

Cycling in Vallespir



**CYCLING ROUTES
DEDICATED SERVICES
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Greenway cycle route

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.





Taillet

Uivès

Saint-Jean-Pia-de-Corts

Maureillas
las-Illas Les Cluses

Ceret

Reynès

L'Albère

Le Perthus

Voie verte

Site propre

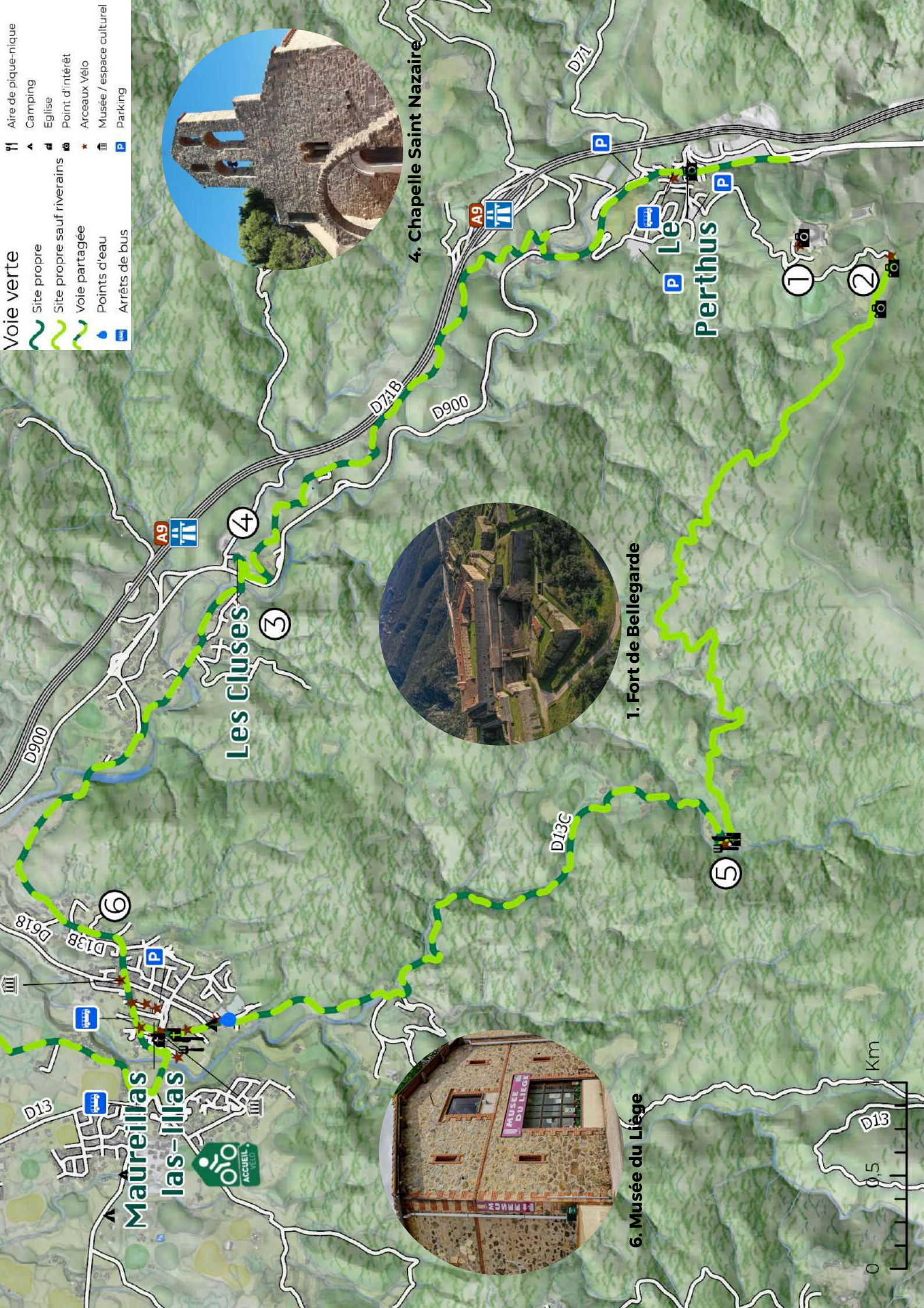
Site propre sauf riverains

Voie partagée

Zone d'activité économique



- Voie verte**
- Aire de pique-nique
 - Camping
 - Eglise
 - Point d'intérêt
 - Arceaux Vélo
 - Musée / espace culturel
 - Parking
 - Site propre
 - Site propre sauf riverains
 - Voie partagée
 - Points d'eau
 - Arrêts de bus



4. Chapelle Saint Nazaire



1. Fort de Bellegarde



6. Musée du Liège



Section 1

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 holds 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.

