

MUSEUMS, VALLORBE

PRÉ-GIROUD MILITARY FORT

Carved out of the rock, it is now part of our military heritage.

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Built between 1937 and 1939, the Pré-Giroud military fort in Vallorbe was designed to prevent foreign armies from crossing the Col de Jougne and to support the defence of the Franco-Swiss border during the Second World War.

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This stopping artillery fort, dug into the rock, consists of 6 blockhouses with one casemate, linked by a network of galleries serving ammunition shops, an engine room and a barracks. It was occupied by 125 men.

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Outside, three independent works, built in 1941, are surrounded by a double row of barbed wire and minefields.

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Bought by the commune of Vallorbe in 1988, the Pré-Giroud fort is managed by a Foundation. It gives an idea of the living conditions of the soldiers, but also of its weapons from a bygone era.

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The view of the Col de Jougne from the fort's esplanade above Vallorbe is breathtaking and magnificent. It's easy to appreciate the strategic importance of such a place.



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OPENING HOURS

From 1 Jan 2025 to 19 Oct 2025

PRICES

Group (from 20 people)	CHF 15.-
Adult	CHF 8.-
Child	
Individual	CHF 17.-
Adult	CHF 10.-
Child	CHF 15.-
Pen./Inv./Student	

GOOD TO KNOW

- Opening times 2025
- 11.05 to 29.06 and from 18.08 to 19.10
- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays: Guided tours depart at 10am, 1pm and 3pm
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- From 29.06 to 18.08
- Wednesday to Sunday: Guided tours depart at 10am, 1pm and 3pm
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- Special openings on request from May to October.
- For groups, by prior arrangement: coffee/croissant, aperitif (with local specialities), fondue, catering service.

