

Trekking in The gorges de l'Ardèche 4 to 7 days

Located south of department, benefiting from an exceptional microclimate (more than 300 days of sunshine per year); Gorges de l'Ardèche are magical and unique for their wild beauty and grandeur. The river has carved into the limestone, over time, a deep canyon that is discovered through natural lookouts on the GR4 hiking trail.

In prehistoric times, its many caverns and caves were a haven for the Cro-Magnon, as evidenced by the discovery in 1994 of the Chauvet cave rupestre art (the oldest know to date –30,000 years)

In the last century, production of charcoal from oak was very active, herds of goats and many sheeps, Gorges were overexploited, ecosystem it was threatened.

Today, the forest has reclaimed its, fauna and flora of the Mediterranean are again rich and varied. The orchids bloom in spring or eagles flying over the cliffs are the jewels of a magnificent fragile heritage and I hope you could come to see this site listed as a nature reserve since 1980.

In this mythical place kayaking or rock climbing, hiking with a donkey on the old mule tracks or coalway is an original, both new and traditional to discover the Gorges of the river to the crest.

Wild camping is forbidden, but there are camping in the farm around the Gorges

The trekking lodges, hotels and cottages welcome you

You can visit the caves and museums on the theme of prehistoric

Swimming is possible in the river or pool each day

Choose your tour and book your accomodation well in good order

The roads are often rocky, so good shoes are essential, the gradients are small but fast (300m)

You'll have beautiful views and sights to discover ...

Example on 7days

Day 1 : Vallon pont d'Arc – St Remèze– 15km

Day 2 : St Remèze – stroll to the bottom of the gorge – 10 km

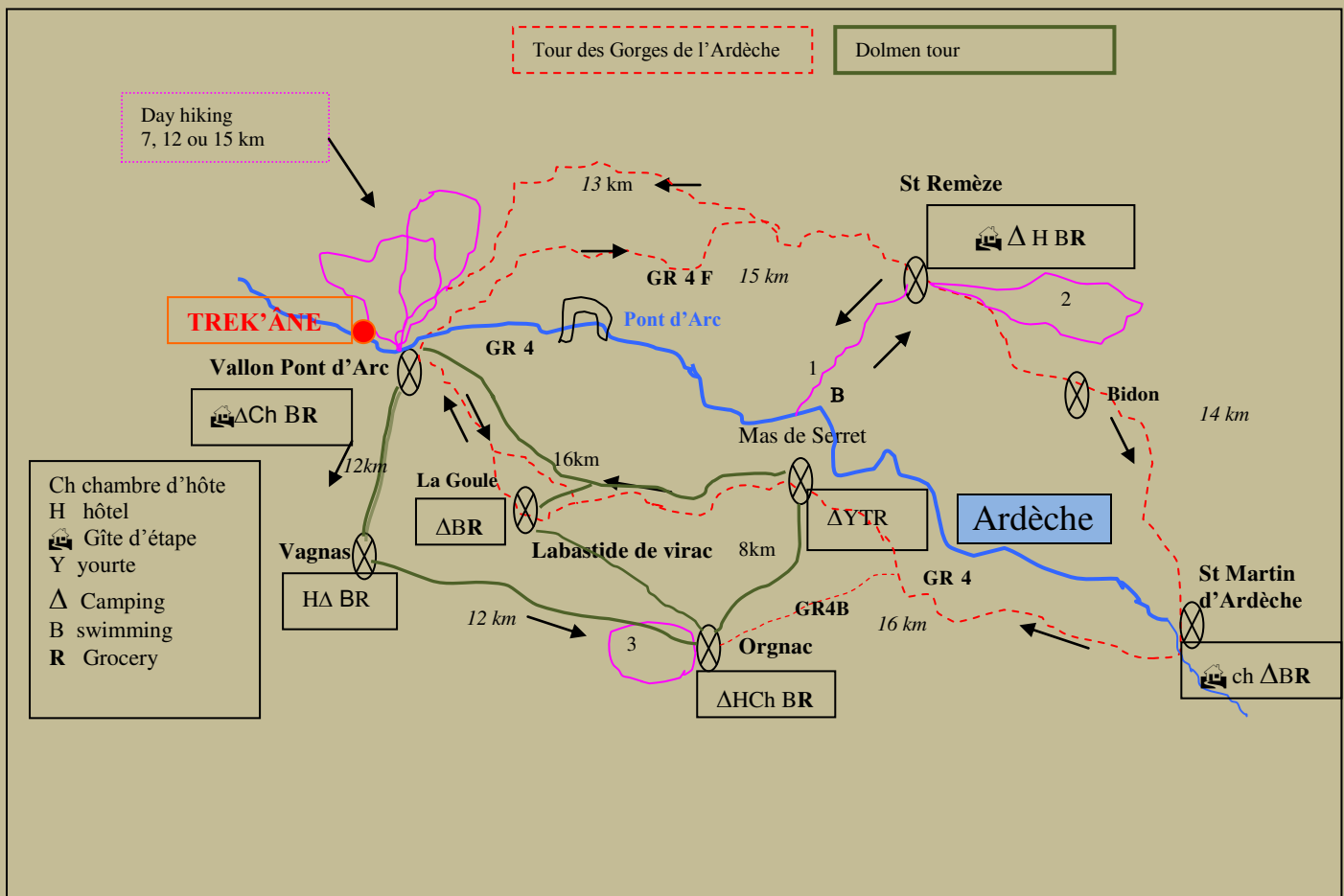
Day 3 : St Remèze – St Martin d'Ardèche ou Aiguèze – 14km

