

Huge beasts ...



Generations of cave bears inhabited the prehistoric cave for over 300 000 years.



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Information

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GPS Coordinates:

Long. 4° 45' 41" - Lat. 46° 26' 17"

Open daily

- ◆ April 1st to September 30th from 10 am to midday and 2 pm to 7 pm
- ◆ Every Sunday in October

Visit accessible to accompanied handicapped persons.

Guided visits

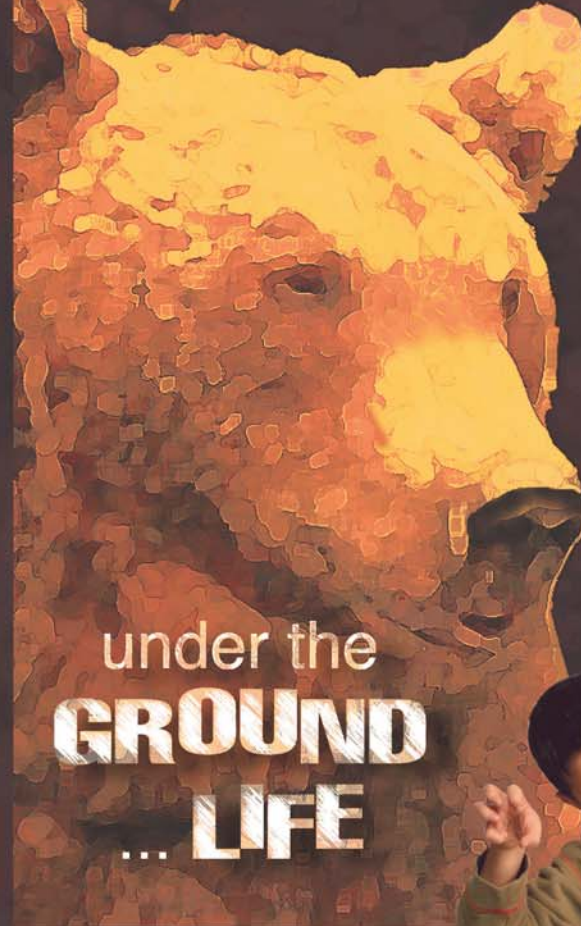
Length of visit: 1 ½ h.
Average temperature: 12°

Museum

Archaeological and palaeological collections

Boutique - Souvenirs - Refreshments

The Caves of Azé



Come and see

The cave of a thousand bears



The biggest cave bear site to be seen.



Water's long journey

The underground river tirelessly sculpts the rock to offer you scenes of pure magic.



Waterfall on the underground river

Limestone concretions



Stalactites and stalagmites

Water digs,
water sculpts,
water builds...



The rimstone

An exceptional natural environment



Niphargus



Bat

Today, the cave is home to several species of small land mammals and cave-dwelling water creatures



200 year-old classified cedar trees



The great adventure of mankind



A habitat for *Homo erectus*

Since lower Palaeolithic times (about 350,000 years ago), the prehistoric cave has often served as a refuge for humans.

An epic !

Since 1963, enthusiasts have been devoting themselves unreservedly to uncovering the underground network. They have revealed traces of activity of both mankind and prehistoric animals and exhibit them for the public to wonder at.



Clearing the galleries

Exploration continues ...



Speleology



Taking core samples for dating

Speleologists and scientists continue their exploration of the cave with the same passion and the same thirst for understanding our history and our natural environment.



Cave lion



Roman oil lamp



Roman vase



A school visit

