

## The Route of Stevenson, Second part From Chasseradès to St Jean du Gard

**Self-guided circuit, with double bedroom or 'gîte', 7 days 6  
nights with 6 days of hiking**

Level: 2/5



Depart from Chasseradès, in the Lozère, and follow the second part of the journey of Robert Louis Stevenson and his donkey Modestine, who hiked this route in 1878.

This second stage of the Route of Stevenson will transport you through the Cévennes, crossing Mont Lizère (1699m), Bougès (1421m), the Mimente valley and across moors, forests and fields.

This trip is also an opportunity to discover and gain an understanding of the history of the Camisards, via emblematic French Protestant villages (Pont-de-Monvert, Florac, St Germain de Calberte, etc.).

Like Robert Louis Stevenson, you will finish your hike in Saint-Jean-du-Gard, the regional capital of the Camisards.

# Strengths

- Well-balanced stages
- Carefully selected accommodation

# SCHEDULE

## **Day 1 : From Chasseradès to Bleymard :** 17 km - 5h - Elevation: + 470 m

The route starts by climbing up through the Lizard forests, towards the top of Goulet (1413m), offering a beautiful panorama over Mont Lozère. Following tracks alongside the streams that feed the Tarn river, you will eventually reach the hamlets of Alpiers and Le Bleymard. You are now at the foot of Mont Lozère.

## **Day 2 : From Bleymard to Pont de Montvert :** 19 km - 5h30 - Elevation: + 650 m

This is the stage with the biggest climb! Ascend Mont Lozère, on to the Summit of Finiels, passing through forests, moors and fields to arrive in Les Cévennes. An exceptional panorama opens up to you. The route continues on, down the southern slope, passing through the small hamlet of Finiels towards the Pont de Montvert, the village from which the Camisards uprising began in 1702.

## **Day 3 : From Pont de Montvert to Florac :** 28.5 km - 8h - Elevation: + 720 m

The longest stage of your hike takes you across the River Tarn to climb the third highest massif of the Cévennes National Park: Bougès (1421m) stands in the heart of the Camisards. Following the Col du Sapet and Bedouès, then along the River Tarn, you finally arrive at Florac, the 'capital' of the Cévennes.

## **Day 4 : From Florac to Cassagnas :** 18 km - 5h - Elevation: + 420 m

Following the old railway through the Mimente valley, you reach St Julien d'Arpaon and its famous castle. You then arrive at Cassagnas.

## **Day 5 : From Cassagnas to Saint Germain de Calberte :** 15 km - 4h - Elevation: + 370 m

This short stage takes you across the Cévennes National Park, through the Fontmort forest and down towards the Col de la Pierre Plantée, before arriving at Saint-Germain-de-Camberte.

## **Day 6 : From Saint Germain de Calberte to Saint Jean du Gard :** 22 km - 5h30 - Elevation: + 510 m

The last leg of your hike following in the footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson takes you first to Saint-Etienne-Vallée-Française to cross the Gardon valley. Passing by the Col de Saint-Pierre, you continue your crossing of the Camisards, before finishing your hike with a descent into Saint-Jean-du-Gard, a typical village of the lower Cévennes valleys, and the place where Robert Louis Stevenson ended his adventure

## **Day 7 : Saint Jean du Gard :**

End of the trip after breakfast.

# TRAVEL CONDITIONS

## Attendees:

From 2 people.

## Formalities:

- A valid official ID
- We recommend travel insurance with repatriation included

## Accommodation:

The whole of your stay is 'half-board' (dinner, overnight accommodation and breakfast included). There are two options to choose from:

- Accommodation in a 'Gite' : Gites are selected specifically for their warm welcome and friendly atmosphere. More often than not, you will share a dormitory of 4-6 beds. Sheets and towels are not provided (ensure that you include them in your luggage).
- 'Selected' Accommodation: Accommodated in a private double or triple room in a 'gite', bed and breakfast or hotel, normally with a private ensuite bathroom and toilet. On certain stages, and according to availability, you may be offered sanitary facilities (private or communal) which are accessible from the landing or hallway. We will inform you of the type of facilities available. Sheets and towels are provided.

## Luggage:

Two options to choose from:

- With luggage transfer: You only need to carry what is needed for the day and your picnic. Your other luggage is transported by vehicle. Please respect the luggage limit of one bag per person, maximum weight of 13kg/bag.
- Without luggage transfer: you carry all of your belongings throughout the trip with no organised luggage transfer by vehicle.

