

With friends or family, with your work colleagues or with your travel agency, come and discover the thousand and one facets of Pézenas, in the company of a state-certified tour guides.

### **Pézenas, an architectural gem, the essentials**



A town of trade and fairs in the Middle Ages; the seat of the Governors of Languedoc in the 16th and 17th centuries: Pézenas retains a rich heritage: large merchants's houses from the medieval period and private mansions from the 17th and 18th centuries that blend in with fine religious buildings, such as 17th century chapels and the 18th century collegiate church.

Protected by his patron, the Prince de Conti, the French playwright Molière stayed in Pézenas on several occasions where he was able to observe Pézenas society from his famous wooden armchair, at barber Gély's.

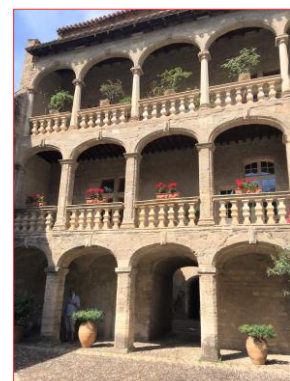
### **The Grand history of Pézenas' little theatre**

A former 17th century chapel that was converted into a theatre in 1804, this Italian style theatre has undergone several decorative transformations. This emblematic building closed down in 1948 and then laid dormant until its superb restoration and reopening in 2012. Come and discover the theatre during a guided tour (subject to availability / reservation required).



### **Pézenas, in the footsteps of Molière**

Let's discover the places where the famous French playwright stayed



and performed during his visits to Pézenas from 1650 to 1656, and the people he met there. Also you will discover how the town has kept his memory alive for so long. The tour visits the Hôtel d'Alfonse and the De Vulliod St Germain museum (subject to an extra charge and subject to availability).

## The heyday of La Grange des Prés.

The residence of Henry 1st de Montmorency, Governor of Languedoc, and then of the Prince de Conti, Molière's patron, is one of Pézenas' historical highlights. Nicknamed the 'Little Versailles' of Languedoc, 'La Grange des Prés' encompasses a magnificent park, and a 19th century castle and a chapel.

Come and discover its rich history in a remarkable setting (subject to an extra charge and subject to availability).



## To dig even further

- **Pézenas' Counter Reformation quarter** (the former Oratorians' college, Saint Ursula's church, the Theatre, Montmorency's town house...)
- **De Vulliod Saint-Germain Museum**, permanent exhibition. Set in a former private mansion, it displays earthenware, furniture and Aubusson tapestries collections. Several rooms allow to evoke Molière's stays and memory. One of them accommodates Molière's original armchair.
- **Temporary exhibition: Jean-Pierre Blanche's paintings** at Vulliod Saint-Germain Museum  
Jean-Pierre Blanche (1927-2022) is a French painter who was able to interpret the Mediterranean landscape in all its richness and variety. His sensitive and colourful touch transports the public in his deep and poetic universe where light is omnipresent.  
Guided tour of the exhibition (1 hour): € 140  
Group entrance fee to the museum : € 2.50 per person
- **From one door to another in Pézenas** (visit the Door Museum and the cabinet-maker's workshop). Serge Ivorra has developed special skills to restore ancient doors in historic buildings.
- **Gourmet Pézenas**: discover the local delicacies: the 'petits pâtés' (mince pies), artisanal lemonades, wines, beers and 'Berlingots' (boiled sweets), chocolate.

- **Pézenas, following the watercourse**, to discover the town water supply system and the different uses of water in the course of times.

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## **Practical information**

**Duration:** 1 ½ to 2 hours, tours with conference guides only.

**Meeting point:** tourist office, bus station, or theatre, according to type of tour.

### **Tour prices for 2025**

- Up to 30 participants: € 160,
- Extra charge for Sundays and Bank Holidays: € 50,
- Extra charge for the Grange des Prés: € 60,
- Extra charge for the Hôtel d'Alfonce: € 25 up to 25 participants, plus € 1 for each additional person.
- Entrance fee to the museum De Vulliod Saint-Germain, group rate: € 2.50

We are a group of four independent certified tour guides under written agreement with Cap d'Agde Méditerranée tourist office, heritage department, that submits us your requests.

We are happy to discuss your specific requirements with you in order to tailor a tour that meets your needs and expectations, either for a half-day, a whole day, or several days, and enables you to appreciate the beauty of our region.

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