

# Trekking in

## The gorges de l'Ardèche 4 to 7 days

Located south of department, benefiting from an exceptional microclimate (more than 300 days of sunshine per year); Gorges de l'Ardèche are magical and unique for their wild beauty and grandeur. The river has carved into the limestone, over time, a deep canyon that is discovered through natural lookouts on the GR4 hiking trail.

**In prehistoric times**, its many caverns and caves were a haven for the Cro-Magnon, as evidenced by the discovery in 1994 of the Chauvet cave rupestre art (the oldest know to date –30,000 years)

**In the last century**, production of charcoal from oak was very active, herds of goats and many sheeps, Gorges were overexploited, ecosystem it was threatened.

**Today**, the forest has reclaimed its, fauna and flora of the Mediterranean are again rich and varied. The orchids bloom in spring or eagles flying over the cliffs are the jewels of a magnificent fragile heritage and I hope you could come to see this site listed as a nature reserve since 1980.

In this mythical place kayaking or rock climbing, hiking with a donkey on the old mule tracks or coalway is an original, both new and traditional to discover the Gorges of the river to the crest.

Wild camping is forbidden, but there are camping in the farm around the Gorges

The trekking lodges, hotels and cottages welcome you

You can visit the caves and museums on the theme of prehistoric

Swimming is possible in the river or pool each day

Choose your tour and book your accommodation well in good order

**The roads are often rocky, so good shoes are essential, the gradients are small but fast (300m)**

You'll have beautiful views and sights to discover ...

### Example on 7days

Day 1 : Vallon pont d'Arc – St Remèze– 15km

Day 2 : St Remèze – stroll to the bottom of the gorge – 10 km

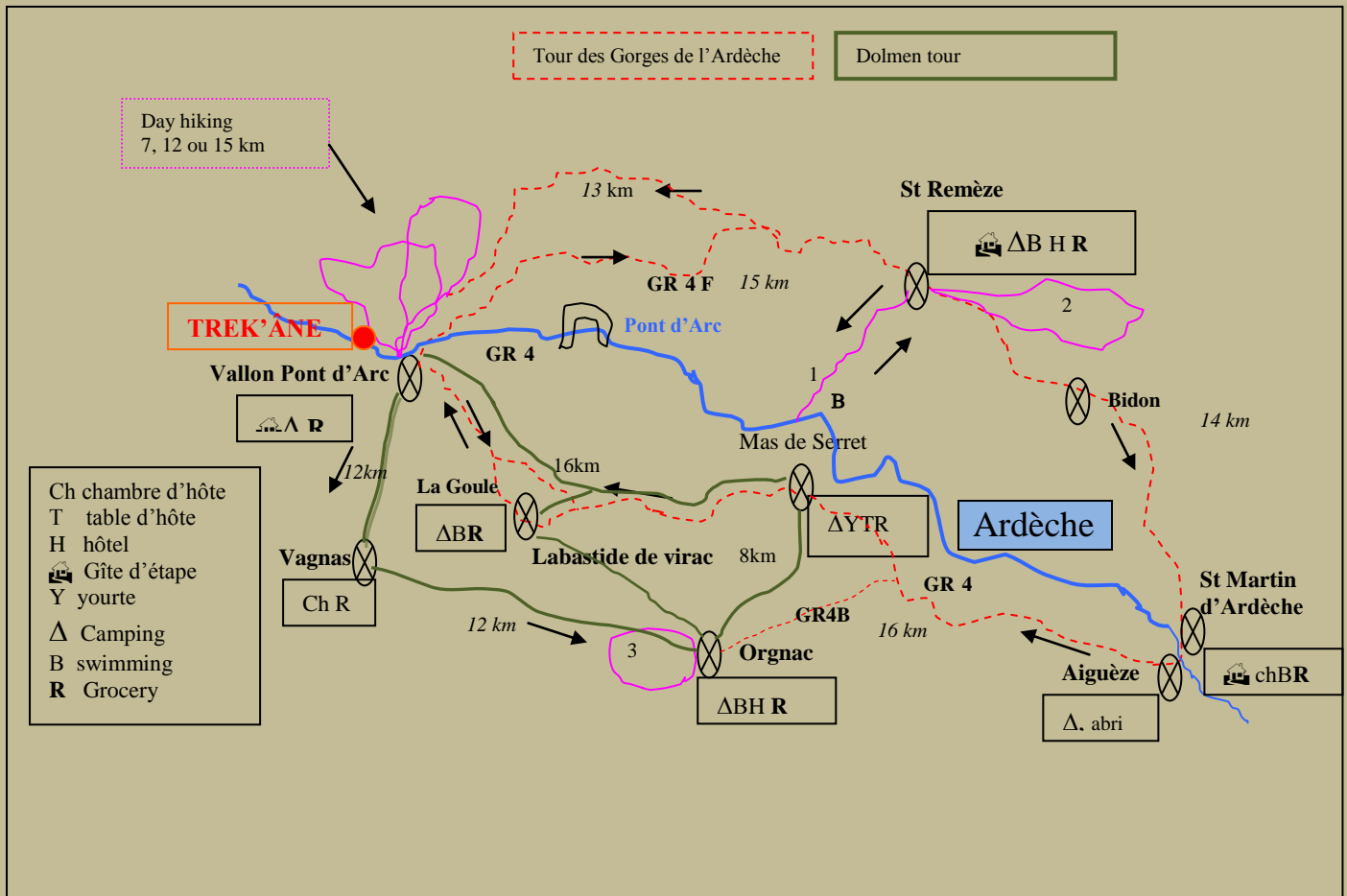
Day 3 : St Remèze – St Martin d'Ardèche ou Aiguèze – 14km

