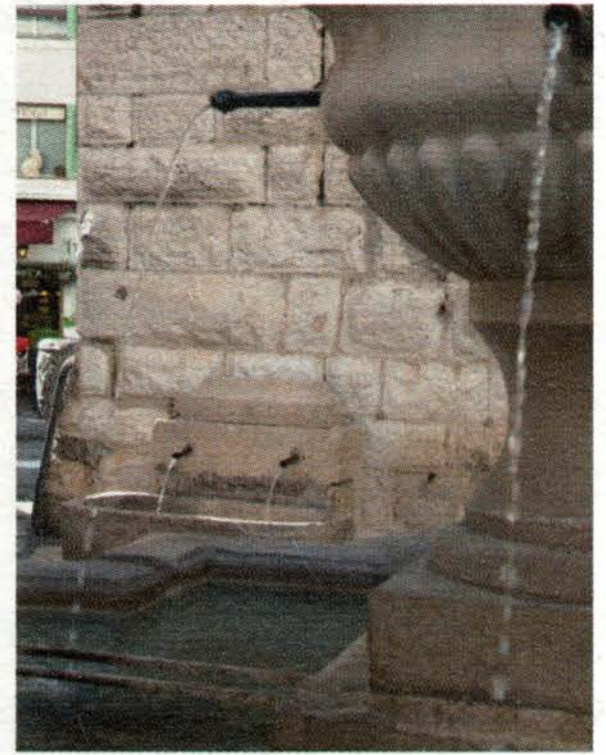


Vence and its fountains

Follow the water ...

At the foot of the Baous, between three rivers, the Malvan, the Lubiane and the Cagne, Vence counts two springs, various fountains and a washhouse.



The Fontaine du Peyra

Departure of this itinerary is from the fountain of the Place du Grand Jardin, that is close to the Marseille column. Then take the direction of the Place du Frêne, pass in front of the Château de Villeneuve, Fondation Emile Hugues. Walk past the ash tree that was planted in 1538 under the reign of François the 1st in order to reach the Belvédère, where you will have a splendid panoramic view on the Baous, Matisse Chapel and the Lubiane valley. In the center of this square, is a circular fountain which was a baptistery dating from the 12th century.

Walk down the street Docteur Binet, and in front of you, on your left, take the small street Fontaine Vieille. A small spring used to gush out on this street, it was on your left a few meters behind the iron gate. Keep going straight and take the first street on your left and you are now on the street Henri Isnard. Follow it all the way up to the square Frédéric Mistral. Here, close to the “Chapelle des Pénitents Blancs”, you will find a small fountain.

Keep walking straight in the direction of the avenue des Poilus, up to the corner of the street Elise where on your left is the washhouse that was built in 1811. Take the avenue des Poilus towards the square Jean Moulin and turn right, where you can have a glimpse of the Lubiane river under the Viaduc.

As you go back towards the town, on your right, you can see a small fountain dating from 1903, on the corner of the avenues Maréchal Foch and Henri Giraud. Going up this street on the corner of the avenue des Alliés, a simple fountain is attached to the wall of one of the most ancient chapels of Vence. Continue on this avenue, and on your right, there is another small fountain next to the chemin de Clairefontaine.

Returning towards the town center, take the avenue Humbert Ricolfi before reaching that of Maréchal Foch. On your right, next to the Matisse school and the “Domaine de la Conque”, there is a small fountain dating from 1932 made out of the stones from La Sine. Walk up to the roundabout, and take the boulevard Emmanuel Maurel on your right in order to get to the fountain that is next to the “Chapelle Sainte Anne”.

On your left, go down the chemin Sainte Anne, and cross the avenue Emile Hugues. Take the stairs up to the street du Pavillon and take on your left the first small street Marie-Antoinette all the way. Across the avenue, next to a large stone made stairway, is a small fountain.

Go back down the avenue de la Résistance, through the square and take the avenue Marcellin Maurel and you are now on Place Antony Mars in front of the “Basse Fontaine”. This one was built in 1539 and redesigned by the architect Etienne Goby in 1822.



The Basse Fontaine

Enter the old town by the Signadour gate, follow the street Hôtel de Ville up to the square Surian. On the right of this square is a small recent fountain. Keep going to take the street du Marché in the direction of the Place du Peyra. There, stands the “Haute Fontaine” classified as a Historic Monument, commonly known as the “Fontaine du Peyra” also renovated by the architect Etienne Goby in 1822.

Here ends your stroll along the water as well as the discovery of the town through its numerous fountains.

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