Maureillas Las-Illas

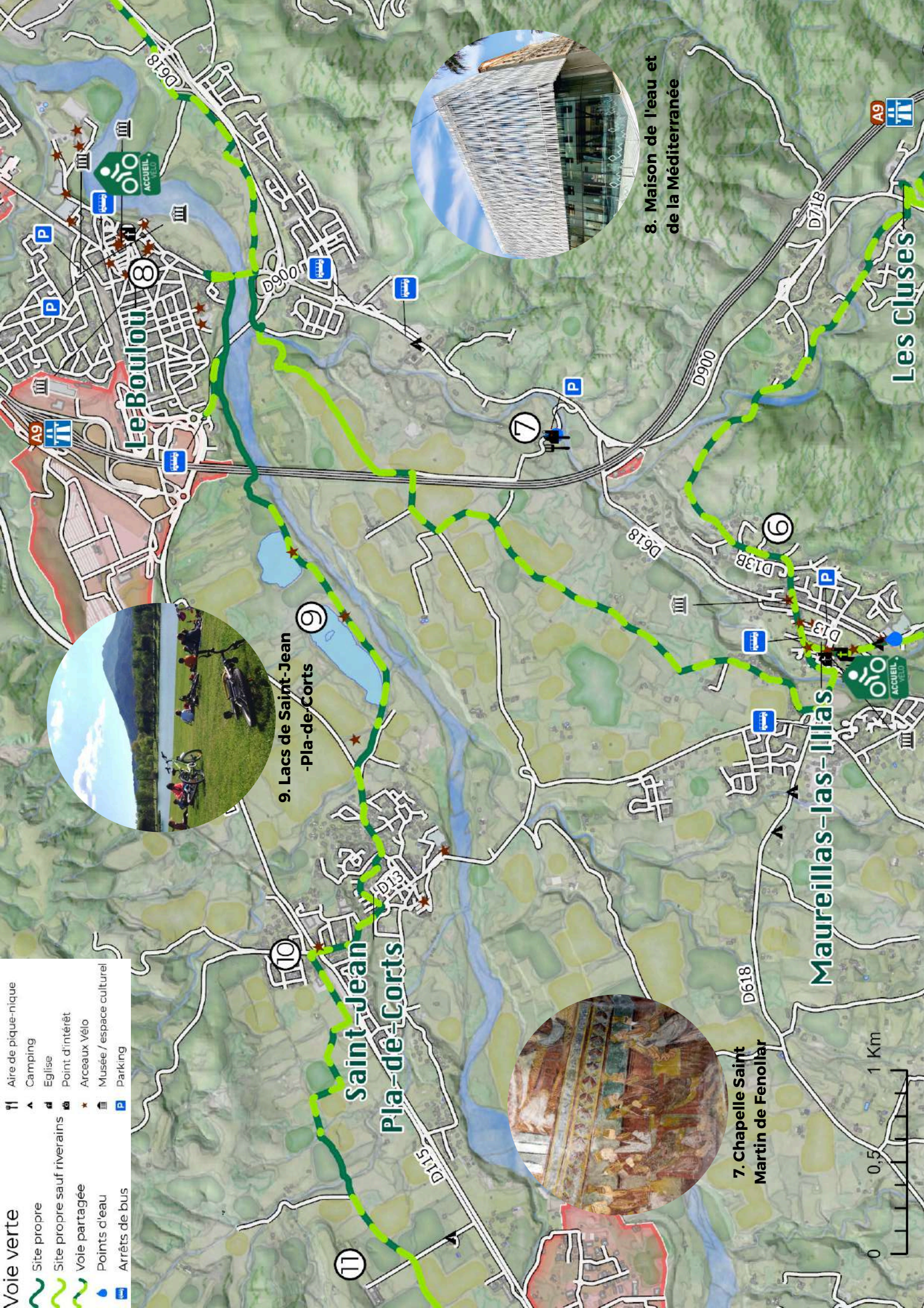


La Maison Pour Tous: 8 Pl. de la
République, 66480 Maureillas Las-Illas

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 (6)** in Maureillas-Las-Illas.

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8. Maison de l'eau et de la Méditerranée



9. Lacs de Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts



7. Chapelle Saint Martin de Fenollar



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

Le Boulou – Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts
Distance: 6,3Km, Altitude + 26m, 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



