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- THE CYCLING ROUTES- **VELOROUTE VOIE-VERTE**

The Véloroute Voie-Verte which crosses the Vallespir is a cycling route of almost 90 kilometres. This route is ideal for day trips with the family, sporty outings with friends, or over several days, for keen cyclists.

On the route, you will pass by the Pirinexus itinerary as well as the great Mediterranean Route, the EuroVélo 8.





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Les voies vertes en Vallespir



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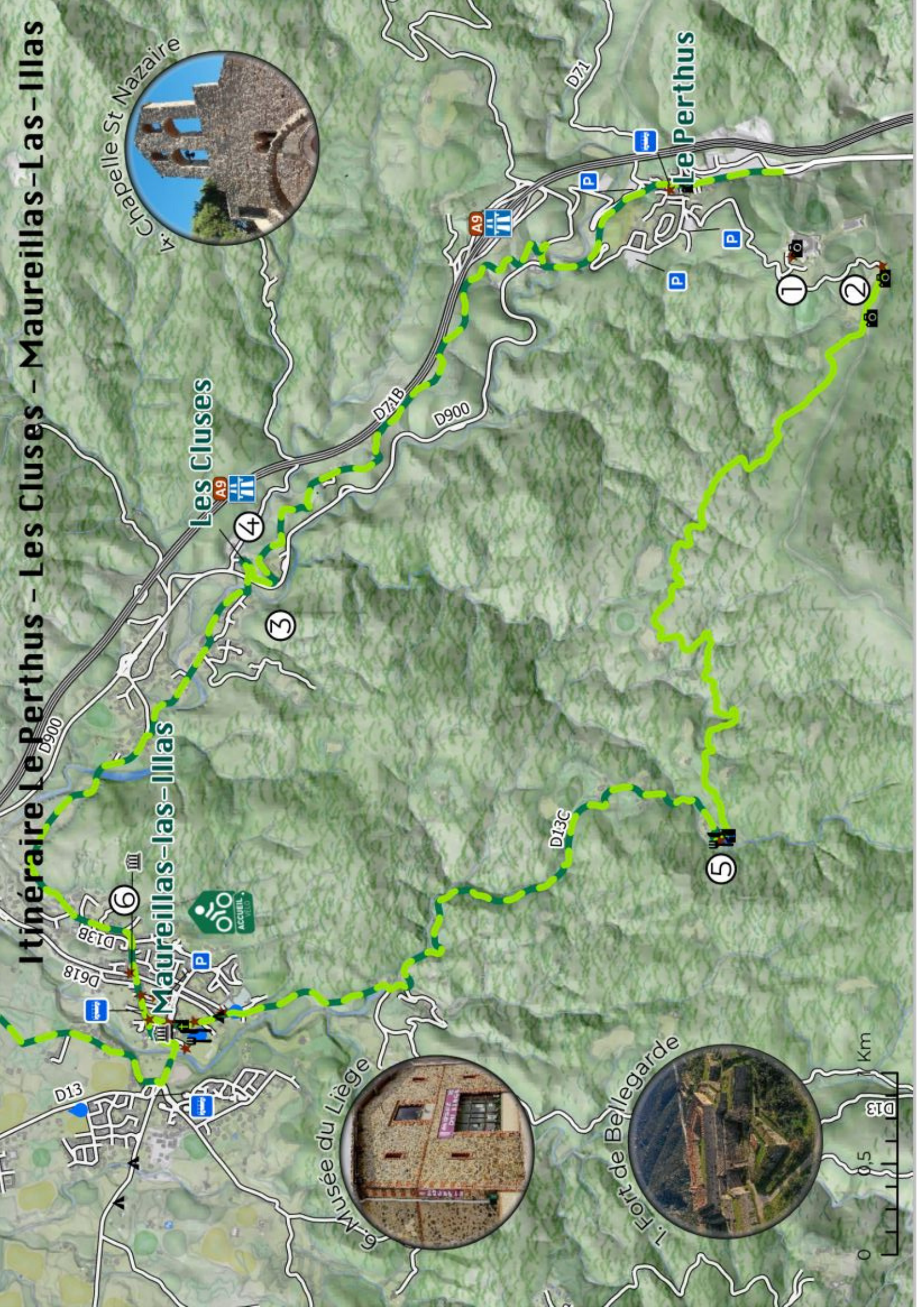
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Itinéraire Le Perthus - Les Cluses - Maureillas-las-Illas



