

Tour of the Vercors

France

Code: FRALP0024



Self-guided tour 7 days • 6 nights • Nothing to carry • Level: 3 / 5

Limestone massif of the Prealps, perched between Drôme and Isère, the Vercors (the biggest natural and protected reserve in France) is a real paradise for hikers. The landscapes variety will surprise the "classic" average mountain hiker, white limestone walls, gorges, deep and mysterious, caves and amazing re-emergence, unsuspected ways ("pas") in the cliffs. Higher, there's the Hauts Plateaux (the "high plateaux"), a natural reserve, a real limestone chaos and sheep pastures. With an average altitude between 700m and 1400m, the weather is not too hot and not too cold: you will feel good, the air is bright, fauna and flora are abundant. The Vercors is also a mountain that remains alive, thanks to all the activities: in the past it was farming, and today the tourism is discreet. Here, little villages are happy to welcome you. Each season offers a new country, May, June and July: springtime bursts, is the fresh streams, all the greens are brand new, the gauzy beach leaves and the nice hawthorn perfume, but mostly in its armful of flowers... August: it's the summer's roundness, the sun is hot, the bees, the yellow gentians and the mauve epilobiums, and... raspberries, strawberries! The light is romantic, and the colors are intense.

Fall is queen in our mountains, here comes the purple, the gold and the bronze, raised by green of the spruce, it's magical!

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ITINERARY

D1 • Arrival

Arrival by the end of the afternoon or in the evening in Lans en Vercors.

Overnight in a 2* hotel with swimming pool.

D2 • Lans en Vercors - Autrans

The Vercors North ridges, by the Pas de Bellecombe, and the Pas de l'Ours. On the Molière mountain pasture, you will have a beautiful view over the Alps: 7 massifs including the Mont Blanc. Nice descent to Autrans, in the middle of several hamlets.

5h30 walking, +650 m, -650 m.

Overnight in a 3* hotel with swimming pool.

D3 • Autrans - Rencurel

You pass towards the Pas de Pertuzon by following the GR that will lead you to the beautiful path to Rencurel, a charming little village.

5h walking, +400 m, -650 m.

Overnight in a 2* hotel with swimming pool.

D4 • Rencurel – Pont en Royans (or Choranche)

By the "Pas" of the Ranc and the caves of Choranche. A great day with exceptional sites: Choranche, beautiful whites corries, the waterfalls at Choranche and: the unique cave with thousands of stalactites. You continue to Pont en Royans and its hanging houses over the Bourne river.

6h30 walking, +500 m, -1000 m.

Overnight in a 2* hotel.

D5 • Pont en Royans (or Choranche) – La Chapelle en Vercors

Short transfer to the pass of Mézelier. Climb to Central Vercors by the "Pas" of Voûtes and the Grand Goulets. The panoramas are superb over the entire massif. You cross a beautiful forest of the Allier; you will see one of the most impressive ways of the Vercors: The Grand Goulets, a narrow gorge sculpted in the limestone. You end your stage in the Chapelle en Vercors.

5h walking, +870 m, -580 m.

From Choranche: 6h15 walking, +1170 m, -580

m. Overnight in a 2 hotel.*

D6 • La Chapelle en Vercors – Bois Barbu

Short transfer to Tourtre, Bois Barbu, above Villard de Lans by the "Pas" of St Martin, the valley of Herbouilly and Valchevrière, a former village.

5h walking, +830 m, -330 m.

Overnight in a 2* hotel, at the Ferme de Bois Barbu or at the Auberge des Montauds.

D7 • Bois Barbu – Villard de Lans – Lans en Vercors

Short transfer to "Conversaria", above Villard de Lans. You will reach Lans en Vercors by the path of Sentier Gobert, the Col Vert (and the optional way by the St Michel Peak): beautiful "ecological path" where you will discover the typical North Vercors flora, the path is in balcony and it overlooks the entire Villard valley. The Col de l'Arc pass is a wonderful and easy way; it has a beautiful view over the Belledone and the Oisans massif. The St Michel Peak is the one the Vercors's summit; you will have a wonderful view on the Alps and the North Vercors.

5h walking, +350 m, -400 m.

End of the tour after your hike in Lans en Vercors

Route changes

Sometimes we must make slight changes to the outlined itinerary and program as local condition can change due to the weather or to the non-availability of our usual hotel or guesthouse, or in case the authorities forbid the use of a path. Be sure that changes are always done in your interest, for your safety and a better comfort.



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DETAILS

All the information provided, which does not relate directly to that which is included in the price of the trip, must be checked and Grand Angle cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the supplementary information provided.

Level 3 /5

Average to good walker: you must be in a good shape. There are no particular technical difficulties, but some stages are long. From 5 to 7 hours walking per day, +500 m to 800 m per day.

Luggage

You only carry a small daypack with your personal belongings, picnic, water, and snacks. Your luggage will be transported by vehicle.

Group size

From 2 people.

