



THE EXPERT FOR THE WAYS OF ST JAMES

THE STEVENSON WAY Le Puy En Velay - Chasseradès



This adventure through the Cévennes lasted 12 days for STEVENSON and Modestine his donkey, from Monastier sur Gazeille in Haute Loire to St Jean du Gard. The first section of the hike that we propose starts in Puy en Velay and ends in Chasseradès, for a duration of 6 days of walking.

"I had sought adventure all my life, a pure and dispassionate adventure, such as happened to the heroic travellers of the early days; and to find myself thus, in the morning, in a remote and wooded corner of Gévaudan, disoriented, as foreign to what surrounded me as the first man abandoned in the land, was to see, fulfilled, a part of my waking dreams. »

Robert Louis Stevenson



7 Days, 6 nights et 6 hiking day.

DAY1 : LE PUY EN VELAY (alt : 625 m)

Arrival at the hotel late in the afternoon, dinner and overnight. Discovering of the city of the Puy en Velay, especially its cathedral.

DAY 2 : LE PUY EN VELAY - LE MONASTIER SUR GAZEILLE (alt : 930 m)

D+550m D-231m

The first stage that leads to Le Monastier, whence R. L Stevenson set off in September 1878 for 220 km with his donkey Modestine. We leave Le Puy en Velay in a southerly direction (superb views of the Puy basin) in the direction of Coubon, where we will cross the Loire before reaching the town of Le Monastier.

Walking time: ≈ 5h-6h, 19 km.

DAY 3 : LE MONASTIER – LE BOUCHET ST NICOLAS (alt : 1220 m) *D+650m D- 350m*

This stage descends into the Gazeille valley, then into the Loire valley to Goudet (785 m) passing Courmarcès (975m), and St Martin de Fugères (1000m). Pretty views of these valleys, then through small hamlets, pastures and crops, arrival at Bouchet St Nicolas (old house on the side of the road with stones decorated with bas-reliefs).

Walking time: ≈ 6h, 24 km.

DAY 4 : LE BOUCHET ST NICOLAS – LANGOGNE (alt : 920 m) *D+250m D-315m*

After continuing on a wide path and crossing the Allier, you enter Gévaudan, in Langogne. Here you will have the opportunity to admire the hundred or so capitals housed in a Romanesque church in the Burgundian style. The latter is surrounded by a small town, itself protected by ramparts and five restored towers.

Walking time: ≈ 5h-6h, 23 km.

DAY 5 : LANGOGNE - CHEYLARD L'EVEQUE (alt : 1125 m) *D+390m D-421m*

R.L. Stevenson then entered the land of Gévaudan, a harsh land of moors and swamps covered with heather, small groves, birches and granite rocks: passage to



St Flour de Mercoire (1049 m), then arrival at the very small village of Cheylard l'Evêque.

It is also possible to stop in Chaudeyrac, which will be 16 km.

Walking time: ≈ 4h, 16 km.

DAY 6 : CHEYLARD L'ÈVEQUE - LA BASTIDE PUYLAURENT (alt : 1024 m)

D+ 655m D- 760m

At the exit of Le Cheylard, through the national forest of the Gardille, follow the direction of Luc (971 m) where the ruins of a castle remain, former guardian of the Régordane path (pilgrimage route of Saint Gilles). Then we went to Rogleton (990m), then to "Notre Dame des Neiges": Abbey (Stevenson spent three days there!) where Cistercian monks live who produce wine (outside the GR at 8 Km), before heading towards La Bastide.

Stage of 26.5 km taking the GR 70 variant, about 6 hours of walking If you stop in Chaudeyrac, it will be 30.5 km still taking the GR 70 variant. Possibility to reduce this step, consult us.

Walking time: ≈ 6h, 26.5 km.

DAY 7 : LA BASTIDE PUYLAURENT - CHASSERADES (alt : 1150 m) *D+350m D-200m*

A relatively short stage, still through this beautiful national forest of the Gardille, climb to the summit of the Mourade (1308 m): view of the plateau, then descent to Chabalière and Chasseradès. End of the stay after the hike.

Walking time: ≈ 3h, 12 km.

Note:

1 - It will not be possible to alter the places where you are accommodated or the order of the walking stages etc (for obvious organisational reasons). Once the day's walk has started, you are expected to continue the day's programme as arranged, except where exceptional circumstances intervene (for example, safety issues linked to adverse weather conditions).

2 - If you wish to shorten a walking stage, you will need to contact and pay for any taxis used when the occasion arises.

> DATES

From **April 1st to October 19th**, at your convenience and subject to hotel availability. Additional charge for stays from mid-October onwards due to luggage transfer/shuttle (please consult us).



