

# **VERCORS TOUR COMFORT self-guided**

## The best of



Limestone massif of the Prealps, perched between Drôme and Isère, the Vercors (the largest Regional Natural Park in France), is a true paradise for hikers. Wide open valleys, vast forests of fir and spruce, but also beech and maple, paths in lookouts, everything calls for "resourcing"... The variety of landscapes amazes the hiker: medium mountain "classic", white walls of limestone, deep and mysterious gorges, caves and surprising resurgences, passages (called "pas") unsuspected in the cliffs, borrowed for centuries. A little further up, there is this immense desert of the Highlands (nature reserve), a veritable chaos of limestone and sheep pasture.

The average altitude, between 700 m and 1400 m, a climate neither too hot nor too cold: you feel good, the air is lively, the fauna and flora abound. The Vercors is also a mountain that has been able to remain alive, thanks to complementary activities: in addition to the breeding, the reception of children on the farm once, and today, a tourism that has been able to remain discreet. No concrete station, but small villages that have kept their strength and are happy to welcome you. Logging is still important, and large farms wich still produce meat, milk and cheese.

🧷 7 Days	Self-guided / without guide	With or without luggage transportation
Accommodation : Hotel	Level : ***	<b></b> From : 910€

## You will like

- Breathtaking views of the Alps
- A route known for more than 30 years
- The discovery of a massif marked by the history of the Resistance

## The route

## Day 1

Start of the stay in the afternoon in Lans en Vercors.

#### LANS EN VERCORS

Arrival in the afternoon or in the early evening in Lans en Vercors. Dinner and overnight in hotel \*\* with swimming pool in Lans en Vercors.

## Day 2

#### LANS EN VERCORS - AUTRANS

The crests of the Vercors Nord, by the Pas de Bellecombe and the Pas de l'Ours. On the Molière pasture, a superb perspective on all the Alps: no less than 7 mountain ranges, including the Mont Blanc, offer themselves to your eyes. Nice descent on Autrans, in the middle of the hamlets.

Dinner and overnight in hotel \*\*\* with swimming pool in Autrans.

5h30 hours walk / Elevation: +650 m; -650 m

## Day 3

#### **AUTRANS - RENCUREL**

You will go through the footsteps of Pertuzon following the GR which will lead you through a very pleasant path until Rencurel, small ans quiet village.

Dinner and overnight in hotel \*\* with swimming pool in Rencurel.

5h hours walk / Elevation: +400 m; -650 m

## Day 4

#### **RENCUREL - PONT-EN-ROYANS**

By the Pas du Ranc and the caves of Choranche. A day in exceptional sites: Choranche, an amazing circus of white cliffs, Choranche and its waterfalls, and above all, its unique cave in Europe for its thousands of infinitely long and thin stalactites... Continuation on Pont en Royans, a lovely village and its houses suspended above the Bourne. Dinner and overnight in a hotel \*\*\* Pont en Royans.

6h30 hours walk / Elevation: +500 m; -1000 m

## Day 5

### PONT-EN-ROYANS - LA CHAPELLE EN VERCORS

Short transfer to Baraques en Vercors. Lovely hike over the Central Vercors via the Belvédère de Révoulat. Superb panoramic views over the whole massif, where you can see perfectly the different parts of this limestone massif, cut by deep gorges. Stopover in the village of La Chapelle en Vercors.

Dinner and overnight in hotel \*\* in La Chapelle en Vercors.

4.5 hours walk / Elevation: +870 m; -580 m

## Day 6

## LA CHAPELLE EN VERCORS - BOIS BARBU

Quick transfer to Saint Martin en Vercors. Bois Barbu, above Villard de Lans, via the Pas de St Martin then the Herbouilly plain and the ruined village of Valchevrière.

Dinner and overnight in hotel \*\* at the Ferme de Bois Barbu or at l'Auberge des Montauds.

5 hours walk / Elevation: +830 m; -330 m

## Day 7

#### **BOIS BARBU - LANS-EN-VERCORS**

Quick transfer to the place called "la Conversaria", above Villard de Lans. You then reach Lans by the Gobert Trail, the Col Vert (and the Pic St Michel, as an option): magnificent "ecological trail" where you will discover the typical flora of the Vercors Nord, a balcony trail that dominates the entire Villard valley. The Col de l'Arc is a superb easy access pass, offering a beautiful balcony on Belledonne and Oisans. The Pic St Michel is one of the peaks of the Vercors Nord; it offers a remarkable view of all the Alps and the Vercors Nord. 5 hours walk / Elevation: +800 m; -850m

#### End of the trek in the afternoon at Lans-en-Vercors.

The itinerary is established according to the latest information available, the possibility of unknown factors affecting this itinerary is possible including situations beyond our control which may change the route, timings etc.

