

The Best of the R. L. Stevenson Trail

- Tour Highlights**
- ☞ **Literary trail rated a World's top Travel Adventure by Forbes Traveler; and who recommend The Enlightened Traveller as your hosts – see website for details.**
 - ☞ **Enjoy sub-alpine to Mediterranean flora and volcanic plateau to schist valley topography.**
 - ☞ **Experience the best of the Cevennes' hill-tops, Lozere and the Upper Loire valley.**
 - ☞ **Hike the Region's highest trail.**
 - ☞ **Visit some fascinating villages en route.**

Theme

The Robert Louis Stevenson trail retraces the steps taken by R. L. Stevenson in 1879 from Le Puy-en-Velay to St Jean du Gard, across four departments from the south of the Massif Central to the slopes of The Cevenol Valleys. Having already walked the last two stages of the trail, your tour will terminate in Florac. You will enjoy great hiking and retain an abiding sense of achievement at having trekked the route taken by one of Scotland's greatest authors, responsible for spawning the whole travelogue genre.

Stevenson often slept out under trees in a prototype sleeping bag. You will enjoy good food in comfortable accommodation en route as part of this fascinating inn-to-inn hiking tour across Auvergne and Languedoc.

7-night Programme¹

- Day 1** **Le Puy.** Arrival and hotel check-in.
- Day 2** **Le Puy en Velay to Le Bouchet St Nicolas.** [14½ miles-22 kms, approx. 5½ 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 over 400 metres, through charming hamlets and across volcanic plateau, before arriving at Stevenson's first overnight stop.
- Day 3** **Le Bouchet St Nicolas to Pradelles.** [12½ miles-19 kms, approx. 5 hrs, +285 ms -375 ms]
Mainly gentle climbs and descents today as you cross volcanic plateau en route to the granite 'City of the High Prairies'.
- Day 4** **Pradelles to La Bastide.** [16 miles-24 kms, approx. 6½ hrs, +380 ms -495 ms]
You start on the Stevenson and then follow the medieval Regordane Way to Luc castle and onward to La Bastide.
- Day 5** **La Bastide to Bleymard.** [17 miles-25 kms, approx. 7 hrs, +610 ms -550 ms]
You cross the watershed between the Atlantic and Mediterranean, and head down valley to picturesque Chasseradès. Here you enter the Cevennes proper and walk close to the source of the River Lot.
- Day 6** **Le Bleymard to Pont de Montvert.** [12 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-26 kms, 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, Au Revoir and Bon Retour!



What's Included

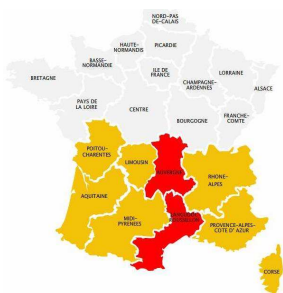
- 7 nights B & B in comfortable 2-star hotels, plus a 3-star hotel and equivalent auberge.
- 6 evening meals and 5 picnic lunches - leaving you free to dine out wherever you wish in Le Puy
- Transfer from Le Puy to Le Monastier, where your walking commences
- Insight Notes™, relevant maps and themed holiday dossier
- All luggage transfers integral to the programme, from Le Puy to Florac ²
- All hotel taxes
- Emergency telephone help-line service with local English-speaking support.

Not included

- Remaining meals – i.e., in Le Puy. You also buy the contents of your own packed lunch in Le Monastier
- 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.

2010 Price

Per person based on two sharing a room: £750.00 or €835.00 or \$1270.00 ³
Single person rate: £995.00 or €1070.00 or \$1545.00 ³



- 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 This allows you to take one piece of luggage per person, without any weight restrictions. Other tour operators (wholesalers) limit you to 15 kgs, with expensive supplements for even slightly overweight luggage being imposed retrospectively without any discretion.
- ³ Your holiday takes place in the Euro zone and all costs are incurred in France. Sterling and US Dollar 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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