

HORSE RIDING

FIVE-DAY ACCOMPANIED HORSE RIDE IN THE BRIONNAIS



5 days in the footsteps of
d'Artagnan, the king's
most famous musketeer



**5 days
4 nights**



**Medium level
with a guide**



B&B accomodation

WELCOME ON THE RIVERSIDE OF LOIRE IN BURGUNDY

D'ARTAGNAN, warrior and womanizer in the service of the king, it is in Saone et Loire that he found his only legitimate wife native of Champigny, she spent her pregnancy in the castle of La Clayette, she died of tuberculosis as well as her boy (only recognized child) in St Croix still in Saone et Loire but on the Bresse side where we can find their tomb. This loop of Artagnan is part of the European road of Artagnan, we will gallop in the footsteps of this king's waiter who loved hunting, war and women.



PROGRAM

Day 1

From Saint laurent en Brionnais to Nochize :

presentation of the participants, allocation of horses with a few words about each one. The horses will normally be ready so that there can be a time for discussion, and then the ride will start at around 10am. The first village to be crossed will be Saint Christophe en Brionnais, cradle of the Charolais breed of cows which you will see here everywhere in the green meadows. And it will be the day of the cattle market: a stop will therefore be proposed for a visit of this one. Then in the afternoon, the tour will pass by Oyé, with its magnificent traditional Brionnais farms, witnesses of the richness of the region. But it is above all these magnificent paths that you will enjoy today until your evening stop at the Vaux mill on the banks of the Arconce: a swim in this magnificent little river with your horses is possible.



Day 2

From Nochize to Martigny le comte :

Today we are going to Martigny le Comte through the state forests, a fresh walk. Cécile, your guide, will tell you about "le tir à l'oiseau" and its legend. Then you will pass through Champlecq, the birthplace of Mme d'Artagnan. It is a beautiful cultural stage with beautiful gallops between the hedges! What a pleasure!

LEVEL REQUIRED

Intermediate - Advanced (approximately 30 km stage per day)

Master the basics of horse riding (walk, trot, canter)
Be at ease with looking after your horse (grooming, saddling, unsaddling, tying up...). Have already practised outdoor riding (horse riding).

For a good cohesion of the group it is desirable to have already practiced the 3 paces in outside.

Give us some details about your level of practice and don't hesitate to tell us your wishes when you register!

- **The cavalry:** most of the horses are born on the farm from Connemara, Spanish or trotter dams and Canadian Paint sires in the first generation, then purebred Arabians in the second generation, the third sire is again a paint 50% quater-horse, so they are "carrier" horses that also work in clubs in all disciplines.

- **Cécile** has been a guide for more than 30 years, living in Burgundy since 1989. Cécile has always worked for other professionals from the Cathar country to Provence until she settled in Saint Laurent en Brionnais. Cécile is very attached to the rural nature of her business and enjoys human contact and sharing her freedom.

- **Stewardship:** a steward will meet you for lunch and dinner with a table, benches, a barbecue, a fridge.....a little comfort along the way! Your luggage is transported in vehicles.

- **The horse's equipment:** Each horse is equipped with a comfortable leather riding saddle with a thermo-mouldable rug, a net saddlebag and a rope halter with its lead rope. A western saddle can be fitted to some horses. We accept riders up to 130kg (after consultation). You can however bring a saddle blanket, stirrups and stirrup leathers.

- **The essentials to be brought by you:** water bottle, sun cream, rain gear (no cape that flies in the wind), duvet if you arrive the night before to sleep at the gite, pocket knife, torch,
- **GOOD HUMOUR AND A SMILE!**

Day 3

From Martigny le comte to la Vineuse :

On the third day, a hike in the heart of Southern Burgundy, through the forests of Mme de La Guiche, where Mr d'Artagnan's hunting cavalcades took place: a stop is planned at her splendid castle for a picnic and for a visit of the stables, almost royal, which could only accommodate 99 horses, 100 being the king's privilege! It was Mme de la Guiche herself who made this very private visit, where the king, accompanied by his musketeers, made several stops. A privileged moment of sharing a magnificent site! Then a stop, also magnificent, in a gîte on the top of a hill.

