

In the South of France, in the county of Aude, you can find **Quéribus**, the last bastion of Cathar resistance, and **Cucugnan**, the village famous for the tale “**The Sermon of the Cucugnan priest**”, immortalized by Alphonse Daudet in his “Letters from my mill”.

Up there on its rocky peak, Quéribus Castle (XI-XIVth) inspires admiration and you feel invited into an imaginary world.

Its strategic situation, like a real eagle’s nest, gives you a panoramic view of the entire Roussillon plain.



At the time of the crusade against the Albigensians, the Cathars live in Quéribus. It is the last bastion to fall into the hands of the crusaders in 1255, eleven years after Monségur. The Castle then becomes part of the Kingdom of France, during the reign of Saint Louis.



It becomes a keystone of the French defensive system in 1258, when the Treaty of Corbeil is signed. The interest in its strategic position lessens in 1659, under Louis XIV, with the Pyrenees Treaty which draws up new borders between France and Spain.

Quéribus has been preserved in a remarkable state. Elements concerning everyday life in the fortress are still visible: cistern, main building, place for the chimney... You can also see there a very complete military architecture: place for canon guns, gun holes, machicolations...

Its polygonal tower is famous for its hall in primitive Gothic style, where the vault lies on a strong circular pillar opening up like a palm tree.

The terrace of the tower, 728 metres (2390 feet) high at its top, gives view onto an unforgettable panorama extending from the sea, the Corbières right up to the Pyrenees.

On a very accessible path and after a ten-minute-walk you arrive at the entrance to the castle. Pedagogical panels and orientation tables can be found the whole way round your visit. Audio-guides in English, Spanish and French are available at the reception desk of the castle.



Visit lasting 1 hour

duration 20 minutes

Capacity of the hall: 49 pers. m.

Price of the ticket

Adults: 5,50 € - Children: 3 € (aged 6 to 15) - Groups (20 persons and over): 4 €

Free for guides and driver

Audiopass: 4 € for each rental, get a second one free

Hotels restaurants

Hôtels restaurant

Auberge du Vigneron *Tél : 04 68 45 03 00*

Auberge de Cucugnan *Tél : 04 68 45 40 84*

Auberge la Table du Curé *Tél : 04 68 45 01 46*

Snack- bar, sandwich, tartinerie

Au Cascrout d'Armelle *Tel : 06 30 71 88 34*

Bar du Vigneron *ouvert en juillet/août*

Les Maîtres de mon Moulin *Tél : 04 68 33 55 03*

Bed and Breakfast

Chambres d'hôtes

L'Ecurie de Cucugnan *Tél : 06 76 86 38 52*

Le Rampaillou *Tél : 06 85 81 57 61*

L'Amandière *Tél : 04 68 45 43 42*

Les Santolines *Tél : 04 68 45 00 04*

La Tourette *Tél : 06 09 64 60 47*

Claire Campbell *Tél : 06 78 15 19 29*

Wines

Vins

Le domaine du Trillol *Tél : 04 68 45 01 13*

Les Terroirs du Vertige *Tél : 04 68 45 41 61*

Le Domaine du Grand Arc *Tél : 04 68 45 01 03*

Les saveurs du clot de l'origine *Tél : 06 62 44 51 25*

Domaine du Verdoble *Tél : 04 68 58 49 04*

Les Vingt Citadelles *Tél : 04 68 58 49 24*

Art craftwork

Artisanat d'art

L'Atelier poterie Castellano *Tél : 06 76 39 20 45*

Le Chevalier de Quéribus *Tél : 04 68 45 04 51*

Les Etains de Cucugnan *Tél : 06 07 29 20 35*

Local products – shops

Produits locaux - Boutiques

<i>Les Ruchers des 2 châteaux</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 02 88</i>
<i>Boulangerie Les M.M.Moulin</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 33 55 03</i>
<i>Librairie-Carterie</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 00 04</i>

Activities

Activités

<i>Cours Français Anglais</i>	<i>Tel : 06 78 15 19 29</i>
<i>L'école de Boulange</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 33 55 03</i>
<i>Ferme équestre de Quéribus</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 05 37</i>
<i>Quad-jet 11(randonnée et location)</i>	<i>Tél : 06 72 71 46 96</i>

Shops

Commerces

<i>Epicerie</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 42 08 89</i>
<i>Leslaines.com</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 94 36</i>

Public Services and Transport

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<i>Mairie</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 43 08</i>
<i>Office de tourisme intercommunal</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 69 40</i>
<i>Agence postale - bibliothèque</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 40 66</i>
<i>Balade Cathare (transports)</i>	<i>Tél : 04 68 45 05 10</i>