Les Cluses

Le Perthus

Maureillas-las-Illas

6- Musée du Liège

1- Fort de Bellegarde



Section1 : Le Perthus - Les Cluses - Maureillas-Las-Illas

Le Perthus - Les Cluses - Maureillas
Distance : 9Km, Altitude+ 103m / -235m,
Estimated time+/- 30 min

Le Perthus - Maureillas
Distance : 9Km, Altitude+ 65m / -264 m,
Estimated time +/- 30 min

From Le Perthus, there are 2 possible itineraries to get to Maureillas-Las-Illas: via the Les Cluses village, or via Ruinoguès.

Le Perthus :

Before taking off on your bike, take the time to admire the Fort de Bellegarde (1), built by Vauban in the 17th century, which plays an important role in the history of the French-Spanish border and is a spectacular piece of military architecture. Le Col De Panissars (2) is not far off, home to the Trophée de Pompée that commemorates the victory of the Roman army from Pompey over the Spanish. It also designates the border between the Gaul and Hispania in Antiquity, and the junction between the Via Domitia and the Via Augusta; which links Italy to the Iberic peninsula.



2. Le Col de Panissar

Les Cluses :

In the Cluses village, the Via Domitia is dominated on one side by a Roman Fort (3) from the 2nd century, and on the other side by the Castell dels moros and the Chapel Saint-Nazaire (4). The communal space of the village olds a permanent exhibition called « Le château des Maures, a unique heritage in the heart of the Via Domitia », which retraces the history of the place.

