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THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM CHASSERADÈS TO SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD

Southern Part

Set off on the Chemin de Stevenson at your own pace, with a roadbook and a selection of accommodation and stages carefully put together by members of the Nature Occitane team. You are currently on the hiking page for the Stevenson Trail Southern part from Chasseradès to Saint-Jean-Du-Gard in 8 days. Nature Occitane takes care of all the logistics of this hike: selection and booking of accommodation, luggage transport, booking of various forms of transport... and stays by your side throughout the trip, thanks to our telephone assistance service.

Prices from 780€ per person.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : YOUR ARRIVAL IN CHASSERADÈS

Welcome to Chasseradès

Arrival in Chasseradès during the day and settle into your accommodation in the late afternoon.
Take advantage of the day to visit the village and its surroundings: the old town and its cathedral, the rock and the chapel of Saint Michel d'Aiguille...
Dinner and overnight stay in Chasseradès.

DAY 2: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM CHASSERADÈS TO LE BLEYMARD

5 to 6 hours walking. Distance : 17 km. Ascent/descent : +610m / - 690m

After a hearty breakfast in your accommodation, you're off on an adventure along the Stevenson Trail. Today, you'll cross the Goulet mountain, with its summit at 1450m altitude. Along the way, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramas. After a full day's hiking, you'll reach Le Bleymard, your final destination. This picturesque village is the perfect place to relax and recharge your batteries.
Dinner and overnight in Le Bleymard.

DAY 3: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM LE BLEYMARD TO PONT DU MONTVERT

6 hours walking. Distance : 19 km. Ascent/descent : +820m / - 1015m

Explore the highest point of the Stevenson by climbing Mont Lozère to the "Sommet de Finiels" at an altitude of 1699 meters. Here you can admire the 360° panoramic view over the whole region (from the Gorges du Tarn to the Alps) and its typical drailles. At the end of the day, you'll arrive at Pont du Montvert.
Dinner and overnight in Pont du Montvert

DAY 4: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM PONT DU MONTVERT TO FLORAC

7 hours walking. Distance : 28,5 km. Ascent/descent : +690m / - 940m

A new day, a new landscape! Throughout the day, you'll follow the clear waters of the Tarn. Explore the Bougès mountain and immerse yourself in Camisarde history, marked by the Pont de Montvert war. Your day ends in Florac, a charming village in the heart of the Cévennes mountains, where the Tarn and Tarnon rivers meet.
Dinner and overnight in Florac.

Option: It is possible to reduce this stage by approximately 5 km by taking the GR68 before arriving in Florac. To be confirmed at the time of booking depending on accommodation.

DAY 5: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM FLORAC TO CASSAGNAS

4h30 to 5 hours walking. Distance : 19 km. Ascent/descent : +475m / - 200m

The route follows the Mimente valley along the old railroad line that once linked Florac to Chamborigaud. Through a forest of chestnut trees, the trail leads you to the Cevennes village of Saint-Julien-d'Arpaon, home to the remains of an impressive 13th-century château. Your final destination is Cassagnas, one of the few villages in France to have a temple rather than a church.
Dinner and overnight in Cassagnas.

DAY 6: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM CASSAGNAS TO SAINT-ETIENNE-VALLÉE-FRANÇAISE

5 to 6 hours walking. Distance : 25 km. Ascent/descent : +350m / - 450m

The hike between Cassagnas and Saint-Étienne-Vallée-Française explores the schistose Cévennes, with their landscapes of sharp Serres and deep Valats. As you climb towards the Plan de Fontmort, you'll be surrounded by shades of green and black, punctuated by the yellow of flowering broom or the mauve of heather, depending on the season.
Dinner and overnight in Saint-Etienne-Vallée-Française.

DAY 7: THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON : FROM SAINT-ETIENNE-VALLÉE-FRANÇAISE TO SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD

4 to 5 hours walking. Distance : 13 km. Ascent/descent : +480m / - 600m

Bringing Robert Louis Stevenson's journey full circle, the final stage takes you to Saint-Jean-du-Gard, a charming village stretched along the Gardon river. Following the Corniche des Cévennes, the landscape gradually softens, revealing the gentle southern character of the region, known for its vines and mulberry trees. The day's hike ends in Saint-Jean-du-Gard, where you'll spend the night in this village of character.
Dinner and overnight in Saint-Jean-du-Gard

DAY 8: END OF THE CHEMIN DE STEVENSON AT SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD

End of the trip

End of service after breakfast.

