TECHNICAL SHEET

BETWEEN VERCORS AND DÉVOLUY

A Dolomites twin!

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DURATION	TRAVEL STYLE	LUGGAGE
7 days	**Accompanied / guided**	**With luggage transfer**

ACCOMMODATION	LEVEL	FROM
Classic or comfort	**3/4 ★★★☆**	**1 065 €**

A vast altitude plateau, the Vercors massif offers to hikers a harmonious wilderness. Climbing up to the plateau is the goal for the first days... A steep ascent into limestone where ibex and chamois are often present in the morning. Then we encounter a mix of mediterranean and dolomitic landscapes on top of the ridges between Grand-Veymont and the Mont Aiguille, with the Ecrins massif in the background.

From here we are about to enter the Devoluy massif under the face of the Grand-Ferrand in the classified valley of Jarjatte. The hike is now more alpine in this surprising range. Have you already heard about the Chourum?

Quick passage into the Devoluy, because we cannot miss the Bure mountain, an altitude desert where giant parables are scanning our universe. Return via the Aiguille pass, where bearded vulture nestle... Amazing!

You will love

- The beauty of this limestone massif with multiple reliefs similar to the Dolomites
- The route on top of ridges, offering vast panoramas over the Alps
- The wide plateau landscapes and Jarjatte valley
- Accommodation in comfortable hotels and gîtes, with a relaxing break at the swimming pool between the two long stages on days 2 and 3
- The simple and cosy accomodation and local produce of Trièves and Drôme regions

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Meet at 9:00am at the train station of Monestier-de-Clermont and transfer to Gresse-en-Vercors.

VERCORS PLATEAU - MONT AIGUILLE

Climb to the Pas des Bassachons (1903m), the gateway to the Vercors plateau. Cross beneath the summit of Grand-Veymont (2341m), in the wide open spaces of the high plateaux... Passage to the Pas de la Selle, then the Col de l'Aupet, at the foot of the elegant Mont Aiguille. Descent to the village of Chichilianne. Overnight in a hotel, with luggage.

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +950 m; -1150 m / 15km

5.5 hour walk / Elevation: +750 m; -1050 m from the Col L'Allimas / 12,5 km

DAY 2

PAS DE L'AIGUILLE – CABANE DE L'ESSAURE – CRÊTES DE COMBEAU

Back to the high plateaux via the Pas de l'Aiguille. Cross the Essaure plateau to the shepherd's hut before following a superb ridge path above the Trièves. Short ascent to the Col de Côte Chèvre before descending to the small village of Nonnières. Overnight in a hotel, with swimming pool, **without luggage**.

7 hour walk / Elevation: +950 m; -1150 m / 17 km

DAY 3

MONT JOCOU - LUS-LA-CROIX-HAUTE VILLAGE

Climb up to the Col de Jiboui, from where you reach the ridges. In the distance, the Ecrins, the Obiou and the Dévoluy punctuate the landscape. Griffon vultures prowl around... Descent through mountain pastures and forests to the hamlet of Grimone. Short transfer to the small village of Lus-La-Croix-Haute. Overnight in a gîte, with luggage.

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +1050 m; -800 m / 16 km

DAY 4

VALLON DE LA JARJATTE - CHARNIER PASS - LACHAUP

Short transfer to the Jarjatte valley. Over the Col du Charnier and into the Dévoluy massif. A superb hike under the southern foothills of the Grand-Ferrand in a great alpine hiking atmosphere. Overnight in a gîte **without luggage**.

7 hour walk / Elevation: +1050 m; -850 m / 15 km

DAY 5

AIGUILLE PASS - LA CLUSE

Climb up to the suspended Aiguilles valley, a high plateau perched between two craggy peaks, watched over by vultures and the Bearded Vulture. Return via the alpine pastures of La Rama and settle in for 2 nights at the Yvraie gîte in the hamlet of La Cluse.

7.5 hour walk / Elevation: +/-1000 m / 19 km

DAY 6

THE SECRET COMBE OF MOUNT AUROUZE

Discover the ultra-mineral and wild universe of the Combe de la Cluse. Climb up and down the impressive and gigantic scree slope leading to the famous Bure plateau. With a bit of luck, you may spot chamois, mouflons and vultures. Overnight stay in gîte.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +/-800 m / 12 km

DAY 7

COL DE PLATE CONTIER - VALLON DU RIOUFROID

Climb to the Col de Plate Contier, then a short round trip to the impressive Pas de l'Agneau for one of the most spectacular views of the week, facing the Combe de Sauvas. The descent is via the wild Garnesier valley to the Rioufroid gorges.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +/-700m / 11Km

End point in the rioufroid valley around 4:00pm and return with a taxi to Monestier-de-Clermont.

