

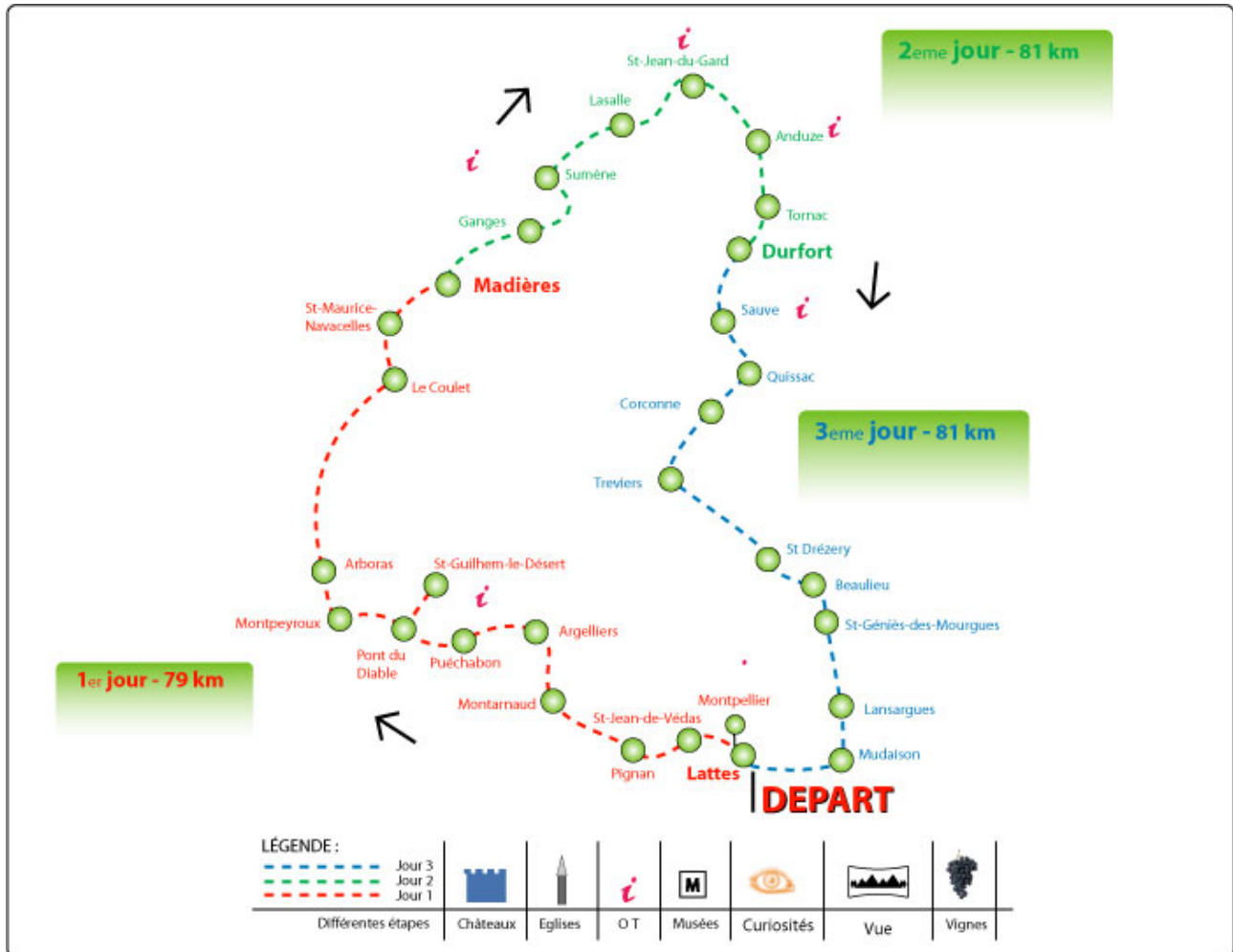


## Itinerary from the Haut Languedoc to the Cévennes Circuit N°12



Between sea and mountain and through the Cévennes, this itinerary will offer outstanding sites, natural marvels such as the Clamouse Grotto or a unique heritage at Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



From the rocky creeks, the fine sand beaches along the Mediterranean coast to the mountain resorts Pyrénées, Mounts of Lozère and the Massif Central, a wide variety of landscapes features the Languedoc Roussillon region.

What to discover : The unassailable fortresses in Pays Cathare, aens and grottoes (Clamouse, Limousis, Trabuc...), the impressive gorges of the Tarn river (Sainte Enimie), the Haut-Languedoc valley, the ski-resorts in the Cerdagne massif (Font Romeu, Pyrenées 2000, Formigueres...), the magical city of Carcassonne, la Camargue (birds, manades : bull farms), Nîmes the Roman city and its arenas.