Travel documents

This is a self-guided trip. You will have no guide with you. We take care of the booking of hotels and luggage transportation. You will be given a travel pack with digital maps and road books, vouchers for the hotels. All the documents will be delivered to your first accommodation in Lans en Vercors.

Duration

7 days, 6 nights, 6 days of walking.

Comfort

► Accommodation

In 2* hotels, one night in a 3* hotel in Autrans in double/twin bedrooms.

► Catering

Breakfasts are included and taken at the hotel. Lunches are not included but you can order your picnic at the hotels when you arrive (or called 1 day before for Hotel Musée de l'eau). Please let us know at the booking if you have allergy or if you need a special diet; we will do our best to adapt your meals.

Start / end

► Start

In the evening of day 1 in Lans en Vercors.

► End

On day 7 after the hike in Lans en Vercors.

Public price and departure date

Departure date at your convenience from May 08th to October 10th, 2021.

High season: from June 28th to September 03rd 2021.

The season is determined with the departure date.

Period		Price per person
From	To	
08/05/2021	27/06/2021	695 €
28/06/2021	03/09/2021	730 €
04/09/2021	10/10/2021	695 €
08/05/2022	27/06/2022	715 €
28/06/2022	03/09/2022	750 €
04/09/2022	10/10/2022	715 €

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► **The price includes:**

- 6 nights accommodation in half-board
- Transfers mentioned in the program
- Travel pack (one for 2 or 3 people)
- Luggage transfers
- Occupancy tax

► **The price does not include:**

- Drinks
- Lunch meals
- Visits
- All that is not mentioned in "the price includes"

► **Option and extra night per person**

- Single room supplement: + 170 €
- Extra night in half-board in Lans en Vercors (2 people sharing the room): low season: 77 € per person, high season: 82 € per person

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Getting there

► By car

Highway "Autoroute Lyon-Grenoble", exit Saint-Egrève centre commercial and then direction, Villard de Lans; stop in Lans en Vercors. If you travel by car you can leave your car at the hotel in Lans en Vercors or close to the hotel in the village (free).

► By train

Train to Grenoble (TGV), and then bus to Lans en Vercors by VFD buses. The bus station is right next to the train station. For train schedules, see on <https://www.oui.sncf/>. For buses schedules, see on www.transisere.fr.

Or taxi from Grenoble to Lans en Vercors (Taxi Jallifier: +33 (0)4 76 95 41 45, about 90 €).

► By plane

Grenoble or Lyon airport.

Edinburgh-Grenoble with Easyjet, Dublin-Grenoble with Ryanair, London (Stansted, Luton and Gatwick) with Easyjet and Ryanair.

For more information: www.easyjet.com or www.ryanair.com.

Shuttle service from the airport of Grenoble to Grenoble bus station <http://www.grenoble-airport.com/Navettes-regulieres-.html>.

Airport Lyon Saint Exupéry: There is a shuttle service Ouibus from the airport to Grenoble bus station (about 1 hour) : <https://fr.ouibus.com/trajets/grenoble-lyon-aeroport-saint-exupery>

Useful addresses

- Regional Nature Parc of the Vercors: +33 (0)4 76 94 38 26.
- Tourism office in Lans en Vercors: +33 (0)4 76 95 42 62.
- Tourism office in Villard de Lans : +33 (0)4 76 95 10 38.

Dialing code

When calling France from an overseas number: 00 33

At your service!

Our whole team is ready to help make sure your trip runs smoothly, do not hesitate to contact us: we will do everything we can to make sure that your trip is a success.

WHAT TO PACK

To carry your things:

- A 40L backpack to carry your picnic and personal belongings during the day
- Your main piece of baggage: a travel bag in good condition (**weight limit: 15kg**).

For Hiking:

- Walking boots which have a thick sole and a waterproof membrane.
- Woolen socks
- A thick jumper or a polar fleece
- Comfortable walking trousers
- A pair of shorts, t-shirts
- A light cotton long-sleeved shirt
- Bathing suit
- A large plastic bag

For Your Lunch Time Picnic:

- Plastic bowl, plate, or box
- Cutlery (knife, fork, spoon)
- One liter water bottle (**compulsory**)

To Protect You from The Elements:

- Sunglasses and sun cream
- Cap or sunhat
- A windbreaker, a waterproof poncho, or a 'Gore-Tex' jacket - A woolly hat in winter

For the Evening:

- A pair of light shoes for the evening - if these are trainers these could be used as a backup for your walking shoes if they begin to rub or get very wet – these cannot however replace your walking shoes!
- Changes of clothing
- Tissues and toilet paper
- Bag of toiletries
- First-Aid Kit: medication, masks, hydroalcoholic gel, plasters, '2nd skin' dressing, disinfectant, arnica, and aspirin tablets in case of any minor injuries... (Although we suggest bringing all of this, don't worry, your first-aid kit will most likely come back unused, but it's always better to be safe than sorry)

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