Day 4 : St Martin d'Ardèche ou Aiguèze – Orgnac – 15km

Day 5 : way around d'Orgnac and visit the cave as possible – 3, 6 ou 10 km choices

Day 6 : Orgnac - La Bastide de Virac( La Goule)/mas de serret– 7km

Day 7 : La Bastide de Virac (La Goule)/mas de serret - Vallon Pont d'Arc – 12/16 km



## For more info on the course of the Gorges de l'Ardèche

To for the Ardeche Gorge, you'll need at least 4 days of running at 15 km per day on average. But this hike will be even more interesting if you stay there for 5, 6 or 7 days. You can then descend to the bottom of the gorge, including cultural visits (regional museum of prehistory, the cave Orgnac, Castle Labastide de Virac ...) and take an afternoon or two to stay in the sun and bathe

### **Day 1 : Vallon Pont d'Arc – St Remèze - 15 km - 5 à 6 h de marche par le GR4F**

A good day of hiking, climbing the first step on the plateau des Gras Circus Estre. Nice view on the site of the famous Pont d'Arc, then Gr4 plunges into the undergrowth, it's cool and takes you to the village of St Remèze where you can stop at the stage lodging, hotel or in a small farm camping.

### **Day 2 : St Remèze – Loop through the Gorge on the way to Coalman. 10km.**

Back to St Remèze late in the day.

Stroll down the gorge by an old mule track and swimming in the River.

### **Day 3 : St Remèze – St Martin d'Ardèche - 14 km- 5 h de marche- sentier de pays.**

This walk on the sets of grooves, large uninhabited area, you will just cross the small village where the hostel Can serves excellent snacks filled with local specialty. Then you go down to the Ardèche and reach a comfortable accommodation that blends art and the rest.

### **Day 4 : St Martin d'Ardèche – Orgnac or Mas de Serret- 15 km - 5 à 6 h de marche GR4.**

You can discover a dolmen, the natural entrance of an abyss, the great lauze (huge slab of limestone which is recovering water) ... Fauna, flora ... Accommodation is at the municipal camping under the oaks at 'away from other campers or the hotel "les Stalagmites\*\*" (in the village) or at the "Hotel du Diaprysius\*\*" 100m from the site of the famous cave.