Wines : Cabardès, Collioure, Corbières, Costières de Nîmes, Coteaux du Languedoc, Côtes de Malepère, Côtes du Roussillon, Faugères, Fitou, Limoux, Minervois, Saint-Chinian, banyuls.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : anchovy from Collioure, bourride, brandade, cassoulet, pâtés from Pezenas, cheeses (bleu des Causses, pélardon) touron, catalan cream, croquant de Mende, tielles sétoises, oysters from Bouzigues.

Traditional Handicraft : Provencale cotton fabrics (souleiado, olivado), santons (traditional figures).



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### Day 1 :

Discover le Mas de Couron and its outdated charm of an old family mansion in the middle of a park with centennial pines. It is an ideal starting point to visit Montpellier, the Haut-Languedoc and the Cévennes.

Just past Lattes you will arrive in the vicinity of the Mas de Saporta, restored and arranged by the local winegrowers. It harbours an enology store room and a restaurant which enhance the best local produce.

After Montarnaud you will join the road of wines which will lead you towards the Pont du Diable, the Clamouse Grotto and Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert. You will have to enter between the wild gorges of the Hérault river and climb the steep slopes of Verdus gorges in order to reach the former abbey of Saint-Guilhem village. At the bend in the road you will enjoy a unique view over the village and the church of the abbey built in the XIth century.

When driving back you could stop at the Clamouse Grotto which distinguishes itself by the amount of aragonite and calcite which crystallize inside. You will see again the villages of Montpeyroux and Arboras on the road of wines before reaching Saint-Maurice-Navacelles. Then you will be within a few kilometres from the Cirque of Navacelles which deserves the visit.

To end this itinerary find your refuge at the Madières castle a genuine strong hold of the XIXth century hanged on the side of the mountain the terrace of which offers a pleasant view over the river and the village.

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### Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
LATTES	D189	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D132	0.0	
SAINT-JEAN-DE-VEDAS	D	10.0	
LAVERUNE	D5	3.0	
PIGNAN	D27	2.0	
MURVIEL-LES-MONTPPELLIER	D27	0.0	
MONTARNAUD	D27A	10.0	
ARGELLIERS	D27E	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D32	4.0	
PUECHABON	D32	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D27F	7.0	
PONT DU DIABLE	D4	5.0	
SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DESERT	D4	0.0	
PONT DU DIABLE	D141	3.0	
SAINT-JEAN-DE-FOS	D141	3.0	
MONTPEYROUX	D141	5.0	
ARBORAS	D9	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D9	8.0	
LA TRIVALLE	D130	5.0	
LE COULET	D130	0.0	
SAINT-AURICE-NAVACELLES	D25	10.0	
MADIERES	D25	4.0	

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### Day 1 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . LATTES

Mas du Cheval (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Avenue de l'Agau - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467151328 - fax 0662370811 - @ : contact@masducheval.com

MAS DE COURAN (Hôtel) - route de Fréjorgues - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467655757 - fax 0467653756 - @ : mas.de.couran@free.fr

Le Lodge (Hôtel) - 4 Route de Palavas - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467061020 - fax 0467929738 - @ : info@lelodge.fr

#### . SAINT-JEAN-DE-VEDAS

Patio Del Sol (Hôtel) - Route de Sète - 34430 SAINT-JEAN-DE-VEDAS



Phone : 0467427403 - @ : [service.client@patiodelsol.fr](mailto:service.client@patiodelsol.fr)

#### **. SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DESERT**

Le Guillaume d'Orange (Hôtel) - 2 avenue Guillaume d'Orange - 34150 SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DESERT  
Phone : 0467572453 - fax 0467603856 - @ : [contact@guilhaumedorange.com](mailto:contact@guilhaumedorange.com)

#### **. GANGES**

Le Château de Madières (Hôtel) - Hameau de Madières - 34190 GANGES  
Phone : 0467738403 - fax 0467735571 - @ : [madieres@wanadoo.fr](mailto:madieres@wanadoo.fr)



#### **Day 1 : Visits selected by french-itinerary.com**

##### **. LATTES**

Musée archéologique Henri-Prades - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467997720

##### **. SAINT GUILHEM LE DESERT**

Grotte de Clamouse (Curiosité) - située à 3 kms au sud de saint Guilhem-le-Désert - 34150 SAINT GUILHEM LE DESERT  
Phone : 0467577105

Eglise Abbatiale (Eglise) - 34150 SAINT GUILHEM LE DESERT  
Phone : 0467577580



#### **Day 1 : The Notebook practises of french-itinerary.com**

##### **. MONTPELLIER**

Office de Tourisme - 30 allée Jean de Lattre de Tassigny - 34000 MONTPELLIER  
Phone : 0467606060 - fax 0467606061 - @ : [contact@ot-montpellier.fr](mailto:contact@ot-montpellier.fr)

