



## Hiking Cévennes Heaven

### Hill-walking at its best

#### Highlights

- ☞ Enjoy a fabulous walk along the mountain crest en route to St Jean du Gard
- ☞ Opportunity to enjoy a steam train ride to Anduze and back\*
- ☞ Visit the Museum of the Desert in Mialet [in memory of the Protestants persecuted in Cevennes] and the Museum of Cevenol Life\*
- ☞ Walk the final section of the classic Stevenson Trail.

#### Fact File

- ✓ 4-night self-guided, moderate walking tour, with one flexible day.
- ✓ Multi-thematic hiking.
- ✓ Start any day from March to mid-October.
- ✓ Tour commences in Alès and finishes in St Jean du Gard.
- ✓ Easy access from Nimes - 40-minute train ride.
- ✓ We transport your luggage, you carry a day pack
- ✓ Enjoy the comforts of one 2-star and two 3-star hotels.



#### Theme

**Hiking Cevennes Heaven** is a fine short tour and an excellent introduction into walking in Unesco's most recent World Heritage site. It encapsulates a multitude of themes and is designed to educate and stimulate the grey matter while providing the physical with a much-needed work-out.

**Hiking Cevennes Heaven** introduces you to the steep slopes and narrow valleys of an area of extraordinary diversity, with a strong self-identity that expresses itself through universal themes: terre de refuge and man's struggle for self sufficiency and the mastering of nature. The tour comprises a high standard of accommodation and three full-day walks, with the option to shorten the second [middle] day to the morning only.

### 4-night Programme<sup>1</sup>

#### Day 1

**Alès.**

Arrive at the Gateway to the Cevennes and enjoy an evening in this interesting market town. Night in Alès.

#### Day 2

**Cevennes Panorama. [12 miles-18 kms, +520ms, -565ms.]**

Taxi transfer to the start of the trail. You walk to Mialet across the mountain crest with outstanding views eastwards over the entire Garrigue as far as Mont Ventoux in Provence and beyond to the Alps; northwards to Mont Lozere, south-westwards to Mont Aigoual and southwards to Pic St Loup and the Mediterranean. You can also visit The Protestant Museum en route. Night in Mialet.

#### Day 3

**Mialet to St Jean du Gard. [light option: 6 miles-9.5 kms, + 160ms, - 155ms; or moderate option: 11.5 miles -18 km, + 315ms, - 310ms.]**

Today you have two walk choices: walk only the morning, along the Gardon Valley and follow the GR 61 to St Jean, or a more challenging route via a fine 'crête.' And there's plenty to do on arrival: steam train to nearby Anduze, museum of Cevennes culture, castle, cafes and restaurants...not to mention the heated out-door swimming pool. Night in St Jean du Gard.

#### Day 4

**Corniche des Cevennes. [10 miles-15kms, +/- 485ms.]**

The grande finalé: climb an ancient drovers' trail, walked by Robert Louis Stevenson in 1878, to a memorable 360 degree panorama. Second night in St Jean du Gard.

#### Day 5

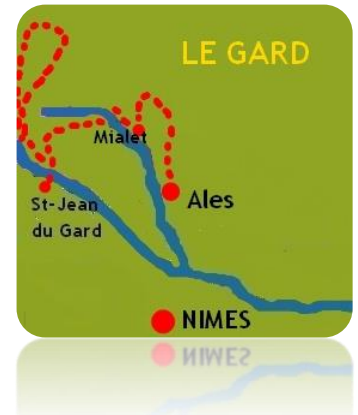
**End of Tour.** Breakfast and onward journey. Bon retour and departure options include bus [not Sundays] or taxi to Ales or Nimes. Ask us for details.





## Accommodation and What's Included

- 4 nights B & B [incl. hotel taxes] in a mix of 2-star hotels and 3-star hotels
- 1 picnic lunch and 1 evening meal from your 3-star countryside hotel
- Luggage and people transfers relevant to the tour, with no weight limits<sup>2</sup>
- Comprehensive walking dossier, walking Insight Notes™ and 1:25,000 scale maps
- Emergency phone support with local native English-speaking back up



## Prices 2017:

**Per person based on two sharing a twin or double room:**

- **£435.00 Pounds Sterling# or €490.00 Euros**

## Booking

Email, phone, LiveChat or Skype us and we will email you everything you need to reserve your tour.

## Our Guarantee

In accordance with "The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992" all passengers are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, arising from cancellation or curtailment of your holiday arrangements due to insolvency, irrespective of method of payment.

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> We reserve the right to alter parts of the above programme for the benefit of safety and the quality of the overall experience.

<sup>2</sup> This allows you to take more than one piece of luggage per person but no valuables or sensitive equipment such as computers or business equipment.

\* Entrance fees/fares not included in the tour

# Please contact us to check for the latest Sterling prices. Sterling prices are confirmed at the time of booking.

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