



## VALLAURIS CLAY CITY

**In the heart of the Côte d'Azur, Vallauris is a city of pottery tradition. Through your visit, discover the many craftsmen, museums and works around ceramics. The arrival of Picasso marked the city and its penchant for this discipline. Many works of the artist are to be seen in Vallauris. Enjoy a day at sea with its 3 km of beaches and two ports.**

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# 2000 YEARS OF POTTERY TRADITION



Vallauris has been awarded the “Ville et Métiers d’Art” (City of Art and Crafts) label, thanks to 2000 years of pottery tradition. This heritage begins in the Gallo-Roman era, with the manufacture of bricks and pots. In the 16th century, the town had its first three pottery factories, located in what is now Rue des Tours. A few centuries later, in 1829, it counted 32. The economic crisis of 1930 will make develop the Provençal pottery fancy and colored.

The arrival of Picasso in 1948, contributes to popularize the city and the art of pottery. It is in the 50s, that the city of potters knows its golden age. Great ceramic artists come to settle in the city. Roger Capron, Jean Derval, Gilbert Portanier, Roger Collet and Jean Marais were among them.

## **DISCOVER THE CRAFTSMEN, THE MUSEUMS, THE WORKS AROUND POTTERY**



### **THE STREETS OF THE CERAMISTS**

In the heart of the city, the ceramic workshops are to be discovered mainly on the avenue George Clemenceau. Discover the know-how of the potters, thanks to their demonstration of turning, decoration... Exchange with the craftsmen by asking them questions about the manufacture. Then leave with a ceramic chosen among hundreds of models.

Pottery is everywhere in Vallauris. Every corner hides its share of historical treasure. Pay attention to the different ceramic objects that sublimate the city.

## **THE POTTERY MUSEUM**

Discover the different phases of pottery making thanks to the machines and tools of production. This private museum presents pottery and ceramics from the end of the 19th century to today. Finally, take a picture with Picasso and Honoré Camos, thanks to the wax replicas made by the Grévin Museum.

Located at 21 rue Sicard. Tel: 04 93 64 66 51

## **THE POTTERY FESTIVAL**

The 2nd Sunday of August is the pottery festival in Vallauris. Entirely free, discover in a festive atmosphere the know-how of pottery Vallaurienne. On the program: demonstrations of manufacture of a pottery, creative workshops, parades in town, games...

# **THE ESSENTIAL MUSEUMS OF VALLAURIS**

## **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PABLO PICASSO “WAR AND PEACE**

The museum exhibits a major work by Pablo Picasso, “War and Peace”, created in 1952.

Pablo Picasso painted a panel called “The Four Parts of the World” in 1958. This one condemns the old

door giving access to the chapel. This work makes the link between “War and Peace”, representing an allegory of universal understanding between peoples



## **MAGNELLI MUSEUM**

Alberto Magnelli, a Florentine painter, is the pioneer of abstract art. The museum retraces the different phases of his development through a chronological tour. You can discover his works as paintings, engravings and collages. The museum has a rich collection of the artist’s work, gathered during his lifetime.

## **MUSEUM OF CERAMICS**

The museum allows you to discover the evolution of Vallauris ceramics through the different pieces. Cross the ages, passing by the old kitchen of Lérins where a collection of culinary pottery is exposed. Take a trip back to the 1950s, the “golden age”, with the

artistic ceramics. Then end your visit by admiring the contemporary ceramics made by designers

## **ENJOY THE SUN AND THE SEA**

### **THE BEACHES OF THE SUN**



Sunbathe or dive into the turquoise sea of Vallauris Golfe-Juan. The sandy beaches extend over 3.5 km, called beaches of the Sun. The beaches are distributed on both sides of the port. The miles of beaches are divided into public and private beach.

You have the possibility to rent a boat and spend a pleasant day at sea.

### **THE MARINAS**

Two ports exist in the city, the Vieux Port and the Port Camille Rayon.

