

# WhatToDoWhen



**TRAVEL to the other**  
**END OF THE WORLD?**



## Preamble

I don't know about you, but how often does one place remind me of another, sometimes even that other place is at the end of the world... That's what gave me the idea for this new VhaToDoWhen. It's fascinating to travel a few dozen kilometres and feel far, far away. These places are often very atypical, unique, inspiring, exotic, beautiful, with a strong identity, almost unreal. And this is what we propose to discover in this new issue: 8 sites in Provence, 8 experiences, 8 adventures, 8 "elevations of the self", to use Pétrarque's expression during his ascent of Mont-Ventoux, which will take you to the end of the world! So have a good trip!





### Canadian lakes

The pond of La Capelle



### The Colorado

The Ochres of  
Rustrel



### The Atlas

The cedar forest of  
Bonnieux



### The Amazon

Canoeing down the  
Cèze



### The Moon

Mont Ventoux



### The Russian Steppes

The Coussouls de Crau



### Asian landscapes

The Bamboo Grove



### Tuscany

La Roque-Sur-Cèze



# TRAVEL to the other END OF THE WORLD

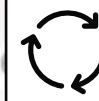
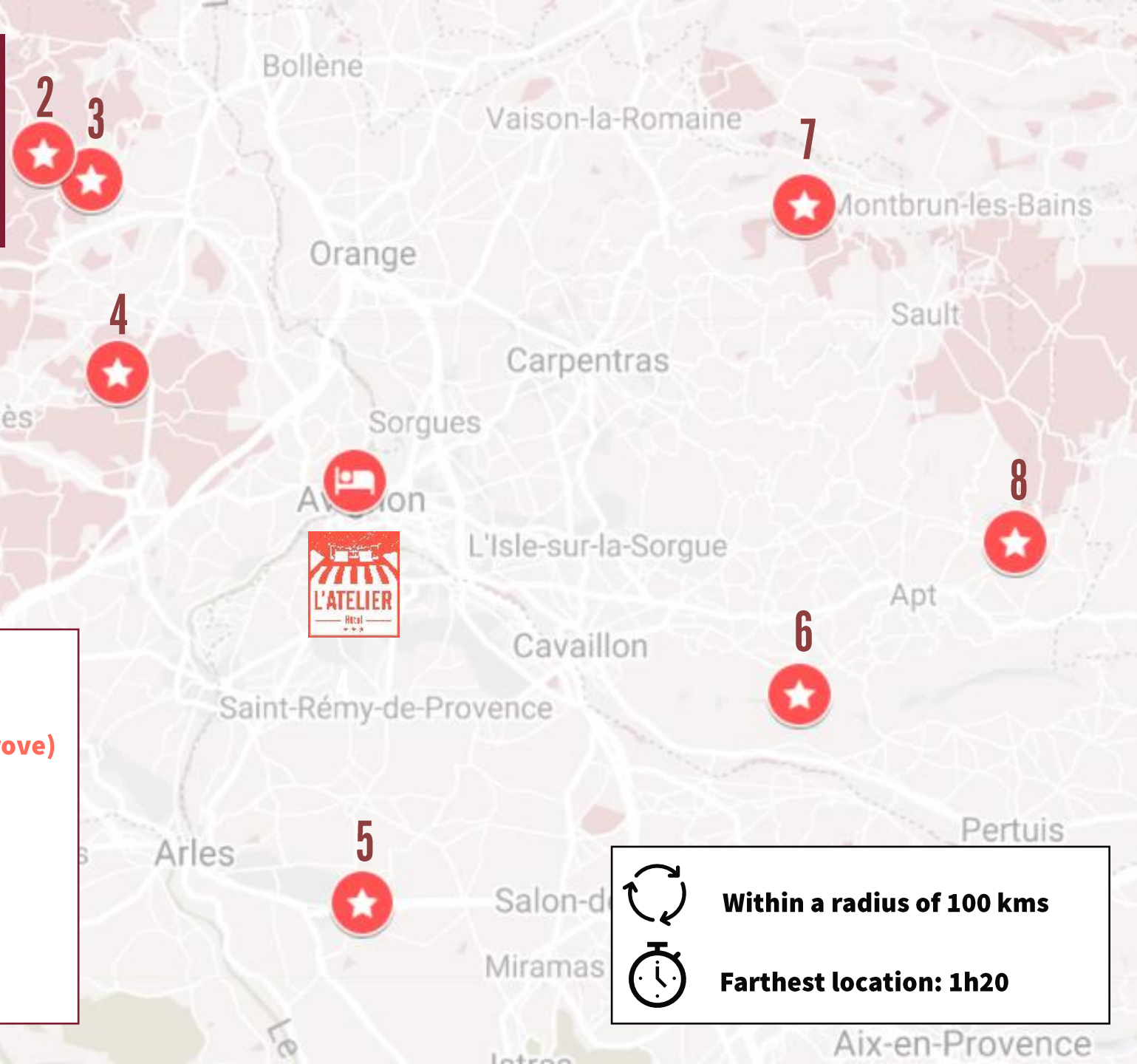
in less than 1 hour (or almost)



