

Program 2012 European Hiking Holidays



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"Like to Hike" ... "Du Bon Pied"

has developed from a German-French circle of like-minded friends in Munich. By now this group has become a registered association called "Begegnung in Europa – Verein zur Verständigung e.V." (European Encounters – Association for Mutual Understanding). It is our common aim to make a contribution to friendly relations and mutual understanding between the people of Europe. We are not tied to any particular ideology. We are a mixed group of people of every age and origin, also coming from various professional backgrounds, and we welcome anyone interested in joining in and helping with our work. In Munich we also organize informational events, meetings and walking tours to which everybody is welcome.

The Best Choice of Routes – Always in Good Hands

Our walking itineraries and programmes are planned in close partnership with local associations and hikers who are at home in the areas to be visited and who, as experienced guides, are able to lead us to the most delightful spots. Furthermore, the group guides, who are responsible for looking after the guests during their stay, are bilingual and experienced in dealing with groups. They will do their utmost to make sure that everyone feels comfortable. It will not be necessary for native speakers of English to be able to speak French or German as normally there will always be enough guests with a good command of English. However, joining one of our walking groups can provide a great opportunity to practise foreign languages in a relaxed atmosphere.

People from France, Germany, Britain and other European countries as well as other interested people

Encounters with other people are the true aim of our walking tours. Our groups always receive a warm welcome from the local hikers. Sometimes local people from previously visited areas will also join us. Apart from individual encounters, we would also like to make our guests familiar with social topics and/or related activities linked to the particular area we are visiting, i.e. subjects of European importance which contribute to a better understanding of different cultures.

Dear hiker friends,

Today we present our programme for 2012, hoping that you will find it to your taste.

Our friends from Albères-Evasions expect us the week before Easter in the foothills of the Pyrenees and have chosen some of the most delightful walks. We will stay again in the picturesque little harbour of Collioure.

In the Ardèche area our local friends were sad not to be able to show us their wonderful region in the best light, due to the pouring rain at All Saints. They invite us to get to know their county hopefully with the sun shining.

In late summer we are expected by our welcoming friends in Wales. The walks there will take us over hills and styles, through heather and fern and includes a boat trip that will enable us to do some dolphin watching.

All Saints can be a wonderful time to explore the coastal paths with their mix of rocks, sea and sunshine. We can do so in county Var with our friends from Les Randonneurs Hyérois. The detailed program was not ready before this program went into print, but there is no doubt it will be highly interesting.

The year would not be complete without the traditional week in Bavaria in August to which we would like to invite again all our hiking friends from all over Europe. In addition to a varied hiking programme we offer a visit to the famous Gäuboden festival that celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2012. Don't hesitate to enrol, private accommodation is limited.

Tempted? We hope that you will join us on one of our trips, which are, of course, open to all of you who share our views.

Yours,
Benedikt Weyerer and Isolde Huber

Roussillon, April 1st to 9th, 2012

Accommodation: Hôtel Mas des Citronniers, 22, av. de la République, 66190 Collioure, Tel.: +33-4.68.82.04.82

Organisation: voluntary guides from Albères-Evasions

Booking: Isolde Huber, Kellerstr. 31, D-81667 Munich, Germany, Tel : +49-89-486047 (guide of group)

Price: double or twin room/half board €810 p.p.
Supplement for single room €360 (twins recommended)

Max. 20 participants

Book by: February 1st, 2012

Sunday, April 1st: **Welcome dinner**

Monday, April 2nd: **Above Collioure**

With Pierre and Claude we will walk up past the Château St. Elme and the Fort Dugommier to the Malecare Pass. After a picnic we will walk on to Cosprons, Paulilles and Banyuls.

Start: 8.30 am, Asc.: 450m, Dur.: 6hrs; 15 km; Diff: average

Tuesday, April 3rd: **The Albères Range**

Lars and his wife will take us from Valmy to the Massane Tower and the St. Laurent Chapel before returning to Valmy.

Start: 8.30 am, Asc.: 750m, Dur: 5 hrs; 14km; Diff: average

Wednesday, April 4th: **Above Sorède**

With Georges and Henri as guides we walk up to the La Pave Chapel and the ruins of the Château d'Ultrera with its solar power station. On the way there will be a surprise. The way back takes us through the "Happy Valley".

