

« AVEYRON, LAND OF CULTURES »

Inhabited in the era of Roman colonization by Ruthenians, a Gallic tribe client of Arverni, the region aveyronnaise knows the successive Visigoths, Franks and Saracens invasions. In the ninth century, became Rouergue County, it falls within the domain of the counts of Toulouse...

These words are just for mentioning to you a brief and superficial story that is anchored very deep in the time. If Aveyron is respectful of the legacy of his ancestors, it is nonetheless looking to the future and to others as evidenced in its Millau Viaduct, one example among many others.

For all these reasons, we invite you to enjoy your stay in Aveyron with your eyes, mouth and heart...

The stages of the tour:

DAY ONE: ARRIVAL IN TOULOUSE - RODEZ

Arrival in the morning in Toulouse. Transfer in the city centre. Lunch. Guided tour of the pink city, its streets steeped in history, the Place Saint-Georges place of supplice of Jean Calas... Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY TWO: TOULOUSE - RODEZ

Departure to Rodez. Stop in Albi, where you will visit, with the old city, the Cathedral of Saint Cecilia, whose "Last Judgement" painted won't fail to surprise you. Lunch and way to Rodez. The visit to the Fenaille Museum with its famous menhirs statues will be a good introduction to Rouergue's history. You will enjoy the majesty of the cathedral on the edge of the old city, by taking a walk around.

DAY THREE: CONQUES LOT AND VALLEY

Departure to Espalion tour of the Romanesque church of Perse dedicated to Saint Hilarian, built in the first half of the twelfth century. Continuation for Estaing: a walk through the village to the front of the church which houses the relics of Saint Fleuret, bishop of Clermont, who died in 620 at Estaing. Stop on the steps of the castle. Lunch. Route to Conques, tour of the Abbey erected in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, as famous these days for her eardrum representing the Last Judgement, than for its stained glass windows designed by Pierre Soulages. You will find the statue of Saint Foy, centrepiece of the Treasury eponymous ... Back in Rodez. Dinner.

DAY FOUR: « BASTIDES EN ROUERGUE »

Breakfast. Departure for Sauveterre-de-Rouergue, heart of the Ségala plateau. This Royal Bastide has developed on a grid plan and perpetuates legitimately, since it was founded in the thirteenth century, a commercial and artisanal business. Then arrived at Villefranche-de-Rouergue, a lunch will be served. In the afternoon you will visit this new town founded in 1252 by Alphonse de Poitiers, Comte de Toulouse and brother of King Saint Louis. Its plan, bastides characteristic is very steady with streets that intersect at right angles and that converge towards the central square. After the visit of the Saint-Sauveur Chartreuse you will make way back to Rodez. Overnight.

DAY FIVE: MILLAU

After breakfast, take the way to the Millau Viaduct. Recognized internationally as an architectural and technological marvel, you will appreciate the work of Titan made by humans when you are at the feet of its pillars. You will head Roquefort-sur-Soulzon to visit the cellars where the eponymous cheese, one of the most famous ripened cheese, matures. Near by La Couvertorade you'll take a lunch. The history of this Templar site will be performed during a guided tour of the village. In the late afternoon, way back to Rodez. Overnight.

DAY SIX: AUBRAC

Breakfast. You leave for Laguiole, handmade knives northern Aveyron village which prides itself in being the capital of Aubrac. You check by yourself that its reputation is not usurped by the large number of shops. « La Forge » Laguiole will reveal the important stages of the manufacture of a knife. The « Jeune Montagne » Cooperative will open its doors to tell you the story of Laguiole cheese. A traditional lunch based on « aligot » will be waiting nearby. In the afternoon the « dômerie d'Aubrac » will remind you the austerity of the architecture of medieval buildings. The return will be through the boraldes via Saint-Chely d'Aubrac, and Saint-Côme famous for the spiral tower of the church. Overnight.

DAY SEVEN: RODEZ - CORDES SUR CIEL - TOULOUSE

After your breakfast route for Cordes-sur-Ciel. These city whose houses are in the pure « bastide » style built by Raymond VII, Count of Toulouse, alternated over the centuries periods of pomp and folds. Of this turbulent history, the city kept indelible traces, to our great delight. Lunch, continuation for Toulouse. Last moment of freedom in the pink city. Dinner and overnight.

DAY EIGHT: DEPARTURE

Transfer to the Toulouse-Blagnac airport in terms of your flight hour.

Price per person: **1195 €** (base 20 participants)
Supplement single room: **250 €**

The prize includes:

Transit bus touring in Aveyron.
The full board of the day 1 dinner at breakfast the day included 8.
The 3 * hotel accommodation in the city centre.
The visits and admissions fees to the sites mentioned.

This price does not include:

Tips and personal expenses. Drinks.
The travel insurance.



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