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. Église San Sébastian

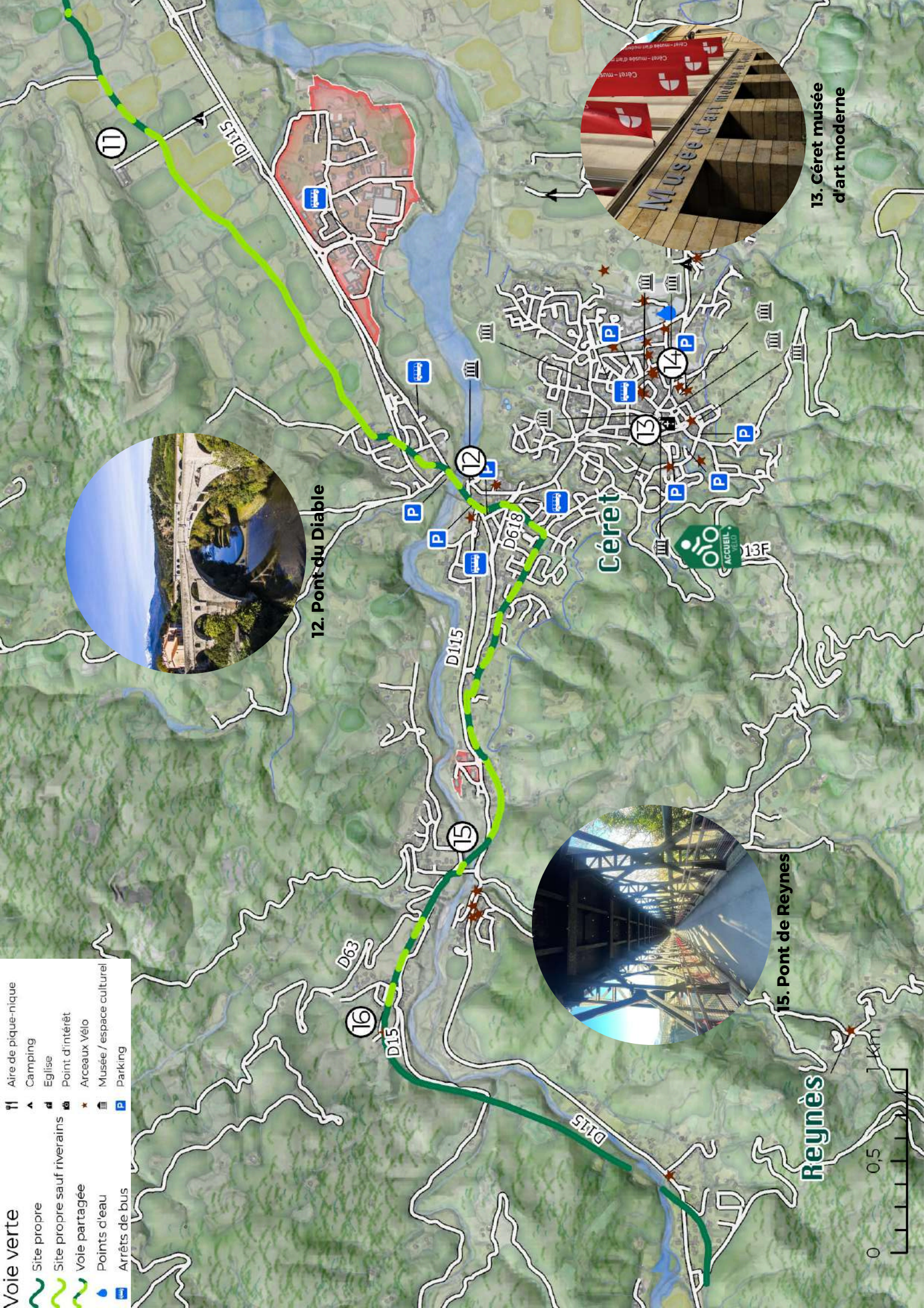
Saint Jean Pla de Corts

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.

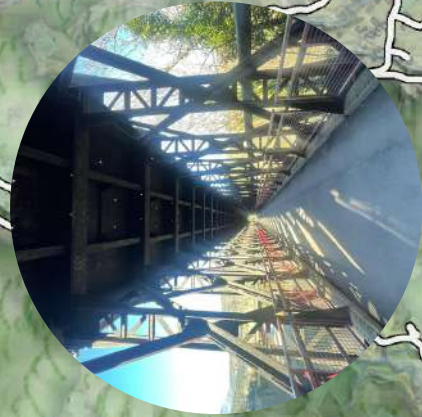
After this, it's a long straight path heading to Céret, through vineyards and cherry trees, and parallel to the **Château d'Aubiry (11)**, which is a real architectural pearl built in 1892, and is part of the Historic Monuments list since 2006.

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12. Pont du Diable



15. Pont de Reynès



13. Céret musée d'art moderne

Section 3

Céret - Reynès

St Jean-Pla-de-Corts– Céret (Pont du Diable)

Distance : 5,3Km, Elevation + 40m / - 13 m,
Estimated duration +/- 15 min

Céret (pont du Diable) – Reynès

Distance : 6Km, Elevation + 85m / - 35m,
Estimated duration +/- 15 min

Céret



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

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.



16. Église Sainte-Marie du Vila



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

ITINERARIES

Road Cycling

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

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





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.



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.

