



## « Lauves » rock slabs

This Provençal word designates slabs and flat stones, visible in several places around the village of Tourrettes-sur-Loup. These unique geological formations, looking like lava flows, are made up of sediments deposited by an ancient sea of more than 23 million years old. Very fragile to the human impact, it is necessary to remain on the marked trails to best preserve local flora and fauna, such as the « Ocellated Lizard » or the flower « Vanilla-scented orchids ».

## Sport activities

The steep landscape of Tourrettes-sur-Loup offers a multitude of hiking trails, from easy to sporty level. All hikers will find what they are looking for ! Road biking, mountain biking, horseback riding, climbing, canyoning and aquatic hikes are possible thanks to several qualified professionals.



## Tourettes-sur-Loup the place to be

The town has many services with a wide choice of accommodations : hotels, tourism rentals, bed and breakfasts, campsites, inns, restaurants, cafes, boutiques, craftsmen, post office... Every Wednesday morning, the Provençal market, located in the main square, livens up the village, as well as the many events scheduled throughout the year !

## ACCESS INFO

- Vence at 6 km
- Gourdon, Nice and Grasse at 20 km
- Antibes at 25 km
- Cannes at 30 km
- Gréolières-les-Neiges skiresort 30 km away

✈ By plane : Nice-Côte d'Azur airport 20 km

🚆 By train : Antibes TGV station 25 km (high-speed train)

🚌 By bus :

- > from the coast : Bus line « ZOU 655 » (Cagnes-sur-Mer/Vence by Saint-Paul-de-Vence) or Bus line Ligne d'Azur n°9 (Nice-Vence) then line « ZOU 651 » (Vence-Grasse)
- > from Grasse : Bus line « ZOU 651 » (Grasse-Vence)
- > from Valbonne Sophia Antipolis bus station : Bus line « Envibus » n°11 to Bar-sur-Loup then line « ZOU 651 »

🚗 By car :

- > from Nice : A8 exit 48 (Cagnes-sur-Mer/Vence) follow Vence then RD2210
- > from Cannes : A8 exit 47 (Cagnes-sur-Mer/Vence) follow Vence then RD2210
- > from Grasse : direction Le Bar-sur-Loup then RD2210
- > from Cagnes-sur-Mer : direction Vence then RD2210



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# Tourrettes-sur-Loup

City of Arts and the Violet  
*Between sea and mountain*



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from Monday to Saturday from October to May,

every day from June to September.

Closed bank holidays except July 14 and August 15.





## A medieval village

Established on a rocky spur between sea and mountain, at an altitude of 400m, the medieval village of Tournettes-sur-Loup has managed to preserve its authenticity. A secret village, it is only after going through either one of the two access doors that the village reveals its architectural richness, with its many stone built houses, laid out on a semi-circle street. In the center is the imposing Castel-Town Hall, rebuilt in the 15th century, whose square tower is the old keep. On the second floor, the Espace Muséal welcomes throughout the year, exhibitions. The monumental staircase is used as a showcase to display works of international artists who lived here.

## The City of Violets

The town of Tournettes-sur-Loup is surrounded by numerous terraces where vines, wheat, lentils, and many trees and plants for the perfume industry : bitter orange trees (bigaradiers), jasmine, centifolia roses or violets. Nowadays olive groves and the growing of the violet remain, having made the reputation of the « City of Violets ». Festivities take place every year at the beginning of March and are the opportunity to immerse yourself in the delicate scent of this winter flower, which perfumes and decorates for the occasion the whole village.



## The « Bastide aux Violettes »

For more than 20 years, the « Bastide aux Violettes » has been a place of memory and a living space. Located a few steps from the heart of the village, the Bastide welcomes the visitor to discover a part of the village history and its grounds, since this flower has been cultivated there for more than 150 years ! The violet « Victoria », fragrant and colorful, is very popular for its bouquets, as well as for confectionery, its leaves being also used in perfumery. The



greenhouses are open from November to March and the museum all year round.

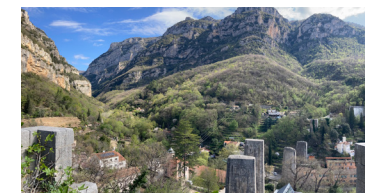
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## The City of Arts

At the end of the Second World War, in the maze of alleys and dead ends, the old houses of the village have begun to welcome craftsmen. The first to settle were weavers who enabled Tournettes-sur-Loup to gain a beautiful notoriety, thus attracting new artists : painters, sculptors, potters, leatherworkers, writers and filmmakers, French or foreign. The village still has many craftsmen who offer visitors the opportunity to discover their works and unique creations.



## Pont du Loup



The hamlet of Pont du Loup has the particularity of belonging to 2 municipalities : on the right bank of the river « Le Loup » Gourdon and on the other bank Tournettes-sur-Loup ! Located at 8km from the village, Pont du Loup was a tourist resort very popular with the high society in the « Belle Epoque ».

Visitors, as well as Queen Victoria, came there by train to taste the trout of the Loup River in the restaurants by the waterside, venturing into the Gorges to discover waterfalls, now accessible and visible by car from the departmental road D6. From the old viaduct of the railway line of Provence only the pillars remain of the 11 arches that spanned the Loup River.