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*If you are running late, please inform the contact person indicated in the program below.*

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## Blog Trip

**Caroline Muller et Robin Dams**  
**Veggie Wayfarer**  
**20 to 24 June**  
**Lourdes, Gateway to the Pyrenees**

### Thursday 20 June

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**11h20** Departure from Charleroi to Lourdes with Ryanair

**13h** Arrival in Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées airport

- Welcome by Stéphanie BOULOUYS – Marketing Director, Tarbes Lourdes Pyrenees Airport
  - Pick up rental car at the AVIS desk at the airport
    - Please add Robin as a second driver to the AVIS contract (it's part of our contract with AVIS)
    - Do not forget the AVIS rental voucher sent by e-mail otherwise you will have to advance the rental fee yourself.
    - You do not need to refuel at the end of the rental period.
- At your expense: Toll Road charges, parking, fines (such as speeding, parking, ...).

Drive to Lourdes  
14 km 20 minutes

Installation in the cabin in the tree **Camping de la Forêt** for 2 nights.

- Route de la Forêt – 65100 Lourdes – +33 5 62 94 04 38  
<https://campsite-lourdes.camping-hautes-pyrenees.com>

**15h30** Meeting with Laurent PONZO and Marion the guide, for a Guided tour of the Castle and Pyrenean Museum

- 25 rue du Fort – 65100 Lourdes - 05 62 42 37 37  
[www.chateaufort-lourdes.fr](http://www.chateaufort-lourdes.fr)

**17h30** Visit to the Ferme des Trois Corneilles (goat farm and cheese fabric)

- 4 rue de la ville Hall – 65100 Viger – 06 24 50 18 39  
[www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/offres/ferme-des-trois-corneilles-viger-fr-3152710/](http://www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/offres/ferme-des-trois-corneilles-viger-fr-3152710/)

**19h** Diner at **Palacio Restaurant**

- 28 place du Champ-Commun – 651000 Lourdes - +33 5 62 94 00 59  
<https://le-palacio.eatbu.com/?lang=fr> )

Night in Lourdes, camping de la Forêt



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## Friday 21 June

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**10h** Way of Bernadette, historical tour of Lourdes - [Web](#)  
Meeting at Hôtel Mercure Impérial with Julie from Lourdes Tourist Office  
• 3 Avenue du Paradis – 65100 Lourdes - <https://mercure-lourdes-imperial-hotel.hotel-ds.com/fr/>

**12h** Lake of Lourdes  
5 km – 9 minutes

**12h30** Lunch at **Embarcadère Restaurant**  
• Chemin du Lac – 65100 Lourdes – 05 62 32 50 59  
[www.embarcadere.fr](http://www.embarcadere.fr)

**15h** Lake **O2Lourdes** paddle (1 minute walk 😊)  
• Chemin de baloum – 65100 Lourdes – 06 71 41 99 45  
[www.o2lourdes.fr](http://www.o2lourdes.fr)  
*NB! Suitable clothes for paddle boarding*



Free time

**20h** Diner Restaurant **Alexandra by le Bon Sens**  
• 3 Rue du Fort, 65100 Lourdes

Overnight: Hôtel Mercure Impérial  
• 3 Avenue du Paradis – 65100 Lourdes - <https://mercure-lourdes-imperial-hotel.hotel-ds.com/fr/>

## Saturday 22 June

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**08h30** **Lourdes market** with Laurent from Tourist Office, buy the local products for lunch (from Monday to Sunday from 6h to 14h)  
• Place du Champ-Commun – 65100 Lourdes

**09h30** Departure for Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre  
14 km – 22 minutes

**10h** Visit to the **Bétharram Caves** in Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre  
Welcome by the team  
• Chemin Leon Ross, 65270 Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre - 05 62 41 80 04 - [www.betharram.com](http://www.betharram.com)

**Lunch** Picnic (or at the Caves or Pic)  
Picnic at the Caves (open building) or Mousqué (Saint Pé de Bigorre)

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**14h30** Return to Lourdes  
*14 km – 22 minutes*

