

## LE PUY ROUTE Section 3



## Walk from Conques to Cahors – 133 km

8 Days/7 nights



half Board

en-suite

available year round

From €560

The Via Podiensis or Le Puy Route was taken for the first time in 950 AD when the archbishop of Le Puy-en-Velay walked to the tomb of Saint James, opening the first non-Spanish route to Santiago. Along Le Puy Route, modern walkers enjoy various incredible landscapes and a rich medieval architectural heritage, as the Camino runs through some of the most typical rural French areas, and crossing towns and cities full of history.

Le Puy Route begins in Le Puy-en-Velay, a city set in a volcanic landscape, 130 kilometres South West of Lyon, in France. It continues through south-western France to the foothills of the Pyrenees, where this Camino joins up with the French Way.

From Conques to Cahors, this 3rd section links two of the prettiest cities of the whole Le Puy Route.

Leaving the cobble streets of Conques, the Camino runs through the gentle hills of Aveyron department before continuing into Le Lot. Walking along wall-lined tracks on high plateaux, drinking coffee on a shaded terrace in peaceful villages, sightseeing UNESCO World Heritage sites, this is part of the daily experience one can enjoy during this walking holiday. And as most walks are of short enough length, anybody with an average level of fitness can enjoy it!

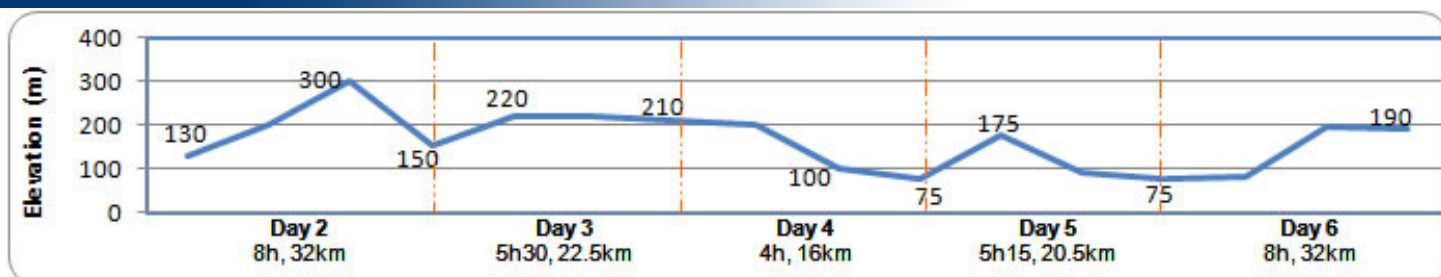

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### French Way in Yellow

Use the navigation tools on the left to zoom-in

#### Day By day



### » Day 1 - Conques

If there is any place that has always been linked to the Camino de Santiago on Le Puy Route, Conques is surely one of them. Its UNESCO World Heritage Roman abbey has drawn pilgrims since the 9th century, as the church holds home to the relics of Sainte-Foy. Nowadays, this medieval village set on the banks of river Dourdou, is still a popular place along the Camino and the scenery surrounding the town simply adds even more interest to it.



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities

### » Day 2 – Conques to Decazeville (20km, 5h, +220m -300m)

Once passed the UNESCO World Heritage bridge over river Dourdou, the day starts with a steady climb up to the chapel of Sainte-Foy. We then continue through woodlands and green hills, through the village of Noailhac and Sainte-Roch chapel before reaching Decazeville.



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities  
**Meals:** Breakfast, dinner

### » Day 3 – Decazeville to Figeac (26km, 6h30, +250m - 350m)

As we leave the Aveyron department to enter Le Lot, we start seeing a change in landscapes and feeling the influence of Les Causses high plateaux as we approach Figeac. Between Montredon and Figeac, we also walk on a whole stretch listed to the UNESCO World Heritage sites.



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities  
**Meals:** Breakfast, dinner

### » Day 4 – Figeac to Cajarc (30km, 7h30, +150m -200m)

There are many ups and downs during this long walking day but it also means lots of beautiful views. Leaving the pretty town of Figeac, we quickly go up to the high plateaux. The rocky ground preserves the wildness of the landscape and dolmens, shepherd

### » Day 5 – Cajarc to Limogne en Quercy (18km, 4h30, +150m -80m)

Today is a peaceful walk as the Camino runs to the quiet wood and farmlands of La Causse. It is a relatively easy walk, where we can take our time to admire the surrounding wildlife and to wander across scattered isolated hamlets.



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities  
**Meals:** Breakfast, dinner

### » Day 6 – Limogne en Quercy to Lalbenque (20km, 5h, +120m -175m)

We continue our way through the natural park of Les Causses, mainly along flat forest tracks. More dolmens and old shepherd shelters could be seen today and after another nice and enjoyable walk, we arrive in Lalbenque. There, why not try the local delicacy: the high esteemed black truffle!



