



Pont du Gard walking

Walking for Gourmands along the Gardon Gorge in Gard Provençal

- Tour Highlights**
- ☞ Hike the best of the Gardon and Alzon Gorges
 - ☞ Experience the Roman Pont du Gard as few others do
 - ☞ Stay in some of the region's superior countryside accommodation
 - ☞ Visit some of Uzège's finest villages, including Collias and Uzès

Theme

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 Gardon River, 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.

The 'gourmand' within you will enjoy oscillating between the fascinating uplands of the Mediterranean Garrigues and the feature-filled banks of the Alzon and Gardon rivers. It's light but invigorating hiking, with an abundance of avifauna, Mediterranean flora and local history and culture to get your teeth into. The Gardon has carved out a host of interesting features for you to savour en route, as it plays its game of 'now-you-see-me, now-you-don't' along its course; disappearing underground only to appear further downstream as if to signal its supremacy.

The first day's walking is designed to whet the appetite; the second is an adventure 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. Moreover, if you time your arrival for a Friday, you can take in the Uzès Saturday market, arguably Province's best, before your first walk on Sunday - an extra night in Uzès may be required?

4-night Programme'

Day 1 Arrival in Uzès.

Check in and get to know your fine location for the next two nights via an urban stroll.

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 above the gorge towards the magnificent Pont St Nicolas. Then discover a lost chapel and explore a memorable grotto with that head-lamp that you never thought you'd get to use. If the water-level is kind, you then sample a section of the valley bottom 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 - 49 ms in height and 275 m (300 yards) long. 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 marvel of architecture, human ingenuity and science.
Night near Pont du Gard.

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;
- Cell-phone loan for non-Europeans if required, subject to availability
- 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.

2010 Prices

Per person based on two sharing a room: £485.00 or €535.00²
Single person rate: On request



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 Your holiday takes place in the Euro zone and all costs are incurred in France. Sterling rates are subject to change according to currency fluctuations. Please see the website to check for the latest price and all prices are confirmed at the time of booking.

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