### **Day 5 : Orgnac – Orgnac. Boucle de 3, 6, 10 km au choix.**

Small walk to Orgnac and regional museum of prehistory, it would be nice to visit those places that will help you understand our landscape and ancient heritage. And you can also stay near the municipal pool to finish the day. Even accommodation

### **Day 6 : Orgnac – La Bastide de Virac. Petite étape de 7 km ou plus si l'on zigzague dans la forêt.**

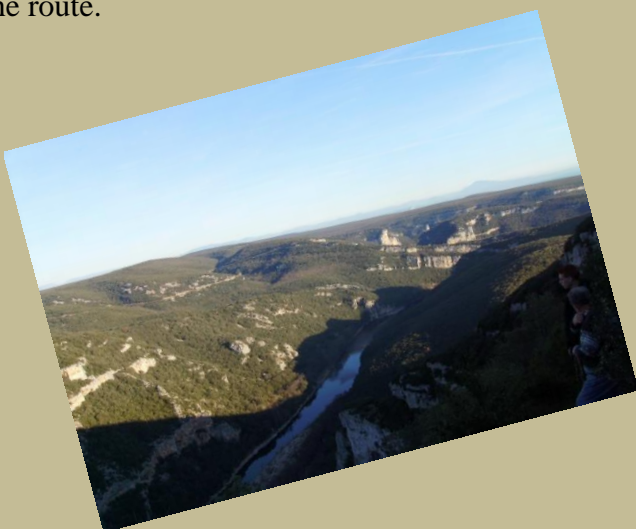
You can go visit the castle of La Bastide de Virac and discover a beautiful view from the parapet walk and also see raising silkworms.

Camping.

### **Day 7 : La Bastide de Virac – Vallon Pont d'Arc. 12 km by GR4.**

A nice way to bring you back Vallon

All good advice on your course and management of donkeys will be given the day before or the day of departure. This course is modular. The supply and a good meal in the evening are available every day in small villages along the route.



# Dolmen Tour

This beautiful trail you will discover Dolmen rally the gorges of Ardeche, see combine the two for a great trip. Many dolmens mark this circuit. You can go for at least 4 days, but in 5 or 7 days this hike will become even more interesting.



Modulate your circuit but will book your accommodation well in good order. The roads are often forest tracks, so easy with children, the gradients are weak this circuit. You'll have beautiful views and sights to discover ...

