



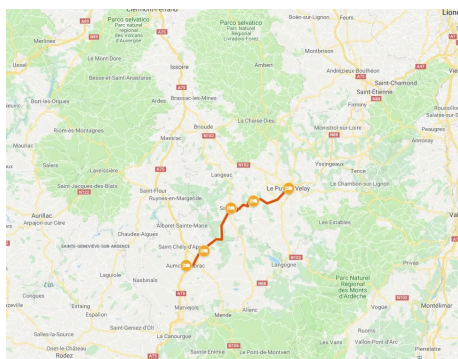
#### SUMMER SPRING & AUTUMN

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## Camino de Santiago, Le Puy en Velay to Aumont Aubrac - France

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5 days, price from **€ 405**



**Le Puy is the starting point of this pilgrimage** - a unique village, surrounded by lush dormant volcanoes and towering rock formations adorned with human marvels: from the Notre-Dame de France church with the statue of the Madonna to the chapel of Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhe, the Polignac fortress, and Lavoûte Castle. From here, you will cross Place du Pot and embark **on a journey through nature that alternates between rocky expanses and verdant fields**, wheat fields, and chapels carved into the rocks.

You'll traverse the **Margeride plateau** and its forests, and finally reach Aubrac, where the bell of the lost rang every day to summon pilgrims on their journey, like **a beacon in the heart of the plateau**.

## Route

### Day 1 Arrival in Le Puy-en-Velay

Perched between the Auvergne volcanoes and the Rhône Alpes basin, the city of Puy-en-Velay offers an incredible view of the horizons. The Puy cathedral has one of the most beautiful Romanesque cloisters in Europe, famous for its polychrome arcades and its remarkable capitals, listed as World Heritage by Unesco.

## Day 2 From Le Puy-en-Velay to Saint-Privat-d'Allier, 23 km

Your first walk starts from the steps of the cathedral of Le Puy-en-velay. Today, you take the way of Velay massif. The particularity lies in its landscape alternating rock, greenery and rural landscapes typical of this region that you can admire throughout the walk. Arriving in Saint-Privat-d'Allier, you will overlook the impressive gorges of Allier and its river, still wild.

*Distance:* 23 km

*Elevation gain:* +550/-335 m

## Day 3 From Saint-Privat-d'Allier to Saugues, 19 km

Passing by the chapel of Rochegude and its promotory, enjoy the stunning view on the gorges of Allier. You will cross this river, which is still wild, in Monistrol-d'Allier before going back on the other bank and reach Saugues, at the doors of the Margeride. It's a pretty difficult stage with a strong uphill slope. On your way, you will be able to see the rustic villages and hamlets typical of the region, before finishing your stage in Saugues.

*Distance:* 19 km

*Elevation gain:* +565/-480 m

## Day 4 From Saugues to Saint-Alban, 33 km

After breakfast, your walk continues to Le Sauvage, an agricultural hilltop area dating from the Templar period. You reach the Saint-Roch chapel, and enter the department of La Lozère, before reaching your destination of Saint-Alban, known for its Romanesque church.

*Distance:* 33 km

*Elevation gain:* +560/-560 m

## Day 5 From Saint-Alban to Aumont-Aubrac, 21 km

From Saint-Alban, you begin your ascent towards Grazières-Mages before beginning your descent towards Les Estrets, through silent forests and agricultural lands, to finish at Aumont-Aubrac. Between Lozère, Cantal and Aveyron, you will be charmed by these green deserted landscapes. Arrival in Aumont-Aubrac, end of your walking trip.

*Note: this itinerary can easily be combined with the next section of the Way of St James - Aumont to Conques*

*Distance:* 21 km

*Elevation gain:* +330/-480 m

## Practical info

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Thanks to our special APP, you will be able to follow the track of the whole trip on your mobile phone, with no need for internet. GPS tracks are available on request.

## Included

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### What is included

- 4 Nights in double room in \*\*/\*\* hotels , B&B with breakfast
- 3 dinners
- luggage transportation from hotel to hotel
- maps and detailed description of the itinerary
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

### What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- possible sojourn taxes
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

### Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.