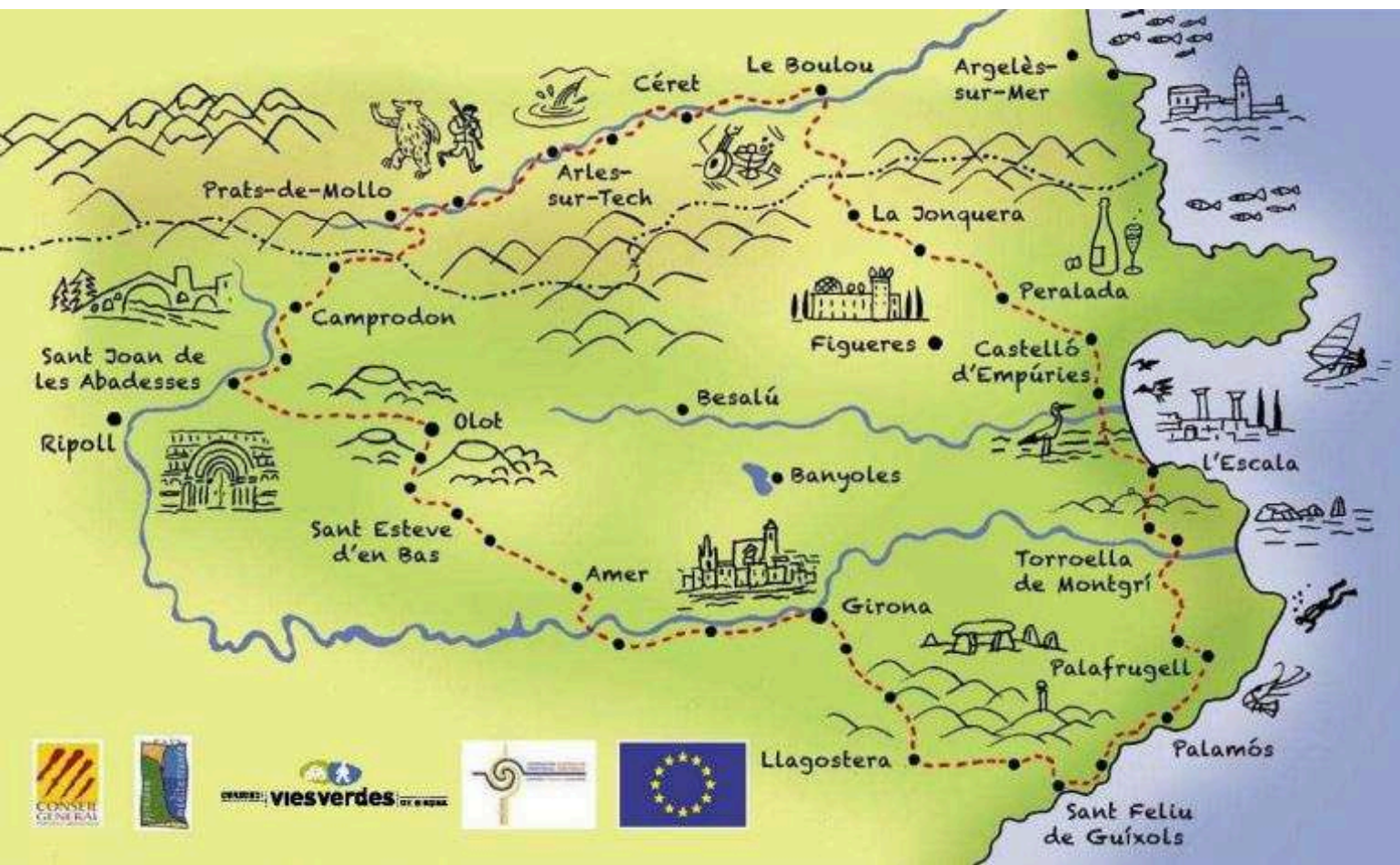


Pirinexus Itinerary

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.



Download the guide Pirinexus



SERVICES

Rent and Repair

RENT A BIKE



ALOHA CAMPING CLUB

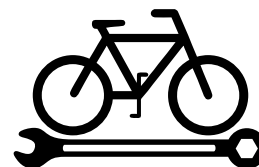
Location VTT / VAE

Domaine Al Camp Roig - La Forge
de Reynés - 66400 Reynès

+ 33 (0)4 68 39 43 12 / + 33 (0)4 68 39 08 61

www.aloha-camping-amelie.fr

REPAIR YOUR BIKE



CYCLES VALLESPİR

Réparation

10 rue Arago
66160 - Le Boulou

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www.cyclesvallespir.fr



CAMPING DES CERISIERS

Location VAE

(du 15 Juin au 15 Septembre)

Mas de la Toure - 66400 Céret

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www.campingcerisers.com

FUN BIKE CENTER

Réparation VAE

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Oulrich - 66400 Céret

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www.funbike-center.com



Guided Outings

ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN BIKES



ALOHA ADVENTURE

Discover Vallespir on an electrically-assisted bike with a professional instructor !

Thierry, a passionate guide, will show you around Vallespir on an electric mountain bike through his themed outings. An original experience with a local guide, to discover the region and its heritage with fun!