Start: 8 am, Asc: 450m, Dur. 3.5 hrs, 10 km; Diff: average

Thursday, April 5th: **"Spanish Catalonia"**

On this day trip to Spain with France we will go to Vall de Sau and Collsacabra. There will be a walk starting at Rupit to La Palomera and Sant Joan de Fabregues, a village that we will have the time to visit. After **lunch** at a restaurant in Vic we will finish the day with a visit to the monastery of Sant Pere de casseres. That evening **no dinner**..

Start: 8 am; Dur.: 3 hrs; 9 km; Diff.: average

Good Friday, April 6th: **Collioure**

Time to explore Collioure, Elne or Perpignan, where there is a Good Friday Procession (Sanch) in the afternoon.

In the evening: after an early dinner we will attend the night-time Sanch at Collioure.

Saturday, April 7th: **Above Lake Carmany**

Didier is our guide on this walk above Lake Carmany to Ansignan with its mill. Wine tasting in Carmany.

Start: 8am, Asc: 400m, Dur.: 5 hrs, 12 km; Diff: average

Easter Sunday, April 8th: **Near Villefranche de Conflent**

Above Villefranche de Conflent, Georges, henri and Claude will take us to Carança Canyon.

Start: 8am, Asc.: 500m; Dur.: 5 hrs, 12 km; Diff: average

Evening: **Farewell Dinner**

Easter Monday, April 9th: **Departure after breakfast**

Ardèche, May 28th to June 5th 2012

Accommodation: Le Domaine du Cros d'Auzon, Vogüé 07200 St Maurice d'Ardèche, Tél.: +33-4-75.37.04.14

Organisation: Club Franco-Allemand du Sud de l'Ardèche and the hiking club Les Pieds de Vinobre

Booking: Isolde Huber, Kellerstr. 31, 81667 München, Tel: +49-89-486047 (guide of group)

Price: room + half-board €590 per person in mobile homes

Max. 20 participants

Book by: March 1st, 2012

Monday, May 28th: **Welcome dinner**

Tuesday, May 29th: **The Païolive Forest**

With Guita and Michel we will stroll through the bizarre landscape of rock formations, past the Ermitage St. Eugène to the rocky band high above the Chassezac River.

Start: 9.00 am, Ascent: hardly any, Duration: 4-5 hrs; Diff: average

Wednesday, May 30th: **The Ardèche Canyon**

On this roundtrip Didier and Christian will take us past the Dolmen du Chanet down into the canyon and back up again. We will be able to enjoy spectacular views of the canyon.

Start: 9.00 am, Asc.: 300m, Duration: 5 hrs; Diff: average

Thursday, May 31st: **The Mezenc**

Today's walk with Roger and Christian will take us around the culminating point of County Ardèche, with occasional forays into the County Haute-Loire.

Start: 8.00 am, Asc.: 450m, Dur.:6 hrs; Diff: average

Friday, June 1st: **In the Beaume Valley**

We will have to share cars to go Ruoms in the morning to pay a visit to the local market. After a picnic on the banks of the Beaume River a walk will take us on the rocky band high above the riverbed of the Beaume River.

Start: 9 am, Asc.: 125m, Dur.: 2 hrs; 7 km; Diff: average

Saturday, June 2nd: **Aubenas or Vogüé**

Time to stroll through the markets of Aubenas or visit Vogüé.

Sunday, June 3rd: **From Valgorge to Loubaresse**

Christian and Didier will take us on the Sentier des Gardes which will take us from Valgorge to Loubaresse.

Start: 8.30 am, Asc.: 720m, Dur.: 6 hrs; 18 km: Diff: average

Monday, June 4th: **Alba-la-Romaine**

With Didier we will visit the village of Alba with the archaeological digs and the castle. A short walk will round off the day.

Start: 9.00 am, Asc.: 200m, Dur.: 2 hrs;7 km; Diff: average

In the evening: **Farewell Dinner**

Tuesday, June 5th.: **Departure after breakfast**



Abbreviations: Asc. = Ascent
Acc. =accumulated
Dep.= Departure
Dur. = Duration
Diff. = Difficulty

Bavaria, August 10th to 18th, 2012

In cooperation with hikers from Munich

Accommodation: Homestays or B&B

Booking: Adelheid Harder, Elisabeth-Kohn-Str. 17, 80797 Munich, Germany, Tel.: +49-89-3008608

Price: Homestay (limited number!) €400; B&Bs available on request

Notice: There will be shorter and easier alternative routes offered to the long walks with a high ascent.

