

It's famed for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh, which influenced the contemporary art displayed at the Fondation Vincent Van Gogh. Once a provincial capital of ancient Rome, Arles is also known for many remains from that era, including Arles Amphitheatre (les Arènes d'Arles), now hosting plays, concerts and bullfights.



Rencontres d'Arles

...is an annual summer photography festival founded in 1970. The Rencontres d'Arles has an international impact by showing material that has never been seen by the public before. Photo exhibits are on display at venues throughout the town--visit https://www.rencontres-arles.com/ for more info. or to buy tickets.

Arles Ampitheatre

The town of Arles was a thriving city during the height of the Roman empire. In 90 AD, the town built this impressive amphitheater, which provided seating for over 20,000 good Roman citizens. Inspired by the famed Coliseum in Rome, the structure has over 120 arches, a series of galleries and staircases, and two levels of seating. Easily accessible for visitors today.





Still seeking art? Be sure to check out Musee Reattu (collections from La Croix and Picasso, among others) or Fondation Vincent van Gogh (more contemporary works). You can also stop by Le Cafe van Gogh to see the cafe that inspired his well known "Terrace at Night" painting.

Le Marche d'Arles

With over 300 stalls, this market is filled with just about everything--fruit and vegetables, cheeses, flowers, spices, meat and fish, honey, olive oil, saucisson d'Arles, Camargue rice, and even clothes and crafts. On Wednesday, the market is located at the Boulevard Emile Combes. The stalls are open from 08:00 to 12:45.