Different levels and starting points in Vallespir
Minimum height 1m45 - From €30/person

+ 33 (0)4 68 39 43 12
www.aloha-aventure.com

Accommodations

Accommodation with the "Accueil Vélo" label is located less than 5km from a cycle route, and offers facilities and services adapted to cyclists. They are committed to offering a personalized, attentive welcome to cycling tourists.



Labeled Accommodation in Vallespir



LA FADRINA ***



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



CHE VILLARGEIL ****

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Large catalan farmhouse, a real heaven of peace in the countryside.



LA LICORNE ***

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

Labeled Accommodation in Vallespir



CAL ANTON Bed & Breakfast



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66400 REYNES

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chambresdhotescalanton.eatbu.com



On the outskirts of Céret, in a peaceful rural setting, Nathalie welcomes you to 2 independent, spacious chambres d'Hôtes, each with a private terrace,

From 80€ (2 people)



LA TERRASSE DES OISEAUX Bed & Breakfast



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y.meunier@my-holding.fr



At 34 km from Perpignan, 14 km from Céret, in the pretty village of medium mountain of Taillet, you will stay in this guest room for 2 people, completely renovated. Located on the ground floor of the owner's house, the bedroom opens onto a private terrace of 8 m², with a breathtaking view of the surroundings



LE RÉVEIL DES OISEAUX Chambre d'hôtes



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At 34 km from Perpignan, 14 km from Céret, in the pretty village of medium mountain of Taillet, starting from hikes, you will stay in this ground floor cottage, completely renovated. The cottage has its own entrance and is fitted out on the ground floor of the owner's house.

Labeled Campsites in Vallespir



ALOHA CAMPING CLUB ***

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www.aloha-camping-amelie.com



On site : Leisure base with hiking, mountain bike, camping, climbing, treasure hunt.



CAMPING DES CERISIERS ***

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www.campingcerisiers.com



Located off the traffic, quiet, countryside,
breathtaking view of the Canigó, 10 minutes from the city centre.



CAMPING MAUREILLAS **

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www.camping-maureillas.com



A quiet, green camping site located at the foot of the Pyrenees, close to the village.



Labeled Hotels in Vallespir



HÔTEL LE MAS TRILLES ***

Le pont de Reynès
66400 Reynès
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www.le-mas-trilles.com

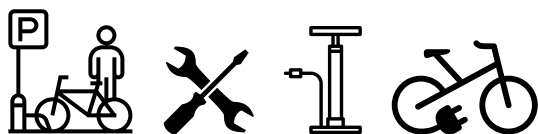


Charming hotel in a 14th-century building where peace and quiet blend.

Double room from 95€.



The Cork Museum



OPENING HOURS

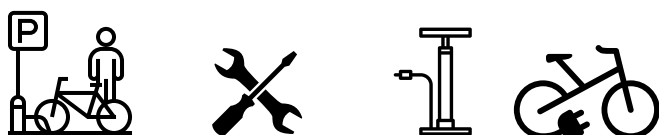
In 1950, half of the local population worked on the manufacture of corks and their by-products. Today, this craftsmanship has been industrialised. Created in 1982, the museum, unique in Europe, contains a collection of historic machines and tools. With accompanying commentary and an interesting display of crafts across several rooms, you will discover the world of cork : its ecology, its harvest and its value as well as its many, often unknown, uses.

At the end of your visit, in a superb Catalan cellar, typical of the end of the 19th century, allow yourself to be surprised...

In casks, each of 25 000 liters, the ancient but still current relationship between cork and wine will no longer remain a secret for you.



La Maison de l'Eau et de la Méditerranée

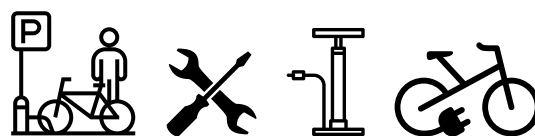


Throughout these five spaces, the MEM invites visitors to learn about water in all its states, with fun ways to understand the global issues that surround water preservation and conservation. This includes learning how through simple, everyday actions, both kids and adults can reduce their ecological impact. The freedom to explore and pass on this knowledge is crucial for our future generations. The MEM exists to create a legacy, and increase awareness of the vital need to preserve this precious resource: "water – humanity's immaterial heritage."

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Cap d'Ona Brewery



The Cap d'Ona Brewery – Distillery was founded in 1998 by Gregor Engler, a passionate Master Brewer and pioneer of French craft brewers. This year, for the fourth consecutive year, he has been ranked as the world's top brewer at the World Beer Challenge 2024.

Cap d'Ona beer evolves while always keeping in mind the core values of its creator: Excellence, Creativity, Authenticity, Eco-responsibility.

With a range of over 30 beers with unique aromas, universes, and flavors, the Cap d'Ona brewery – distillery offers you a journey through great beers of pure tradition as well as surprising beers, sodas, and spirits, highlighting the treasures of our rich French and Catalan terroir.

