

# DAY 3 MORNING

IN THE BEGINNING WAS MOUNT ANDAON



## My

## Villeneuve

68 metres of intimidation

This morning, my mission is to reach the highest point of Villeneuve, namely Mont Andaon. For a change, I prefer to go through the passage and then the rue des recollets (named after a former convent). In this street, I like to look at the beautiful photo prints of M. Volponi at L'Evasion Imagiere (N°15). On the right is the Tourist Office, located in the former house of the Maître du Port, confirming the close presence of the Rhône. At the end of the street, on the left, I take the fast slope, which bears its name well. The climb is steep. But the beauty of this little calade is well worth the effort. At the junction with the Montée du Fort (yes, for the choice of the street names, we were pragmatic), I still admire with the same pleasure the splendid view of the City of the Popes and its green belt... Unless it is that of Villeneuve!

More than 1,000 years of quarrelling and jealousy with Avignon began at the top of Mount Andaon.



L' Evasion Imagiere

N°15

MONTEE DU FORT

View of the City of the Popes

The Fast Slope

Montee du Fort





# DAY 3 MORNING LE FORT ST ANDRE

## Who is the STRONGEST?

I arrive at the foot of the **the Twin Towers**, impressive entrance of the fortress. The Capetian Kings themselves built this fortress in the 13th and 14th centuries, not to live in it, but to mark their territory in the face of Avignon, which was then under the control of the Holy Germanic Empire. The speaker is like a brain. **The right-hand side is** that of the Abbey of Saint-André, an ultra-powerful Benedictine abbey of the 10th century (up to 200 churches and priories under its control in Provence) and built on the site of Pilgrimage of St. Casaria (6th century). **The left side** is dedicated to the Royal Fort, i.e. the defence of the town, the abbey and the surrounding area. Two royal treaties in 1226 and 1292 confirmed this show of strength. From then on, Avignon and then the Popes knew this. They had to keep a tight rein on themselves.

# My Villeneuve

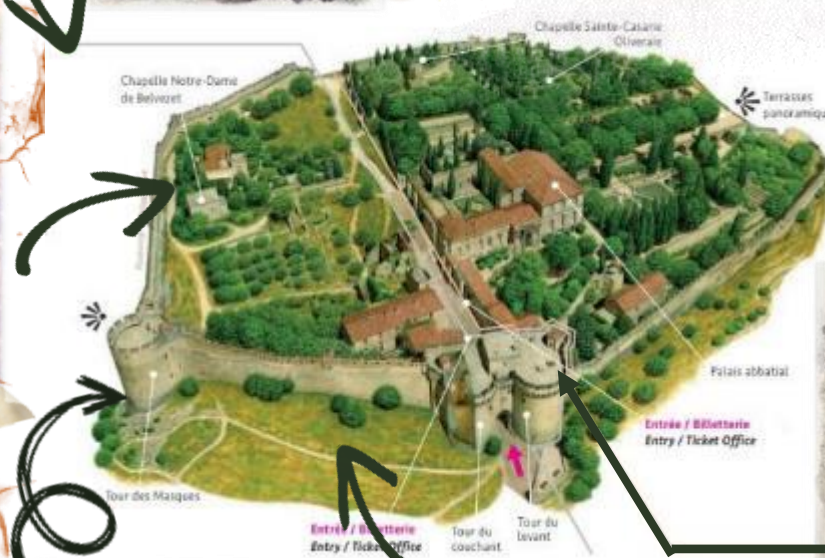
I like to visit the Fort first to get a sense of height. **The walkway is a must.** I also love **the view from the Chapelle de Belvezet**, which allows you to contemplate 4 views in a row (the fortifications of the Fort, the Philippe-Bel Tower, the green belt and the City of the Popes).



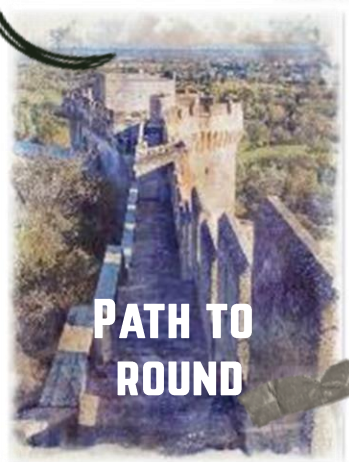
CHAPEL OF  
BELVEZET



REAR VIEW



TWIN TOWERS



PATH TO  
ROUND



TOWER OF  
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