Max. 20 participants

Book by: June 1st, 2012 (for hikers from the Munich area who want to come only for the day: Aug. 1st, with Anneliese Fischer, Tel. / Fax: +49-89-13060895)

Friday, Aug. 10th: **Welcome dinner at a local restaurant**

Saturday, Aug. 11th: **The Inn Valley**

Setting off at Oberaudorf, we will follow a pleasant forest road, guided by Mechthild and Rosa. Passing Lake Luegstein, we will reach the hermitage on Nußberg, where we will have our picnic and enjoy the view of the Inn valley. The descent will take us past Schopperwirt pub (tea or coffee) and the Gießenbach gorge west of Kiefersfelden. Dep.: 8:30 am; Asc.: 500 m; Dur.: 5 hrs; Diff: average

Sunday, Aug. 12th: **The Tegernsee Mountains**

With Bernhard and Wolfgang we go up Wallberg in the cable car. From there we will explore the Alpine Path to Grubereck. Those who are experienced and free of vertigo can follow the ridge to Risserkogel (asc. 150 m). The others enjoy their picnic and the alpine panorama. Descent of both groups to Wildbadkreuth. Difficulty: difficult/average
Dep.: 8 am; Desc.: 1000/900 m; Duration: 7/5 hrs

Monday, Aug 13th: **The Gäuboden**

Anneliese, Gabi and Benedikt make us visit Straubing in Lower Bavaria on a guided tour. After **lunch** at the traditional Gäuboden Festival that celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2012 there will be time to enjoy the rides and the fair.
Dep.: 8 am

Tuesday, Aug. 14th: **Lake Achensee/ Tyrolia**

Elke is our guide on this walk along the lake which reminds of a Norwegian fjord. Having reached Pertisau, we can have a pub lunch and/or a swim before catching the boat back to Achenkirch.
Dep.: 8.30 am; Asc.: 200 m; Dur.: 3 hrs; Diff: easy

Wednesday, Aug. 15th: **The Chiemgau**

Stefan and Benedikt take us up to Hochfelln passing Maximilian mountain hut and Bründlingsalm. We can have a pub lunch or picnic and enjoy the view. Descent by cable car. There will be a shorter alternative route.
Dep.: 8 am; Asc.: 1.100 m; Dur.: 5hrs; Diff: difficult

Thursday, Aug. 16th: **Above Lake Spitzingsee**

Anne and Jadwiga take us up a steep trail past Haushamer Alm to Stolzenberg. From there we continue to Roßkopf and have our picnic. Descent via Lower Firstalm. (swim suits)
Dep.: 8.30 am; Asc.: 650m; Dur.: 5 hrs; Diff: average

Friday, Aug. 17th: **Munich**

Morning: tour of town. Afternoon: Leisure time (time to see friends or visit museums).

Evening: **Farewell dinner at a typical local restaurant.**

Saturday, Aug. 18th: **Departure after breakfast**

Wales, Aug. 31st to Sept.7th, 2012

Accommodation: B&B in Llandrindod Wells

Organisation: The Four Wells Group

Booking: Benedikt Weyerer, Safferlingstr. 5, 80634 München, Tel: +49-89-15970009 (guide of group)

Local contact: Derek Cosslet, Tel.: 01597-860519

Transportation around Llandrindod Wells: minibus seating 16 persons or public bus

Price: € 110 (fee for the organisation; everyone is responsible for personal travel costs, B&Bs, share of car hire and meals.

Max. number of participants: 16

Book by: June 1st, 2012

Friday, Aug 31st: **Welcome dinner**

Saturday, Sept. 1st: **In the Elan Valley**

On our first walk, we will discover the delights of the Welsh Lake District with its lovely hills and lakes. Tea and cakes at the Elan Valley Visitor Centre will be our reward at the end of the walk.

Asc.: 400 m; Dur.: 4-5 hrs, Length: 12-17 km, Diff: average

Sunday, Sept. 2nd: **The Coast**

This walk along the rugged coast of Ceredigion will take us from Aberystwyth to Borth. The walk may include several ascents and descents, but we will be rewarded with marvellous views of coast and sea. Some may enjoy a swim before heading back to Aberystwyth by bus.