Enter the magical world of Cap d'Ona:

www.cap-dona.com OR visit us at La Fabrique / Bar-Boutique-Visit in Céret and at the Bar-Boutique in Argelès-sur-Mer.

OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. /
3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. /
3:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

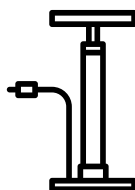
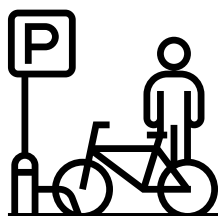
SATURDAY non-stop: 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. //
CLOSED Sunday and Monday

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66400 Céret
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Services areas

POINTS "ACCUEIL VÉLO"



2 POINTS LABELLISÉS "ACCUEIL VÉLO"

Welcome you and provide services such as bike parking, a repair kit for minor damage, and an electrical socket for recharging equipment (batteries for VAEs, GPS, tablets, etc.).

Vallespir Tourisme

Antenne de Céret

5 Rue Saint Ferréol, 66400 Céret

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Vallespir Tourisme

Antenne du Boulou

4 Rue Arago,

66160 Le Boulou

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BICYCLE PARKING SPACES



2 BOXES DE STATIONNEMENT VÉLO

Are available in Vallespir. Each can accommodate up to 20 bikes and includes a recharging station, an inflation station and a repair station.

Au Camping Maureillas

Rue des Evadés de France,

66480 Maureillas-Las-Illas

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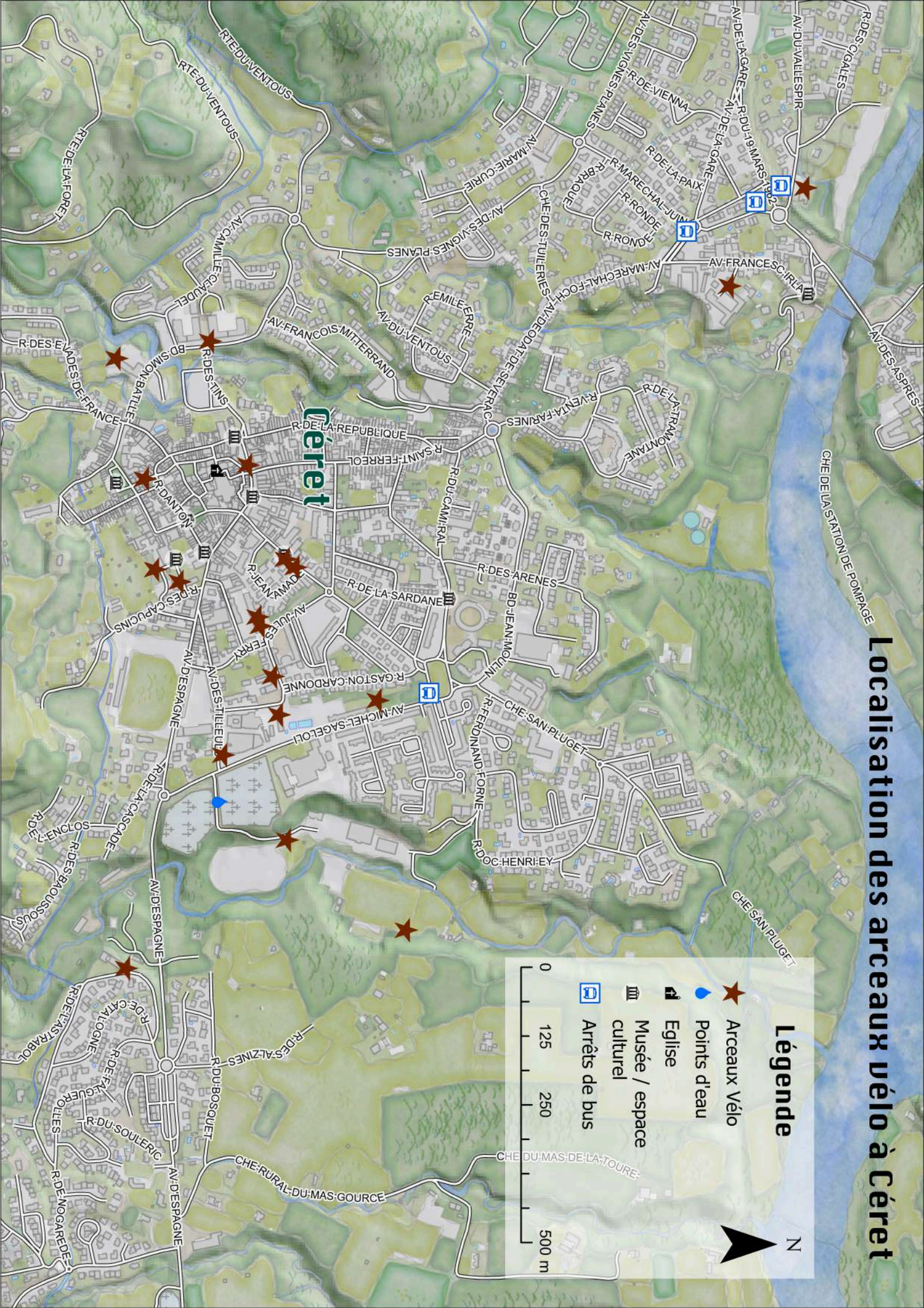
Au Châlet de l'Albère