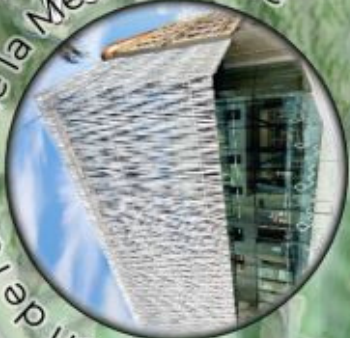
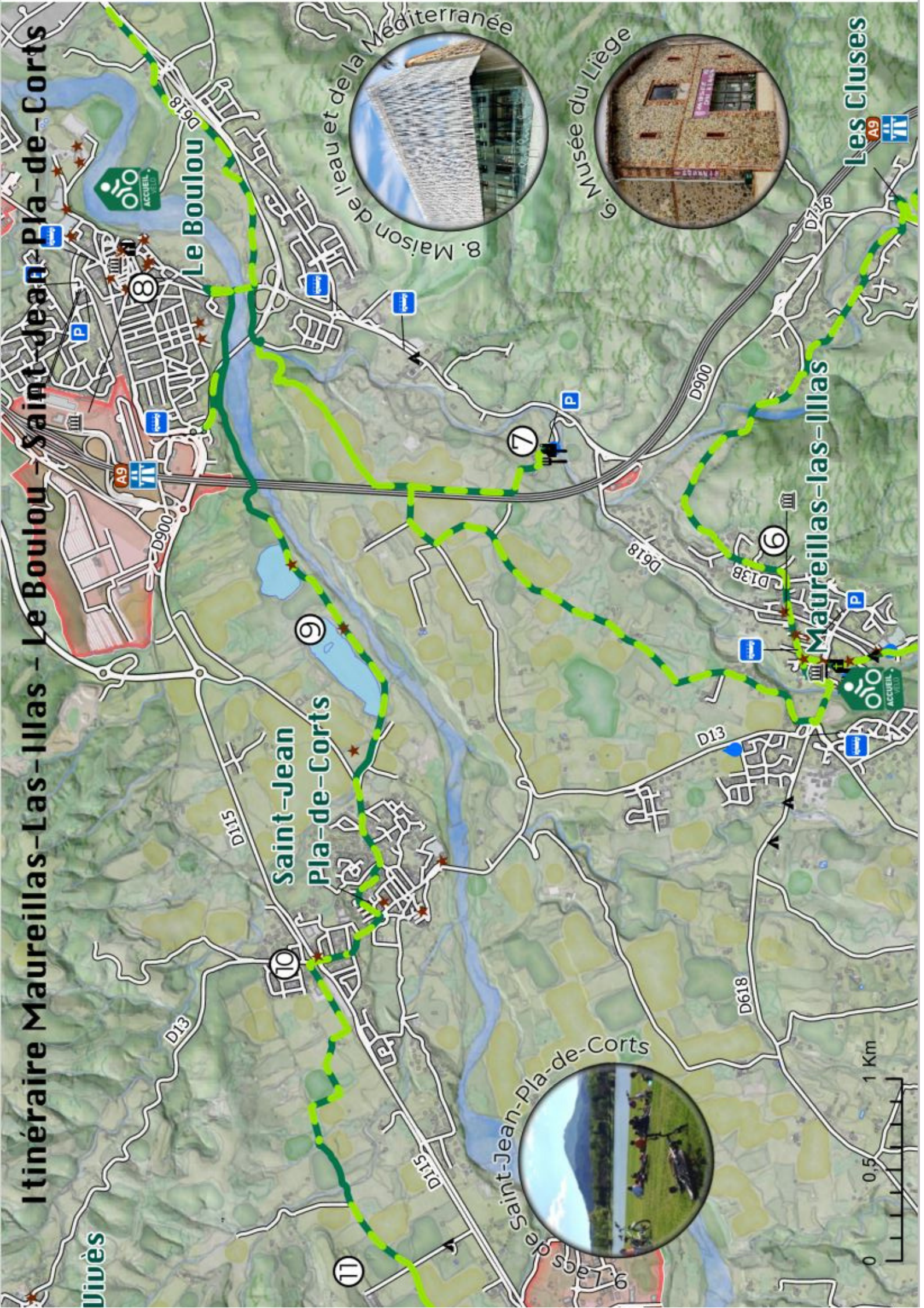


[La Maison Pour Tous: 8 Pl. de la République, 66480 Maureillas-Las-Illas](#)

Maureillas - Las Illas :

Upon taking the route via Ruinoguès, you will discover the Chapel of Saint Miquel de Ruinoguès (5) while crossing through the oak tree forests that are up to centuries old, and whose exploitation once allowed the flourishing of the villages in the Vallespir. If you want to know more about the heritages of the oak tree and the cork industry, stop by at the Oak Museum in Maureillas-Las-Illas.

Itinéraire Maureillas-Las-Illas - Le Boulou - Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts



Section 2 : Maureillas-Las-Illas - Le Boulou - Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts

Maureillas-Las Illas - Le Boulou
Distance: 5,5Km, Altitude- 55 m,
Estimated duration +/- 15 min

During your exit of Maureillas-Las-Illas, heading toward Le Boulou, you can make a pit-stop at the **Chapel of Saint Martin de Fenollar (7)**, situated close to the old Via Domitia. This humble pre-Romanian architectural structure is home to an exceptional mural from the 12th century!

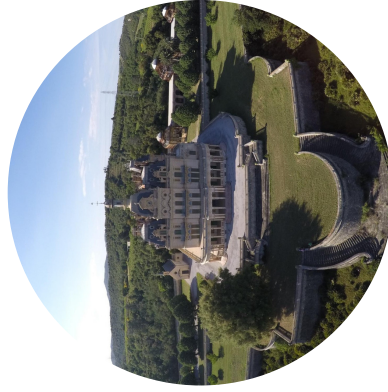
Le Boulou (8) :  Office de Tourisme du Boulou: 4 Rue Arago, 66160 Le Boulou

Le Boulou is a reputable thermal station which attracts many curists looking for relaxation and wellness. The water theme spills over into the « **Maison de l'eau et de la Méditerranée** » (House of water and the Mediterranean) – it is a great cultural location that presents scientific information accessible to all audiences. The Boulou tourism office is also located within its walls and is there to inform you of the other cultural locations in the area, such as the **Maison de l'Histoire** (House of History), or the **Espaces des Arts** (Art Space).