Please indicate on the booking form any other dates that would suit you (e.g.: possibility of postponing the hike by one or two days before or after...); this is in case one or more accommodations are not available on the chosen dates.

We also ask you to book as early as possible. We don't have any reserved places in the accommodations, and some of them are fully booked several months in advance.

> PRICE COVERS

- The half-board
- The luggage transfer between each stage of walk
- The topoguide
- Tourist tax.

> PRICE DOES NOT COVER

- the midday picnic
- the night in Chasseradès
- insurance
- drinks and personal expenses
- transfers from your home to the meeting point and dispersal, shuttles or taxis to pick up your car and to shorten certain stages
- parking fees
- station-hotel or airport-hotel transfers on arrival and departure.
- registration fees (+€15 per person)
- shipping costs abroad (+€20 per person)
- priority processing fees for any registration on D-15 (+45€ per file).


> ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

The arrival takes place at your first accommodation, the day before your first hiking day. For the ones who come by car, there is the possibility of parking your car in one of the parking of the city (see ACCESS)

Your stay takes end the last day of your hike.



> LEVEL

 **Level 3** On average, walk 6 hours per day on paths or trails that can have a cumulative positive difference in altitude of +600 to +800m. Some walking days in our programs may have little difference in altitude but the stages are sometimes long (25 / 30 km).

> ACCOMMODATION

1* and 2** hotels, gîtes and guest rooms. The accommodations along the Stevenson Way are heterogeneous and can vary in terms of range and service provision. In some localities, the choice of accommodation may be very limited. The shower and toilet may be on the landing or upstairs in some accommodations.

ATTENTION: When 2 accommodations are full, we are forced to make you spend 2 nights at the same accommodation and to organize a transfer (which does not change the content of your hike); These details will be indicated to you on your registration confirmation if the case occurs. You may be asked for an additional fee.

> MEALS

Breakfasts are traditional (sometimes in buffet form) and are served around 8a.m. If you wish to have breakfast earlier, check with the hotelier the day before if this is possible.

Dinners are generally served from 7:30 p.m.; Most of the time they are composed of the daily menu. No menu choice in the majority of accommodations except with a supplement.

> LUNCH

Packed lunches are not included in the price.

You can order them directly the day before from the hotelier (to be paid on site, from €7 to €15 per person depending on the establishment) not all accommodation offers this service, or buy them in the villages, from existing shops.



> LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

Your luggage will be transported by a transport company between each steps at the end of the morning or during the afternoon.

Delivery of your luggage by 6 p.m.

Possible additional price for luggage transport from October.

ATTENTION :

We ask you to leave your luggage in the lobby of each accommodation in the morning at 8 a.m. and to IMPERATIVELY only bring 1 BAGGAGE PER PERSON NOT EXCEEDING 13KG; beyond this number (1 bag) and this weight (13 kg), the carrier may charge you a supplement at the end of the hike or categorically refuse to transport your luggage if it is too bulky.

Rigid suitcase not permitted, we decline all responsibility for damage to this type of luggage.

We invite you to bring a small backpack to carry your personal belongings for the day.

If you are part of a group, we ask you to indicate on your suitcase labels the NAME of the person responsible for this group (person who booked the hike).

> ACCESS

*GO



Le Puy en Velay's Railway station

Chasseradès SNCF station and Langogne SNCF station



Le Puy en Velay is located in the Haute-Loire.

*RETURN :



Bus from Chasseradès

You can through us (or directly) book the shuttle bus from Chasseradès to Le Puy en Velay with the luggage transport company.



A transfer of your vehicle can be organised during your walking stay in order to pick it up at the end of your stay (please contact us).

It is imperative to book this transfer as soon as possible (we advise you to do so as soon as you register or at our booking confirmation because the requests are high and there are few places); This transfer is not included in the price of the hike.

> TRAVEL FILE

To do this hike, we will send you, when the balance is paid, a travel file including the list of accommodation and the guidebook LE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON, GR 70, Le Puy – Alès (**1 guidebook per room booked**). If you want an additional travel file, you will be charged + 20€ / file.

> TAKEOUT LIST

- A small rucksack for your packed lunch and anything else needed for the day's walk
- Basic first aid – eg plasters, antiseptic fluid, alcohol for feet etc
- A good pair of walking boots or shoes, suitable for hill walking. Beware of new boots – test them or break them in first.
- Sun-glasses, sun-cream and sun-hat
- Waterproof garments
- Light shoes for the evening
- Water bottle; it is important to drink 1.5 to 2 litres per day
- A knife
- Torch (optional)
- Binoculars (if desired)
- Paper handkerchiefs
- Needle, thread, safety pins.

MORE DETAILS AT THE SUBSCRIPTION

