



Self Guided Walking Itinerary.

Day 1 – Pic St Cyr

This is quite a long walk with considerable height gain but you are rewarded with stunning views of the Buech and Méouge valleys and of the snow capped mountains of the Alps to the North.

The route starts from the quaint hamlet of St-Pierre-Avez, from here you climb, quite steeply at times up through shaded oak trees before the path opens out at “Les Avens”, a limestone rocky outcrop perched on the side of the hill offering panoramic views of the Méouge valley. From Les Avens continue climbing to Col de St Pierre and finally up to Pic-St-Cyr. The views from the top of this peak are magnificent, to the East the mountain side drops quickly to the Buech Valley, to the West there are views of the Méouge valley and to the North, in the distance the grand snow topped mountains of the Alps can be seen. You can continue to enjoy the views on the relatively gentle descent along the open ridge of St-Cyr before descending back into the trees and returning to St Pierre-Avez.

Distance 10km
Height Gain 650m
Approximate Time 4-5hrs



Day 2 – Gorges de la Méouge

A total contrast to yesterday's walk this idyllic walk follows the Méouge river as it weaves through the gorges. The route traverses the full length of the gorges until the valley opens out and ends in the green fields of Barret Sur Méouge. We will drop you off at Pont Roman, a charming Roman Bridge crossing the Méouge River, popular with locals and tourists enjoying a pique-nique alongside the river or taking a dip in the many plunge pools formed by the river in the summer. The walk quickly leaves the crowds and follows the Gorges upstream to Roche Coupée which offers a magnificent view back down the Meouge. From here continue along the narrow path as it winds it's way through the steep sided gorge to reach the hamlet of Saint Pierre-Avez. From here it is an easy descent through green pastures to reach a riverside path which is followed to the village of Barret-Sur-Meouge

Distance 10km
Height Gain 440m
Approximate 3-4hrs



Day 3 – Boucle du Serre Des Ormes

After two hard days of walking we propose a more relaxing day walking from the house on easier paths. This 10km loop follows forest and 4wd tracks but offering stunning views of the Méouge Valley and as far as the “Giant of Provence,” Mont Ventoux.. Make the most of the shorter day to enjoy a relaxing afternoon alongside the swimming pool or browsing through the numerous books in our library enjoying teak and cake.

Distance 10.4km
Height Gain 460m
Approximate Time 3-4 hrs



Day 4 – Crete De Chabre

The highlight of this walk is the ridge line between Col de St Ange and the Pas de Ste Colombe. The views from the path are simply breathtaking with 360 degree views including the Alps to the north and Mont Ventoux in the distance. We will drop you at Barret le Haut where you will follow a forest track to Col de la Croisette before climbing steeply to Col de St Ange. This Col is one of our favourite locations in the valley, the steep rocky outcrop providing a perfect lunch spot. From this Col follow the ridge line path to Pas de Ste Colombe before descending back into the Foret de la Méouge and returning to Serre Des Ormes on easier paths.

Distance 14km
Height Gain 550m
Approximate 5-6hrs



Day 5 – Larange Market

By now you are probably in need of a well earned break and we suggest taking a relaxing stroll around the local market town of Larange. Here you can explore a bustling French market, wander around the many food producers stalls selling local produce ranging from cheeses, meats to fresh vegetables and beers meats or just enjoy a coffee or perhaps join the locals for a Pastis in one of the town's bars and cafes.

Day 6 – Eourres & Montagne de Mare

We save one of our favourite walks to the end. This walk starts and finishes in the mountain side hamlet of Eourres, perched at 900m altitude the community is known for their total respect for the environment and it's residents are proud of their organic produce and self-sufficient lifestyle.

The walk climbs above the village to Col Verdun before climbing to the summit of Montagne de Mare (1603m), from here enjoy the views of the tree lined Jabron valley to the South and the impressive Montagne de Lure in the distance. We suggest making the most of all that height gain by following the undulating path along the open crest of the peak before descending more gently along a woodland path back to Eourres.

Distance 12km
Height Gain 750m
Approximate Time 5-6hrs



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