

MONASTERY OF SAORGE

A Baroque Franciscan monastery with a terraced garden in a lush green valley.

The perched village of Saorge overlooks the Roya gorges at the gates of the Parc du Mercantour. This former Franciscan convent, founded in 1633, is in the Baroque style. It has retained its original structure, its painted decorations and its food garden. The church has remarkable polychrome walnut woodwork, paintings and liturgical objects. The cloister is decorated with 18th century frescoes illustrating episodes from the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, as well as an exceptional set of nine sundials. The refectory retains 17th century frescoes illustrating the Franciscan virtues. The garden, a real haven of peace open to the mountains, consists of an "organic" vegetable garden and an orchard, laid out in terraces with several irrigation basins connected to each other. The monument welcomes writers and translators, screenwriters and artists in residence from April to October.

RECEPTION

Open

1st June to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

1st October to 31st October and 1st February to 31st May: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed

Mondays in October & from 1st February to 31st May
1st May

FACILITIES

- Seating available during the tour and in park
- Lavatories
- Bookshops-gift shops
- Crossing of Saorge town impossible by car
- Parking for coaches 600 m (coach park can be accessed by the northern access of the village), part of the road steeply sloping
- **Fonction room rental**

ACCESS



Between Turin and Nice, near the D6204
At 33 km from Vintimille

From Nice: A8 motorway and E74 direction
Vintimille, Col de Tende-Breil, then D6204

INFORMATION

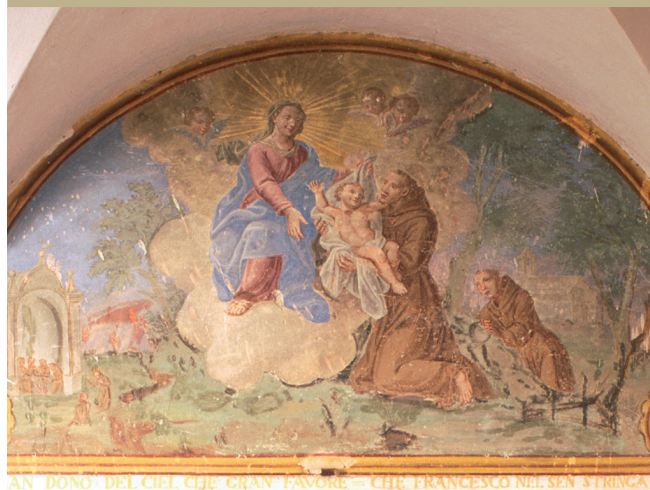
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TOURS

Unaccompanied tour with guide booklet (gardens included)

French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch

Duration: 40 min

Guided tour

French, English, Italian

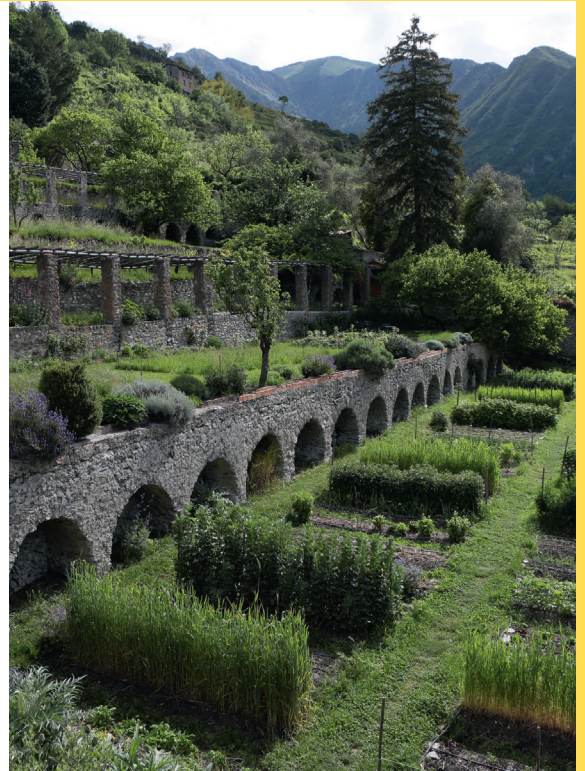
Tours:

High season (June to September): 10.45 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 4 p.m.

Low season: 10.45 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.

Duration: 45 min

Reservation required for groups: 8 days before



RATES 2023 CATEGORY 5

Rate for groups (minimum 20 people)
5 €

Adults
6 €

Free admission: minors under 18*

Free admission: 18-25 years old

(EU nationals and regularised EU residents)

* excluding school groups

USEFUL ADDRESSES

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Nearby national monuments:

55 km - August trophy in La Turbie

56 km - Cap Moderne

65 km - Villa Kérylos