral thus constructed, was a tower. One of the singular features of Vallauris is that two of its streets, the most northerly street 'la rue Soubrane' (the 'rue Haute' today) and the southern street 'la rue Soutrane' ('rue Clement Bel' today) were linked by two



opposing doors in a straight line. These exits, along with the majority of the towers were gradually destroyed as the town expanded extramurally, to make it easier to pass through, and a square was formed at each of the outer corners of the town. The site of the church is also characteristic of the plan of Lérins.

This description is an extract from the book entitled "Old Vallauris - a guided tour" edited by the Cultural Department in partnership with the Association "Old Vallauris - past, present and future", is available from the Tourist Office.

#### • MEMORIES OF NAPOLEON



**K6 The stele:** in the port of Golfe-Juan, this stele is said to mark the very spot where Napoleon landed and bears the simple inscription: "Napoleon landed here on 1 March 1815".

**J6 Napoleon's Column:** erected from 1815 by the garrison of Antibes, it has been moved, knocked over and defaced on several occasions. It was unveiled in its present position in 1932 on the occasion of the opening of the Route Napoleon.