## Example 7 Day

**Day 1: Vallon Pont d'Arc - Vagnas or Labastide de Virac / La Goule-12km**

**Day 2: Vagnas or Labastide de Virac - Orgnac – 7 or 12 km**

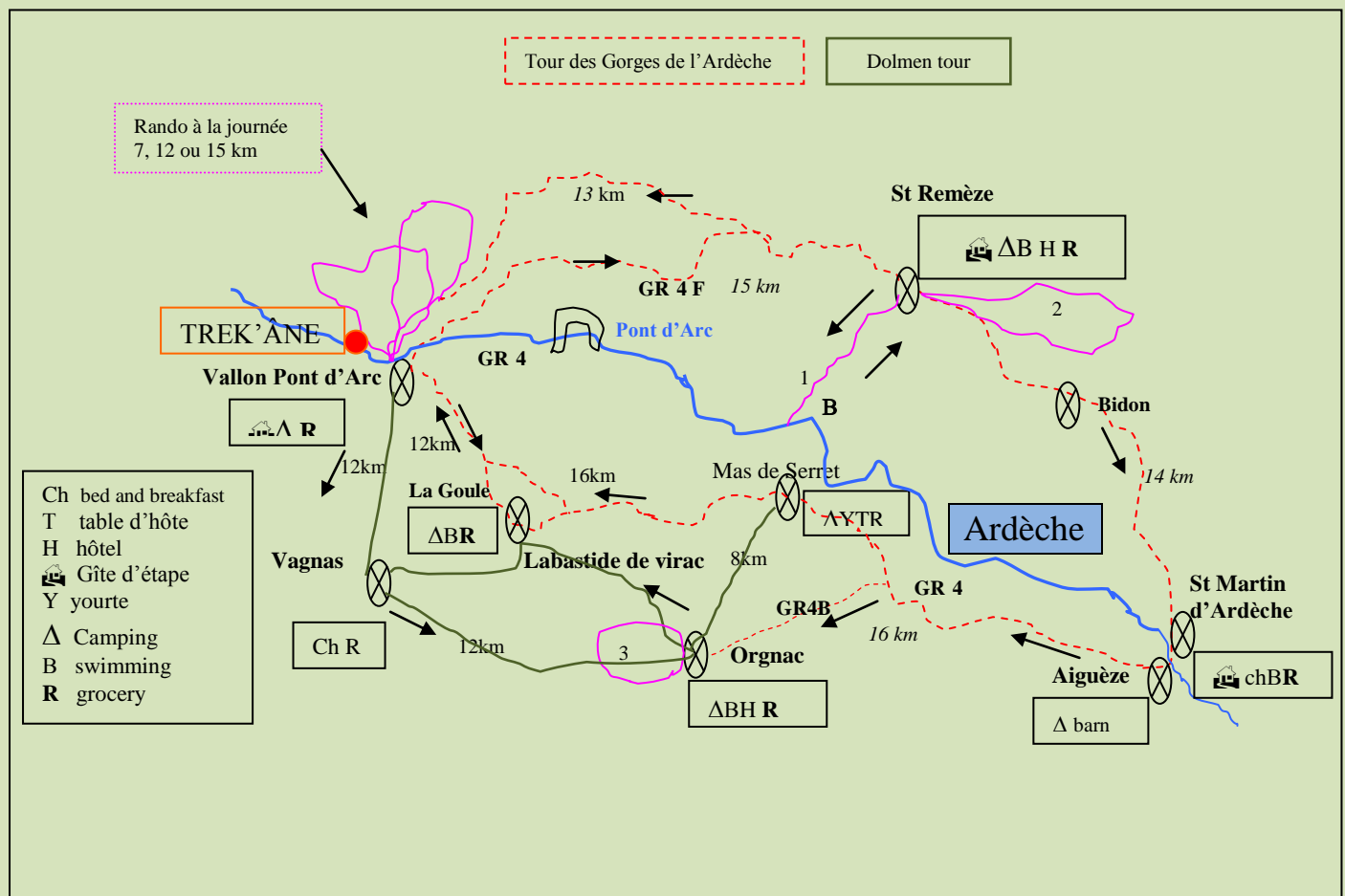
**Day 3: Orgnac - Orgnac – 5 or 10km (visit the cave as possible)**