Day 4 : St Martin d'Ardèche ou Aiguèze – Orgnac – 15km

Day 5 : way around d'Orgnac and visit the cave as possible – 3, 6 ou 10 km choices

Day 6 : Orgnac - La Bastide de Virac(La Goule)/mas de serret– 7km

Day 7 : La Bastide de Virac (La Goule)/mas de serret - Vallon Pont d'Arc – 12/16 km



For more info on the course of the Gorges de l'Ardèche

To for the Ardeche Gorge, you'll need at least 4 days of running at 15 km per day on average. But this hike will be even more interesting if you stay there for 5, 6 or 7 days. You can then descend to the bottom of the gorge, including cultural visits (regional museum of prehistory, the cave Orgnac, Castle Labastide de Virac ...) and take an afternoon or two to stay in the sun and bathe

Day 1 : Vallon Pont d'Arc – St Remèze - 15 km - 5 à 6 h de marche par le GR4F

A good day of hiking, climbing the first step on the plateau des Gras Circus Estre. Nice view on the site of the famous Pont d'Arc, then Gr4 plunges into the undergrowth, it's cool and takes you to the village of St Remèze where you can stop at the stage lodging, hotel or in a small farm camping.

Day 2 : St Remèze – Loop through the Gorge on the way to Coalman. 10km.

Back to St Remèze late in the day.

Stroll down the gorge by an old mule track and swimming in the River.

Day 3 : St Remèze – St Martin d'Ardèche - 14 km- 5 h de marche- sentier de pays.

This walk on the sets of grooves, large uninhabited area, you will just cross the small village where the hostel Can serves excellent snacks filled with local specialty. Then you go down to the Ardèche and reach a comfortable accommodation that blends art and the rest.

Day 4 : St Martin d'Ardèche – Orgnac or Mas de Serret- 15 km - 5 à 6 h de marche GR4.

You can discover a dolmen, the natural entrance of an abyss, the great lauze (huge slab of limestone which is recovering water) ... Fauna, flora ... Accommodation is at the municipal camping under the oaks at 'away from other campers or the hotel "les Stalagmites**" (in the village) or at the "Hotel du Diaprysius**" 100m from the site of the famous cave.

Day 5 : Orgnac – Orgnac. Boucle de 3, 6, 10 km au choix.

Small walk to Orgnac and regional museum of prehistory, it would be nice to visit those places that will help you understand our landscape and ancient heritage. And you can also stay near the municipal pool to finish the day. Even accommodation

Day 6 : Orgnac – La Bastide de Virac. Petite étape de 7 km ou plus si l'on zigzague dans la forêt.

