MYSTERIES OF THE DEVOLUY self-guided

A Dolomites-like!

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DURATION	TRAVEL STYLE	LUGGAGE
4 days	**Self-guided**	**Without luggage transfer**

ACCOMMODATION	LEVEL	FROM
Classic or comfort	**3/4 ★★★☆**	**330 €**

Here we are about to enter the Dévoluy, 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 Dévoluy, because we cannot miss the Montagne de Bure, an altitude desert where giant parables are scanning our universe. Way back by the Col Aiguille, where the bearded vulture nestles... 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
- The simple and cosy accomodation and local produce of Trièves and Drôme regions

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Departure on foot from Lus-La-Croix-Haute.

LEAF TIP AND STRAW RIDGES

Departure from Lus-La-Croix-Haute for the Pointe de Feuillette (1882m) where the view opens out onto the nearby Grand-Ferrand range (2758m). A ride on the ridges for a good part of the day followed by a descent in the valley of Jarjatte, a small jewel left out of the tourist over-frequentation, allows to dive from this first day in the atmosphere preserved of the massif.

Overnight in a cottage in the valley.

5h30 walk/ Distance: 13km/ Altitude difference: +950 m; -750 m

DAY 2

LAC DE LAUZON - COL DU CHARNIER

The valley of Jarjatte is a small jewel, kept away from the tourist over-frequentation. Superb hike under the southern foothills of the Grand Ferrand in an atmosphere of great alpine hiking. Passage to the Charnier pass and entrance in Dévoluy, the land of Chourum, balms and other avens... Descent on the hamlet of Lachaup. Overnight in lodging, with luggage in option.

5h30 walk/ Distance: 12km/ Altitude difference: +1000 m; -850 m

DAY 3

VALLON DES AIGUILLES - LA CLUSE

Departure from the cottage by the Rama mountain pastures. Climb in the suspended valley of Aiguilles at the foot of the fountain of Roy, for a picnic in this beautiful plain of altitude, and perhaps the observation of a bearded Gypaète that nests nearby. The bravest can climb to the Aiguille neck (2003m). A nice crossing follows on the small hamlet of La Cluse, at the foot of the Sauvas valley. Overnight in lodging, in dormitory.

6h30 walk/ Distance: 14km/ Altitude difference: +/-1150 m

1h walk/ Distance: 2km/ Altitude difference: +/-180m for the Aiguille pass.

POSSIBLE VARIANT : MOUNTAIN OF BURE

If the conditions allow, superb day in loop to discover the plateau of Bure (2560m) by its wild side. Transfer at the start of the hike. Climb through the Combe Ratin and cross the plateau to the observatory, whose parables check the sky. Lunar atmosphere. Descent by the same route, or by the Combe d'Aurouze by an incredible limestone stone. Transfer back to the cottage for the night. **Transfers for that day are to be paid on site by taxi or accommodation provider.**

7h walk/ Distance: 13km/ Altitude difference: +1350m /-1150 m, ***with additional transfer to be paid on site***

DAY 4

COL DE PLATE CONTIER - RIOUFROID VALLEY

One of the most confidential hikes of the week. Departure of the cottage by the grassy terraces bordering the torrent of the Abelu. Climb to the pass of Plate Contier, and why not to the foot of the lamb, for the view of the wild valley and the crests of Garnesier. Descent through the beautiful forest of Chabottes. By taxi to the parking lot of Riou Froid and transfer back to the station of Lus la Croix Haute.

5h walk/ Distance: 11km/ Altitude difference: +700 m; -600 m

+1h20 walk/ Distance: 3km/ Altitude difference: +/-180m for the Lamb's Step

End of the hike at Lus-la-Croix-Haute around 4pm.

The programme was drawn up according to the last known elements at the time of its writing; unforeseen circumstances are always possible and situations beyond our control

Dates and prices

DEPARTURE AND PRICE

Departures from 7th June to 13th September 2026

Without luggage transport, classic accommodation :
€330 per person

Optional :
- Pack 3 picnics : **€45** per person
- Extra night in Lus-La-Croix-Haute: from **€85** per person
- Confort version (2 nights) : contact us
- Luggage transport on Day 2 : contact us
- Montagne de Bure option: return transfers to be paid on site at the accommodation provider or by taxi.

THE PRICE

The price includes:

- Organisation and booking fees;
- Accommodation in gîtes, including the tourist tax;
- All meals including picnic lunches and simple snacks during the day;
- Transfers as described on the technical sheet and return taxi to departure point.

The price does not include:

- Personal expenses (drinks, etc.), touristic visits;
- Guiding : your are responsible for your own safety;
- Pic-nics;
- Cancellation 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: Mountain paths, often quite rocky. One to two steep passages to ascend the Montagne de Bure.

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 Dévoluy is a very wild and relatively uncrowded mountain range, which gives him charm. The marking and maintenance of the paths, particularly in the south of the Vercors, remain relative, and the orientation can at times become complex. 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 a satellite connection.

ROADBOOK

One month before your trip, we will send you your travel documents. The ‘paper’ version that we send by post consists of :
- IGN TOP 25 map,
- 1 road-book containing all the information you need for the tour,
- 1 map holder,
- A list of accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

1 night in a room and 2 nights in a dormitory, in gites.

MEALS

Breakfast and dinner are provided in each accommodation.
Picnics are included and are carefully prepared daily by your mountain leader, comprising a variety of healthy salads and local products.

Please inform us about your food allergies and special diets **at the time of booking.**
The accommodation do their 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

Departure at Lus-La-Croix-Haute.

BY TRAIN
Paris/Grenoble/La-Croix-Haute.
Check oui.sncf for schedules.

BY CAR
Take the A48 motorway to Grenoble, then A51 to Sisteron, exit Monestier-de-Clermont and then follow D1075 to Lus.

CAR-SHARING
Get in touch with people to share a lift! Here are some website recommendations: covoiturage-libre, laroueverte, roulezmalin, blablacar

End point around 3:00pm in Lus-La-Croix-Haute (Train to Paris at 3:47pm) and 4:00pm in Monestier-de-Clermont.

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE AND AFTER

Extra night in Lus-La-Croix-Haute: **85€** half-board basis.

INSURANCE

In accordance with regulations, we are covered by Professional Liability Insurance. In no case can we be responsible for your own Personal Liability. If you chose to take out repatriation insurance with IMPACT EVASION 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 / IMPACT EVASION.

CONTACT US

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
- 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 (0,40L 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.

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!)

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	**MYSTERIES OF THE DEVOLUY self-guided**
Number of days	**4**
Insurance	
Trip price	**330 €**
Estimated deposit (30%)	**99 €**
Signed in	
Date	
Signature	

Return with your deposit to

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