# TRAVEL TO THE OTHER END OF THE WORLD

## 8 PLACES to discover the world

1. **ASIAN LANDSCAPES** - La Bambouseraie (Bamboo Grove)
2. **L'AMAZONIE** - The Descent of the Cèze
3. **LA TOSCANE** - La Roque-Sur-Cèze
4. **CANADIAN LAKES** - Pond of la Capelle
5. **LES STEPPES RUSSES** - The Coussouls of Crau
6. **L'ATLAS** - The Cedar Forest
7. **THE MOON** - Mont Ventoux
8. **LE COLORADO** - The Ochres of Rustrel



Within a radius of 100 kms



Farthest location: 1h20





# THE LANDSCAPES OF ASIA **In Anduze La Bambouseraie**

**Vallon du Dragon**, Chinese palm alley, Laotian village, Japanese garden, bamboo meadow... No, I am not dreaming. I am in the Cévennes. The magic happens immediately: I am instantly teleported to Asia. The beauty of the paintings meticulously made by the gardeners of the Bamboo Garden and the Zen atmosphere that emanates from the place reinforce my impression... A pleasant impression of having travelled 8,000 km in a little more than an hour.



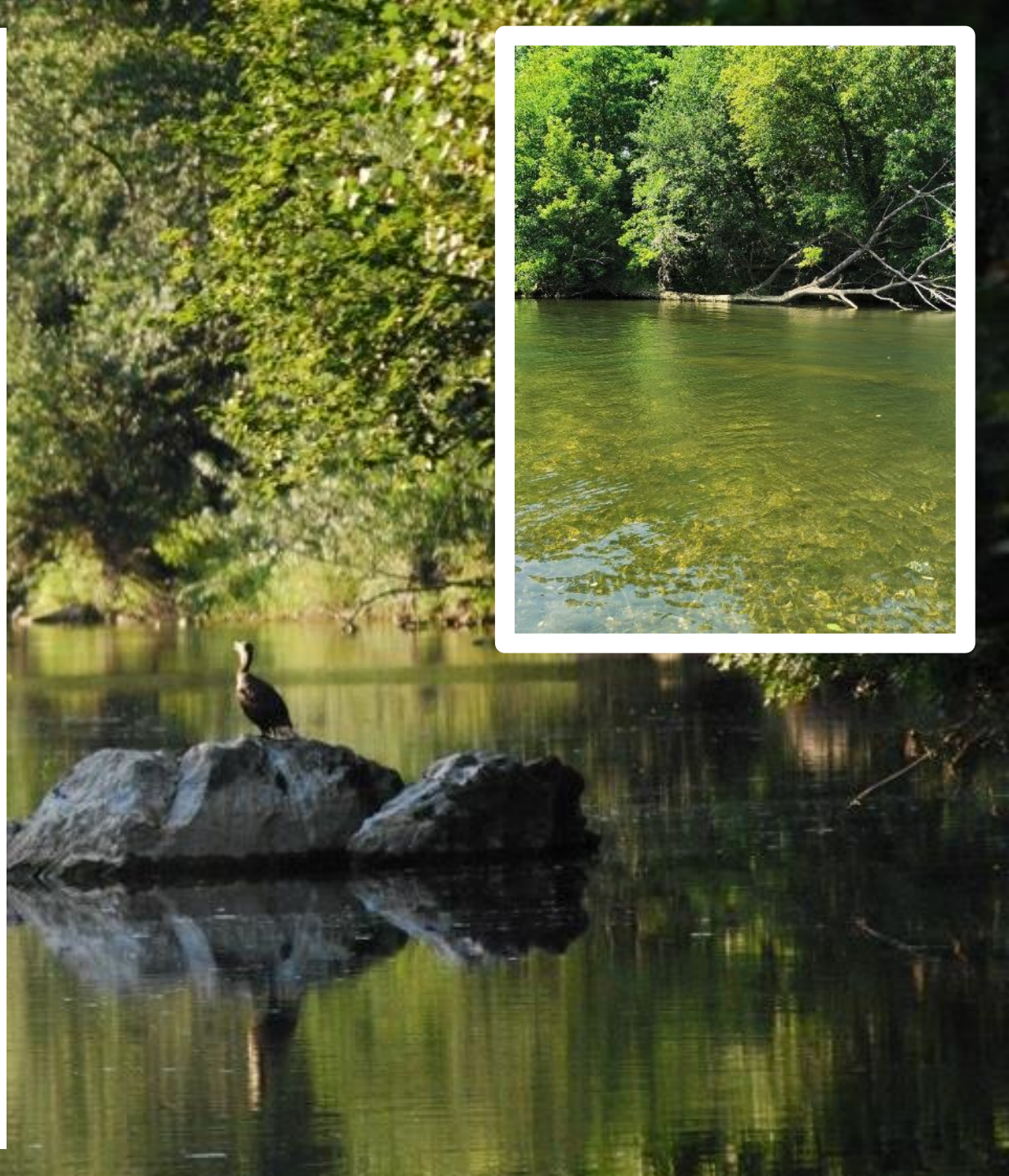


## Canoeing down the Cèze

in Goudargues

# AMAZONIA

Starting from the pretty village of Goudargues (known worldwide for its mirror canal in its centre), a little treasure awaits me: the descent of the Cèze valley in a canoe, with the well named company "**Cèze Canoës**". At the beginning, it starts normally, you take possession of your canoe, and a few useful explanations later, here I am on the Cèze river. And there, surprisingly, one is surprised to imagine going down the Amazon... Ok, probably with less crocodiles. But the rest is there. Immense trees plunging into the Cèze river, a jungle sound atmosphere with omnipresent bird songs or noises (?), a jade green water colour. I forget everything and go on an adventure. An advantage: you can swim there without risk!





