



Follow the Transhumance in the Lot Valley 29th May – 15th June 2014



The transhumance of the flocks up to the mountain summer pasture is always a crucial moment for life in the Lot Valley and for the third time, it is happening between the départements of Lot and Cantal.

1000 sheep will progress from the Lot to the Lioran in Cantal where they will stay until mid-September.

The occasion to discover the area, the diversity of the scenery, the local products and the ancient traditions of local shepherds and farmers.

Why join us ?

Unique ! It is the third edition of the transhumance between the two départements of Lot and Cantal. It is taking place from 29th May to 15th June 2014 with 16 stages, over 180 km !

Visits of the most emblematic sites of Lot and Cantal : from the Quercy arid soil to the green Lioran resort, the flock and its guides will take you through amazing sceneries.

Preservation of the environment : one of the main objective of this first Lot-Cantal transhumance is environmental : development of the flock for the Lot department shepherds , stop using trucks to take the flock to the summer pastures, reduction of costs and also labour so they can concentrate on farming. For the Cantal department, owner of the Lioran mountain summer pasture, who has to maintain the pastures, the transhumance allows bio-diversity preservation, the sheep helping growing good quality grass, which is essential in the maintain of the snow in the winter season.

Promotion of shepherds trade and discovery of their work (with shepherds dogs demonstration, sheep shearing and wool weaving, ...)

Plus lots of entertainment planned in all the villages visited : food testing , gourmet dinner, dance and traditional bands festivals, ...

The sites crossed during this transhumance are :

Les Causses du Quercy



lavender and lovely Romanesque village churches, it has a sunny, bright, undeniably Southern feel to it.

The Célé Valley



villages, medieval castles, each more attractive than the last.

The Chataigneraie



Romanesque architectural heritage – which you can appreciate in the medieval villages of Marcolés, Montsalvy, Maurs la Jolie and La Roquebrou.

The Jordanne valley : In the heart of a setting formed by the Puy Mary, Puy Griou and Puy de Chavaroche massifs, Mandailles St Julien possesses an inestimable wealth of nature.

Mandailles has become a prized holiday destination for refreshing walks and summer hikes.





The Lioran massif

Peaks, valleys, plateau, waterfalls or gorges : each trail offers exceptional sceneries!

Final stage of this transhumance, the Lioran resort , by the Plomb du Cantal, offers various activities all year long.

More information on www.lotvalley.com or on the French website <http://www.transhumance.info/>

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