10. Eglise San Sebastian

Saint Jean-Pla-de-Corts :

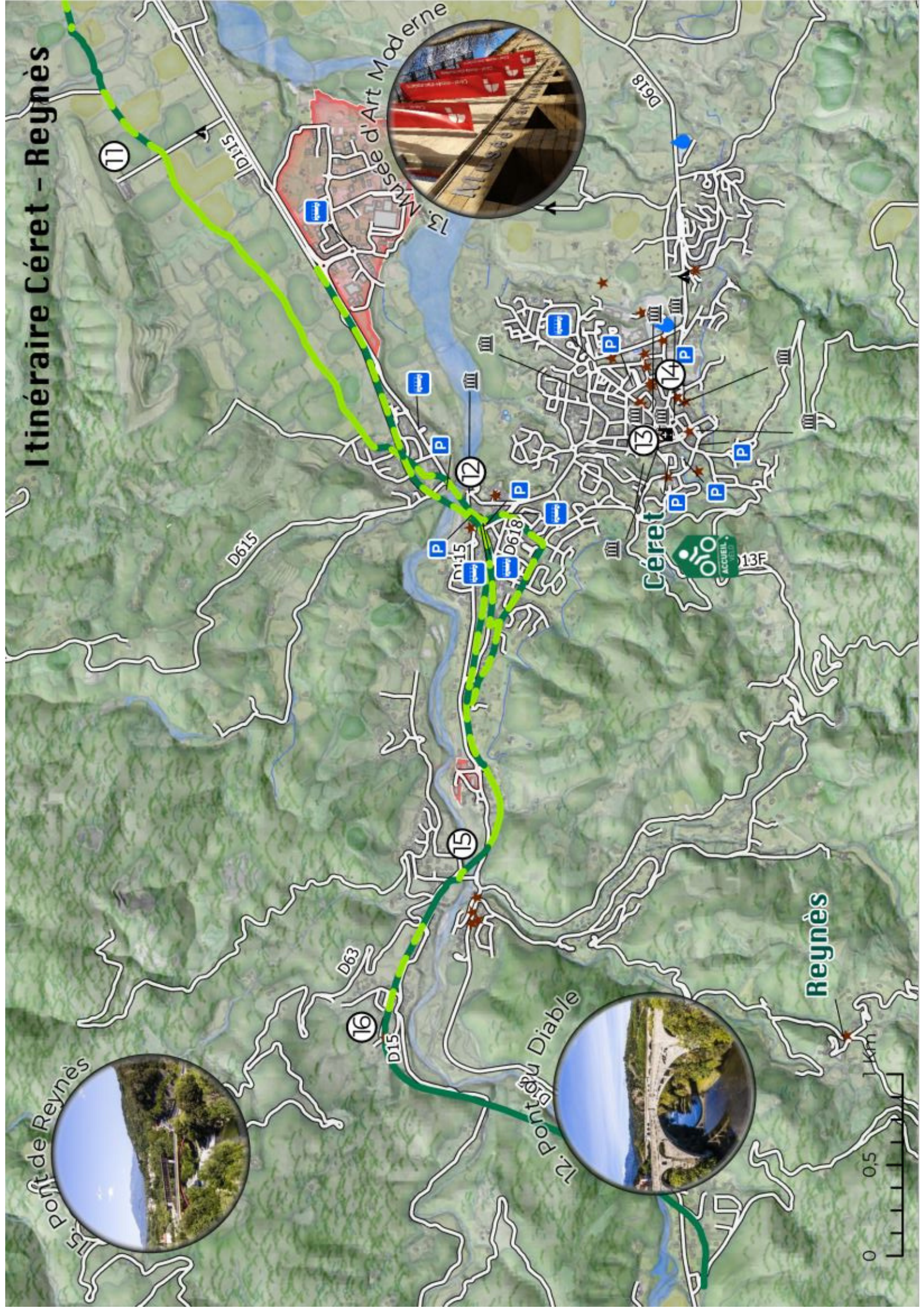


11. Château d'Aubiry

The Saint Jean-Pla-de-Corts village is known for its **two lakes (9)** that are located directly on the Véloroute cycle path. With the Canigou as the backdrop, the lakes are idyllic locations that inspire rest and relaxation. From spring time onwards, leisure activities, as well as sport and adventure are put into place for all ages. Continuing on your path and after crossing the village, you will come face to face with the **San Sébastian (10)** church; just after the old railway crossing.

After this, it's a long straight path heading to Céret, through vineyards and cherry trees, and parallel to the **Château d'Aubiry (11)**, which is a real architectural pearl built in 1892, and is part of the Historic Monuments list since 2006.

Itinéraire Céret - Reynès



Section 3 : Céret - Reynès

St Jean-Pla-de-Corts- Céret (Pont du Diable)
Distance : 5,3Km, Elevation + 40m / - 13 m,
Estimated duration +/- 15 min



Office de Tourisme Intercommunal du Vallespir:
5 Rue Saint-Ferréol, 66400 Céret

Céret :

Upon entering the town, you are welcomed by the **Devil's Bridge (11)**, built in 1321 under the reign of the Majorque kings. This majestic monument consists of a single arch at 150 feet which straddles Le Tech River and whose keystone is 72 feet high.

You won't regret diverging from the cycle path for a pitstop in the center of old town of Céret. Thanks to the tourist maps of the town and the "little detectives" map available in the tourism office in the center of town, you can explore in detail the heritage sites and the exceptional artistic nature of the town. The **Modern Art Museum (13)** is home to international artists such as Picasso, Braque, Soutine, and more - so it's worth having a look around! You can complement the artistic discovery by visiting the **Music Museum (14)** and its collection of traditional international instruments.



14. Musée de la Musique



16. Eglise Sainte Marie du Vila

Reynès :

When you exit Céret the cyclepath takes you past the old railway and past old rail structures like tunnels and metal bridges, such as the **Bridge of Reynès (15)**, which is particularly beautiful! While crossing the village of Vilar, you can make a pitstop at the Church **Sainte-Marie du Via (16)** before continuing on your path towards the Forge of Reynès, after which you cross another metal bridge over Le Tech.



Discover the Vallespir heritage along the cycle route by following the mascot Galipan in the footsteps of his ancestors! Clues, missions, mini-games, with the Baludik application opt for a fun and original visit of the territory by bike.

The Baludik application can be downloaded free of charge and magnetic holders to attach your mobile phones to your bike are available at the reception of the Vallespir Intercommunal Tourist Office.



