



## NEAR VENCE



### Florian Confectionery

**Distance from the hotel & Vence : 6 km – Estimated travel time : 10 minutes**

**Pont du Loup – 06140 TOURETTES SUR LOUP**

This confectionery perpetuates a long standing tradition: we know how to change the most delicious fruits and lovely flowers of the area into sweets. We welcome visitors from the whole world, and show them how to prepare these delightful specialities of the South of France: Acid drop candies with a taste of Provence, flower and citrus fruit marmelades, crystallized flowers, home made chocolates, glazed fruits, three chocolates orangettes...

### Violets fields in Tournettes sur loup

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Tournettes sur Loup is the only place in France where the cultivation of violets is still the sole or principal form of culture for about 11 families. Around 1880, the agricultural activity of the village centred mainly round this flower.



### Saint Jeannet

**Distance from the hotel & Vence : 9 km – Estimated travel time : 15 minutes**

**06640 SAINT JEANNET**

Saint-Jeannet was a stronghold of the Villeneuves from the 13th century to the Revolution, and today it is a beautiful residential village in the Nice hinterland with a panoramic view of the coast. Built in the Middle Ages, with its houses constructed from local stone huddling together to form a rampart surrounding the church, it is still dominated by a fortified castle and the ruins of a keep. Not for nothing did it attract many painters, writers and poets, such as Dufy, Trachel, Poussin and Prévert ... In an exceptionally beautiful and peaceful setting the village of Saint Jeannet seems to have been blessed by the Gods. Few tourists are to be seen, yet the village is particularly enchanting with its well-kept pretty streets, some beautiful 17th century houses, its gate hollowed out of what remains of the ancient defensive walls.

### Le Château de la Gaude

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The existence of the château is believed to date back to the IX century but its first official mention was not until 1250. For the next 300 years the chateau switches hands due to constant wars in the region. In 1536 the armies of Charles Quint razed it to the ground and it wasn't until 1670 that the Villeneuve's, still the land owners, started to rebuild it. The following invasion in 1747 of the Austro-Piémontaise put the château under further threat of destruction. No longer needed for military defence the Villeneuves decided not to rebuild it and it slowly degraded until complete abandon in the 1840/1850 by the Villeneuves. A private investor, Viviane Romance, bought it more than 100 years later in 1964 and has since been dedicated to restoring it to its former glory. Unfortunately the chateau is not open to public visits.