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Disclaimer
The stages and partner accommodations mentioned on the site are those we prefer. Depending on your registration date, we may have to make reservations for other accommodations of the same category. For last-minute bookings, we may have to offer you less comfortable accommodation, especially during the high summer season. We are fully aware of the different accommodation options available for each stage: we will choose the best available offer for you when you register.

DATES & PRICES

We propose 2 ranges of accommodation for this stay:

Package	Double room *2 pers.*	Twin room *2 pers.*	Single room *1 pers.*
Essential range			

Group of 2 *8 days / 7 nights*	€830	€840	-
Single person *8 days / 7 nights*	-	-	€1,080
Comfort range			
Group of 2 *8 days / 7 nights*	€890	€890	-
Single person *8 days / 7 nights*	-	-	€1,260

NB: prices shown are per person.

NB: Prices for the southern part in 8 days / 7 nights.

For all other requests, we can provide you with **a customized quotation**.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES :

DOUBLE ROOM FORMULA
Essential range : 7 nights in a double room in a hotel*/**, inn or guesthouse
Confort range : 7 nights in a double room in a hotel**, inn or BnB

SINGLE ROOM FORMULA
Essential range : 7 nights in a double room in a hotel*/**, inn or guesthouse
Confort range : 7 nights in a double room in a hotel**, inn or BnB

For all formulas:

- ½ board from the dinner of the Day 1 to the breakfast of the Day 8)
- Luggage transfer (1 piece of luggage of 13 kg max per person)
- A digital roadbook to download onto your mobile
- Tourist tax

OUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Transfers from your home to the meeting point and dispersal
- Picnic lunch
- Personal expenses, drinks
- Registration fee: €20 per booking file
- Cancellation / Assistance / Repatriation Insurance (7.5% of the total cost of your trip – must be taken out at the time of booking)
- In general, everything not mentioned in "Our price includes".

NB: price per person for the entire trip, subject to availability at time of booking.

Depending on availability at the time of booking, we may be obliged to apply supplements for upgrades to higher-category accommodation.

OPTIONS

OPTIONS, SUPPLEMENTS AND REDUCTIONS:

ESSENTIAL RANGE	
REDUCTIONS	
Réduction "sans transfert de bagages"	-€60
SUPPLEMENTARY NIGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR TRIP	
Additional night at Chasseradès in a double room , in half board	€90
Additional night in Chasseradès in single room with with half board	€110
Additional night in Saint-Jean-du-Gard in a double room with half board	€80
Additional night in Saint-Jean-du-Gard in a single room with half board	€90
TRANSFERS	

Return shuttle Saint-Jean-du-Gard/Chasseradès (departure at 8.15 am, arrival at 10.40 am)	€50
COMFORT RANGE	
REDUCTIONS	
Réduction "sans transfert de bagages"	-€60
SUPPLEMENTARY NIGHTS AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF YOUR TRIP	
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HOSTS

Essential range

HOTEL IN CHASSERADÈS

The hotel and restaurant is an ideal stop for hikers starting their adventure in the Cévennes. Enjoy comfortable rooms, tasty homemade cuisine, and a warm welcome for a rejuvenating stay surrounded by Cévennes nature and heritage. It's the perfect place to sleep well and enjoy a good meal before setting off on your itinerary.



in a friendly, family-style atmosphere. The host, passionate about the Cévennes of Lozère, is happy to share tips for discovering the region's unspoiled landscapes and traditional villages. You will enjoy comfortable rooms, a convivial home-cooked dinner, and a peaceful setting, ideal for relaxing after a day of hiking. An authentic and restful stopover on the Stevenson Trail (GR70).



s charming hotel and restaurant sits on the banks of the Tarn River. It offers comfortable rooms and homemade cuisine highlighting trout and local Lozère produce. Ideal for hikers, the property stands out for its friendly atmosphere and unspoiled natural setting—an authentic place to sleep well and enjoy good food in Lozère.



ant welcomes hikers and families in a simple, friendly atmosphere. Just a 5-rmitories, a dining room, and half-board meals included. It is ideally situated



offers comfortable rooms in a lush green setting on the banks of the hikers on a multi-day trek. A peaceful place to rest, enjoy a local meal, and



GÎTE IN SAINT ETIENNE VALLÉE FRANÇAISE

In the heart of the Lozère Valley, this stopover guesthouse is located just 50 meters from the Stevenson Trail (GR70), making it ideal for hikers on a multi-day trek. It offers shared dormitory-style rooms, a communal kitchen, and a warm welcome. With its friendly atmosphere, preserved natural surroundings, and nearby amenities, it's a perfect stop for an active journey in the heart of the Cévennes.



