

Anduze



Since ancient times the site which is now the city of Anduze has been occupied by many different civilizations.

From prehistory there remain megalithic tombs, standing stones and even a few rare examples of cupules.

It is because of its strategic position of defence that the rock of Saint-Julien was chosen as a suitable place to establish a settlement, which gradually developed and spread out towards the banks of the Gardon river.

In the 12th century, the Lords of Anduze were the most powerful in the Languedoc. By the 16th century the city had more than 7,000 inhabitants living within its walls. This explains the complexity of its network of streets and lanes.

THE QUAY

A beautiful walk overlooking the Gardon river, between the bridge and the Plan de Brie. Built at the end of the 17th century to protect the city from the formidable "gardonnades", sudden and violent flooding from the river.



THE CLOCK TOWER

The Clock Tower was erected in 1320 to protect the city from the savage raids of armed bands called the 'Pastoureaux'. Built in the same style as the Constance Tower in Aigues-Mortes, this tower was saved at the time of the destruction of the city ramparts because it was already considered an ancient monument.



THE PROTESTANT TEMPLE

One of the largest protestant temples in France, built between 1820 and 1823 on the site of the Barracks courtyard. The central nave houses the pews which are laid out in a semicircle. The organ, installed in 1848, was damaged in the terrible floods of 1958. It was restored in 1964, and then rebuilt in 1992 by the Friends of the Organ Society. Concerts of both religious and secular music are held every year in this magnificent setting with excellent acoustics.



THE PAGODA FOUNTAIN

Anduze has always been famous for the quantity and the quality of its water supply. Every neighbourhood had the benefit of its own fountain. The Pagoda Fountain was a gift to the city, given in 1648 by a citizen of Anduze who had fallen in love with Far Eastern architectural style during his travels in search of silk worm seeds and of fortune. As charming as it is baroque, it has survived all "modernist" trends which found it "ridiculous".



THE COVERED SQUARE

More than five hundred years old, the market which occupies almost the entire square was originally a grain exchange for barley and then chestnuts. It is still the heart of the traditional market on Thursday mornings.



THE TOWER OF PEZENE

One of the oldest constructions in the city, a many-times altered austere, central keep. Built with a superb classical entrance, preceded by a wide staircase, allowing the lord to enter his residence on horseback.



SAINT-ETIENNE CHURCH

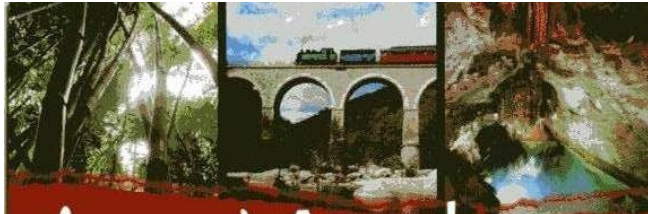
The most recent of the religious buildings to be constructed on this site buffeted by religious conflicts, this catholic church was built in 1688, just after the repeal of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV. The interior of the church contains artistic treasures of great value.



CORDELIERS PARK

Created on the site of an old convent, this park is remarkable both for its plants and its peaceful atmosphere. It has beautiful paths, a bamboo forest, cedars, magnolias and a series of terraces which overlook the valley with the castle of Tomac in the distance.





Around Anduze

THE BAMBOUSERAIE

04 66 61 70 47

Magical and exotic, this is the only bamboo forest in Europe! Created in 1856, this park invites you to discover more than 150 varieties of bamboos in a stunning setting. You will also see hundred-year old sequoias, banana trees, rare plants and the small valley of the dragon. You will discover the bamboo village, the greenhouses with their brightly coloured flowers and the tranquility of the water garden.

► From March to November

www.bambouseraie.fr

THE STEAM TRAIN

04 66 60 59 00

The Cévennes steam train offers young and old the opportunity of a unique trip, on which you can enjoy a view of the first foothills of the Cévenne mountains. In Anduze and Saint-Jean-du-Gard stations there are exhibitions which explain the history of the train.

► From April to October

www.trainavapeur.com

THE CAVE OF TRABUC

04 66 85 03 28

One of the most beautiful caves in this area is the cave of Trabuc. With its seven chambers, its lake, its natural bridges, and its thousands of stalagmites (from where it gets its nickname of the cave of 100,000 soldiers), Trabuc draws you down into the depths of the earth as if into the depths of geological time. There is a one-hour guided tour along a path of 1.2 km.

► From February to November

www.grottes-de-france.com

THE CEVENNES VALLEY MUSEUM

04 66 85 10 48

This marvellous life-size museum houses a collection of testimonies to life in the Cévennes. Wandering through the rooms of this group of old houses in Saint-Jean-du-Gard you will discover both the charms and the harshness of life in the past in the countryside.

www.museedescevennes.com

THE DESERT MUSEUM

04 66 85 02 72

The Desert Museum, set up in a typical hamlet in the Cévennes, represents one of the most important places for the history of Protestantism in this region. It contains an impressive collection of documents and objects which bring to life the history of the Huguenots and the Camisard war.

► From March to November

www.museedesdesert.com

THE DOLL AND TEDDY BEAR MUSEUM

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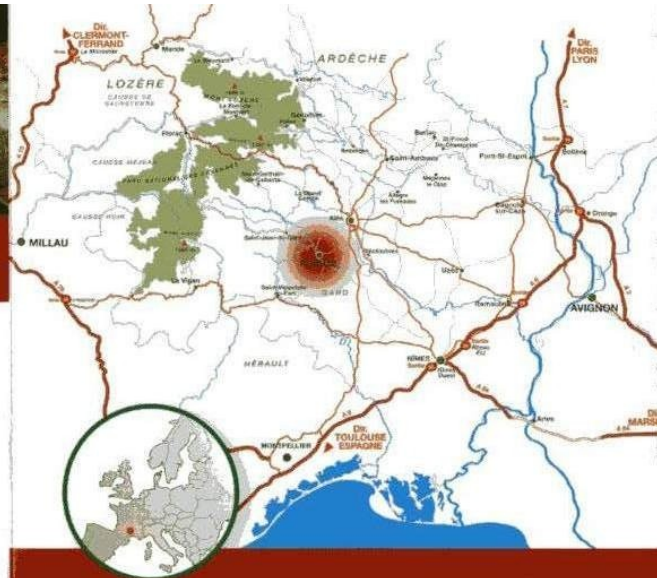
The museum has a collection of 1,000 exhibits of dolls and teddy bears from the middle of the 19th century to the present day.

THE MUSIC MUSEUM

04 66 61 86 60

This museum has a collection of 700 instruments from all over the world for you to see and listen to.

www.musee-musique.com



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