

# Chavanay to Le Puy en Velay



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This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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**LIZ F.**



**Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.**

*I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.*

*Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.*

**LARA K.**



**Wonderful all round experience**

*Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!*

**RANDY R.**



**Follow the Camino Frances**

*The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.*

**GRETA O.**



**Follow the Camino with an eighty year old**

*Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.*



# ITINERARY

  
Stage 3 of 3

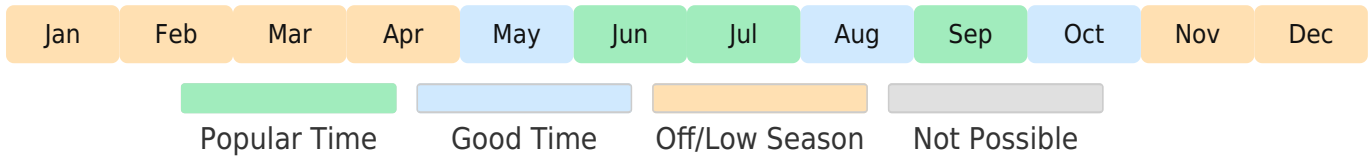
  
112.5km

  
8 days

  
Comfort

  
Easy

Starting from  
**€1142**



Overall

Distance:

**15.8 min** | **18.7km** average | **26 max**

Ascent:

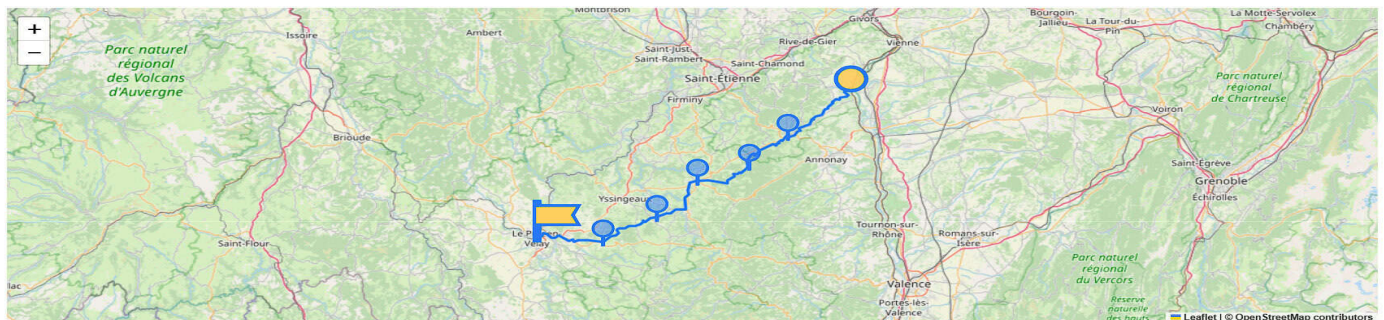
**304 min** | **626m** average | **1050 max**

Cardio:

**2 2.5 3**

The final section features the mountains of Pilat, with leisurely strolls through the French countryside. This portion of Geneva Way will end in Le Puy en Velay, a beautiful and historic town, where the local cuisine and wines can be actively experienced after a full day's walk.

## Map



## Services

### Included in this package

- ✓ Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✓ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✓ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✓ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

### Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day

1

km

### **CHAVANAY**

Bienvenue! Chavanay is a small village at the foot of the lush Rhone vineyard country. Relax here and sample some of the famous Rhone wines before you start your journey along the Geneva Way, or Via Gebennensis, to Le Puy en Velay.

Day

2

26 km

### **CHAVANAY -> BOURG ARGENTAL**

Today is a beautiful walk that will introduce you to the mountain ranges of Pilat. The day will take you through the vineyards of the region before you start your gentle ascent up the mountains. You will pass the Croix de Sainte-Blandine before descending to the village of St Julien Molin Molette. Climbing out of this village you will cross the Col du Banchet before descending to Bourg Argental. Be sure to visit the Saint André Church here.

Day

3

16.7 km

### **BOURG ARGENTAL -> LES SETOUX - CLAVAS**

The walk today is shorter but heads gently uphill. Initially leaving Bourg Argental you will follow a disused railway track. Climbing steadily past fields and through woodlands, some steeper climbs will come as you approach your stopover for the day at Les Setoux, a quiet little village filled with old stone houses.