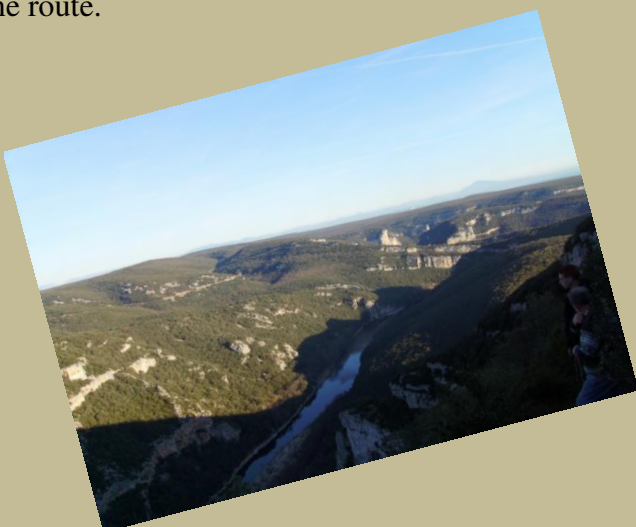
You can go visit the castle of La Bastide de Virac and discover a beautiful view from the parapet walk and also see raising silkworms.

Camping.

Day 7 : La Bastide de Virac – Vallon Pont d'Arc. 12 km by GR4.

A nice way to bring you back Vallon

All good advice on your course and management of donkeys will be given the day before or the day of departure. This course is modular. The supply and a good meal in the evening are available every day in small villages along the route.



Dolmen Tour

This beautiful trail you will discover Dolmen rally the gorges of Ardeche, see combine the two for a great trip. Many dolmens mark this circuit. You can go for at least 4 days, but in 5 or 7 days this hike will become even more interesting.



Modulate your circuit but will book your accommodation well in good order. The roads are often forest tracks, so easy with children, the gradients are weak this circuit. You'll have beautiful views and sights to discover ...

Example 7 Day

Day 1: Vallon Pont d'Arc - Vagnas or Labastide de Virac / La Goule-12km

Day 2: Vagnas or Labastide de Virac - Orgnac – 7 or 12 km

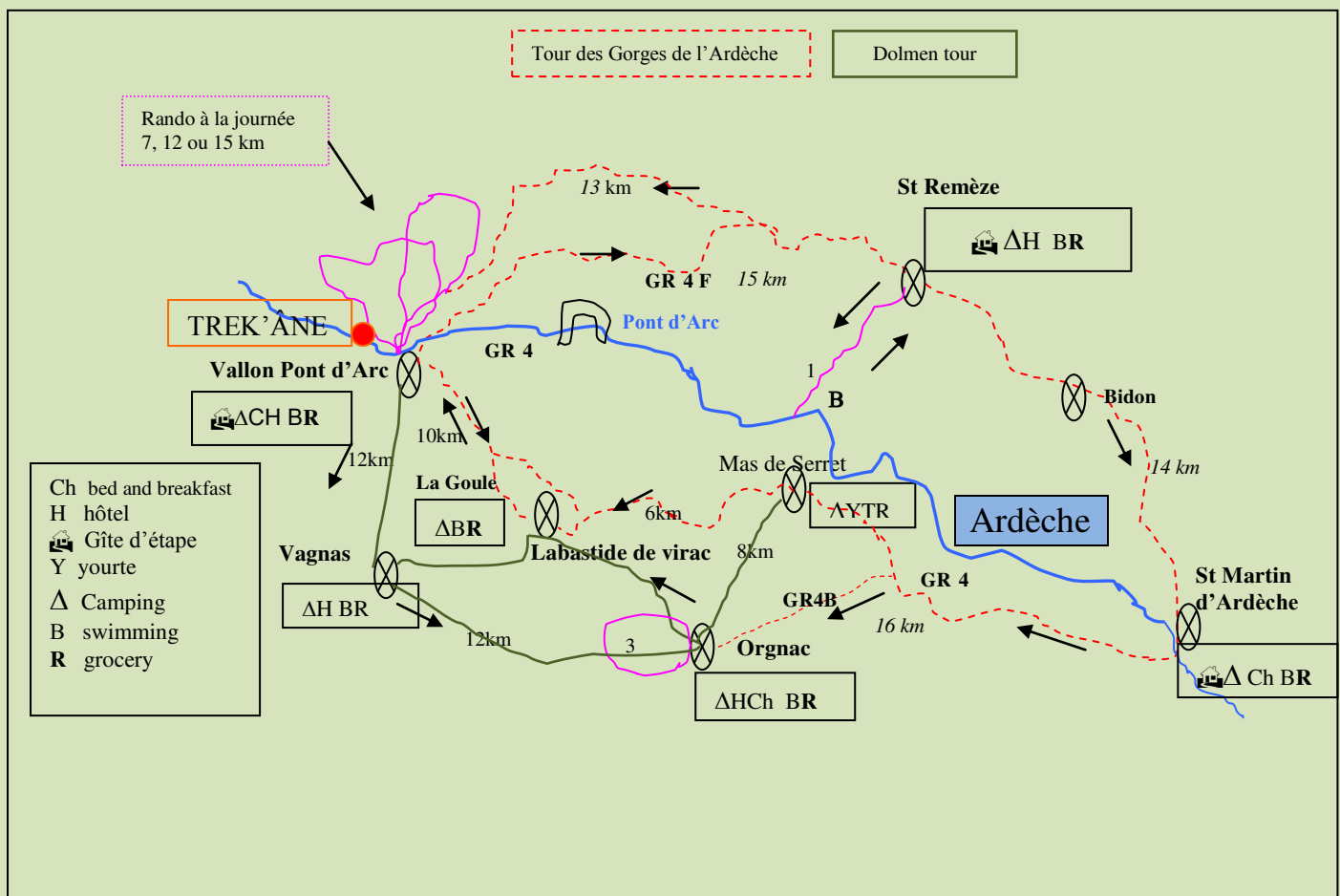
Day 3: Orgnac - Orgnac – 5 or 10km (visit the cave as possible)