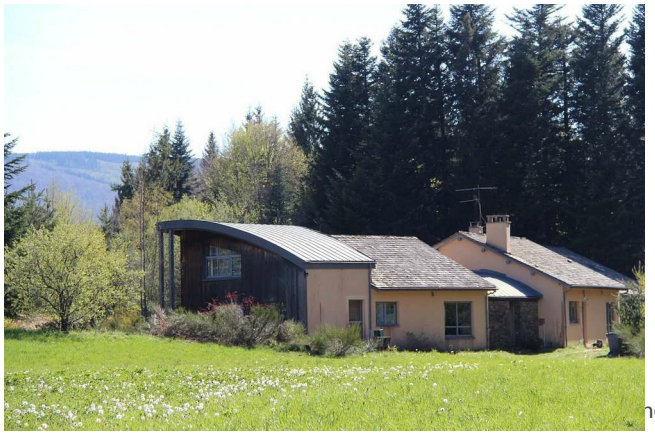
omes hikers in a friendly and authentic setting. The stopover offers shared dormitory rooms, a relaxing garden by a small stream, and a characterful atmosphere with stone walls and chestnut wood. The team provides accommodation and half-board tailored to walkers—bags dropped off, a peaceful ambiance, and an ideal place to rest after exploring the Cévennes.



Comfort range

GUESTHOUSE IN CHASSERADÈS

This guesthouse is an ideal accommodation for hikers on the Stevenson Trail (GR70) in Lozère. Enjoy comfortable rooms and a warm welcome—perfect for starting your hike in the Cévennes. Savor a home-cooked dinner made with local products and a friendly stopover in the heart of nature.



ne Stevenson Trail (GR70). Set between unspoiled nature and simple comfort, enjoy a warm welcome, a cozy room, and a gourmet break featuring local products after your trek through the Cévennes



njoy cozy accommodation, tasty local cuisine, and a rejuvenating break in the heart of the Cévennes. With a terrace overlooking the village and a warm, friendly welcome, this inviting place is a perfect stop along your journey.



and welcoming guesthouse. In the heart of Florac, this accommodation ndings, enjoy inventive local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant charm of the



GUESTHOUSE IN CASSAGNAS

Enjoy an intimate and welcoming break right in the center of Florac. This family-run accommodation offers cozy rooms, a homemade breakfast, and a peaceful setting—ideal for resting after your adventures. You can also enjoy the outdoor swimming pool and sun loungers to relax or cool off after a day of hiking.



This accommodation is a remarkable historic site in the heart of Lozère. Discover its medieval architecture, picturesque gardens, and immerse yourself in local history. A must-see cultural stopover for heritage lovers and hikers exploring the region.



Jean-du-Gard. This charming hotel in the heart of the Cévennes offers
ne—perfect for a relaxing and authentic end to your journey.



P.S.: these are our preferred accommodations. Depending on your registration date, we may be able to reserve other accommodation of the same category for you.

PRACTICAL INFO

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COMING BY TRAIN

Arrival at Chasseradès station :
7h journey from Paris (11 trains per day on average, with a connection in Nîmes). Please note that stopping at Chasseradès is optional. Tell the ticket inspector that you want to stop there!

Departure from Saint-Jean-du-Gard station :
Return to Nîmes by bus. Please note that buses are rare or non-existent at weekends and on public holidays. For current timetables, consult the bus network website.

Return to Chasseradès from Saint-Jean-du-Gard :
Take the bus to Alès (buses all week except weekends and public holidays). You can also take a cab (Taxi Jouanen: +33 (0)4 66 61 73 72). Once in Alès, you can take the train to Chasseradès via La Bastide-Puylaurent.

Return to Puy-en-Velay (if you're doing the whole Chemin de Stevenson):
You'll need to get to Alès in the same way as above. From Alès, you can take a direct train to Langogne. From there, you can take a bus to Puy-en-Velay (every weekday except weekends and public holidays).

We recommend the SNCF Connect website for exact train times and reservations.

COMING BY CAR

Chasseradès is on the D6 about 40 km east of Mende.