Download the app
here





- THE CYCLING ROUTES - ROAD CYCLING

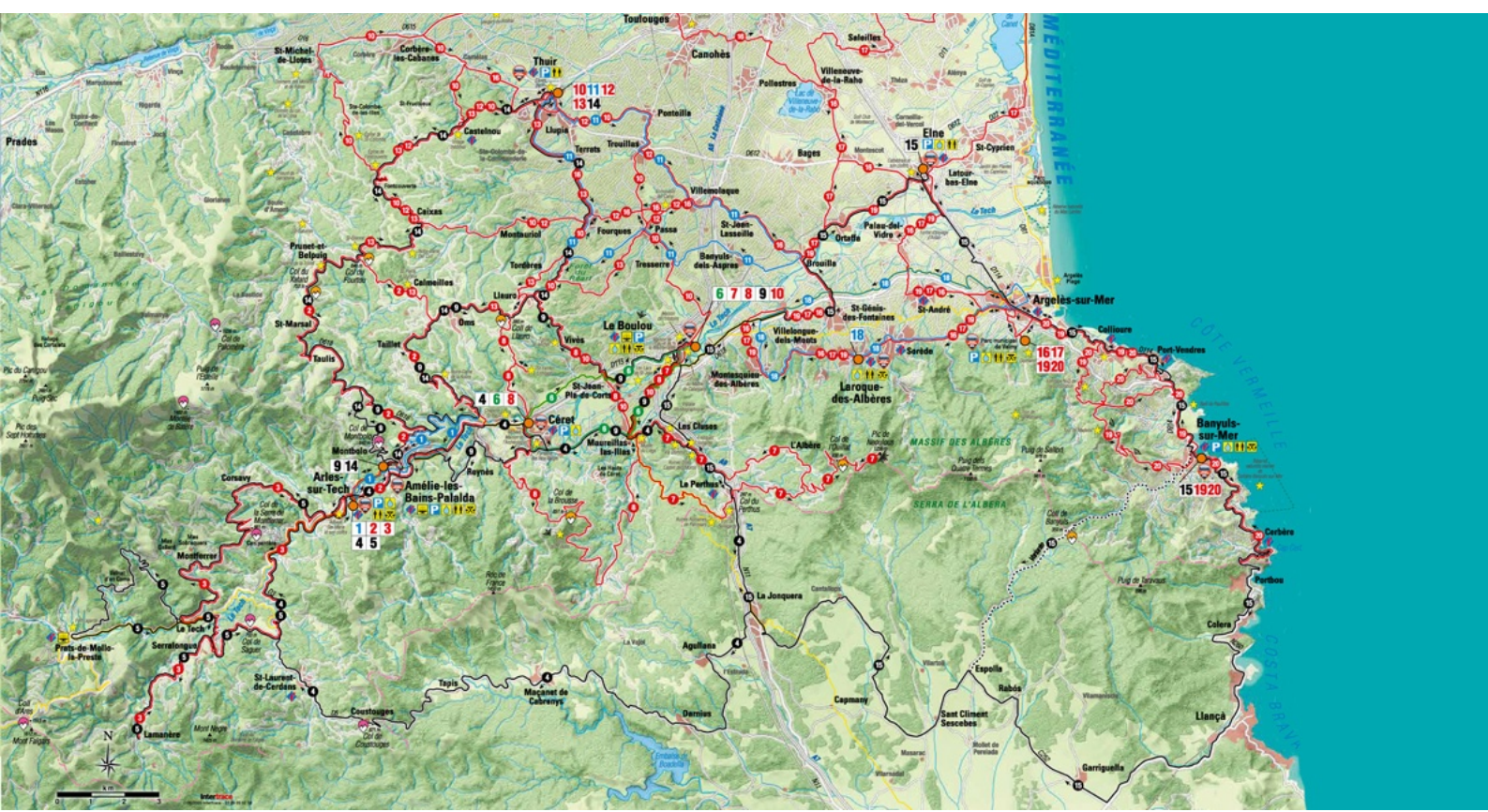
An "Espace CycloSPORT" is a territory labelled by the French Cycling Federation (FFC), favourable to the practice of road cycling.



The "Espace cycloSPORT", which has been designed on our territory, has 20 routes for all levels, from beginners to expert cyclists!



More information on : www.cycloSPORT.ffc.fr





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Discover and download the 5 itineraries of the Vallespir gpx.

THE PLAINS OF THE VALLESPIR

22km and 712 feet of elevation

Startpoint: Céret / Le Boulou – Difficulty: *

Couple the fun and the practical by cycling to discover the charming borough of Céret named the “Mecque du Cubisme”. Besides the Museum of Modern Art, its famous cherries, the big Saturday market, it also has 2000 feet of pavement comparable to Paris Roubaix!



THE NEOULOUS PEAK

65 km et 5249 feet of elevation

Startpoint: Le Boulou - Difficulty : ****

It's the Catalan Mont Ventoux! There is a lighthouse at the end of the chain of the Pyrenees, that towers over the sea and the beaches of the Roussillon at the Rosas bay. The Ventoux also has a great panorama at its peak, with a steep 15km to fly down and then a 10% upward trudge.