Day 4

From la Vineuse to Montlemard :

Today, we have to leave the Cluny landscape and go back to the green Charolais bocage, with a picnic on the heights of the Butte de Suin. Then, passing by the Mont Saint Cyr, the hike will end in Montmelard, a small village of 350 inhabitants.

Day 5

From Saint laurent en Brionnais to Vauban :

Unfortunately, we have to go back, but the road back will console you: through the hills and valleys, you will enjoy the magnificent landscapes of this rich Burgundy! Then you will reach the castle of Drée, the little Versailles! Riders will be able to visit the gardens before returning to Cécile's equestrian farm.

DATES FOR THIS HIKE



From 18 to 22 june 2022
From 13 to 17 july 2022
From 27 to 31 august 2022

PRICES €

699 € / person

This price includes :

- the equipped horse, the guide, the stewardship for the transport of the luggage and of your possible purchases
- all meals from pic nic on the first day of the horseback ride to noon on the last day on horseback,
- Drinks at lunchtime,
- wine tastings and possible visits.
- les visites éventuelles.
- Le rapatriement au centre de St Laurent en Brionnais

This price doesn't include :

- Drinks and personal expenses outside of meals
- Accommodation the day before and the last day of the tour
- Transport to and from the starting point of the tour.
- Insurance, including cancellation and interruption insurance and repatriation insurance.

OPTIONS

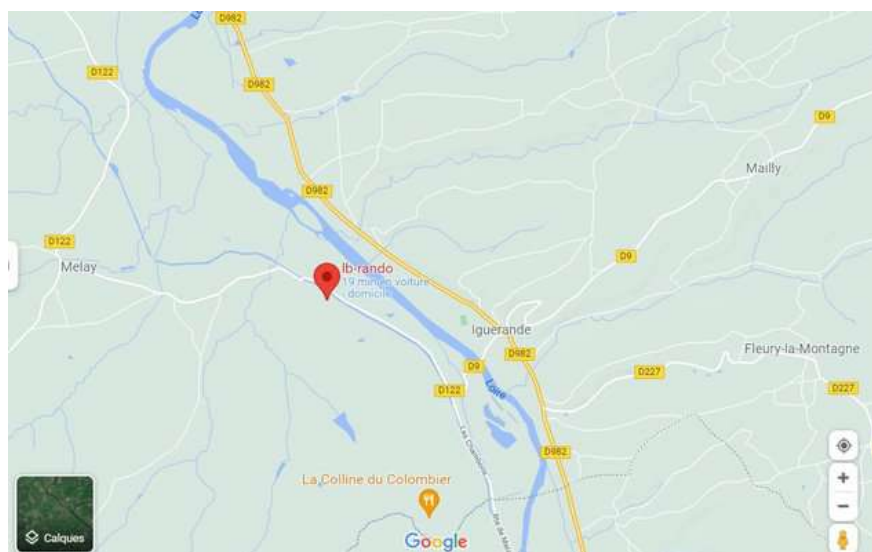
- Cancellation and interruption insurance
- Le transfert aller retour La Clayette - Saint Laurent en Brionnais



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surprises in store for you!*



ACCESS



You are going to the village of Melay in Saône et Loire: department 71

Saône et Loire is served by the A6, A39 and A40 motorways and by the national road Center Europe Atlantic.

By road, Melay is 9 hours south of London, 7 hours south of Brussels and Bruges, 3 hours west of Geneva, 4 hours south of Paris, 2 hours south west of Dijon, 1 hour 30 minutes south west of Chalon sur saône , 1h30 north-west of Lyon, 1h west of Mâcon, and 20 mins north of Roanne. On Google Map, enter the destination "bougres d'ânes".

By train, enter as arrival destination: MARCIGNY

If you come from the North of France or Europe, you can stop at Le Creusot - Montchanin TGV station where you will take a bus which will drop you off an hour later at the Marcigny stop where a taxi that we can book take you to your destination. If you come from the south of France or Europe, you must reach Roanne station where we will pick you up where a bus will drop you off at the Pouilly sous Charlieu stop where a taxi that we can book take you to your destination.

SNCF (train) :

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*Bus from train station to Marcigny
or Pouilly sous Charlieu :*

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