## Options:

- Single room supplement, if selected
- Picnics on hiking days
- Return to Puy-en-Velay by shuttle bus
- Stay without luggage transfer
- Additional luggage

## Food:

This is not the time to go on a diet! Instead, it is an opportunity to taste local cuisine and specialities. The quality of your food is paramount and we take great care to ensure a good dietary balance, a sufficient calorie intake and that each meal includes local specialities.

You can dine at your accommodation or in the associated restaurants.

Picnics (lunch) are not included. Available as an additional option.

## Key information and support:

You can go on your own, as a couple, with your family or with friends. We'll look after your accommodation, meals, luggage transfer and group. You have a good experience of hiking. From one stage to the next, you follow the maps and detailed digital roadbook that we have carefully prepared for you. Going on your own means hiking lightly, at your own pace, and taking full advantage of the pleasures of nature without worrying about the logistics of your stay.

It also means being free to interpret and imagine what the landscapes have to say.

### **Difficulty level :**

This hike is aimed at adults who are in good physical condition. You should be able to walk for 4 to 7 hours per day (for queries concerning younger people, please contact us directly). The chosen route does not present any technical difficulties. You must be able to orientate yourself using a map and a TopoGuide.

The footpaths are well signposted.

### **DEPARTURE AND MEETING POINT :**

Chasseradès

First day of the circuit: we recommend arriving on Sunday. The start of the hike will be on Monday.

How to get there:

By car : From Mende, N88 then D6 to Chasseradès.

By train: Chasseradès SNCF station (Mende-Chasseradès line or La Bastide-Chasseradès)

Ask us about return shuttle bus.

# RATES

## Freedom package - stopover gîte

Registration for 2 people	640€
Registration for 3 people	630€
Registration for 4 people	620€
Registration for 6 people	610€

## Freedom package - hotel

Registration for 2 people	820€
Registration for 3 people	810€
Registration for 4 people	830€
Registration for 6 people	820€

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### The price includes :

- Half board accommodation for hikes.
- Luggage transportation (only if Luggage Transfer option is selected).
- The digital TopoGuide file
- Organisation and logistics costs

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## How to subscribe ? :

No, no automatic forms!

At LaRébenne, we prefer to keep in touch with our travelers. We like to talk to you about our travels, and we want to maintain this relationship with you. Exchange, sharing and pleasure remain our ambition for LaRébenne travels.

Don't hesitate to contact us directly to talk about hiking or biking.

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## Registration, deposit and validation

Once you've chosen your trip, it's quick and easy to register!

\* Either go directly to your tour's page on our website and click on registration.

\* Or we can work with you to create a tailor-made tour, and send you a personalized link to your registration form.

The registration is effective when we receive your registration form with your acceptance of the general terms and conditions of sale, accompanied by the deposit of 30% of the tour price. You will then receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your registration.

<b>100% secure payment</b>
You can pay by credit card (faster) or bank transfer.


## Payment of balance

The balance must be paid one month before the departure date. You will find your invoice on your My LaRébenne space, as well as a payment link to the balance of your stay.

## Invitation to depart

On receipt of payment of the balance, your travel diary will be available in your customer area on My LaRébenne, where you will find all the information you need for your trip, as well as your invoice.

## Insurance :

In accordance with regulations, each participant in a LaRébenne trip must hold individual civil liability as well as individual multi-risk cover to protect themselves against incidents or accidents that may occur before or during the tour or bike trip.

Assistance mainly covers search and rescue, repatriation and medical expenses. It comes into play as soon as a medical report makes it possible to decide on repatriation. Repatriation, known as "premature return", can also be arranged for reasons other than the insured's own, such as the death of a family member (see cases in the insurance booklet). Beforehand, in regions far from medical facilities and difficult to access, you must agree to the organization of first aid using local resources (4X4, porters, horses, etc.).

This contract also covers loss, theft or delayed delivery of baggage, as well as interruption of stay.

The insurance protects against the financial risk of cancellation. It is very important to have this type of insurance in case of cancellation due to a health problem or for professional reasons.

We suggest you take out one of the three policies we have selected, bearing in mind that we only act as an intermediary between you and the insurer. Any additional insurance is invoiced per person and must be taken out on the day of booking:

- "Multirisque" contract (4.5%), minimum premium 15 euros:  
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage + cancellation.

[See the complete contract](#)

- "Cancellation" contract (2.5%), minimum premium 10 euros:  
Cancellation only.

[See the complete contract](#)

- "Repatriation assistance" contract (1.6%), minimum premium of 10 euros:  
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage.

[See the complete contract](#)

As far as "civil liability abroad" is concerned, only French residents are covered.

### **Informations :**

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