



Pont du Gard walking

Gourmand walking along the 'Grand site des Gorges du Gardon'

Tour Highlights

- ☞ 4-night, light-to-moderate, all-year-round self-guided tour.
- ☞ Hike the best of the Gardon and Alzon Gorges
- ☞ Experience the biggest of finishes, the Roman Pont du Gard, as few others do
- ☞ Stay in superior village accommodations and in Gallo-Roman Nimes
- ☞ Visit some of Uzès's finest villages, including Collias and Uzès.

Theme

Pont du Gard walking is a tale of two gorges, taking you from the Gorge d'Alzon to the Gardon Gorge, including the biggest of finishes: France's second-most visited 'Grand Site' as few get to see it - none other than Le Pont du Gard.

Pont du Gard walking starts in Uzès, the First Duchy of France and capital of the enigmatic region of Uzège. You hike Gard Provençal, home of The 'Grand site' that is Les Gorges du Gardon. Enjoy the best weather in France, varied countryside, a rich historical heritage and fine, understated regional wines. You stay in superior accommodation with gourmet restaurants either on site or a short stroll away.

Oscillate between the fascinating uplands of the Nimes Garrigues Massif and the feature-filled banks of the Alzon and Gardon rivers. It's light but invigorating hiking, with an abundance of avifauna, classic limestone topography, Mediterranean flora and local history and culture.

The first day's walking is designed to whet the appetite; the second is an adventure par excellence and the third encapsulates that creative tension between man and nature that gives birth to classic architecture. You approach The Pont du Gard from an angle that most never see, and various vantage points will deliver views that remain as lasting memories.

Time your arrival for a Friday in Uzès and take in Western Provence's finest Saturday market.



4-night Programme¹

- Day 1** **Arrival in Uzès.**
Check in and get to know this fine location for the next two nights.
- Day 2** **Gorge d'Alzon. [5.5 miles - 8.5 kms.]**
Enjoy a bucolic hike around the Uzès hinterland in search of the source of the waters that fed the Pont du Gard and supplied Roman Nimes with water. Second night in Uzès.
- Day 3** **Russan To Collias. [13 miles-20 kms]**
Collection from Uzès and transfer to the start of the Gorge. Wend your way towards the magnificent Pont St Nicolas, from where two options exist: the High or the Low route. Whilst the former is lighter, the latter is strongly recommended as it is your one chance to savour walking the riverside limestone pavement - as well as discovering a lost chapel and exploring a memorable grotto. Not to mention sampling a section of the gorge's limestone pavement itself. Sacré balade!
Night in Collias.
- Day 4** **Collias to Pont du Gard & beyond. [7.5 miles-11 kms.]**
Grande finalés don't come much grander than this - you have earned the right to walk its sacred stones and then follow a fascinating trail that unravels a few more of the mysteries that surround this architectural marvel. Transfer to Nimes and night in the historic city centre of Nemausus.
- Day 5** **End of your Pont du Gard walking tour.**
Breakfast and onward journey. Bon voyage et a Bientôt!



What's Included

- 4 nights B & B in superior accommodation and all hotel taxes
- Luggage transfers and all transport integral to the programme
- Hiking Insight Notes™ that empower & make orientation easy
- 1:25,000 scale maps & themed vacation dossier
- Emergency telephone help-line service with local British backup.



Not included

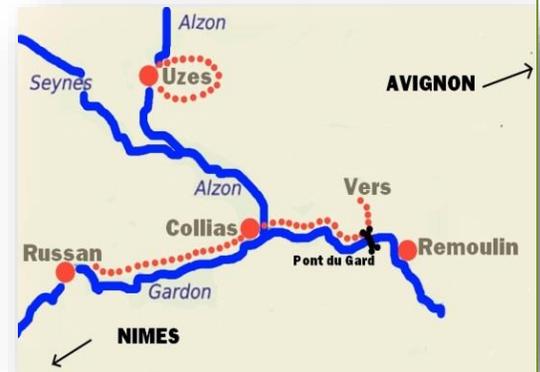
- Remaining meals and all drinks and extras
- Personal expenses
- Entrances into any optional cultural visits and venues
- Hiking, personal and travel insurance
- Single rooms, unless booked at single-person rate.



2017 Prices

£460.00 Pounds# or €520.00 Euros

Price per person based on 2 sharing a double room



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Notes:

¹ We reserve the right to alter parts of the above programme for the benefit of group safety and the quality of the overall experience. You can change the order of the tour on demand at time of booking.

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