

Yes, I know that Arles is not in Switzerland but for those who are in the South, when we crossed Europe we have to go through France and what better to do in Provence. So the first stage of our journey, Arles. I promise to return with more time to be filled with the smells and colors of the country. It is true that you can breathe the air of Provence through the city, in shops, in crowded markets, in their products, in its freshness, in their windows with colored shutters.

Arles is a World Heritage Site and you can see this when you just get to the Republic Square with the Obelisk presiding. See behind the City Hall. On one side of the square, a jewel of Romanesque the Church of St. Trophime, with a facade worthy of admiration.

We walk through the streets. We passed the Roman Theatre. I say 'passed' because we could not enter, they were setting the stage for theatrical performances. During the month of July the whole area is full of theater festivals. We continue our way and found the magnificent Amphitheatre. We could not get because he was about to start the show 'Courses Camarguaises'. The region of the Camargue is famous for its bulls and an idyllic photo, I don't know if it's the right adjective, of the ranchers leading the cattles through the fields. The show is similar to the 'cuts' (running before the bulls and breaking the line) made here but we do not stop to check.

We continue along streets and squares, the colors and light show don't stop. Streets full of life and history. We go a bit faster because we still go to Avignon and Orange, where we will spend the night.

We return to the Republic Square where we started the tour. It was short but intense. A good way to start the trip. In the following pictures I try to reflect the quiet; in the first one the unhurried artist watching the scene in a moment of respite from the bustle of pedestrians going up and down the street, and in the other one the relaxed conversation.

And to end today a picture of contrast, the biker with his hellish drawings trying to show his passion. 'Ride or Die'.