**Day 4: Orgnac – Mas de serret - 8km**

**Day 5: Walk around Mas de serret (river) - 5,10 or 15 km choices**

**Day 6: Mas de serret - La Bastide de Virac/ La Goule - 8km**

**Day 7: La Bastide de Virac/ la Goule - Vallon Pont d'Arc - 12 km à 16km**



**LIST OF ACCOMMODATION ON THE CIRCUIT**  
*Indicative prices of accommodation can not enter trekane*

place	accomodation	téléphone	capacity	restaurant	Swimming pool
St Remèze Day 1 and 2 Or day 3	<i>Farm Camping</i> Le Lavoir spoken gb	+33(0)4.75.04.12.95 <a href="mailto:campingdulavoir@orange.fr">campingdulavoir@orange.fr</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camping-du-Lavoir/188345131211438">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Camping-du-Lavoir/188345131211438</a> (Night in mobil home Possibly in spring)	10 campsites Adult/6.90€/night Children/3.90€/night	At 200 m	Yes
<a href="http://www.saint-remeze.com">www.saint-remeze.com</a>	<i>Hôtel-restaurant</i> Chez Laurette spoken gb	+33(0)4.75.46.14.15 +33(0)6.76.13.19.50 <a href="http://aubergechezlaurette.wix.com/chezlaurette">http://aubergechezlaurette.wix.com/chezlaurette</a>	4 chambres à partir de 45€/chambre	yes	no
	<i>Gîte d'étape</i>	+33(0)4.66.29.85.89 gite07700@orange.fr <a href="http://www.maisons-dantan.com/le-gite-detape">http://www.maisons-dantan.com/le-gite-detape</a>	15 bed (2 rooms) 18 euros/night/pers	At 100m	No
St Martin d'ardèche 2, 3 or day4	<i>Bed and Breakfast</i> Roulotte Cabane/relais	+33(0)4.75.04.68.33 « l'Atelier des Granges » <a href="http://www.atelier-des-granges.com">www.atelier-des-granges.com</a> <a href="mailto:contact@atelier-des-granges.com">contact@atelier-des-granges.com</a> Spoken gb	6 rooms (de 43 à 59 euros) 3 places 4-5 place (10 euros/per/nuît)	At 200m	River à 100m
St martin d'ardèche	Camping du Castelas	04.75.04.66.55 <a href="http://www.ardèche-guide.com/hotelleries-de-plein-air/campings/camping-le-castelas-61477">http://www.ardèche-guide.com/hotelleries-de-plein-air/campings/camping-le-castelas-61477</a>	Espace randonneur 12 à 14€/campsite	A 200 m	Rivière à 100 m
Orgnac 4 and/or day 5	<i>Hôtel-restaurant**</i> Le Diaprisyus (near orgnac cave)	+33(0)4.75.38.60.68 <a href="http://www.audiaprisyus.com/">http://www.audiaprisyus.com/</a> spoken gb	6 rooms 50 euros/2 pers. 10 €/pers additional	yes	no
<a href="http://www.orgnac.com">www.orgnac.com</a>	<i>Hôtel-restaurant**</i> Les stalagmites (in the village)	+33(0)4.75.38.60.67 <a href="http://www.lesstalagmites.com">www.lesstalagmites.com</a> spoken gb	25 rooms 52 to 65 €/2 pers	yes	no
	<i>Camping municipal</i>	+33(0)4.75.38.63.68 <a href="http://camping.orgnacvillage.com">http://camping.orgnacvillage.com</a> spoken gb	Area hiker 14 €/campsites	yes	yes
	<i>Bed and breakfast</i>	+33(0)6.10.85.37.23 <a href="http://www.leschenesdelaven.com">www.leschenesdelaven.com</a> spoken gb	2 rooms/2pers. 75€/2 pers	yes	yes
La Goule 4 and/or day 5	<i>Farm Camping</i> Tente lodge	+33(0)4.75.38.61.24 <a href="http://www.campinglagoule.com">www.campinglagoule.com</a> spoken gb	25 campsites price on website	No but Grocery breakfast	yes Swimming trunks Mandatory
Vagnas <a href="http://www.vagnas.com">www.vagnas.com</a>	<i>Bed and breakfast</i> Le Couvent	+33(0)4.75.38.68.84 <a href="http://www.couventvagnas.fr">www.couventvagnas.fr</a> spoken gb	5 rooms 50 euros/2 pers 65 euros/3 pers	at 200m (6 euros/breakfast on place)	no
	<i>camping***</i> la rouvière les pins	+33(0)4.75.38.61.41 <a href="http://www.rouviere07.com">www.rouviere07.com</a> spoken gb	Campsite nature 24€/2 pers	yes	yes
	<i>Hôtel***</i> Charme et caractère	<a href="http://www.labastidediris.com">http://www.labastidediris.com</a> spoken gb	Rooms 86 to 132€	breakfast	oui
Mas de Serret	<i>Camping and yourte</i>	+33(0)4.75.38.42.77 <a href="http://www.campingmilletoiles.com">www.campingmilletoiles.com</a> spoken gb	Price on website	yes	No but river near

- At each location of private enclosures are available for our donkeys and their food.  
 IGN Map Top 25 : n° 2939 “ Gorges de l’Ardèche”

- Pretty loops are possible around St Remèze or Orgnac or if you want to stay  
 2 nights for stewardship lighter especially for campers.