Automobile club HERAULT AVEYRON (Automobile club) - 3 rue Maguelone - 34000 MONTPELLIER  
Phone : 0467584412 - fax 0467582639 - @ : [acha@wanadoo.fr](mailto:acha@wanadoo.fr)

##### **. NIMES**

Automobile club GARD - LOZERE - ARDECHE (Automobile club) - 1945 avenue Maréchal Juin - 30906 NIMES  
Phone : 0466040162 - fax 0466844741 - @ : [automobileclub.gard.l.a@wanadoo.fr](mailto:automobileclub.gard.l.a@wanadoo.fr)

##### **. LATTES**

Vélo et Oxygen (Location de vélos) - ZAC des commandeurs  
Rue Marcel Pagnol - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467222399

##### **. SAINT GUILHEM-LE-DESERT**

Office de Tourisme - 2 rue de la Font du Portal - 34150 SAINT GUILHEM-LE-DESERT  
Phone : 0467574433 - fax 0467574433 - @ : [ot-st-guilhem@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ot-st-guilhem@wanadoo.fr)

Day 1 : Restaurants selected by french-itinerary.com

##### **. GANGES**

CHÂTEAU DE MADIÈRES (Restaurant) - Madières - 34190 GANGES  
Phone 0467738403 - fax 0467735571



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### 2 Day 2 :

From Madières you will sink in the heart of the gorges de la Vis. The steep slopes of Roc Blanc and the Roc of Senescal rise on both sides of the road.

At the confluence of the Hérault river when driving out the Mont-Mal wood you will reach Ganges and Rieutord a small industrial town where silk stockings were produced in the past.

After Sumène you will climb the Fage mountain up to the Bantarde pass. Before travelling on a particularly scenic road which is scattered with views, you will cross Lasalle a Cevenol town with a typical village.

When you arrive at Saint-Jean-du-Gard at the end of the afternoon, do watch the light which surrounds this little town and more precisely the austere houses standing along the high street a genuine which offers a southern scene. On market day this impression is still enhanced by the swarming of the salespersons and the holiday makers.

You will reach Anduze, real door to the Cévennes by following the Gardon and the railways line where des steam locomotives still go on the rails.

At that point you have nearly reached your objective. A few miles from Anduze the Ranquet homes are scattered in an immense park of pines and oak trees. You will have the opportunity to have your meals around a swimming pool.

### 2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
MADIERES	D25	0.0	
GANGES	D20	19.0	
SUMENE	D153	5.0	
SAINT-ROMAN-DE-CODIERES	D153	7.0	
COL DE BANTARDE	D153	0.0	
COLOGNAC	D153	7.0	
LASALLE	D153	4.0	
SAINTE-CROIX-DE-CADERLE	D153	0.0	
SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD	D907	17.0	
ANDUZE	D907	14.0	
CROISEMENT	D982	4.0	
TORNAC	D982	0.0	
DOMAINE DU RANQUET	D982	4.0	

### 2 Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . GENERARGUES

Auberge Les Trois Barbus (Hôtel) - Route de Mialet - 30140 GENERARGUES  
Phone : 0466617212 - fax 0466617274 - @ : les3barbus@free.fr

#### . GANGES

Le Château de Madières (Hôtel) - Hameau de Madières - 34190 GANGES  
Phone : 0467738403 - fax 0467735571 - @ : madieres@wanadoo.fr

#### . SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD

Les Bellugues (Hôtel) - 13 rue Pellet de la Lozère - 30270 SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD  
Phone : 0466851533 - fax 0466853208 - @ : hotelbellugues@wanadoo.fr

Auberge du Peras (Hôtel) - Le Peras - 34270 SAINT-JEAN-DU-GARD  
Phone : 0466853594 - fax 0466850624 - @ : auberge@aubergeduperas.com

#### . ANDUZE

MAJUREL (Hôtel) - Tornac - 30140 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466775163 - fax 0466775562

La Porte des Cévennes (Hôtel) - 2300 route de St Jean du Gard - 3410 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466619944 - fax 0466617365 - @ : reception@porte-cevennes.com



La Ferme de Cornadel (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Route de Générargues - 30140 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466617944 - fax 0466618046 - @ : anfosso@cornadel.fr

#### **. TORNAC**

DOMAINE DU RANQUET (Hôtel) - Tornac - 30140 TORNAC  
Phone : 0466775163 - fax 0466775562 - @ : contact@ranquet.com