BETWEEN THE ASPRES AND THE VALLESPIR,

68 km et 5000 feet of elevation

Startpoint : Céret / Le Boulou - Difficulty : ****

This is what we call the "Oak Road"; as it is decorated by beautiful oak trees. Beyond the coast of Vivès, there is the Col de LLauro, l'Ermitage St Ferréol, and the oak museum in Maureillas. The only vegetation are the chestnut trees that are along the way.



AT THE DOOR OF THE HAUT VALLESPIR,

80 km et 5500 feet of elevation

Startpoint: Céret / Le Boulou Difficulty : *****

After a warmup in Reynès, you will start upon two of the difficult cycle routes known by locals. First; the steep uphill in Montbolo, and then the slightly easier one in, Taillet and all of this among a very southern French atmosphere of chestnut, oak, and pine trees.



CONTREFORT DES ASPRES,

85 km et 4900 of elevation

Startpoint: Le Boulou / Thuir - Difficulty : ****

From the Aspres capital, Thuir or even the thermal bath station in Le Boulou, this itinerary merges the two main valleys of the area, the Tech to the Têt and the orchards of the Bas-Confluent. To note in the third part of this ride is the lovely downhill descent into Saint-Michel-De-LLotes.





- THE CYCLING ROUTES -

EUROVELO 8 MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE

The Mediterranean route in France is the French part of the EuroVelo8, the cycling route crossing 11 European countries from Cyprus to the south of Spain!

The 36km of the first French stage of this itinerary starts at the Col de Panissar in Le Perthus and goes to Argelès-sur-Mer, passing through Maureillas and then Le Boulou along the Albères.





THE CYCLING ROUTES

PIRINEXUS ITINERARY

The Pirinexus itinerary is a cross-border road cycling loop that links the territories on either side of the Pyrenees on the eastern edge between France and Spain. The main circuit of the route covers 360 km, to which must be added 175 km of complementary routes, which allow you to reach places of interest close to the route.





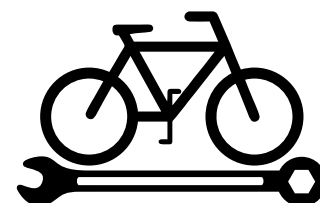
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RENT AND REPAIR

