Noves is the ideal place to visit

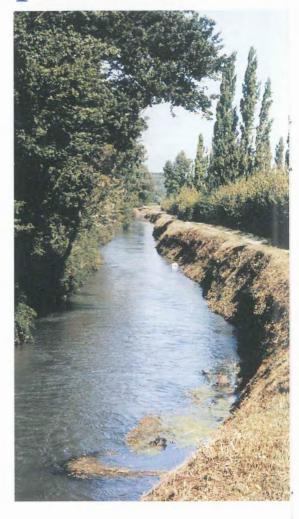
the Provence

Located in the heart of the "Val de Provence", Noves and its hamlet of Paluds-de-Noves make a very charming village together which will offer everything to please you: several monuments to visit, lively celebrations, a lot of sport and culture associations which provide varied activities throughout the year. Near numerous sites which are worth a visit, Noves and its hamlet will offer you a relaxing atmosphere and way of life.

Efficiently connected to other places thanks to the Avignon/Caumont airport and the motorway "Autoroute du Soleil" (Avignon Sud exit), Noves benefits from an exceptional geographical situation, few minutes away from the town centre of Avignon and its festival, from the

Luberon and the Fontaine de Vaucluse, the Alpilles with St-Remy-de-Provence and Les Baux, 40 km from Arles and Camargue, 60 km from Aix-en-Provence and 70 km

from les Saintes Maries de la Mer.



"Qué Novo te réjouvéno de souleu" "Que Noves te rajeunisse de soleil"

History



Inheritance

In the 5th century, the Cavares, a Celtic-Ligurian tribe had already settled on the Puech, a little hill situated North of the current Noves.

From the 10th century on, Noves was rebuilt thanks to the Bishops and the Popes of Avignon, the lords of this place, who initiated huge works to dry the marshes and develop cultivating.

In the early 14th century, Jean XXII granted it an assembly.

The story of Pétrarque and Laure de Noves took place in those days. Then, in the reign of Louis XI, the allegiance to France occured and Noves followed its fate.

Today, the village has nearly 4500 inhabitants and includes Noves and the Paluds, each of them proposing traditional celebrations, as well as their own activities.



The village knew to preserve its sites until our days and presents monuments of quality in its center.

SAINT BAUDILE CHURCH

classified as a monument of "Historic Interest" and typicaly Romanesque Provençal, built between the twelth century and nowodays, is worth to be seen by the architecture lovers.



THE ESPLANADE OF THE CASTLE

memory of the beautiful residence of the Popes dismantled in 1611 on command of Henri IV will offer a superb sight of the village to you.

THE RAMPARTS

from the twelth and forteenth centuries.

A belfry and two gates still exist. It surrounded the old village and its townhalls from the seventh century, showing the differents grown up from Noves.

THE CHAPEL OF WHITE PENITENTS

built during the fourth century by the Pope Jean the 22th, it became the local library in 1998 and proposes murals from the White Penitents. In the fourth century Laure de Noves get maried there.

THE CHAPEL OF NOTRE DAME DE PITIE

(17th century) built on the hill of LE PIEU, (this site being at the origin of Noves), is linked to the "Vœu de la Peste" (on september the 1st 1721, the inhabitants promised to celebrate this date every year to thank God for protecting them from plague). It is also a haven of peace and greenery.

THE OPEN-AIR THEATRE

at the foot of this site proposes a unique theatre setting.

ORATORIES AND CROSSES

one of which is a listed as a historical monument in the neighbouring area will give you a nice destination to discover the countryside and its canals.



Laure & Pétrarque

On the 6th of april 1327, at a morning mass in the church of Sainte Claire in Avignon, Pétrarque caught a glimpse of Laure de Noves.

He instantly fell in love with her and then ,loved her to distraction. However, she remained impassive in spite of his poetry. Laure had married Hugues de Sade 2 years before in the chapel of the White Penitents (the current library Marc Mielly in the centre of the village).

She did not care about this humanist originating from the lower middle class of Florence.

Whereas Pétrarque, prefering the solitude of Fontaine de Vaucluse vainly multiplied his sonnets to his beloved, she gave birth to 4 children. She died of the plague in 1348 on the day

she was 40 and she is buried in the church of the Minor Friars of St François d'Assise in Avignon.

Pétrarque carried on praising her. All his "Canzonière" is dedicated to her. In this anthology of poems written in tuscan langage, Pétrarque praises Laure with sincere and intimate accents which make him the first poet of our modern era.



VIEW...

Swirls of colors so much in the landscape than in the traditional costumes, the astonishing carts (Saint-Roch and Saint-Eloi) furnished with flowers and local market-gardening products and drawn by harnessed horses à.la.mode.sarrasine will dazzle you!

HEARING...

The song of the cicadas, the murmur of the water of the fountains on the shaded places and the merry hubbub of the feastdays will rock you the ears.



SMELL...

The scents of the pines, the thyme and the rosemary of our hills and the flowers in the gardens, the flavour of anise per hour of the aperitif under the plane trees will excite you.

TASTE...

The local wine production, as well as the fruits and vegetables matured with the sun of Provence will delight you the palate.



Activities...

Many associations of the village will propose you "races camarguaises" (games with bulls in arenas but without violence), ferrades, fairs and salt varied and will animate traditional "Fêtes Votives". They will initiate you with the

art of living of Provence!

ENTERTAINMENT

Training courses of Sculpture and Painting, Training courses of Photography, Stage performances in the open air theatre, Concerts of classical music, Film shows in room or in open-air, Fairs and Shows etc.

SPORTS

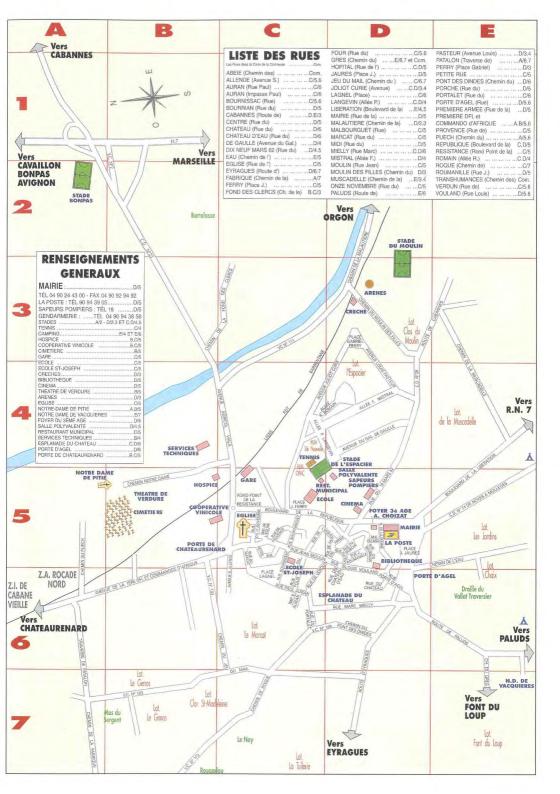
Equestrian walks and excursions, Pedestrian walks and excursions, Tennis, Bicycle touring, Shooting with the arc, Game of bowls, V.T.T, Olympic Swimming pool to 3 km, etc.













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from 9.30 to 12.30 A.M. and from 2.30 to 6.00 P.M. Tuesday and Saturday: only 9.30 to 12.30 A.M.

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from Monday until Friday

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