

## Orange (France)

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### 1. BASIC DATA

*State Party:* France

*Name of property:* Roman theatre and its Surroundings and the “Triumphal Arch” of Orange

*Location:* Departement of Vaucluse, Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur

*Inscription:* 1981

*Brief Description:*

Situated in the Rhone valley, the ancient theatre of Orange, with its 103-m-long facade, is one of the best preserved of all the great Roman theatres. Built between 10 and 25 AD, the Roman arch is one of the most beautiful and interesting surviving examples of a provincial triumphal arch from the reign of Augustus. It is decorated with low reliefs commemorating the establishment of the Pax Romana.

### 2. ISSUES RAISED

*Background*

As part of the Periodic Reporting process for Europe, the State Party identified the need to put in place appropriate buffer zones for eight inscribed properties, of which this is one.

At the time of inscription there was no buffer Zone. The property lies in the urban area of Orange.

*Modification*

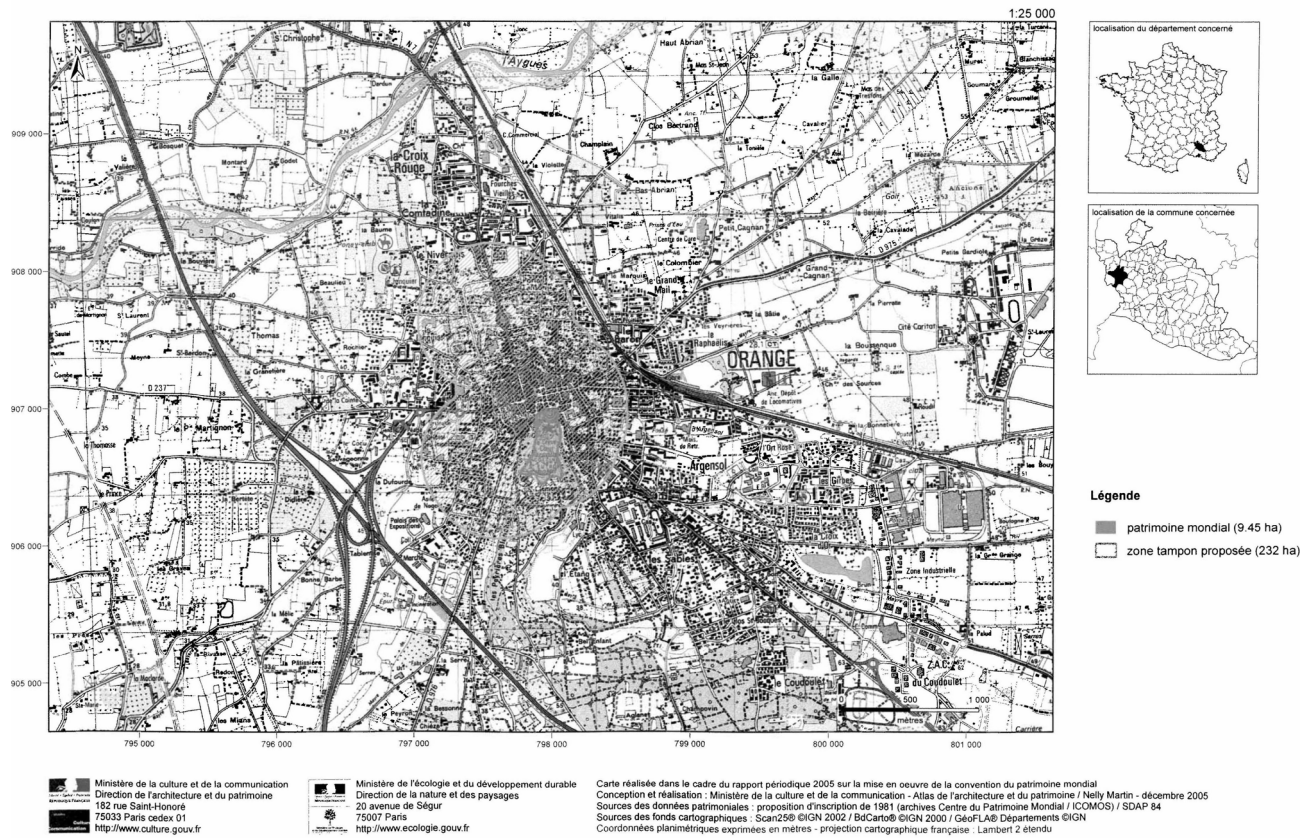
The State Party proposes a buffer zone with an approximate radius of 500 m around the inscribed area. This large area will encompass the heart of the city. Of this, a small area around the inscribed site is protected as a site *classé*. The 500 m radius equates to the zone of protection around historic monuments.

### 3. ICOMOS RECOMMENDATIONS

ICOMOS recommends that the buffer zone for the Roman theatre and its Surroundings and the “Triumphal Arch” of Orange (France) be approved.



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Map showing the boundaries of the proposed buffer zone