



The Best of the Stevenson Trail

Tour Highlights

- ☞ Literary trail rated a World's top Travel Adventure by Forbes Traveler - who recommend The Enlightened Traveller as your hosts along with The Times - see website for details.
- ☞ Enjoy sub-alpine to Mediterranean flora and volcanic plateau to schist valley topography.
- ☞ Experience the best of the Cevennes' hills, Lozère and the Upper Loire valley and hike the Region's highest trail.
- ☞ Moderate, seven-night, inn-to-inn trek, with luggage transfers.
- ☞ Welcoming mix of '2-star standard' auberges, chambres d'hotes and hotels.

Theme



Best of Stevenson Trail brings you the highlights of the Robert Louis Stevenson trail - that's 74 miles/124 kms of fine French trails spread over six days of great hiking. We have eliminated some rather monotonous forestry trails, not to mention the tarmac between Luc Castle and just north of La Bastide, and what's left are the paths that truly please the senses.

Best of Stevenson Trail delivers the finest sections along one of France's top-ten hiking experiences, complemented by welcoming accommodation. You get to walk the most challenging, but also the most aesthetically pleasing, from Le Monastier to Langogne and from La Bastide to Florac. It's all the highs without the lows as you enjoy the delights of the Upper Loire Valley, Mont Lozère and the 'chemin des crêtes.'

7-night Programme¹

- Day 1** **Le Puy.** Arrival and hotel check-in.
- Day 2** **Le Puy en Velay to Le Bouchet St Nicolas.** [13 miles-21 kms, approx. 6½ hrs, +460 ms -175 ms]
A short taxi transfer to Le Monastier is followed by a longer descent into the Upper Loire Valley. Then you climb through charming hamlets and across volcanic plateau, before arriving at Stevenson's first overnight stop.
- Day 3** **Le Bouchet St Nicolas to Pradelles or Langogne.** [Max. 15¼ miles-24½ kms, 7 hrs, +285 ms -585 ms]
Mostly gentle climbs and descents today as you cross the plateau to the 'City of the High Prairies' (Pradelles) before descending to Langogne. (Option of staying overnight in either Pradelles or Langogne - ask for details.)
- Day 4** **La Bastide to Chasseradès.** [7½ miles-12 kms, approx. 3½ hrs, +330 ms - 160 ms]
A 20-min. train ride on Le Cevenol railway is followed by a climb to the Atlantic - Mediterranean watershed, before heading down valley to picturesque Chasseradès.
- Day 5** **Chasseradès to Le Bleymard.** [10¼ miles-16½ kms, 5½ hrs, +280 ms -390 ms]
You climb into Goulet Forest, and enter the Cevennes proper with some great views, before enjoying a fine walk alongside the fledgling River Lot to Les Alpiers and onto Bleymard.
- Day 6** **Le Bleymard to Pont de Montvert.** [11 miles-18 kms. approx. 6½ hrs, +630 ms -824 ms]
A memorable climb of Mont Lozere and its peak, Le Pic de Finiels (1699 ms). An initially steep descent is followed by a gentle hike towards Finiels and onwards to Pont de Montvert and Camisard Country.
- Day 7** **Pont de Montvert to Florac.** [17½ miles-28 kms {4-km short-cut available} approx. 7 hrs, +545 ms -875 ms]
The most challenging day of the tour is blessed with some memorable views over the heart of the Cevennes, as you walk the fabulous 'sentier des crêtes.' Sacré balade!
- Day 8** **End of Tour.** A memorable trek comes to an end. Breakfast and onward journey to Alès by bus. Au Revoir and Bon Retour!



What's Included

- 7 nights B & B in welcoming 2-star hotels and equivalent auberges & chambres d'hotels.
- 6 evening meals - dine out wherever you wish in Le Puy.
- Transfer from Le Puy to Le Monastier, where walking commences, and from Pradelles (or Langogne) to La Bastide.
- Insight Notes™, relevant 1:50,000 scale maps and themed holiday dossier.
- All luggage transfers integral to the programme², from Le Puy to Florac.
- All hotel taxes.
- 7/7 telephone help-line with 8 'till 8 English-speaking support.

Not included

- Remaining meals - the contents of packed lunches can be purchased en route: options are listed in your dossier and walking notes.
- All drinks and extras.
- Personal expenses.
- Entrances into any optional cultural visits and venues.
- Hiking, personal and travel insurance.
- Single rooms - unless booking at single person rate.
- Travel to Le Puy and from Florac - ask us for details regarding optional return transfer to Le Puy at tour's end or bus or taxi transfer to Alès for onward travel to Nimes.



2024 Prices

Per person based on two sharing a room:

£955.00 Pounds Sterling
or
€1120.00 Euros



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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.

² You are entitled to take one piece of luggage per person weighing up to 13 kgs. Supplements are payable for extra or overweight luggage.



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