Rue du Col de l'Ouillat,

66480, L'Albère

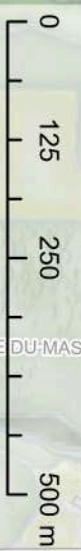
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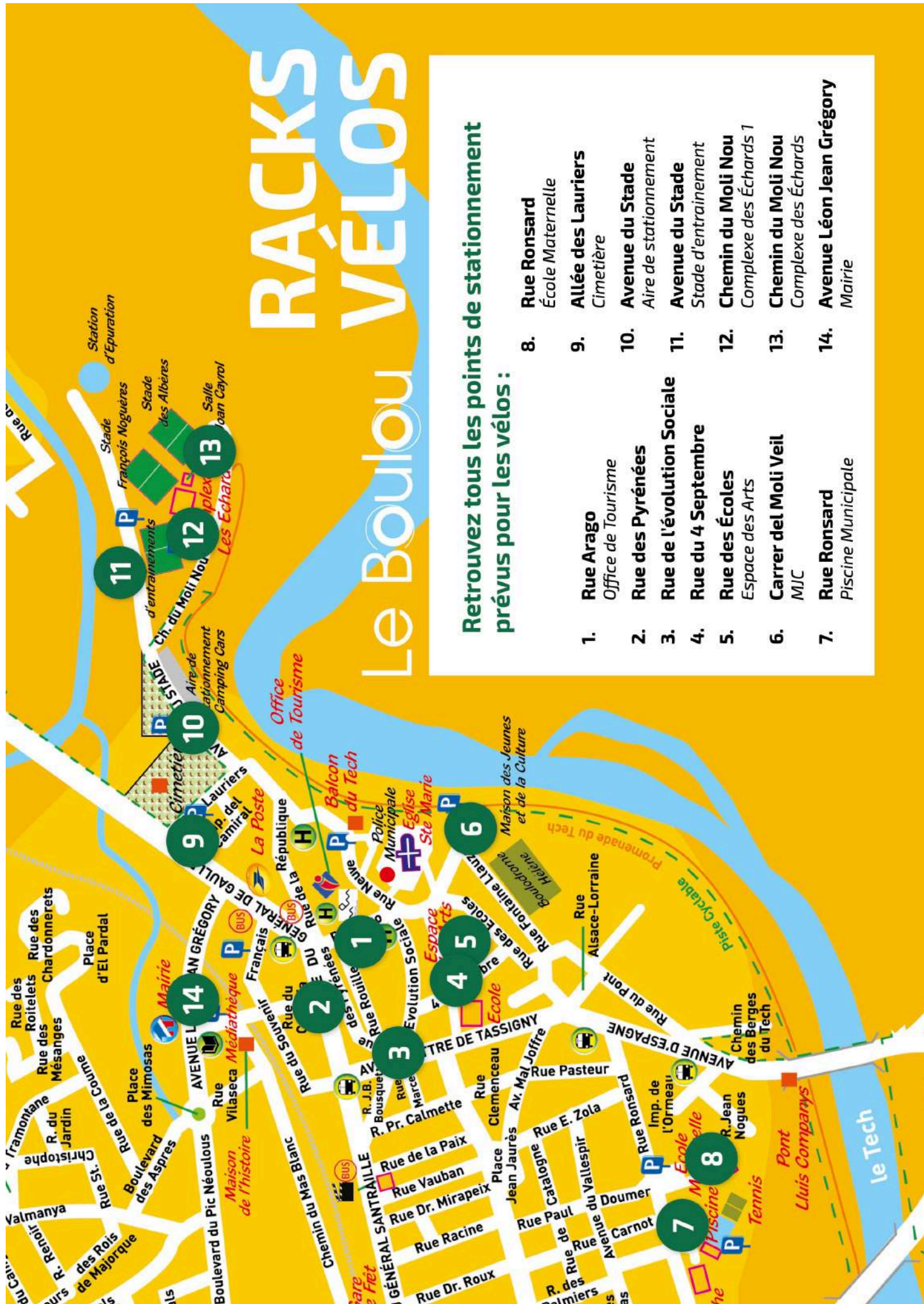
Localisation des arceaux vélo à Céret



Légende

- ★ Arceaux Vélo
- Points d'eau
- ✠ Eglise
- 🏛 Musée / espace culturel
- 🚏 Arrêts de bus





