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Catharism in the Aude Cathar Country

5 days / 4 nights

DAY 1, CARCASSONNE AND ITS MEDIEVAL CITY

Arrival at Carcassonne in the early afternoon. Settling into the hotel.
Your guide will welcome you at the hotel reception desk.
Guided tour of the Medieval City with your private guide.
The City was listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1997. You can explore its 52 towers, 3 kilometres of walls and the St Nazaire Basilica.
Dinner in the Medieval City of Carcassonne.
Sample menu:
Night at the hotel

DAY 2 THE VILLAGE OF LAGRASSE/VILLEROUGE TERMENES

After breakfast, your guide will meet you at the reception desk of your hotel.
Departure for the Corbières: destination **Lagrasse**

Guided tour of the Village of Lagrasse, listed as "One of the most beautiful villages of France". You will discover in this craft village trades which are gradually disappearing, such as woodwork and pottery.

Lunch at a Medieval Rotisserie located in the heart of a Cathar Castle,
The cuisine and décor match bygone times, as you go on a journey back in time.

After lunch, a guided tour of the Castle of VilleroUGE Terménés with your guide; the place where Guilhem Bélibaste, the last Cathar Parfait, was burnt.

Dinner featuring regional delicacies in the Medieval City of Carcassonne.
Night at the hotel.

DAY 3 MINERVE/THE CANAL DU MIDI

After breakfast, your guide will meet you at the reception desk of your hotel.
Departure for the Minervois and the Village of Minerve.

Guided tour of the village of Minerve, a Cathar stronghold listed as "One of the most beautiful villages of

France”.

The historical capital of Minervois, and former Viscounty of the province of Languedoc, Minerve was besieged by Simon de Montfort in 1210.

You will be surprised by the canyons surrounding the village!

Lunch consisting of local specialities.

After lunch, a cruise on board a traditional barge on the Canal du Midi, listed as part of UNESCO's World Heritage of Humanity in 1996. The trip lasts 2 hours, going through locks.

Return to Carcassonne. Dinner and night at the hotel

DAY 4 PEYREPERTUSE/QUERIBUS

After breakfast in your hotel, you meet up with your guide, then depart for the Corbières.

Guided tour of the castle of Peyreperouse (12th/14th century). These immense ruins crowning the top of a cliff 797 meters high contain remarkable examples of military architecture of the Middle Ages.

Lunch with regional specialities

Sample menu:

Followed by a guided tour of the Castle of Quéribus (13th/14th century), last bastion of resistance during the Crusade against the Albigensians. Tour of the Village of Cucugnan, well known for the story of its priest immortalised by Alphonse Daudet.

Followed by the Achille Mir theatre: “The sermon of the priest of Cucugnan”: a virtual theatre show.

Return to Carcassonne. Dinner in the Medieval City.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 5, 4 CASTLES OF LASTOURS

After breakfast, you leave for Cabardès for a guided tour with the local specialist guide of the

Castles of Lastours. Spectacular view of the four Castles from the panoramic view-point:

Surdespine, Cabaret, Tour Régine and Quertineux, located on the same mountain peak.

Lunch with regional specialities.

Sample menu:

After lunch, transfer to Carcassonne for some free time.

Departure. End of our services.

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5 days / 4 nights; based on minimum of 20 people

We recommend comfortable walking boots for this stay

3-star Hotel

Price per person
in double room

20 to 29 people

Us to consult

40 to 50 people

Us to consult

This price includes:

- Accommodation in a double room, tourist tax included, for 4 nights.
- Full board with dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 5, with ¼l carafe of wine and coffee with each meal, wine and after-dinner drinks during the medieval dinner.
- Admission to the sites and visits indicated in the program (castles, etc.)
- Services of a professional guide specialising in the Aude Cathar Country for the Medieval City visit and for the day at Lagrasse/Villerouge Termenes, Minerve/Canal du Midi; Peyrepertuse/Quéribus.
- Services of a local specialist guide for the Castles of Lastours for the visit on day 5.

This price does not include:

- Travel to Carcassonne and transport on site
- Supplement for individual room: (Us to consult) for a 2-star hotel. (Us to consult) for a 3-star hotel
- The supplement for the regional gourmet dinner in a restaurant listed in several gastronomic French guides: (Us to consult) per person (local aperitif, starters, dish, cheese, dessert, bottle of wine and coffee).
- Any service not mentioned in the program.
- Personal expenses/ extras.
- **Insurance for cancellation/repatriation: 3% of the total amount of the stay.**

This program is subject to availability at the time of booking.