Day 4: Orgnac – Mas de serret - 8km

Day 5: Walk around Mas de serret (river) - 5,10 or 15 km choices

Day 6: Mas de serret - La Bastide de Virac/ La Goule - 8km

Day 7: La Bastide de Virac/ la Goule - Vallon Pont d'Arc - 12 km à 16km



For more info on the dolmen tour

The Ardèche is one of the French departments with the highest concentration of dolmens, collective burials erected from the late Neolithic to early Bronze Age. More than 800 dolmens have been recorded throughout the department. You will not see them all.

To go around the dolmens, you will need at least 4 days of walking. But this hike will be even more interesting if you stay there for 5, 6 or 7 days. You can then go down to the river, include cultural visits (regional museum of prehistory, the Orgnac cave, the castle of Labastide de Virac ...) and take an afternoon or two to relax in the sun and swim.

Day 1: Vallon Pont d'Arc to Vagnas - 12 km - 4 hours of walking through country trails

A nice day of hiking, the first stage will take you into the forest of Brugières. The tracks are in good condition and shaded under the trees, then the path continues under the oaks in the undergrowth, cool and take you to the village of Vagnas where you can stop at the campground of the rouvière or in a beautiful 4 star hotel, of course a little expensive but a nice friendly address.

Day 2: Vagnas to Orgnac. 10km.

Always by beautiful forest tracks you will discover the dolmens "wood of Eillantes". A small corner of magical forest where one has the impression that nothing has changed since the Neolithic. Arrival on the site of the Orgnac cave by the forest. Hotel on site, bed and breakfast 1.5 km and camping and hotel in the village 2 km.

Day 3: Loop around Orgnac - 5 km Maubois Tour

Short walk to the Orgnac cave and the regional museum of prehistory, it would be a shame not to visit these places that will allow you to understand our landscape and its ancient heritage. The Maubois trail, 5km with a cave, a lapias, a dolmen, a charcoal factory ... all the essential heritage of the Ardèche concentrated here ... Same accommodation.

Day 4 or 5: Orgnac to Mas de Serret – 7 km – 2h30 walk on GR4.

You can still discover the dolmen of "La Font du Loup", the natural entrance of a well, the large lauze (huge slab of limestone where we recovered water) ... The fauna, flora ... Accommodation in camping "Thousand Stars" under the green oaks (yurt, tent lodge), a super friendly address and the river 2 steps to spend the afternoon feet in the water, deep in the gorge, sublime place.