Transports

TRANSPORT BIKES & LUGGAGE



Taxi Cérétan (5 bicycles)

11 chemin de St Ferréol
66400 Céret
+33(0)4 68 87 20 93

Allo Taxi 66 (3 bicycles)

9 rue St Michel
66490 St Jean Pla de Corts
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Taxi Cabanes (2 bicycles)

16 chemin Sainte Marguerite
66400 Céret
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COMING TO VALLESPİR



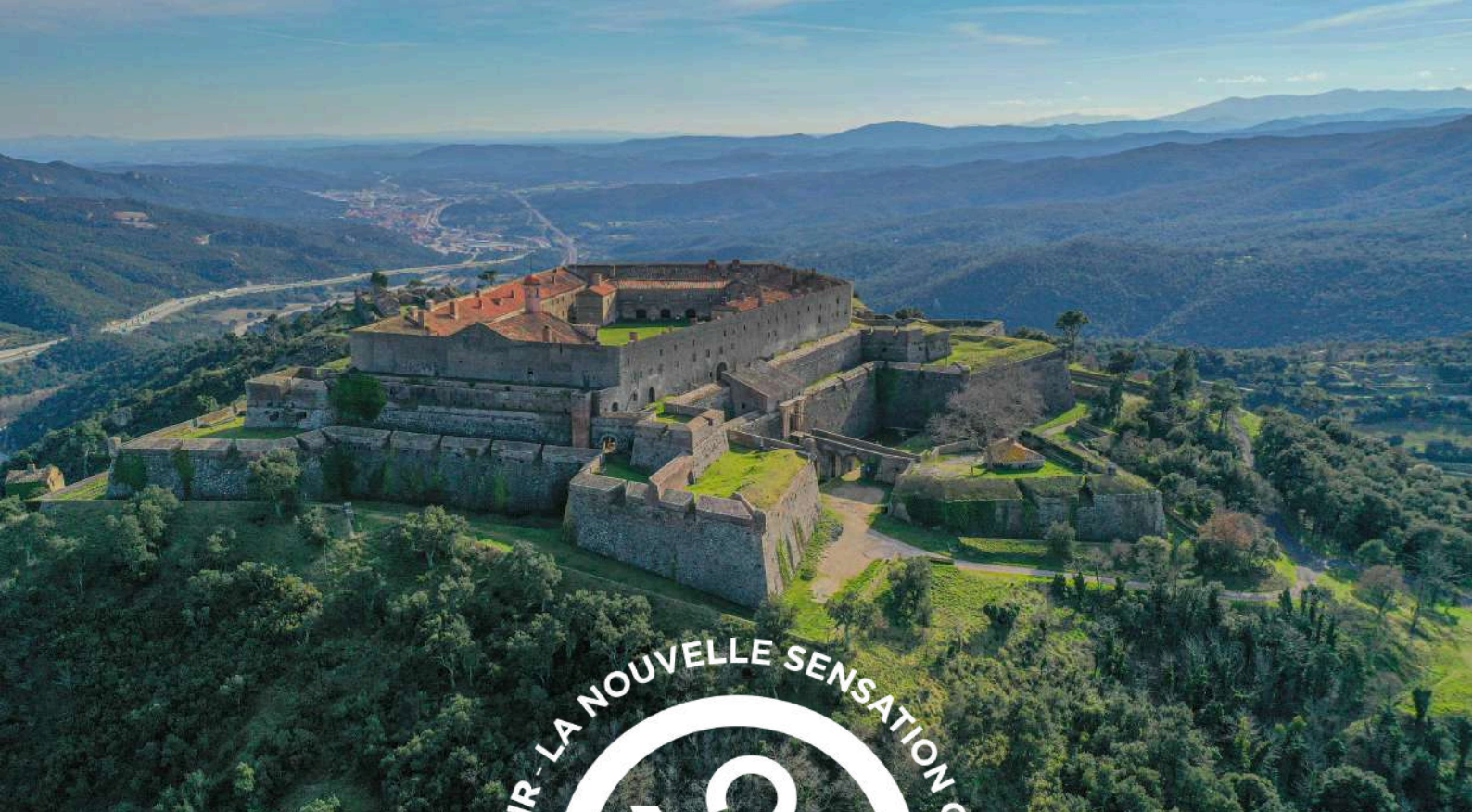
By bike : from Argelès-sur-Mer via EuroVelo 8 (25km). From Prats-de-Mollo-La Preste (30km) or Figueras (30km) via the cross-border Pirinexus route.

By Plane : 40 min from Perpignan - Rivesaltes Airport.

By train : from Perpignan station : www.scnf.com

By bus : Monday to Saturday on routes n°530/531 Perpignan / Arles sur Tech.

By car : from Perpignan (30km) on the A9 freeway, exit 43 (Le Boulou). From Girona (Spain) (80km) on the E15/AP7 freeway towards Figueras / Perpignan, then on the A9, exit n°43 (Le Boulou).



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