**Before or after your hike, you can book at the farm B&B (4 à 6 places).**

Or at hotel « le clos des bruyères\*\*\* » tél.+334.75.37.18.85 – <http://www.closdesbruyeres.fr>

Camping near <http://www.camping-bonhomme.com/uk/index.php> at 300m

Find tons of addresses on the website of the tourist village

<http://www.vallon-pont-darc.com>

## *List of equipment for an adventure in Ardeche with Grisette, Lili, Manon, Lulu ...*

### Physical Preparation

Provide rides for 8 to 15 km twice a week a month before the start, taking a backpack and using the shoes you wear during your hike.

During the march to drink at least two liters of water per stage

### *Mon équipement et matériel*

The choice of the three following elements is essential for your comfort and safety

- Walking shoes, rising, good quality and you have already used.

1 Comfortable backpack that you'll back on the day (about 2 kg of water + mobile + camera

1 cap. 1 tube sunscreen).

1 bag or backpack for your clothes. Put the clothes in a garbage bag. In case of rain everything will be dry.- (clothing on you or in the bag)

3 tee-shirts in cotton sweat

1 sweat in polar

3 pants

1 cotton shirt (for evening)

1 lightweight pajamas 1 pantalon léger de randonnée avec poches sur côté

2 hiking shorts with pockets also

3 pairs of socks double type two in one, anti bulb

1 parka

1 hiking poncho in case of rain

1 pair of sandals for the evening light

1 sleeping bag

1 bag of 2 liters water to put in the bag with hose (very convenient to drink regularly in small quantities)

#### **- Grooming Kit:**

1 small soap

1 small toothbrush

1 small tube of toothpaste

1 towel

#### **- Kit drugs:**

1 prescription from your doctor if necessary for your regular medications

1 small scissors

Expect some units of drugs for vomiting, diarrhea, insect bites, headache

#### **- Wash Kit:**

1 small tube of liquid detergent for hand washing

1 nylon cord

8 clothespins

1 flashlight

#### **- Documents**

1 credit card

1 Identity card

Cashout at Vallon Pont d'Arc, but not after.

1 pocket trail map (practical and waterproof)

Do not overload or donkey yourself and your whole crew walk with pleasure.

Donkeys help carry your bags of clothes unless they are too heavy, be reasonable. Thank you.

*PS. the list is an advice.*

## Booking form

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

firstname : \_\_\_\_\_

Adress : \_\_\_\_\_

phone. \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participant : \_\_\_\_\_

Adults : \_\_\_\_\_

children : \_\_\_\_\_ Age : \_\_\_\_\_

Number donkey rent : \_\_\_\_\_

Choices tour : \_\_\_\_\_

Date of hiking : to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Send me a 30% deposit please

Total sent: \_\_\_\_\_

The balance will be paid on departure

The deposit will not be refundable if

Cancellation by the client, but when used  
a subsequent lease of donkeys in the same year.

A possible repatriation will be paid by the customer.

Departures are at 8 pm 30 at the farm.

I have read the Terms and Conditions.

Write at \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

Signature :

To return to this adress

**Trek'âne**  
**Thévenin Martine**  
**Chemin de la Selle**  
**07150 Vallon Pont d'Arc**  
**Phone : +334 75 88 11 13**  
**Mobile : 06 87 21 15 34**

**Thank you indicate your accommodation,  
This allows us to provide hay and barley need  
to donkeys in the relay.**

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

Day 7:

## Hiring prices for 2016

**Hiring for donkey, pack-saddle and itinerary ....**

**1 day / 58 € - 2 days / 100 € - 3 days / 145 €**

**4 days / 190 € - 5 days / 235 € - 6 days / 280 € - 1 week 325 €**

*6% reduction is given if you hire at least 2 donkeys and  
many days in a row but not in july and august.*

Number bank transfert

Crédit agricole de Vallon pont d'arc - code banque : 13906

IBAN : FR76 1390 6000 0329 7829 8800 021 SWIFT : AGRIFRPP839