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#### **. GANGES**

Grotte des Demoiselles (Curiosité) - située à 9 kms au sud de Ganges par D986 - 34190 GANGES  
Phone : 0467737002

#### **. Saint Jean du Gard**

Train touristique (Curiosité) - 30270 Saint Jean du Gard

Musée des Vallées cévenoles - 30270 Saint Jean du Gard  
Phone : 0166851048

#### **. ANDUZE**

Musée de la Musique - 30140 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466618660

Bambouseraie de Prafrance (Curiosité) - situé à 2 kms d'Anduze - 30140 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466617047

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#### **. SUMENE**

Office de Tourisme - rue des Tilleuls - 30440 SUMENE  
Phone : 0467813016 - fax 0467813016

#### **. SAINT JEAN DU GARD**

Office de Tourisme - Place Rabaut St Etienne - 30270 SAINT JEAN DU GARD  
Phone : 0466853211 - fax 0466851628 - @ : otsistjean@aol.com

#### **. ANDUZE**

Office de Tourisme - Plan de Brie - 30140 ANDUZE  
Phone : 0466619817 - fax 0466617977



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### 3 Day 3 :

When leaving the domain of Ranquet you will cross a scrubland and chaos of rocks. The perched village of Durfort which harbours many renovated medieval houses stand out from this strange landscape.

The small road which goes along the GR63 will lead you towards the Vidourle valley, the stream of which forms a course around the medieval village of Sauve. Sauve, one of the Most beautiful Villages of France succeeding in maintaining the authenticity of its side streets covered by arches and vaulted passages which lead to the shaded square at the heart of the town.

After Quissac you will cross the wood of Coutach before reaching one of the multiples roads of wines in Languedoc-Roussillon, in Corconne. Actually here you are at the heart of the largest vineyard in France.

For many years the wine growers have endeavoured to develop their produce. This is why a Controlled Label of Origin "The Languedoc Hills" which gathers the vintages of Hérault, Gard and Aude regions was put in place in 1985. This wine-oriented itinerary will enable the visitor to taste the wines from Saint-Drézéry which benefit from a special controlled label.

At the end of the day you will travel along the "Bas Rhône-Languedoc" canal which irrigates the cultivated land between Arles and Montpellier.

### 3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
DOMAINE DU RANQUET	D982	0.0	
DURFORT-ET-SAINT-MARTIN-DE-SO	D177	3.0	
SAUVE	D999	5.0	
QUISSAC	D45	6.0	
CORCONNE	D17	0.0	
SAUTEYRARGUES	D17	12.0	
VALFLAUNES	D17	6.0	
SAINT-MATHIEU-DE-TREVIERS	D1	3.0	
SAINT-BAUZILLE-DE-MONTMEL	D1	0.0	
MONTAUD	D54	10.0	
SAINT-DREZERY	D118	3.0	
BEAULIEU	D118	0.0	
SAINT-GENIES-DES-MOURGUES	D54	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D105	0.0	
LANSARGUES	D189	8.0	
MUDAISON	D189	3.0	
LATTES	D172	11.0	

### 3 Day 3 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

#### . LAURET

L'Auberge du Cèdre (Hôtel) - Route Cazeneuve - 34270 LAURET  
Phone : 0467590202 - @ : welcome@auberge-du-cedre.com

#### . TORNAC

DOMAINE DU RANQUET (Hôtel) - Tornac - 30140 TORNAC  
Phone : 0466775163 - fax 0466775562 - @ : contact@ranquet.com

#### . SAUVE

La Pousaranque (Hôtel) - Domaine de l'Evesque - 30610 SAUVE  
Phone : 0466775197

La Magnanerie (Hôtel) - L'Evesque sur D999 - 30610 SAUVE  
Phone : 0466775744 - fax 0466770231 - @ : la.magnanerie@wanadoo.fr

#### . LATTES

Mas du Cheval (Chambres d'Hôtes) - Avenue de l'Agau - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467151328 - fax 0662370811 - @ : contact@masducheval.com

MAS DE COURAN (Hôtel) - route de Fréjorgues - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467655757 - fax 0467653756 - @ : mas.de.couran@free.fr



Le Lodge (Hôtel) - 4 Route de Palavas - 34970 LATTES  
Phone : 0467061020 - fax 0467929738 - @ : info@lelodge.fr

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Musée archéologique Henri-Prades - 34970 LATTES  
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**. SAUVE**

Office de Tourisme - Place René Issouard - 30160 SAUVE  
Phone : 0466775751 - fax 0466770599 - @ : otsauve@net-up.com

**. QUISSAC**

Office de Tourisme - avenue du 11 Novembre - 30260 QUISSAC  
Phone : 0466771148 - fax 0466771126

**. LATTES**

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