# THE TOSCANE

## La Roque-Sur-Cèze

Nestled at the bottom of a valley, this village is not only Provençal. It has a Tuscan air about it, with its cypress trees, bell towers and vineyards in the foreground. Have the Chianti vineyards and the village of Montepulciano moved? The view from the small square of the bistro "La Hulotte" definitely takes you to the Italian province. It is even possible to complete the picture by bathing in the Sautadet waterfalls located at the foot of the village. This is undoubtedly one of my favourite places to get away from it all, not far from the hotel.







# in LA CAPELLE-ET-MASMOLENE CANADA



## The pond of La Capelle

Perhaps it is linked to my years spent in Canada, but in any case, this place magically took me back a few years, a few thousand kilometres from here. If you ask a local about the specificities of the Gard department, he will undoubtedly quickly talk about the scrubland. And yes, the Gard is above all the garrigue! It is thus all the more surprising to find this marshy place on our territory. It is moreover one of the only points of water in the Gard garrigues. The fauna has understood this, with no less than **155 species of birds** present, including thirty or so very rare ones. The amphibians are not to be outdone. You have it understood, this place is unique and brings a "fresh" approach to our territory.

**When I miss Canada, I now know where to go.** 30 min. will be enough for me to go back...!







# THE RUSSIAN STEPPES **The Coussouls de Crau**

La Crau is the other "flat country". A very particular place, situated between Alpilles and Camargue, left vacant by the displacement of the Durance river bed. It is flat, very flat, arid, with a horizon as far as the eye can see. One might think that there is nothing there! And yet 150 species of birds can be observed, and in particular **the Ganga Cata** (see photo), which you will not find in any other place in France. Dragonflies, crickets and lizards accompany them. It is also the privileged place of the sheep and the shepherds. Not forgetting the pebbles, once carried by the Durance. Beautiful paths await you at the start of the Ecomuseum of the Crau. I recommend the "Peau de Meau" trail (4.7 km), with its treasure hunt.