Day

4

15.8 km

### **LES SETOUX - CLAVAS -> MONTFAUCON EN VELAY**

A welcome reprieve from the path ascended yesterday, this undulating stage is much easier. Walking over fields, on forest paths, and down quiet country roads, you will amble your way to Montfaucon en Velay. This quiet, picturesque village makes for a pleasant place to stop for the night. Take the opportunity to visit the Notre-Dame Church where there are 12 famous paintings by Abel Grimmer representing the life of Christ.

Day

5

18.1 km

### **MONTFAUCON EN VELAY -> SAINT JEURES**

Another pleasant day of walking waits along the rolling hills of Velay. Arriving at Tence, you will cross the Le Lignon brook on an old stone bridge. Then, slowly ascend to St Jeures, passing the graveyard before arriving into the town. Here you can sample the famous 'Red Pearls of the Monts du Velay' (red berries) as well as other local gastronomic delights.

Day

6

17.2 km

### SAINT JEURES -> SAINT JULIEN CHAPTEUIL

Today's route is more populated with small towns and villages than other sections of the Geneva Way. The walk to Araules is typical of the last few days, but after this you have a climb up to Raffe across fields and woodlands. The reward for this ascent is a panoramic view of the volcanic-shaped landscape before you. Your final stop for today is St Julien Chapteuil. Here, be sure to visit the church of Saint Julien which will provide you with an elevated view over the surrounding countryside.

Day

7

18.6 km

### SAINT JULIEN CHAPTEUIL -> LE PUY EN VELAY

Today is your final day on the Geneva Way. With some gentle ups and downs, the walk today is predominantly descends into Le Puy en Velay via country tracks. Traverse woodlands and quiet country roads before coming into a more built-up area at Brives-Charensac. The rest of your route to Le Puy will be more built up. To complete your trip, be sure to make your way up to the cathedral atop a volcanic hill. Take time to wander around this historical and picturesque town, and sample the local gastronomy.

Day

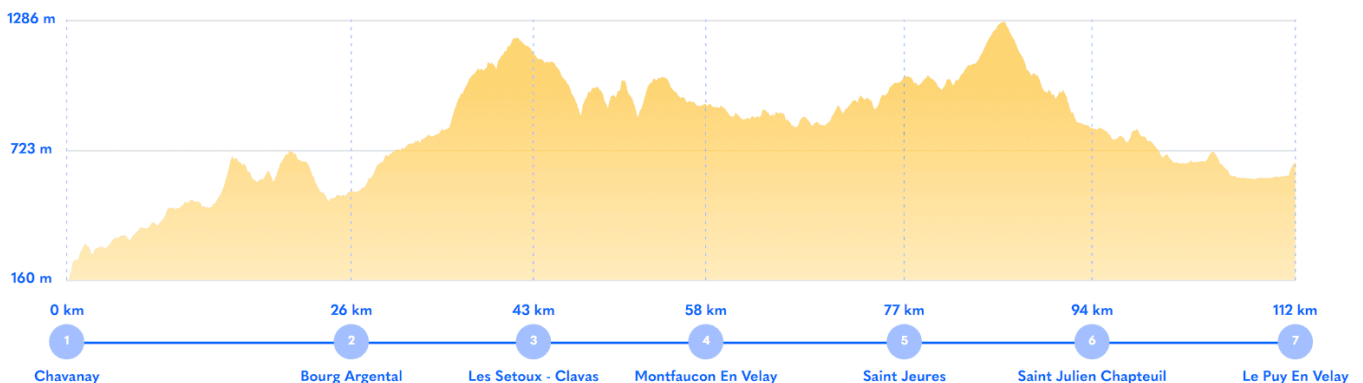
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km

### LE PUY EN VELAY

Au Revoir! Congratulations on having completed the Geneva Way! Le Puy en Velay has always been an important sanctuary city as it is home to the mysterious Black Virgin, which has drawn pilgrims from all over Europe since the Middle Ages. But the appeal of Le Puy en Velay goes beyond historical and cultural – the city is also worth a visit for its picturesque location.

## Elevation Chart



# NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

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