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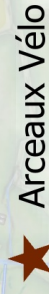
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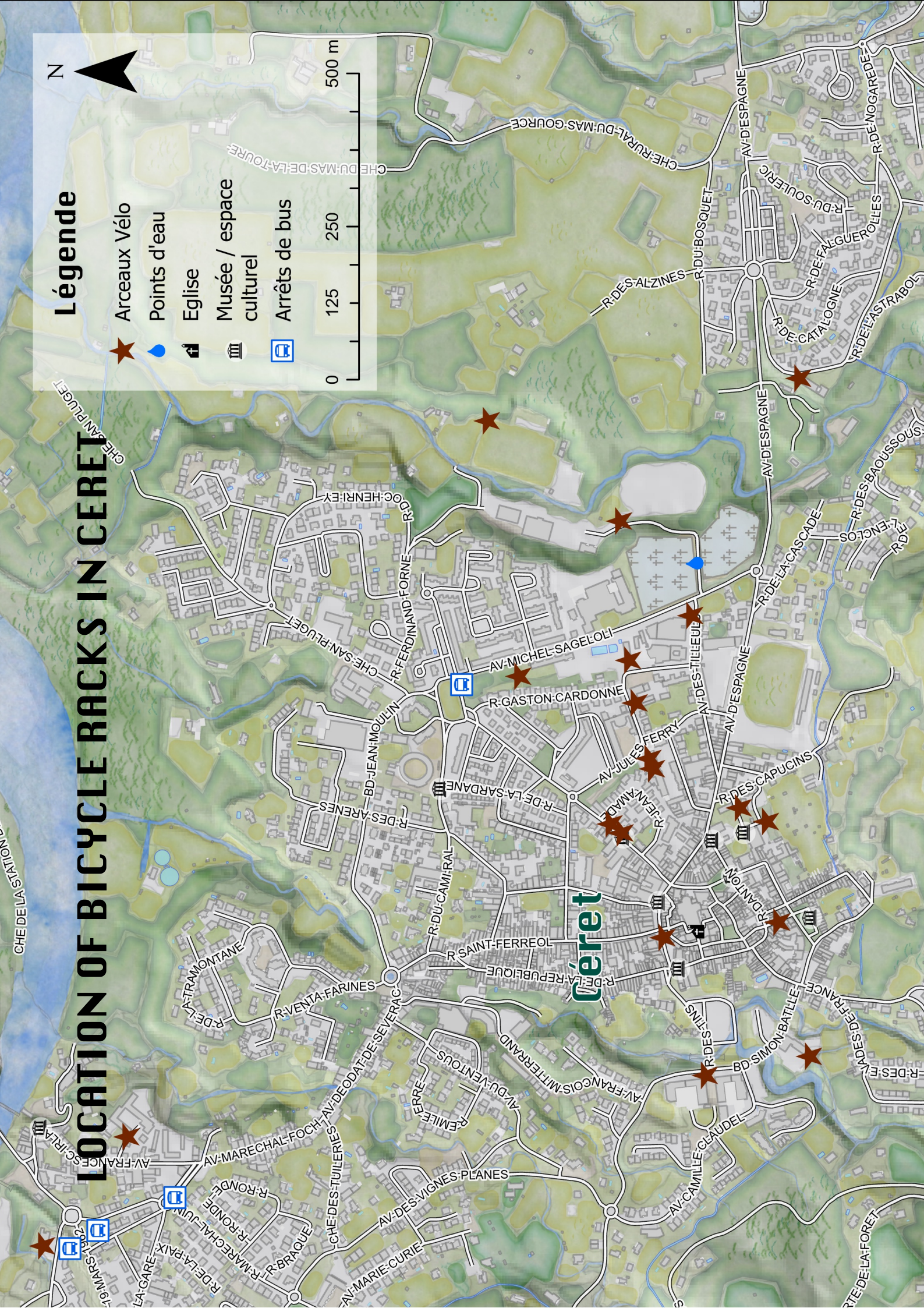
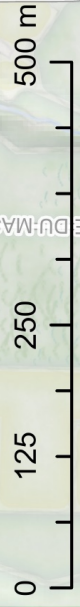
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Légende



Eglise



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Maisonnette duplex on the ground floor, facing the thermal baths of Le Boulou, quiet and pleasant. Bike shed.



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LABELED ACCOMMODATION NEARBY



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Air-conditioned bedroom, double bed, superb bathroom with washing machine and separate toilet, air-conditioned living room with convertible sofa, fully equipped kitchen. Swimming pool shared with the 2 other apartments and private parking.



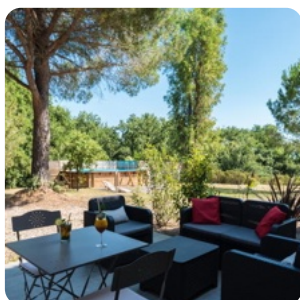
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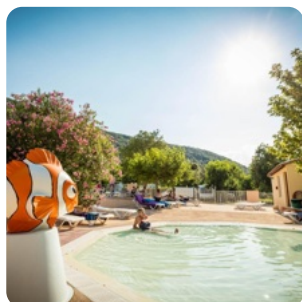
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HOW TO COME TO VALLESPiR



- By Bike: From Argelès-sur-Mer by the EuroVelo 8 (25km). From Prats-de-Mollo-La Preste (30km) or from Figueras (30km) by the Pirinexus cross-border cycle route. By Plane: 40 minutes from Perpignan – Rivesaltes Airport.
- By Train: Perpignan Train Station.
Information : www.scnf.com
- By Bus: Regular line Perpignan / Céret n°530/531 from Monday to Saturday.
- By Car: From Perpignan (30km) : On the A9 motorway take exit 43 (Le Boulou). From Girona (Spain) (80km) : Take the E15 / AP7 motorway towards Figueras / Perpignan, continue on A9 / E15 the take exit 43 (Le Boulou) and follow the direction of Céret.



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