

Bezaudon, a lovely area fifteen kilometres south over the col. Very easy walking with lovely views south towards Provence and Mont Ventoux. An amazing number of different orchid species can be found here in spring.

Gorges d'Ombleze, a narrow and steep sided gorge that defies belief, superb waterfalls, cool air and excellent walking, especially on a hot day.

Rimon, high altitude but easy walking; great views of the valley and northern Provence, ancient villages .

Le Grand Delmas, a moderate grade climb to a high peak and ridge, offering splendid views of the Vercors and the distant French Alps.

Cirque D'Archiane, a terrific mid altitude walk with a distinctly alpine feel, and home of the elusive Lady's Slipper orchid. Expect to see eagles, vultures and chamois.

Dieulefit, a thriving market town surrounded by rolling hills offering wonderful walks and views of Provence.

Saillans, the GR9 and GR95 (national marked trails) pass through our village, and there are several circuits to the north and south, each offering excellent views. Vineyards and truffle oaks gradually give way to more rugged terrain and forests, climbing to a number of superb viewpoints.

Day 5:

Rest day. A non walking day to relax or visit one of the nearby market towns of Die or Crest. Alternatively, we have some prepared routes that you can do on your own if you would rather walk, or you could try canoeing, cycling or visit some of the local vineyards.

Evening meal in local restaurant

Day 8:

Saturday: We say our goodbyes; transfers to Valence TGV and Lyon airport.

Practical information

Minimum group size is 4, maximum 10. Minimum age: 18 years. We provide one guide per group who will guide all the walks in the area. The guide will not be provided for anyone walking on a route other than with the group.

What to bring

In addition to your usual clothes, you will need the following:-

- Lightweight walking boots with good ankle support
- Waterproof / windproof jacket
- Sun hat and sun cream
- Water bottle
- Day rucksack (for your belongings and picnic lunch)
- Walking poles if you like to use them.

As well as a camera and binoculars, we suggest you bring a blank CD so that you can take a copy of digital photographs taken by the guide and any other members of the group.

Joining the trip - transfers

Included in the cost of your holiday is an airport transfer to and from Lyon St Exupery or to and from Valence TGV. If you are taking this option you will be given further details with your joining instructions. Alternatively you may prefer to make your own arrangements, in this case please arrive at your accommodation from 4pm onwards on your arrival day.

Passports

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents.

Insurance

It is a requirement of our terms and conditions that you have taken out appropriate travel insurance in respect of your holiday.

Extra expenses and spending money

Allow about 30 euros for the evening meal on the rest day, plus money for drinks etc in bars and cafés. There is a cashpoint in the village.

Transport

A mini-bus is normally used as your support vehicle throughout the week, and all transport costs for the normal programme of guided walks are included. Transport is not usually provided on the rest day.

Accommodation

La Maison Rose has three double and two twin bedded rooms with en-suite facilities. You will have full use of the large sitting room, dining room, terraces, swimming pool and garden. The house is a short walk from the centre of the village and two minutes from the river Drome.

Meals:

Breakfast will be provided each morning on the terrace. It is self-service and comprises cereal, yoghurt, fruit, eggs, croissants, bread, jam, marmalade and honey, tea and coffee.

Lunch: five picnic lunches are provided consisting of filled baguettes of your choice, salad, fruit, cakes, snack bars and soft drinks.

Afternoon tea; tea, coffee and biscuits is served on your return from the day's walking.

Dinner; six home cooked dinners of four courses, including unlimited wine, mineral water, tea or coffee.

We do not offer a choice of meals but if you have a food allergy or are vegetarian please discuss your requirements with us.

Facilities:

A washing machine is available, and a fridge/freezer for any food items. A PC is at your disposal for viewing and copying photographs.

The library contains a broad selection of books; there are also maps and guidebooks to borrow.

The swimming pool is open from 8 am each day.

Most UK terrestrial channels can be viewed on the satellite television in the lounge.

Drinks with meals are free and unlimited; a minibar and wine list is available for drinks at other times, for which a nominal charge is made.

It may be possible to order an english newspaper; please ask for details.

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