Day 5: Mas de Serret. Boucle de 3, 6, 10 km choice.

Small walk up the river to "la combe des champs" or "Saleyron tour" for an elevated view of the canyon gorges. Or relax on site and access to the river, sublime point of view.

Day 6: Mas de Serret to Labastide de Virac . 7 km or more if you zigzag in the forest..

You can visit the castle of Labastide de Virac and discover a beautiful view from the walkway and also see the breeding of silkworms and the ghost of the castle.

Lodge in Labastide and Camping de la Goule with unusual tent.

Day 7: La Bastide de Virac to Vallon Pont d'Arc. 10 km on GR4.

A nice path will take you back to Vallon by the old Roman bridge of Rieussec or the GR4. Another dolmen on this course, that of Champagnac.

Return possible direct from the mas de serret 13.5 or 15 km.

A roadbook in English will be given to you and a hiking map.

All good advice on your course and the management of donkeys will be given the day before or the day of departure. This course is flexible. Food shopping and a good table in the evening are possible every day in the small villages crossed.

LIST OF ACCOMMODATION ON THE CIRCUIT
Indicative prices of accommodation can not enter trekane

place	accomodation	téléphone	capacity	restaurant	Swimming pool
St Remèze Day 1 and 2 Or day 3	Camping La résidence spoken gb	+33(0)4.75.04.26.87 mail@campinglaresidence.com www.campinglaresidence.com (Night in mobil home Possibly)	Adult/11 à 17€/night Children/4€/night	yes	Yes
www.saint-remeze.com	Hôtel-restaurant Chez Laurette spoken gb	+33(0)4.75.46.14.15 +33(0)6.76.13.19.50 http://aubergechezlaurett.wix.com/chezlaurette	4 rooms starting 60€/room	yes	no
	Gîte d'étape	+33(0)4.66.29.85.89 gite07700@orange.fr http://www.gites-refuges.com/www/detail-2233.htm	15 bed (2 rooms) 18 euros/night/pers	At 100m	No
St Martin d'ardèche 2, 3 or day4	Bed and Breakfast Roulotte Cabane/relais	+33(0)4.75.04.68.33 « l'Atelier des Granges » www.atelier-des-granges.com contact@atelier-des-granges.com Spoken gb	6 rooms (de 43 à 59 euros) 3 places 4-5 place (10 euros/per/nuît)	At 200m	River à 100m
St martin d'ardèche	Camping du Castelas	04.75.04.66.55 http://www.ardèche-guide.com/hotelleries-de-plein-air/campings/camping-le-castelas-61477	Espace randonneur 12 à 14€/campsite	A 200 m	Rivière à 100 m
Orgnac 4 and/or day 5	Hôtel-restaurant** Le Diaprisys (near orgnac cave)	+33(0)4.75.38.60.68 www.hotel-orgnac.com spoken gb	6 rooms 50 euros/2 pers. 10 €/pers additional	yes	no
www.orgnac.com	Hôtel-restaurant** Les stalagmites (in the village)	+33(0)4.75.38.60.67 www.lesstalagmites.com spoken gb	25 rooms 52 to 65 €/2 pers	yes	no
	Camping municipal	+33(0)4.75.38.63.68 www.orgnacvillage.com/camping-orgnac-ardeche.html spoken gb	Area hiker 14 €/campsites	yes	yes
	Bed and breakfast	+33(0)6.10.85.37.23 www.leschenesdelaven.com spoken gb	2 rooms/2pers. 75€/2 pers	yes	yes
La Goule 4 and/or day 5	Farm Camping Tente lodge	+33(0)4.75.38.61.24 www.campinglagoule.com spoken gb	25 campsites price on websïte	No but Grocery breakfast	yes Swimming trunks Mandatory
Vagnas www.vagnas.com	camping*** la rouvière les pins	+33(0)4.75.38.61.41 www.rouvière07.com spoken gb	Campsite nature 24€/2 pers	yes	yes
	Hôtel**** Charme et caractère	http://www.labastidediris.com spoken gb	Rooms 86 to 132€	breakfast	oui
Mas de Serret	Camping and yourte	+33(0)4.75.38.42.77 www.campingmilletoiles.com spoken gb	Price on websïte	yes	No but river near

- At each location of private enclosures are available for our donkeys and their food.
 IGN Map Top 25 : n° 2939 “ Gorges de l’Ardèche”

- Pretty loops are possible around St Remèze or Orgnac or if you want to stay
 2 nights for stewardship lighter especially for campers.

