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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Langeac: Where the Journey Begins

In Langeac, we'll kick off this extraordinary expedition with a warm welcome dinner, bringing together fellow paddlers and our knowledgeable guides. During the orientation, we'll provide an overview of the exciting days ahead while tantalizing your taste buds with the region's culinary delights.

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: Hotel le 19

Day 2 - Le Pradel to Chanteuges: A Majestic Start

To fully experience the Allier River's entire course, we'll begin our adventure upstream in Le Pradel. After receiving expert instruction on paddling techniques and learning about the river's unique quirks, we'll set sail downstream through the captivating Allier Gorge. Along the way, we'll pause for a delightful picnic lunch on the riverbank before reaching the picturesque village of Chanteuges.

Paddle: 6 mi / 10 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Auberge de Chanteuges

Day 3 - Chanteuges to Langeac: A Glimpse into the Past

After a hearty breakfast, we'll explore the remarkable remains of the ancient Benedictine Abbey of Chanteuges, which dates back to the awe-inspiring year of 932 AD. For those interested, an optional visit to a salmon farm awaits before we embark on today's paddle. Our destination? The charming town of Langeac, where history unfolds at every corner.

Paddle: 6 mi / 9 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel le 19

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Day 4 - Chavagnac-Lafayette Castle to Lavoute-Chilhac: Legends and Medieval Marvels

Our day of discovery commences after breakfast as we shuttle to Chavagnac-Lafayette Castle, an imposing 15th-century fortified manor house that once witnessed the birth of General Lafayette, an esteemed hero of the American Revolution. Returning to Langeac, we'll continue our downstream paddle, with thrilling stops at the prehistoric shelter, Falaises du Blot, and the medieval village of Chilhac, where we'll spend the night in pure enchantment.

Paddle: 10 mi / 17 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hôtel du Pêcheur

Day 5 - Ribeyre Vineyards, St Ilpize Ruins, and the Wilderness of Tapon

Today's paddle commences amidst the breathtaking Ribeyre Valley, once renowned for its splendid vineyards in the Auvergne region. As we venture deeper into the untamed stretch of the river, keep your senses attuned to the diverse wildlife and the native flora that surrounds you. We'll also explore the captivating ruins of the medieval castle at St Ilpize before reaching our overnight haven in the enchanting village of Tapon.

Paddle: 7 mi / 11 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Les Jardin d'Anna

Day 6 - Brioude: Where Tranquility Meets History

As the Allier River slows its pace, bidding farewell to the mountains and hills we've conquered throughout the week, we'll enter the serene Limagne Plains. Our destination is the picturesque village of Brioude, where our magnificent journey concludes. Before parting ways, we'll explore the resplendent Basilica of St. Julien and the historic center of town, soaking in the rich cultural heritage. To commemorate this remarkable adventure, we'll gather once more in Langeac for a farewell dinner, savoring the memories created together.

Paddle: 8 mi / 12 km

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel le 19



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Day 7 - Au Revoir, Langeac: Until We Meet Again

After a satisfying breakfast, it's time to bid adieu to Langeac and set off on your next grand adventure. Until we reunite again, may your heart be filled with the joyous moments, cultural discoveries, delectable cuisine, and newfound knowledge gained along the captivating Allier River.

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/inn-to-inn-canoeing-france-allier-river.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed May through September, but crowded conditions in late July through August.

Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.



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Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Historic hotels and guesthouses

What's Included:

- 6 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- Meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 7, except as noted in itinerary
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets, dry bag
- Service of Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off



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Meeting & Flights:

Tour meets at Clermont-Ferrand Airport (CFE), fly in before 12 am on Day 1.

Tour ends at Clermont-Ferrand Airport (CFE), fly out after noon on Day 7.

River Conditions:

The river is flat paddling, no technical rapids or passages.

Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in France. US and Canadian citizens can enter France without a visa but require an ETIAS starting in 2024. An ETIAS can be obtained online at: <https://www.etiasfrance.com/application-form/>. Citizens of other countries should check with the French Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.