**15h** Pic du Jer + funicular. Welcome by the team  
• 59 Avenue Francis Lagardère – 65100 Lourdes  
05 62 94 00 41 - [www.picdujer.com](http://www.picdujer.com)

**20h** Diner **Restaurant Belle Epoque**, Grand Hôtel Gallia & Londres  
• 26 Avenue Bernadette Soubirous - 65100 Lourdes

Overnight Hotel Mercure Imperial



## Sunday 23 June

**09h** Departure to Pic du Midi  
via D918 : 52 km - 1h15 via the Col du Tourmalet

**10h** Pic du Midi  
Take the cable car from La Mongie ski resort up to the Pic du Midi. Cover a 1000m elevation in 15 mins: that's a feat in itself! At an altitude of 2877m, the purity of the air and the light are the secret of the Pic du Midi, famous for its astronomy observatory. Admire the endless ocean of Pyrenean peaks from the **panoramic terraces**. Take a gourmet pitstop at the **restaurant**. Brave the skywalk at the top of the mountain on a **12m long bridge hanging over the void**. Feast your eyes on a view that's so fascinating you could easily **spend half a day up here**.

• <https://picdumidi.com>

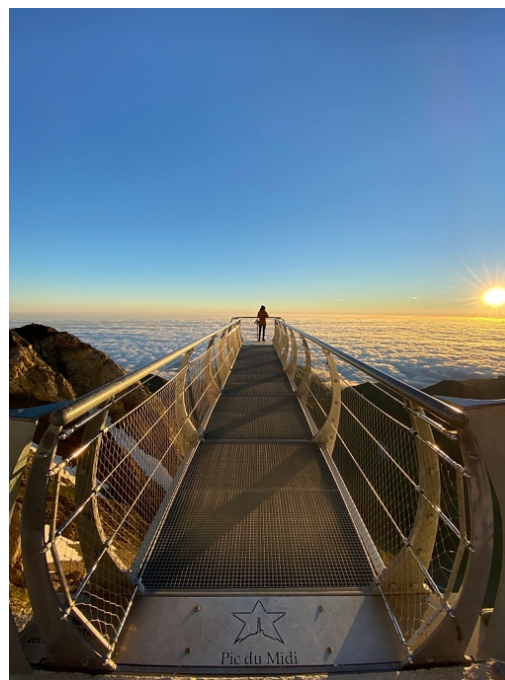
• in Dutch:

[www.visit-occitanie.com/nl/bestemmingen/onmisbaar/pic-du-midi/](http://www.visit-occitanie.com/nl/bestemmingen/onmisbaar/pic-du-midi/)

Lunch Pic du Midi, restaurant or picnic

**16h** Discover the Sanctuary in Lourdes with Laurent from Tourist Office.  
[www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/explorer/vivre-une-experience-spirituelle/explorer-le-sanctuaire/](http://www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/explorer/vivre-une-experience-spirituelle/explorer-le-sanctuaire/)

**19h** Dinner Le Perchoir restaurant of Mercure Impérial



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- 21h** Torchlight procession  
Every evening, from April to October, a torchlight procession is organised. It's a wonderful opportunity for believers and non-believers from all countries and all faiths to experience something special together. [www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/agenda/temps-forts/la-procession-aux-flambeaux/](http://www.lourdes-infotourisme.com/agenda/temps-forts/la-procession-aux-flambeaux/)



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### Monday 24 June

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- 09h** E-bike Castelloubon or Batsurguere valley  
Meeting at Bike&Py to pick up the bikes  
• 16 Esplanade du Paradis, 65100 Lourdes  
*NB! Comfortable clothes for e-biking and rainwear (just in case)*
- 12h30** Lunch at Au Coeur d'Aspin Restaurant or Lung Ta restaurant (to be confirmed)
- Free time
- 19h** Return the hire car to the AVIS counter at the airport Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées  
**19h20** Check in for Charleroi with Ryanair  
**20h20** Departure from Tarbes-Lourdes-Pyrénées airport  
**22h05** Arrival in Charleroi

**We hope you enjoyed your stay!**

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