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# in **BONNIEUX** **THE ATLAS**

## **The Cedar Forest**

At 1h10 from the Atelier, a landscape worthy of the Atlas awaits you.

In 1861, visionaries planted



Atlas cedar seeds, at 720 m altitude, on the Petit Luberon massif. Well seen, the cedar is magical and reproduces very quickly. The forest quickly spreads over 250 hectares.

There are 4 easy walks starting from the site, one of which is accessible to all forms of disability. The place is a joy to behold! Ideal for families or lovers, on foot or by bike, in winter or in summer (the cedar tree keeps it cool). Picnics are highly recommended. Surprises await you, such as wooden huts to make your own during your visit or views of the splendid surrounding countryside.

Practice forest therapy! Breathe the clean air and the pleasant scent of the cedar.

In short, **forget about EVERYTHING!**





## Mont Ventoux

In 1 hour you reach the moon! The Mont Ventoux offers a unique lunar landscape, marked by its scree and the absence of vegetation. The repeated action of freezing and thawing has caused the limestone to burst into lava and has given rise to this spectacle. From a distance, it looks like it is always covered in snow. It is not so often. From the top of its 1910 m, the "Giant of Provence" puts the Earth at your feet, putting you in the position of privileged "observer-astronaut".

## THE MOON

You are often close to the clouds, or even above them. At the top, nothing stands in your way. Everything is visible at 360°: the Alps, the immense Rhone Valley, Provence, the Camargue... In my opinion, without a doubt, the most beautiful view in our region. Going to Mont Ventoux is like living an experience beyond our limits... So, ready for the Apollo 18 mission?



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## The Ochres of Rustrel

8,000 km separate the Colorado of the Great American West and the Colorado of Provence, and yet everything brings them together: their shades of red, their canyon-like reliefs, their fairy chimneys, the often blue sky...

Of course, in Rustrel, the informed observer will notice the more present yellow ochres, the action of the hand of man, the Provençal vegetation appearing in the background, the "miniature" surface of the Colorado of Rustrel... But the resemblance remains all the same striking.

It takes about 2 hours to visit the place through nice well-marked and well-maintained paths. I like this place, again, for its change of scenery. And if that's not enough for you, play at being an Indian, by colouring your face. The Wild West will definitely not be far away!




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# USEFUL - 8 SITES TO TRAVEL TO THE END OF THE WORLD

Sites			
<b>ASIAN LANDSCAPES – La Bambouseraie</b>	04 66 61 70 47	Every day. July, August: 9am to 7pm.	From mid-May to mid-November
<b>L'AMAZONIE - The Descent of the Cèze</b>	06 88 69 74 09	Daily: 9am to 2.45pm (low season: call)	Cèze Canoë. Season May to Sept. 5 courses from 5 to 19 km. 15 à 27 €
<b>LA TOSCANE - La Roque-Sur-Cèze</b>	n/a	Every day, 24 hours a day.	Label "Most Beautiful Village in France"
<b>CANADIAN LAKES – The Pond of la Capelle</b>	n/a	Every day, 24 hours a day.	Fishing, easy walking, wildlife watching
<b>LES STEPPES RUSSES - The Coussouls</b>	04 90 47 02 01	Tuesday to Saturday: 9am to 5pm.	Ecomuseum: 5 €, Peau de Meau trail 3 €. Closed on Mondays (and Sundays in summer)
<b>L'ATLAS - The Cedar Forest</b>	n/a	Every day, 24 hours a day.	4 easy trails
<b>THE MOON - Mont Ventoux</b>	n/a	Every day, 24 hours a day.	Summit closed in winter.
<b>LE COLORADO - The Ochres of Rustrel</b>	04 90 75 04 87	Every day: max. 9am to 7pm. Min. 9.30am to 4.30pm.	Closed in January