

BETWEEN VERCORS AND DÉVOLUY

A Dolomites twin!



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!

🕒 7 Days

👤 Guided / with a guide

🧳 With or without luggage transportation

🏠 Accommodation : Classic or comfort

🏔️ Level : ***

💰 From : 975€

You will like

- 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 science fiction atmosphere of the Montagne de Bure
- 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

The route

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 up to the Pas de la Ville (1925m) entering the Vercors plateau. Traverse under the Grand-Veymont summit (2341m) and into the vast expanse of this high plateau. Passing via the Aiguillettes hut, Pas de la Selle, then the Aupet pass at the foot of the elegant Mont Aiguille. Descend to Chichilianne village. Another pleasant itinerary is possible via Lalimas pass and the eastern face of the Mont Aiguille. Through tiny hamlets and with a panoramic view. Night in a hotel.

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

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

Day 2

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

Head back up 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 ..but no luggage.

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

Day 3

MONT JOCOU - LUS-LA-CROIX-HAUTE VILLAGE

Climb to the Col de Jiboui, where you join the ridges. In the distance, the Ecrins, Obiou and Dévoluy mountains punctuate the landscape. Griffon vultures prowl around... Descend between mountain pastures and forests to the hamlet of Grimone. Short transfer to the small village of Lus-La-Croix-Haute. Overnight in a gîte.

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

Day 4

VALLON DU RIOUFROID - COL DE PLATE CONTIER - LA CLUSE

Transfert in the Rioufroid gorges, and then up through the wild valley of Garnesier. In this strange forest, the plants are influenced by the presence of the permafrost underground. Ascension to the col of Plate Contier and then down to la Cluse for the first night in the Devoluy. Night in gite.

5 hour walk / Elevation: +750m -850m / 11Km

Day 5

MONTAGNE DE BURE

A day hike to discover the plateau of Bure (2560m) and its wild face. Spectacular climb into the gigantic scree of the Combe de Bure and crossing the plateau to the observatory, whose parabolas survey the sky. Here we find a lunar like atmosphere! Descent through the Ratin valley towards the village of St Etienne. Short transfer. Night in gite.

7.5 hour walk / Elevation: +1350 -1200 / 14Km

Day 6

AIGUILLE PASS - LACHAUP

Departure from the gîte through the Rama pastures. Climb up through the Aiguilles valley before reaching the pass that leads back into the Vercors park. Follow a nice loop back to Lachaup and hopefully an opportunity to see a bearded

vulture!

6.5 hour walk / Elevation: +/-750m / 18Km

Day 7

LAKE LAUZON - CHARNIER PASS

A stunning hike under the southern foothills of the Grand-Ferrand mountain in a high-mountain atmosphere. The Charnier pass marks the entrance into the Devoluy area, the land of Chourum (natural cavities formed by the combined action of wind and rain). Descend toward the Lachau hamlet, for 2 nights in a gîte.

6 hour walk / Elevation: +850m -1000m / 14Km

End point at the train station of Lus-la-Croix-Haute 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.

The trip

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.

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.

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.

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

Dates & 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;
- Baggage transport between accommodation (except on Day 2);
- 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;
- Airport taxes;
- Travel insurance;
- Your return journey from home to the point of departure/end point.

The price is all inclusive from departure to 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
- 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
- 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 (except Day 2) between accommodation by our logistics vehicle. You are allowed 1 soft, sports type bag with all your possessions inside, **no heavier than 10kg**. 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!**

If you wish to prolong your holiday, we can safely hold another bag for you which you may leave with us at the departure point and it will be deposited at the end point with your other baggage.

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 (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 (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.

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:

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Deposit

Locality where signed:

Date

Signature:

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