

Provence Confidential

Aix en Provence Museums

Atelier Cezanne

9, Avenue Paul Cézanne

13090 Aix en Provence

Tel : 04 42 21 06 53

Web site : www.atelier-cezanne.com

Open 1 April - 30 June from 10:00 -12:00 and from 14:00 -18:00

Open 1 July - 31 August from 10:00 -18:00

Open 1 September - 30 September from 10:00 -12:00 and from 14:00 -18:00

English tours at 17h.

This is Paul Cezanne's studio where he painted familiar objects which became the models of his still life paintings: some pottery, bottles, vases, flowers, fabrics, and fruit.

Musée Granet

Place Saint Jean de Malte

13100 Aix en Provence

Tel : 04 42 52 88 32

Web site : www.museegranet-aixenprovence.fr

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10h -19h, except Thursday 12h - 22h. Closed Monday. The museum, set in the old Priory of the Knights of Malta, takes its name from the Aixois painter François Marius Granet. The permanent collections make it one of the richest provincial museums with works by mostly French painters of the XVIth to the XXth centuries and different schools of Dutch, Flemish and Italian art. Since 1984 the museum has gathered eight paintings by Cézanne.

Musée des Tapisseries

Ancien Palais de l'Archevêché

28, Place Des Martyrs de la Résistance

13100 Aix en Provence

Tel : 04 42 23 09 91

Web site : www.aixenprovencetourism.com/aix-musees.htm

Open daily from 10h – 18h Closed Tuesday

The former Archbishop's Palace, which became the Tapestry Museum in 1909 is a vast building made up of four wings surrounding an internal courtyard. The palace houses a large collection of 17th and 18th century tapestries.

Musée d'Histoire Naturelle

6, Rue Espariat
13100 Aix en Provence
Tel : 04 42 27 91 27

Web site : www.museum-aix-en-provence.org

Open everyday from 10h - 12h and from 13h -17h. Closed Tuesday.
Created in 1838 the museum has Collections of 670 000 objects (mineralogy, petrography, ornithology, plants) including a remarkable collection of dinosaur eggs and bones. The museum also organises archaeological digs.

Pavillon de Vendôme

13, rue de la Molle ou
32, Rue Célony
13100 Aix en Provence
Tel : 04 42 91 88 75

Web site : www.mairie-aixenprovence.fr

Open daily from 10-18h. Closed Tuesday.
Surrounded by French-style gardens, the Vendôme Pavillion offers the public the setting and the interior decor of an 18th century Aixoise residence. Temporary exhibitions of modern works, namely in the field of digital imaging and new technologies, are organised on a regular basis.

Fondation Vasarely

1, Avenue Marcel Pagnol
Jas-de-Bouffan
13090 Aix en Provence
Tel : 04 42 20 01 09

Web site : www.fondationvasarely.org

Open 2 March - 30 November: Tuesday through Sunday from 10h - 13h and from 14h - 18h. Closed Monday

The building was constructed in 1976 and inspired by Bauhaus architecture: it is formed of 16 impressive hexagonal units. In this architecturally unique building are 42 life-size monumental works by Vasarely, known as the father of "cinetism", and a room dedicated to optical art. Victor Vasarely's project was both architectural and social: to show that art can be incorporated in architecture to enhance everyday life.