Before or after your hike, you can book at the farm B&B (4 à 6 places).

Or at hotel « le clos des bruyères*** » tél.+334.75.37.18.85 – <http://www.closdesbruyeres.fr>

Camping near <http://www.camping-bonhomme.com/uk/index.php> at 300m

Find tons of addresses on the website of the tourist village
<http://www.vallon-pont-darc.com>

List of equipment for an adventure in Ardeche with Grisette, Lili, Manon, Lulu ...

Physical Preparation

Provide rides for 8 to 15 km twice a week a month before the start, taking a backpack and using the shoes you wear during your hike.

During the march to drink at least two liters of water per day.

The choice of the three following elements is essential for your comfort and safety

- Walking shoes, rising, good quality and you have already used.

1 Comfortable backpack that you'll back on the day (about 2 kg of water + mobile + camera

1 cap. 1 tube sunscreen).

1 bag or backpack for your clothes. Put the clothes in a garbage bag. In case of rain everything will be dry.- (clothing on you or in the bag)

3 tee-shirts in cotton sweat

1 sweat in polar

3 pants

1 cotton shirt (for evening)

1 lightweight pajamas 1 pantalon léger de randonnée avec poches sur côté

2 hiking shorts with pockets also

3 pairs of socks double type two in one, anti bulb

1 parka

1 hiking poncho in case of rain

1 pair of sandals for the evening light

1 sleeping bag

1 bag of 2 liters water to put in the bag with hose (very convenient to drink regularly in small quantities)

- Grooming Kit:

1 small soap

1 small toothbrush

1 small tube of toothpaste

1 towel

- Kit drugs:

1 prescription from your doctor if necessary for your regular medications

1 small scissors

Expect some units of drugs for vomiting, diarrhea, insect bites, headache

- Wash Kit:

1 small tube of liquid detergent for hand washing, but washmachine on many place.

1 nylon cord

8 clothespins

1 flashlight

- Documents

1 credit card

1 Identity card or passport

Cashout at Vallon Pont d'Arc, but not after.

1 pocket trail map (practical and waterproof)

Do not overload or donkey yourself and your whole crew walk with pleasure.

Donkeys help carry your bags of clothes unless they are too heavy, be reasonable. Thank you.

PS. the list is an advice.

Booking form

Name : _____

firstname : _____

Adress : _____

phone. _____

Mobile _____

Number of participant : _____

Adults : _____

children : _____ Age : _____

Number donkey rent : _____

Choices tour : _____

Date of hiking : to _____ at _____

Send me a 30% deposit please

Total sent: _____

The balance will be paid on departure

The deposit will not be refundable if

Cancellation by the client, but when used
a subsequent lease of donkeys in the same year.

A possible repatriation will be paid by the customer.

Departures are at 8 pm 30 at the farm.

I have read the Terms and Conditions.

Write at _____ the _____

Signature :



To return to this adress

Trek'âne

Thévenin Martine

Chemin de la Selle

07150 Vallon Pont d'Arc

Mobile : 0033 687 211 534

**Thank you indicate your accommodation,
This allows us to provide hay and barley need
to donkeys in the relay.**

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

Day 7:

Hiring prices for 2019

Hiring for donkey, pack-saddle and itinerary....

1 day / 60 € - 2 days / 110 € - 3 days / 150 €

4 days / 200 € - 5 days / 250 € - 6 days / 300 € - 1 week 340 €

*6% reduction is given if you hire at least 2 donkeys and
many days in a row but not in july and august.*

Number bank transfert

Crédit agricole de Vallon pont d'arc - code banque : 13906

IBAN : FR76 1390 6000 0329 7829 8800 021 SWIFT : AGRIFRPP839

Meeting the day before the circuit:

2 pm - 3 pm - 4 pm - 5 pm at your
choice

To give you the map + topo + info on
the donkey