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4 DAYS HIKING IN AUVERGNE

Self guided hike 4 days / 3 nights

4 days in a self guided hike in Auvergne. In the heart of the Regional Natural Park of the Volcanoes of Auvergne, take time to share with your family or with your friends, real authentic moments. Go and discover this fabulous area. Your walking days will be both easy and fun, in harmony with this preserved land. Great to fill-up your energy in this land of contrasts.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: PESSADE - ORCIVAL

3:30 walking - Hôtel / 8,8km / +100 m / -396 m

Before your hike, remember to leave your luggages at the hotel Orcival this first day because this transfert is not included in the price (wayback by car, 15 minutes).

You will start your hike from the car park of the "Centre de pleine Nature de Pessade". For Information, Clermont-Ferrand / Pessade = 30km. Hike to Lake Servières, a pretty little crater lake a few thousand years old, followed by a gentle descent with beautiful scenery to reach the Orcival village.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel or in bed and breakfast.

DAY 2: ORCIVAL - MONTLOSIER

4 to 5 hours walking - Lodge / 13 km / +327 m / -236 km

In the morning, the Chaîne des Puys is showing itself. You will then continue your walk to the castle of Montlosier, home of Maison du Parc Naturel Regional des Volcans d'Auvergne. Possible visit of the exhibition on the Chaîne des Puys.

Dinner and overnight stay at the lodging of Montlosier.

DAY 3: MONTLOSIER - PUY DE LA VACHE - MONTLOSIER

4 to 5 hours walking - Lodge / 12,4 km / +375 m / - 380 m

Today, you are evolving on the most emblematic volcanoes of the Chaîne des Puys, this "encyclopedia of volcanism" as Haroun Tazieff liked to define it.

In the morning, at the reception of the house of the Park, think to take your musettes which will help you to discover in the form of pedagogical games, the nature and the environment of Puy de Vichatel (one of our most beautiful cones of slag).

In the afternoon, go for the ascent of Puy de la Vache and may be of its twin, the Puy de Lassolas.

Dinner and overnight stay at the lodging of Montlosier.

DAY 4: MONTLOSIER - PESSADE

4 to 5 hours walking / 12,6 km / + 310m / - 110 m

Before leaving, remember to leave your luggage in the saddlery, so you can pick them up later with your car at the end of your hike.

Between hay meadows and pastures, your last day of hiking will make you go up to the hamlet of Pessade, passing by the Narse of Espinasse, a real jewel and relic of the ice age.

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Disclaimer

The route can be modified for reasons of safety, meteorology or unforeseen events linked to events beyond our control: cut roads, local festivals ... "Aluna Voyages" and its team will always strive to provide the best solution.

LEVEL

WALKING OR ACTIVITY TIME

The days offer 4 to 5 hours of activity per day.

CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF ACTIVITIES

4 days of activities suitable for families with children.

ELEVATION / ELEVATION / TERRAIN

Low elevation on easy terrain.

LUGGAGE TRANSPORTATION

You will only have to carry your small backpacks with personal belongings of the day as well as your lunch box.

Your travel bags (or bags) will be transported by taxi on Day 2.

On Day 1, you will leave your luggage at the Orcival hotel before starting your hike.

On Day 3, you will stay in the same accommodation as the day before.

On Day 4, you will pick-up your luggage yourself at the cottage at the end of your hike (10 minutes by car).

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Climate of mountain pleasant in the inter seasons and hot in summer. Evenings can be cool.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

No specific experience. Walk regularly and have the pleasure of effort.

Easy journey and accessible to anyone in good health.

DATES & PRICES

FROM MAY TO END OF SEPTEMBER

Price for 1 adult traveling alone :

- With luggage transport : 430 €
- Without luggage transport : 365 €

Price for 2 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 325 €
- Without luggage transport : 290 €

Price for 3 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 295 €
- Without luggage transport : 275 €

Price for 4 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 285 €
- Without luggage transport : 265 €

Price for 5 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 280 €
- Without luggage transport : 260 €

Price for 6 or 7 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 270 €
- Without luggage transport : 255 €

Price for 8 or 9 people from 12 years old :

- With luggage transport : 265 €
- Without luggage transport : 250 €

Reduction for children under 12 : 80 € on the price above

If you arrive the day before we can reserve a hotel for you the day before departure in Orcival :

- Half-board adult or teenager from 12 years old in a double or family room = 82 €/pers
- Half-board child under 12 years old in parents' room = 42 €/child

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

TRANSPORT

If "luggage transport" option chosen :

Transport of travel bags (or suitcases) by taxi on D2. Only 1 piece of luggage per person weighing 12 kg maximum.

Any surplus may be refused or surcharged by the carriers on site.

On the first day, before the start of the hike, you will have to bring your luggage yourself to the first accommodation (10 minutes by car), as well as on the last day you collect your luggage in the last accommodation of the stay.

EQUIPMENT

Maps and road book for logistical information but also for naturalist and cultural informations.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel and cottage in small dormitory.

MEAL

Full board from dinner on D1 to lunch on D4.

OUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

MEAL

Drinks and personal extras. Meals not mentioned above.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to the starting point of your journey in Pessade.

The transfer of your luggage on Day 1 and Day 4 :

On Day 1, remember to leave your luggage at the hotel in Orcival before you start your hike.

On Day 4, Before leaving the cottage in the morning, remember to leave your luggage in the saddlery, so you can pick them up later with your car at the end of your hike.

VARIOUS

Paying entries in the parks, sites and museums not included in the program.

INSURANCE

Insurance Cancellation, Luggage, Interruption and Repatriation : 4.90% of the price of your trip.

REGISTRATION FEE

- 30 days or more before departure : 12 €/pers
- Less than 30 days before departure : 20 €/pers
- For any tailor-made trip : 30 € + 12 €/pers

PRACTICAL INFO

YOUR MEETING

In order to limit your CO2 emissions, we encourage you to use public transport (train or buses).

From Clermont train or bus station to Pessade, about 60 €/taxi ride on weekdays and about 90 €/taxi ride on Sundays and public holidays.

For information, transport to / from Clermont-Fd- Pessade (60 km A/R).

By car : 30 km (40 mn) from Clermont-Ferrand. Take the N89 in the direction of Mont Dore, then at the Ventouse pass, turn left (dir Besse) then 500 m further on the right on the D5. At Zanière, turn right until Pessade.

(See [Openstreet Map](#))

ACCOMMODATION

1 Night in a hotel ** and 2 nights in a gîte d'étape (lodge).

FOOD

You will have breakfast at the Hotel and the lodging.

You will carry your lunch box. Evening meals are served in the hotel's restaurant and at the lodge.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

A SMALL BACKPACK CONTAINING

- a hat or cap
- a pair of sunglasses
- a rain cape or a K-Way windbreaker or better a Gore-Tex jacket.
- Tupperware with cutlery for picnics and a water container
- Plastic bags to wrap your stuff if raining
- a camera / pair of binoculars

FOR YOUR EVENING LUGGAGE

1 piece of luggage per person up to 12 kg. Any excess luggage may be refused or surcharged by the taxi driver on the spot.

- a cotton or silk sheet for 2 nights at the cottage (blankets are provided)
- canvas or jogging pants
- a pair of tennis or other for the evening
- a polar fur

- spare clothing and underwear
- swimsuit
- toilet bag with a bath towel

SHOES

- a pair of lightweight walking shoes, preferably already used, or, for sensitive feet, a good pair of reinforced tennis shoes
- socks