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities  
**Meals:** Breakfast, dinner

### » Day7 – Lalbenque to Cahors (19km, 4h45, +40m, -120m)

Today again, the area covered by the Camino is part of UNESCO World Heritage list. We will come across a good few caselle, these typical shepherd stone shelters and we also pass through a few scattered hamlets. As we approach Cahors, we can enjoy great views over the medieval town, before reaching down to the final destination of this section.



**Town:** ATM, shops, all facilities  
**Meal:** Breakfast

### » Day 8 – Cahors

After breakfast, we bid you farewell.

**Town:** ATM, shops, all facilities  
**Meal:** Breakfast

stone shelters or stone crosses are also part of the day. The leg of the Camino between faycelles and Cajarc is actually listed to the UNESCO World Heritage sites. We arrive in Carjac, pretty village on the banks of Le Lot River.



**Town:** ATM, Shops, all facilities

**Meals:** Breakfast, dinner

how to get there

**Rodez is the nearest airport to Conques. However it is also possible to fly to Toulouse from UK & Ireland.**

**To France:** Rodez or Toulouse

To Rodez: Ryanair fly from Dublin and London. [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) Air France also fly from Paris. [www.airfrance.fr](http://www.airfrance.fr)

To Toulouse: BA, Aer Lingus and Easyjet fly to Bordeaux from UK & Ireland. Other companies fly from major cities in Europe. <http://english.toulouse.aeroport.fr/US/compagnies.asp>

### To the beginning of the trip: Conques

**From Toulouse:** SNCF "T.E.R" bus to Rodez (Approx. 2h30). [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com). Then taxi to Conques.

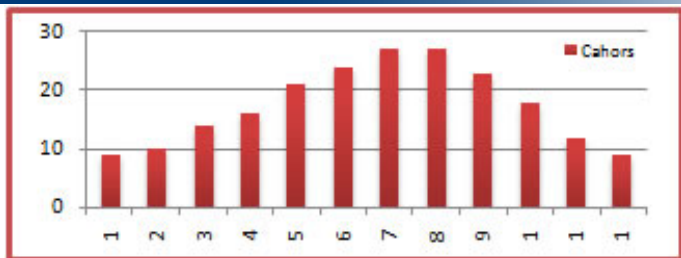
**From Rodez:** Bus in the afternoon, Monday to Friday. Or Taxi to Conques (Approx. 50€)

### Back home from Cahors

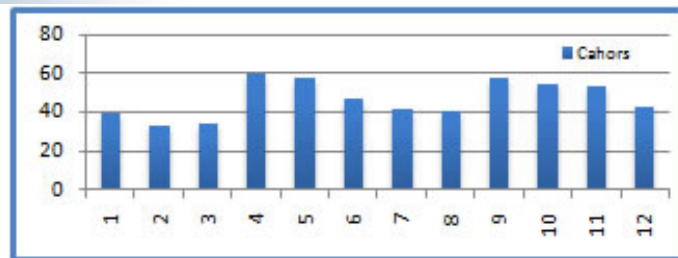
**To Rodez:** train (Approx. 2h15). [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)

**To Toulouse:** train (Approx. 1h30). [www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)

### WEATHER



Average temperatures



Average rainfall

about the cycling holiday

### accommodation

Our accommodation vary from 2\* hotels to 3\* hotels or equivalent depending on availability. All rooms are en-suite and accommodation is based on character, comfort and location. Our policy is to select the best available hotel in its category at any given time, to make sure your holiday is as valuable as possible. If an accommodation is not available, we may have to find an alternative that is as suitable as possible.

## Luggage

We will transport your luggage from one hotel to the next. You only need to carry your backpack during the day!

### Included

- Luggage transferred from hotel to hotel
- En-suite Rooms
- Half-board during the cycle
- Detailed Walking Notes
- Map
- Pilgrim passport

### Not Included

- Flights
- Insurance (recommended)
- Drinks
- Dinners in Conques , Limogne and Cahors
- Transfer from/to airport

## Prices & Options

Period	Price (€)	Single Room (€)	Picnic lunches (€)
<b>High Season</b> April, May, June, September	750	175	60
<b>Mid Season</b> July, August, October	680	150	
<b>Low Season</b> January, February, March, November, December	560	124	

## Options

Extra Night in Conques (€)		Extra Night in Cahors (€)		Transport To Conques from Rodez airport (€pp)
Single	Double (pps)	Single	Double (pps)	
60	44	60	44	For info on transfers for more passengers or from other airports, please <a href="#">ask us</a> .
				2-8 people €16pp

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