



Trekking the Régordane Way

Trek a thousand years of French history along the celebrated trail of Kings, Pilgrims and Traders.

Fact File

- ☞ Flexible dates, starting any day of the week from April to late October.
- ☞ Independent seven-night walking tour.
- ☞ Moderately-challenging walking designed to last the best part of the day.
- ☞ All-inclusive tour, starting in Alès, with convenient access from Nimes.
- ☞ All accommodation has en-suite facilities and restaurants/meals.

Theme

The Regordane Way was once upon a time Christendom's fourth-most-important pilgrimage route. It was part of the main North-South axis from Paris to Languedoc before the rise of the Rhone Valley, and the path along which The Reformation travelled to The Cevennes, making it the Protestant bastion it remains today.

You walk high volcanic plateau and schist valley slopes en route to the undulating plains of the Nimes garrigues; through medieval village and linear settlement from Langogne to Alès, a distance of around 112 kilometres or 77 miles.



Model 7-night Programme¹

- Day 1 Arrival in Alès.**
Late afternoon briefing in Alès, the gateway to The Cevennes and an interesting medium-size market town. Night in Alès.
- Day 2 The Road to Pradelles.** [10 miles-15 kms, approx. 5 hrs, +270 ms -270 ms]
Train from Ales to Langogne on the Cevenol 'line of one-hundred tunnels'. Hotel check-in and enjoy a fabulous circular walk along the medieval Regordane Way to the impressive granite city of Pradelles. Then its back to Langogne on the 18th century route, now shared with the Stevenson Trail. Night in Langogne.
- Day 3 Langogne to La Bastide.** [14.5 miles-22 kms, approx. 6.5 hrs, +380 ms -335 ms]
Walk the volcanic plateau to Luc castle with superb views. Then its onward through charming linear settlements to your first overnight stop. Night in La Bastide.
- Day 4 La Bastide to Villefort.** [10.5 miles/16 Kms, approx. 5.5 hrs, +175 ms -540 ms]
An unforgettable walk through French history, along hill crest and volcanic plateau to a medieval village on the Chaussezac gorge and then onto Lake Villefort. Night in Villefort.
- Day 5 Villefort to Genolhac.** [11 miles-15 kms, approx. 5 hrs, +280 ms -400 ms]
There's the chance to visit a cliff top chapel, subject of its own pilgrimage, before you enter the Gard via the villages at the foot of Mont Lozere, see the source of the River Ceze and visit typical linear settlements en route with their unique Roman churches. Night in Genolhac.
- Day 6 Genholac to Portes.** [11.5 miles-17 kms, approx. 6 hrs, +380 ms -520 ms]
March from the Huguenot stronghold through the countryside of the Cevennes' most famous writer, J-P Chabrol. The Chamborigaud viaduct is impressive and the site of Portes Castle a reminder of its strategic position as the north-eastern gateway to The Cevennes. Night near Portes.
- Day 7 Portes to Alès.** [18 miles-27 kms, approx. 8 hrs, with flexible options to shorten the stage, +320 ms -540 ms]
You descend along the watershed between the Ceze and the Gardon valleys, and pass from mountain to Mediterranean flora. Night in Alès.
- Day 8 End of Tour.** A memorable trek has brought you full circle to Alès, where you collect your car, take the onward train to Nimes or Montpellier, or stay an extra night and enjoy some of the delights of this busy market town.



Accommodation and What's Included

- **Pre-tour briefing and post-tour de-briefing.**
- 7 nights B & B in five 2-star and one 1-star hotel, plus a charming chambres d'hotes².
- 5 picnic lunches and 5 evening meals, leaving you free to choose where to dine in Alès.
- All luggage transfers and transport integral to the programme.
- Train tickets, Alès to Langogne.
- Car parking in Alès for the duration of your trek where required³.
- Comprehensive walking dossier, walking Insight Notes™ and 1:25,000 scale maps.
- Holiday taxes, emergency support and loan of mobile phone where required⁴.



Prices:

£665.00 or €740.00 ^s - Per person based on two sharing.

£840.00 or €930.00 ^s - Single person rate



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

² Accommodation provided may vary slightly depending on availability at time of booking, although the general standard will be maintained.

³ Parking is at owner's risk.

⁴ For non-European customers only and subject to availability.

⁵ 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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