Where to leave your vehicle :
- In the private parking lot of your first accommodation in Chasseradès and collect it at the end of the hike.
- In the private parking lot of your last hotel in St Jean-du-Gard and take the train to the starting point of the hike in Chasseradès.

If you've parked your car in Chasseradès :
The ideal and most convenient way is by shuttle bus from Saint-Jean-du-Gard to Chasseradès.
- Departures from Saint-Jean-du-Gard: 8:15 am and 1:15 pm
- Arrivals Chasseradès: around 10:50 or 15:50

(Extra charge, see "Options" section).

For those who do the full route :
If you have parked your car in Le Puy-en-Velay, return by shuttle from St Jean du Gard to Le Puy-en-Velay
- Departures from St Jean du Gard: 8:15 am and 1:15 pm
- Arrival Le Puy-en-Velay: around 12:30 or 5:30 pm

LEVEL

HIKING LEVEL : Medium (M) - Depending on the stages defined with Nature Occitane. Unaccompanied itinerant hike, no transfers included (except luggage) during your free hike. NB: You always have the option of taking a luggage transfer cab if you feel tired at certain stages.

CARRYING DURING THE HIKE: You don't need to carry anything, as your assistance baggage (maximum 15kg) is returned to you each evening at the accommodation. You carry only your daypack during the hike.

PUBLIC : Practicing an endurance activity (hiking or cycling) once a week 2 months before departure. You're not afraid of a succession of hiking days or a good climb every now and then.

TERRAIN : Easy hiking on good trails in the Cévennes and Lozère regions, accessible to anyone in good physical condition.

HIKING TIME : These are given as a guide only. They are average times and take into account only the actual walking time, not breaks.

WATER : Water points are fairly frequent along the circuit. Water points are spaced about 1h30 to 3h apart. However, a minimum 1.5-liter water bottle is essential.

CLIMATE : This is a mid-mountain climate. The weather is cool in spring and autumn. In summer, it's hot but temperate. However, there is a risk of thunderstorms in the mountains.

ENVIRONMENT : Part of the Stevenson Trail lies within the Cévennes National Park. We therefore ask you to respect the park's charter, particularly in terms of protection: respect for natural heritage, cultural heritage and local people, and natural resources (water, soil, habitats, fauna, flora, climate). We also remind you not to leave the trails, make fires or pick plants.

EQUIPMENT

On the first day, you must arrive "ready to hike" (hiking boots on, water bottle full, backpack complete, assistance bag closed).

THE BACKPACK

It should be able to hold your personal belongings for the day, i.e. around 30 liters. Choose a backpack with a waist belt (so that your weight rests on your pelvis), padded shoulder straps and a chest strap. Your backpack should always include warm clothing, rain gear, a water bottle, a first-aid kit and your personal items, not forgetting part of your picnic. In addition to a bag cover, a garbage bag and two freezer pockets are essential to protect your belongings from the rain.

YOUR LUGGAGE

This is your "follower" luggage, which you'll find again every evening. It can be a duffel or sports bag. In addition to your extra change, it contains the extras you'll be glad to have back in the evening (CAUTION: it must not exceed 12 kg). Make sure you limit your equipment and pack only the essentials.

HIKING SHOES

Choose hiking boots with good ankle support and notched but flexible soles. Footwear is one of the most important elements of your hike. Above all, they must be comfortable, lightweight, waterproof and breathable. Good ankle support is essential. Don't set off with brand-new shoes. Use them at least two or three times before hiking. Also, make sure your "old shoes" don't give way on the first ascent.

CLOTHING

- A waterproof GORE TEX windproof jacket (no poncho-type k-way)
- A fleece jacket
- Pants, shorts, T-shirts (avoid cotton, prefer breathable materials).
- Change of clothes and personal laundry
- A bathing suit and a towel (microfiber towels are preferable, as they are lighter and dry faster).

BEDDING

- A light sleeping bag (comfort 10°C) or "meat bag" (blankets available in accommodations).

PICNIC

- 1 individual airtight box (Tupperware type), capacity approx. 0.6 liters, cutlery, plate and cup.

OTHERS

- Water bottle (2-liter minimum per person).
- A pair of telescopic hiking poles (optional)
- Sunglasses and sun cream
- Hat or cap
- A small toilet bag, with towel
- Flashlight or headlamp (for night-time use)
- A pair of tennis shoes or sandals (for evening wear)
- Toilet paper
- Earplugs
- Camera
- Small personal first-aid kit (aspirin, plaster, elastoplast, compeed...)