



From the Rhône valley to the Gorges of Ardèche Circuit N°9



It will be difficult to leave the magnificent landscapes in the gorges of Ardèche where cliffs, corniches, panoramic view points and promontories follow one another.

You should do it anyway since a bit further, other landscapes wait for you along the itinerary where you will discover plenty of monuments or medieval cities.

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



the Rhône-Alpes region remains the very destination for the lovers of nature, the lovers of curiosities, gourmets and sportsmen, with great moments of emotion for the slide sport buffs in the ski resorts.

Wines : Côtes du Rhône, Tricastin hills, wine from la Drôme region, wines from Urfé region, wines of Savoie, wines of Bugey and from Pays de l'Ain, local wines from the Ardèche Hills, wine from Côtes du Vivarais.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : Bresse Poultry, chestnuts from Ardèche, truffles from Tricastin, nougats de la Drôme, nuts from Grenoble, gratin dauphinois, chocolates and pralines from the Loire, raclette and fondues (melted cheese), diots and tartiflette de Savoie, cheeses (Beaufort, tomme de Savoie, reblochon, St Marcellin, beaufort, emmenthal, Bleu de Vercors, Sassenage, picodons de l'Ardèche, fourme de Montbrisson, vacherin d'Abondance, brique du Forez), raviolos du Royan, liqueur from Aravis, Gentiane, Genepi.

Traditional Handicraft : Bressan furniture, copper making from Cerdon, silkmill, plasturgy in l'Ain - Pottery, basket work in Ardèche, glass making in la Drôme, basket work, spinning in Savoie, knives (Opinel), religious art in Haute Savoie.



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1 Day 1 :

Bourg-Saint Andéol is the starting point of the itinerary to discover the natural marvels of Ardèche. The town towered by its church spire lies along the bank of the Rhône river. A former priory church transformed in a charming hotel will stand as your base for your journey. You will reach the Ardèche valley at Saint-Martin, the door gorges after a few kilometres on the edge of the Plateau of Gras. As you will leave the valley with the cultivated slopes you will discover the gorge cut at the Ranc-Pointu panoramic viewpoint.

From there the deep twists of the Ardèche river will follow each other as well as grottoes, panoramic viewpoints, promontories and steep cliffs all along the road. The most outstanding part of the itinerary remains the high corniche which offers breathtaking views over the gorges.

You must stop at the Serre de Tourre panoramic view point, settled nearly abeam the Ardèche river which slips 200 metres below, you will reach le Pont d'Arc. This imposing wayout brings a 30 kilometre trip to an end within the magnificent landscapes of a gorge where both the cliffs and the green waters draw harmonious twists.

After Vallon-Pont-d'Arc, you will reach Ruoms and its old quarter.

You will arrive in Joyeuse then in Vinezac your first stop of the day by crossing the plateau which splits the low valley of Chassezac from the gorges of la Beaume. This medieval village shelters a XVIIIth century castle transformed in a hotel while maintaining a great respect of the heritage.

1 Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
BOURG-SAINT-ANDEOL	D358	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D	4.0	
SAINT-MARCEL-D'ARDECHE	D	3.0	
SAINT-MARTIN-D'ARDECHE	D290	4.0	
GORGES DE L'ARDECHE	D290	0.0	
VALLON-PONT-D'ARC	D579	34.0	
RUOMS	D245	7.0	
LABEAUME	D	3.0	
AURIOLLES	D208	1.0	
SAINT-ALBAN-AURIOLLES	D208	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D246	7.0	
NOTRE DAME DE BON SECOURS	D104A	7.0	
LABLACHERIE	D104A	0.0	
JOYEUSE	D212	4.0	
LAURAC-EN-VIVARAIS	D	8.0	
PRENDS TOI GARDE	D104	1.0	
UZER	D104	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D423	3.0	
VINEZAC	D423	2.0	

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

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. VINEZAC

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. Gorges de l'Ardèche

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2 Day 2 :

When leaving the medieval town of Vinezac you will detour through Largentière. This pleasant town, which owes its name to the former silver mines exploited from the Xth to the XVth century succeeded in keeping the setting of a medieval town with its powerful fortified castle and its amazing palace of justice.

You will reach Aubenas through small roads which will provide you with so many sensations that you will find difficult to select one of them.

Main door to Ardèche, Aubenas with the old town perched on a rocky spur will display a superb medieval setting where the former ramparts stand under the towering castle and the dome Saint-Benoît. When leaving Aubenas via Saint-Privat, you will follow an itinerary where the views follow one another over the Auzon valley and its outstanding villages bearing delicious names such as Mirabel.

The road will climb gradually towards the Benas pass before diving to the Payre valley.

You will arrive in Le Pouzin, and spare some time to cast a glance to Chomérac castle.

At the end of the circuit a former lord mansion will wait for you on the bank of the river Rhône and at the foot of the Ardèche mountains. It keeps on preserving a hospitality full of good humour and care.

2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
VINEZAC	D423	0.0	
LA VERNADE	D103	3.0	
LARGENTIERE	D24	4.0	
ROCHER	D235	3.0	
CHAZEAX	D535	2.0	
LENTILLERES	D335	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D235	8.0	
AUBENAS	N304	5.0	
SAINT-PRIVAT	D259	3.0	
LUSSAS	D259	5.0	
MIRABEL	D258	0.0	
DARBRES	D224	11.0	
FREYSSENET	D224	0.0	
COL DU BENAS	D7	7.0	
CROISEMENT	D299	3.0	
ROCHESSAUVE	D299	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D22	11.0	
CHOMERAC	D22	0.0	
BRUNE		0.0	
CROISEMENT	N86	7.0	
LE POUZIN	N86	4.0	

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. VALGORGE

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. VINEZAC

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. AUBENAS

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. LE POUZIN

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3 Day 3 :

First you will drive back in the direction of the Chomérac castle. Leave the basin of Ouvèze to enter the mountain. Its base which is covered of basalt provides the landscape with dark humours.

After Saint-Bauzile the road will enter into the Lavèzon valley. After Saint-Martin-le-Supérieur the road will climb between the slopes scattered with basalt organs.

In the vicinity of the Fontenelle pass a wide clearing enables the visitor to make out the Rhône river in the far distance.

You will drive down the Fayol valley to reach Alba-la-Romaine its castle and its Roman remains.

A small road will lead you in the direction of the Gras plateau towered by the Dent de Rez. When you arrive at Gras you will notice a XIIth century chapel perched on a rocky spur.

After a visit to the Larnas church you will drive between the stony gorges with the steep and wild slopes of Sainte-Beaume.

You will cross the Laoul wood to reach the priory church in Bourg-Saint Andéol, the end of this superb circuit.

3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
LE POUZIN	N86	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D22	2.0	
BRUNE	D22	0.0	
CHOMERAC	D3	6.0	
SAINT-BAUZILE	D3	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D213	10.0	
SAINT-MARTIN-SUR-LAVEZON	D213	0.0	
COL DE FONTENELLE	D263	12.0	
SCEAUTRES	D263	0.0	
CROISEMENT	N102	12.0	
ALBA LA ROMAINE	D263	2.0	
VALVIGNERES	D	8.0	
GRAS	D	8.0	
LE MAS DE GRAS	D262	2.0	
LARNAS	D	5.0	
SAINT MONTANT	D190	2.0	
BOURG-SAINT-ANDEOL	D358	7.0	

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