## The trip

## LEVEL \*\*\*

Elevation: from 350m to 1170m approximately per day.

Walking time: 5 to 7 hours per day.

Type of trek: mountain trails with no technical difficulties. Stages are fairly long.

You have to be in a general good fitness level. Please practice a cardio sport such as hiking, running, cycling, from 3 to 4 hours a week. Your physical preparation will enable you to enjoy your trek to the maximum.

Please find the description of the levels by clicking here: levels of difficulty

The roadbook provides sufficient information on the itinerary of your hike. However, it is essential to be able to read an IGN 1:25,000 map and to be sufficiently autonomous in the mountains to be able to tackle the itinerary with confidence, whatever the weather (fog, snow, etc.). Guiding is not included in the self-guided package.

You will be crossing areas with no telephone network. For your own safety, you may wish to bring along a radio of the latest generation telephone with satellite connection.

This trip is organised in collaboration with our local partners, who are as committed as we are to providing you with an authentic experience.

### ROADBOOK

The digital travel pack includes: access to the guide application on your smartphone, a list of your accommodation, any exchange vouchers and all the information you need to make the most of your stay.

If you wish, we can provide you with a paper version of the travel pack at your home address, complete with maps, topo guide and travel pack, for a supplement of €40 per pack.

For all requests for a paper travel pack: less than 45 days before departure and for residents abroad, the pack will be available at the first hotel of your stay.

### **ACCOMODATION**

6 nights in 2\* hotels and 3\* hotels (2 nights) in double rooms. Several hotels have swimming pools.

## **MEALS**

Breakfast and dinner are served in the hotels.

Lunches/picnics are not included. You can book your picnics when you arrive at the hotel or one day before for the night at the Musée de l'eau.

Please inform us about your food allergies and special diets at the time of booking.

We do our best to accommodate special diets (gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.). However, we encourage you to bring some additional products for your own picnics.

### **MAPS**

IGN 1/25 000 n°3235OT Autrans ; 3236OT Villard de Lans.

## Practical information

## **ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT**

#### Start of the trek in Lans en Vercors.

#### BY TRAIN

Numerous trains to Grenoble (T.G.V.) from Paris Gare de Lyon, direct (approx. 3 hours) or via Lyon. There is also a regular bus service to Autrans and Méaudre on the Transisère network. The bus station is adjacent to the S.N.C.F. station.

Train timetables and reservations at <a href="https://www.sncf-connect.com/">https://www.sncf-connect.com/</a> or 36.35 and bus timetables and reservations at https://carsisere.auvergnerhonealpes.fr/ or 0.820.08.38.38.

#### **BY BUS**

From Grenoble, it's easy to get to Lans en Vercors thanks to the Transisère bus service, which runs regularly. Line T64 between Grenoble and Lans en Vercors (Tourist Office stop). See more: fh-t64-t65-2023-2024.pdf (auvergnerhonealpes.fr)

## BY CAR

A48 Lyon - Grenoble motorway, exit 14 Saint-Egrève, then follow signs for Villard de Lans (via Sassenage); in Lans en Vercors, turn left towards the village centre to reach your hotel. You can check your itinerary on ViaMichelin. Parking: in Lans en Vercors, in your hotel car park.

#### BY PLANE

Lvon Saint-Exupéry airport is 1 hour's drive from Grenoble. There is a daily bus service (one every hour): https://www.blablacar.fr/ Or regular journeys by flix bus: https://www.flixbus.fr/

End of the trek in the afternoon in Lans en Vercors.

### **INSURANCE**

In accordance with regulations, we are covered by Professional Liability Insurance. Under no circumstances, we can replace your personal civil liability.

The repatriation insurance EURÓP ASSISTANCE that we offer is dedicated to French speaking people living in Europe. If it is not your case, we advise you to subscribe to another travel insurance which will cover you in case of injury and repatriation during your trek.

If you chose to take out repatriation insurance with EUROP ASSISTANCE whom we propose, Altitude Mont Blanc will only serve as an intermediary between the client and the insurer. We cannot influence either party. We adhere to strict conditions of sale. You are responsible for compliance with the reporting procedures of any incident. Before making any decision, contact EUROP ASSISTANCE.

