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3 DAYS WITH A DONKEY IN AUVERGNE

Self guided trip 3 days/ 2 nights

3 days hiking with a donkey in a self guided trip. In the heart of the Regional Natural Park of the Volcanoes of Auvergne, take the time to share with family real authentic moments. Come to meet this fabulous territory, at the slow pace of your valiant companion who will carry your food for lunch and your bags. In this gentle landscape, your walking days will be both easy and fun and in harmony with this preserved nature, will draw all the energy and benefits of this land of contrast.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: PESSADE-ORCIVAL

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

RDV around 10 o'clock in Pessade (follow the signs "rando- âne" in the village from the large parking where you can leave your vehicle at the entrance of the village). For those who can not begin the stay in the morning, contact us for an early afternoon arrival. It is in this small village that your ass is waiting for you. Hike to reach Servières Lake, a lovely little crater lake a few thousand years old, followed by a gentle descent with beautiful landscapes to reach the village of Orcival.

Possibility for this first day, to hire the services of a mountain tour leader who will allow you in a few hours to read the map (essential to follow a route). He will also make you aware of the good behavior of the donkey ... all this in order to make the best of your stay (More information further for these extra costs).

Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2: ORCIVAL - MONTLOSIER

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

In the morning, the Chain of the 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: CHÂTEAU DE MONTLOSIER - PESSADE

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

Your last day of hiking with your friendly traveling companion, you will go up to the village of Pessade through the Narse d'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

3 days of activities suitable for families with children.

ELEVATION / ELEVATION / TERRAIN

Low elevation on easy terrain.

TRANSPORTATION

For families of 2 to 3 people, the donkey will carry all your belongings, so plan travel bags and not suitcases, with a weight not exceeding 12 kg per person (if you desire more comfort, we can Transport your luggage by taxi Day1 and Day 2 : 120 €). For families or groups of friends over 3 people, your travel bags (or suitcases) will be transported by taxi Day 1 and Day 2. In this case, the donkey can carry your small backpacks with personal belongings of the day as well as your picnics.

DONKEY (S)

There is 1 donkey for 6 people. Beyond 6 people, there will be an additional donkey.

Beyond this package, for any additional donkey on the stay: 145 €.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Pleasant mountain climate in the inter-season and hot in summer. The 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

May to October

Adult price (from 16) : 320 €

Teenage price from 12 to 15 years : 280 €

Child under 12 years : 190 €

For families or groups of friends, from 2 people.

1 donkey for 6 people. Additional donkey during the stay = 145 €.

1 taxi for luggage is provided on Day 1 and Day 2, for families or groups of friends from 4 people at no extra charge.

If taxi needed for the transport of luggage Day 1 and Day 2, for families of less than 4 people, taxi package = **120 €.**

Option first day with a mountain tour leader : 215 €.

Option first half day with a mountain tour leader : 140 €.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

MEALS

Full board from dinner on D1 to lunch on D3.

TRANSPORT

For group of 2 to 3 people, the donkey will carry all your belongings during your trip. For families or groups of friends of 4 or more people, your bags will be transported by taxi Day 1 and Day 2, while the donkey will carry your small backpacks with personal belongings of the day as well as your lunch. **Only 1 bag max weight 15 kg/personn will be transported by taxi.**

DONKEY (S)

There is 1 donkey for 6 people. Beyond 6 people, there will be an additional donkey.

EQUIPMENT

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

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel and lodging

OUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

MEALS

Drinks and personal extras. Meals not mentioned above.

TRANSPORT AND DONKEY (S)

Luggage transport by taxi for group less than 4 people.

For group more than 3 people, transport of your luggage Day 3. This day, keep your luggages in the last lodge before leaving the place. You will get them back in the afternoon after finishing the trip (only 10 mn by car).

Luggage transport by taxi Day 1 and 2, for group less than 4 persons : 120 €.

Transportation to get to the starting point Day 1.

Additional donkey during your stay : 145 €.

TOUR LEADER OPTION

Option first day with a mountain tour leader : 215 €. Option first half day with a mountain tour leader : 140 €.

VARIOUS

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

Insurance Cancellation, Luggage, Interruption and Repatriation : 3.95% of the price of your trip.

Compulsory registration fee : 15 € per file.

PRACTICAL INFO

YOUR MEETING

Public transportation : In order to limit your CO2 emissions, we encourage you to use public transport to get to Clermont-Fd bus or train station.

From Clermont 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 return).

By road : 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 1 night in a "gite d'étape" in small dorm. If you arrive the day before, you can spend the night in Finnish kota or caravan at Pessade. There are 2 restaurants in the village, but it is also possible to order the meal from a caterer to eat on site.

FOOD

You will have breakfast at the hotel and at the lodge. The pack lunch will be transported by your donkey. 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
- toilet paper
- a small personal first aid kit (aspirin, plaster, elastoplast, ...)
- Tupperware with cutlery for picnics and a gourd
- Plastic bags to wrap business in bad weather
- a camera / pair of binoculars

FOR YOUR EVENING LUGGAGE

For donkey transportation : only soft bags (no suitcase) and maximum weight 10 kg/pers.

For taxi transportation : only 1 bag/pers (max weight 12 kg/pers).

- a silk or cotton sheet for the night 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