



Pont du Gard walking

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

Tour Highlights

- ☞ **4-night, light-to-moderate, self-guided tour**
- ☞ **Hike the best of the Gardon and Alzon Gorges**
- ☞ **Experience the Roman Pont du Gard as few others do**
- ☞ **Stay in superior accommodation: 3-star standard and above ²**
- ☞ **Visit some of Uzège'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, via the biggest of national monuments, second only to the Eiffel Tower: none other than Le Pont du Gard. Yes, France's second-most visited 'Grand Site' - AND you get to experience it as few others do.

Pont du Gard walking starts in Galo-Roman Nimes. 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 an adventure par excellence and the second 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.

Then it's onto Uzès, the First Duchy of France and capital of the enigmatic region of Uzège. Time your arrival for a Friday and take in Western Provence's finest Saturday-morning market!

4-night Programme¹

- Day 1** **Arrival in Nimes.**
Check in and enjoy our Urban Walk. Night in a conveniently-located 3-star hotel in the town centre.
- Day 2** **Russan to Collias. [13 miles-20 kms]**
Collection from Nimes 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 3** **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. Short transfer from Vers to Uzès and first night in Uzès.
- Day 4** **Gorge d'Alzon. [5.5 miles - 8.5 kms.]**
Enjoy a bucolic half-day 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. Preceded by the Saturday-morning market? Second night in Uzès.
- Day 5** **End of your Pont du Gard walking tour.** Breakfast and onward journey. Bon voyage et a Bientôt!





What's Included

- 4 nights in superior accommodation including breakfast
- Luggage transfers and two people transfers
- 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, health, personal and travel insurance
- Single rooms, unless booked at single-person rate.



2024 Prices

£640.00 Pounds Sterling or €765.00 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.
- ² Certain dates in the 4-star Collias hotel are subject to a €35.00 euros/£30.00 GBP supplement per person per night. Avoid Saturday stays. Please ask us for details.



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