Asc. acc.: 300m; Dur.: 4 hrs, Length: 12-15 km, Diff: average

Monday, Sept. 3rd: **The Brecon Beacons**

A walk in the dramatic Brecon Beacons on a high level walk with Phillip. If time permits we'll visit Brecon on the way back.
Asc. acc.: 300 m; Dur.: 4-5 hrs Length: 12-15 km; Diff: average

Tuesday, Sept. 4th: **Newquay**

Today we will go to Newquay by minibus. There we have the opportunity to catch a boat and go dolphin watching for an hour or two. Alternatively relax on the beach, go for a swim or take a short walk along the coast.

Wednesday, Sept. 5th: **Hay-on-Wyv and Offa's Dyke**

Shirley and Emyln will take us from Hay-on-Wye to Cusop Hill returning via Offa's Dyke. There will be an opportunity to have an hour or two to look around this famous town of books.
Asc. acc.: 400 m; Dur.: 4 hrs Length: 15 km; Diff: average

Thursday, Sept. 6th: **The Area of Llandrindod Wells**

This linear walk from Llanellwedd takes us back to Llandrindod Wells and finishes at the lake, of course with tea and cakes at the Lakeside Café.
Asc acc.: 300m; Dur: 3-4 hrs Length: 15 km; Diff: average
In the evening: **Farewell Dinner**

Friday, Sept. 7th: **Departure after breakfast**



drawing: Sabine Petit

Var, Oct. 27th to Nov. 3rd, 2012

Accommodation: Hotel du Parc, 7, bd Pasteur.
83400 HYERES, Tél.: +33 (0)4.94.65.06.65
Organisation: Les Randonneurs Hyérois
Booking: Isolde Huber, Kellerstr. 31, 81667 Munich, Tel.:
+49-89-486047 (guide of group)

Price: double or twin room/ halfboard € 510.- p. p.,
Supplement for single room € 150.-
Book by: July 1st, 2012

The hikers there were unable to put forward a detailed program before the deadline for printing.

We have fixed the dates for stay.

Saturday, Oct. 27th: in the evening **Welcome dinner**

Saturday, Nov. 3rd: **Departure after breakfast**

The walks might include hikes on the Giens peninsula, near Bormes-les-Mimosas, on Porquerolles, in the area of Solliès-Toucas and similar areas

If possible we will go to the starting points by public transport or sharing cars with the local hikers. A coach will be rented only when necessary.

General Information:

Arrival: We meet at Collioure, Vogüé, Munich, Llandrindod Wells and/or Hyères. If possible, we will try to arrange car sharing for our guests or to travel by train as a group.

Accommodation: Bavaria: homestays or privately organised accommodation, B&Bs according to participants' requirements.

Roussillon, Ardèche, Var: hotels with half-board, Ardèche mobile homes; **Wales:** B&Bs at own cost

Walking tours: A bus will be available throughout the week to take the participants to the starting points of the walking tours. (Exception: Wales and Var area, where we share cars or go by minibus or public transport) Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary. However, alterations may be made should any changes be made by the guides or in the case of bad weather and/or other circumstances beyond our control. The walking routes are by no means dangerous and should be within the capability of any fit person. However, participants have to be reasonably fit and healthy and well equipped (mountain boots, rucksacks, walking sticks). Participation will be at the participants' own risk. There will be **picnic lunches en route** – each participant has to take care of his/her own food. On request there will be additional optional visits to small villages etc.

Prices include: unless indicated otherwise: bus service to starting point, 8 or 7(Var) nights' accommodation including breakfast at 2-star hotels (room with bathroom/WC). Half board where mentioned. Members will benefit from a discount of €17.

To participate in our walking tours it is not necessary to become a member of our organisation. However, new members will always be welcome! If you are interested in membership, please contact the address mentioned in this leaflet. We shall be pleased to send you further information and a membership form.



Drawings: Sabine Petit

After receipt of your booking form we will send you confirmation of your booking.

Bank account: Begegnung in Europa e.V., Account Nr: 57 29 89-806, Postbank Munich, BLZ 700 100 80

In France: Isolde Huber, Caisse d'Epargne Provence-Alpes-Corse, No Compte 04115478311, Code Banque 11315

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Booking form

Please enrol me for the following walking holiday(s) from the 2012 programme:

Roussillon Ardèche Bavaria Wales Var

I agree to your making my address known by including it in the list of participants yes no
and to passing it on to others who might want or offer the opportunity of a lift yes no

Surname: First name:

Address:

Date of Birth:

Tel./ Fax (IMPORTANT) E-mail:

single room half twin room, if a partner can be found to share it

double/twin room homestay (only in Bavaria)

Special requirements (vegetarian diet, etc):

Date Signature