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. (depending on the natural conditions and the fitness of the group).

Dates and prices

THE PRICE

The price includes:

- Organisation and booking fees, guiding by a qualified and insured mountain leader;
- Accommodation in gîtes and small hotels, including the tourist tax;
- All meals including picnic lunches and simple snacks during the day;
- Luggage transport between accommodation (except on day 2 and day 4);
- Transfers as described on the technical sheet and return taxi to departure point.

The price does not include:

- Personal expenses (drinks, etc.), touristic visits;
- Luggage transport on day 2 an day 4;
- Travel insurance;
- Your return journey from home to the point of departure/end point.

The price is all inclusive from departure to end point.

The journey

LEVEL ***

Elevation: +/- 900m average per day.
Walking time: 5 to 6.5 hours per day.
Type of trek: well-marked trails. One or two steep passages to ascend Bure mountain.

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

GUIDING

Group from 6 to 14 people supervised by a qualified professional mountain leader.

BAGGAGE TRANSPORT

With baggage transport: your baggage is transported daily by a vehicle, except on day 2 and day 4.

YOUR BACKPACK FOR THE NIGHT WITHOUT YOUR BAGGAGE

For the night without your baggage at the accommodation (you will get it back the night after), here are the things to add to your backpack (about 2 kilos are enough!):
- small toilet bag
- sleeping bag liner sheet
- change of clothes (bare necessities!)

ACCOMMODATION

2 nights in hotel, in a 2-person bedroom (in Chichilianne the hotel has a wellness area, +15€/ person, the Mont Barral hotel offers a swimming pool and a spa, no extra charge).
4 nights in gite, in dormitory.

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided in each accommodation.
Picnics are included and are carefully prepared daily by your guide, comprising a variety of healthy salads and local products.
On the day without luggage, the picnic is provided by the accommodation.

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.

Practical information

ACCESS TO DEPARTURE POINT

Meeting at 9:00am at the train station of Monestier-de-Clermont and transfer to Gresse-en-Vercors.

BY TRAIN
Paris/Grenoble/Monestier-de-Clermont. Transfer from Monestier to Gresse-en-vercors with an Altitude Mont Blanc vehicle.
Check www.oui.sncf for schedules.
Transfer from Monestier to Gresse-en-Vercors with Altitude Mont Blanc.

BY CAR
Take the A48 motorway to Grenoble, then A51 to Sisteron, exit Monestier-de-Clermont. Transfer from Monestier to Gresse-en-Vercors with Altitude Montblanc.

CAR-SHARING
Get in touch with people to share a lift! Here are some website recommendations :
www.blablacar.fr www.laroueverte.com www.roulezmalin.com

End point around 4pm in Lus-La-Croix-Haute and around 5:00pm in Monestier-de-Clermont.

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

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
- Light 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 (0.40L to 0.50L)
- 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

You are allowed **1 soft, sports type bag, with all your possessions inside, of 10kg maximum per person** . Your baggage will be transported daily between accommodation by our logistics vehicle where access is not always easy.
Baggage which is too heavy won't be accepted by the drivers, please think of their backs!

YOUR BACKPACK FOR THE NIGHT WITHOUT LUGGAGE

For the nights your luggage won't be dropped off at your accommodation (you will get it back the day after). Here are the things to bring with you (about 2 kilos are enough!):

- small toiletries bag
- sleeping bag liner sheet
- change of clothes for the day after (bare necessities!) and comfortable for the evening.

Details

HOW TO REGISTER

- By internet: 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
180, route du lac
74110 MONTRIOND
FRANCE

Please specify whether you wish to take out an optional cancellation insurance.

On receipt of your registration we will email an invoice (per couple) with a request for a deposit of 35% 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 (includes 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.

Postal booking form

Complete this form and return it with your deposit.

Last name	
First name	
Birth date	
Address	
Phone	
Mobile phone	
Email	
Requested trip	**BETWEEN VERCORS AND DÉVOLUY**
Number of days	**7**
Insurance	
Trip price	**1 065 €**
Estimated deposit (30%)	**319,50 €**
Signed in	
Date	
Signature	

Return with your deposit to

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