## **CONTACT US**

If you are late please contact the agency as soon as possible: +33 (0)4 50 79 09 16 or +33 (0)6 42 49 76 07

# Dates & prices

Choice of departures from 10th May to 15th September 2025 Some dates are already fully booked. Flexibility with the departure date is helpful.

#### From 10/05 to 27/06 and from 01/09 to 15/09/2025

€910 per person in a room of 2 in a hotel (min. 2 pers.)

Single supplement: €205 (subject to availability)

#### From 28/06 to 31/08/2025

**€940** per person in a room of 2 in a hotel (min. 2 pers.) Single supplement: **225€**(subject to availability)

#### **Optional extra**

Paper roadbook: €40 per pack.

### Additional night in Lans en Vercors on a half-board basis:

Double room: from €95 per person Single room: from €115 per person

## THE PRICE

### The price includes:

- Organisation and booking fees;
- Accommodation in gîtes, refuges and small hotels, including the tourist tax;
- Dinner and breakfast in accomodation;
- Baggage transport between accommodation (depending the option subscribed)
- Digital roadbook

### The price does not include:

- Lunch ;
- Guiding : your are responsible for your own safety ;
- Personal expenses (drinks, etc.);
- Touristic visits;
- Cancellation insurance;
- Your return journey from home to departure/end point.

## Equipment and luggage

## **EQUIPMENT LIST**

### Clothing

- Walking trousers
- Shorts (Bikini/swimsuit, just in case!)
- Breathable or merino wool t-shirts
- Breathable or merino wool leggings
- Fleece or jumper
- Lightweight down jacket
- Wind stopper or Goretex jacket
- Waterproof poncho + gaiters or Goretex trousers + waterproof rucksack cover
- Pair of gloves and a warm hat
- Sun hat or baseball cap
- Walking socks (1 pair per day)
- Sturdy walking boots with a good sole, already broken in
- 1 change of clothes for the evening
- A pair of comfortable shoes for the evening

#### **Other Equipment**

- Toilet bag
- Quick drying towel
- Sunglasses and sun cream
- Water bottle or Camelback (1.5 litre minimum)
- Knife, fork and spoon
- Plastic lunch box/plate for your picnic lunches (0,4 to 0,5L)
- Plastic cup for coffee
- Small First Aid kit (antihistamine, ibuprofen, Compeed type blister pads...)
- Survival blanket
- Head torch or hand torch
- Sleeping bag liner sheet and pillowcase (blankets provided at accommodation)
- Two adjustable walking poles (highly recommended)
- Identity card or passport

## **BACKPACK**

Bring a comfortable backpack of 30 to 40 litres for your personal belongings for the day (warm clothes, waterproofs, water, plate and cutlery for your picnic, sunscreen and your identity papers) and please keep a little room to carry a picnic and snacks.

## **BAGGAGE TRANSPORT**

Your baggage will be transported daily between accommodation by our logistics vehicle. You are allowed 1 soft, sports type bag with all your possessions inside, **no heavier than 12kg**. Your bag has to be carried everyday by the driver, where access is not always easy, please think of their backs! **Baggage which is too big and too heavy won't be accepted by the drivers!** 

## Details

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

- Online: www.altitude-montblanc.com

- By telephone: +33 (0)4 50 79 09 16

- By post: Please provide your details

- Surname, First Name, Date of birth
- Address
- Email
- Telephone
- Mobile

If you wish to register by post, please complete the form below and return it to:

Altitude Mont-Blanc 62, passage du Nant Devant 74110 MONTRIOND FRANCE

Please specify whether you wish to take out an optional cancellation insurance (4.2% of the tour price).

On receipt of your registration we will email an invoice (per couple) with a request for a deposit of 30% in association with your account details at Altitude Mont-Blanc

('My Account'). Payment can be made by credit card, bank transfer or by cheque. On receipt of your deposit you will receive a registration confirmation.

The balance must be paid one month before departure without a reminder from us.

For self-guided tours, we will then send your tour pack (inc. maps, descriptive book etc.)

Our terms and conditions of sale can be found on our website.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.



# Registration by mail form

Last name:			
First name:			
Date of birth:			
Address:			
Phone number:			
Mobile phone number:			
Email address:			
Requested tour:			
Number of days:			
Insurance:			
Price:	x	30% =	Deposit
Locality where signed:		Date	
Signature:			

Return with your deposit to:
Altitude Mont-Blanc, 62 Passage du Nant Devant, 74110 Montriond, FRANCE