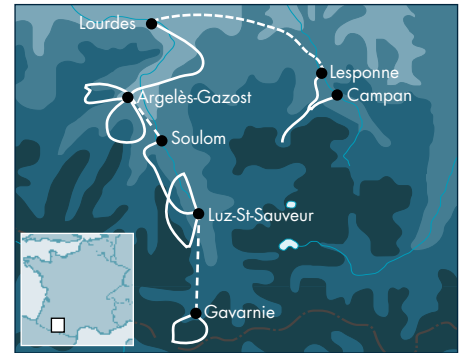


HEART OF THE PYRENEES WALK



Luz-Saint-Sauveur



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Different walking levels every day; breathtaking views
- Majestic, glacial amphitheatre of the Cirque de Gavarnie, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Dramatic gorges, beautiful lakes, lush green valleys and mountain ridges

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY

DAY 01 ARRIVE IN LESPONNE

Arrive at your hotel, the **Domaine de Ramonjuan**, in the Lesponne Valley, just south of the delightful town of Bagnères-de-Bigorre. You'll spend two nights here and evening meals (included) are taken in the traditionally furnished dining room.

DAY 02 AT LESPONNE 17KM/11MI/5HR OR 21KM/13.5MI/6.5HR

Climb to the bridge over the Magenta Waterfalls before dropping down to the quirky village of Campan. A longer walk climbs via pretty Chirolet to stunning Lac d'Ourrec.

DAY 03 LESPONNE TO ARGELÈS-GAZOST 15KM/9.5MI/4.5HR OR 24KM/15MI/7HR

The longer walk takes you to the summit of the Pic du Jer (948m) with a superb panorama over Lourdes, then continue above the Gave de Pau river. There's a shorter option via St-Créac and picturesque Ousté. You then descend to the spa town of Argelès-Gazost and spend two nights at the **Hôtel Bon Repos**. Evening meals (included) are taken at a nearby restaurant.

DAY 04 AT ARGELÈS-GAZOST 13KM/8MI/4HR OR 16KM/10MI/5.5HR

Visit delightful St-Savin with its magnificent C12 abbey church and the viewpoint at Chapelle Piétat. Alternatively, climb to the summit of Mont de Gez (1,097m) to see griffon vultures gliding overhead.

DAY 05 ARGELÈS-GAZOST TO LUZ-ST-SAUVEUR 14KM/9MI/4.5HR OR 17KM/11MI/5.5HR

Climb the lower flank of the Pic du Soulom along an old mule trail and enjoy spectacular views over the snow-capped mountains and the cavernous gorge below. Alternatively, head through the tranquil villages of Soulom, Viscos (852m) and Sazos (836m) to the **Hôtel Le Montaigu** in Luz-St-Sauveur, where you'll spend three nights. Evening meals are included here.

DAY 06 AT LUZ-ST-SAUVEUR 15KM/9.5MI/4.5HR OR 17KM/11MI/6.5HR

The easier walk takes you through the ancient villages of Vizos, Sassis and Sazos, with their Romanesque churches. A more challenging option explores the delightful Yse Valley.

DAY 07 CIRQUE DE GAVARNIE 12KM/7.5MI/4HR OR 21KM/13.5MI/7HR

Start today's walk in the village of Gavarnie and head to the Plateau de Bellevue for spectacular views. Explore the charming side valley of Pouey Aspé, then head into the Cirque to the base of the Grande Cascade waterfall.

DAY 08 LEAVE LUZ-ST-SAUVEUR

WHERE YOU STAY

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***Hôtel Bon Repos
***Hôtel Le Montaigu

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- 7 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in *** hotels
- All breakfasts and evening meals
- Services of your local agent
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Walking transfers

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Lesponne or Argelès-Gazost
- City break add-ons in Toulouse