

# DISCOVER FRANCE

Geography and Biology Fieldwork, Personal Development & CAS



## DISCOVER THE CÉVENNES

The ski station of Mont Lozère provides the perfect base to explore and study this beautiful area of France. The station is at an altitude of 1,400m, on Mont Lozère. Situated in the core zone of the Cévennes National Park, it is in an area of diverse landscapes, exceptional natural beauty and high species biodiversity.

Incorporating biomes from sub-alpine to Mediterranean, and with a permanent farming population – a factor unique amongst French National Parks – the area gives unrivalled opportunities to study natural environments and landforms, from rivers to peat bogs and from periglacial environments to coasts. The centre is well-positioned to access settlements from the smallest deserted hamlet to the county-capital city of Mende, where we can investigate a diverse range of issues from deprivation and inequality to tourism and sustainable development. More than half of the plant species in France are found in the Park, which is also home to a huge range of wildlife including vultures, capercaillie, wild boar, lynx and black woodpeckers.

## BIOLOGY IN THE CÉVENNES

With such fantastic biodiversity, a biology fieldtrip to the Cévennes is a privilege! 20+ study units for all levels of the curriculum including:

- Statistics, data analysis and interpretation
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems
- National Park and Nature reserve management
- Energetics, food webs and energy flow
- Nutrient cycling and decomposition
- Forest management and the carbon cycle
- Farm productivity and conservation
- Primary and secondary succession
- Species, population and community biology
- Species conservation and genetics (bison, vulture and capercaillie reintroduction)

## GEOGRAPHY IN THE CÉVENNES

Fieldwork in the Cévennes offers access to an unparalleled range of contemporary geographical issues and fantastic environments which inspire 'awe and wonder'. 30+ study units for all levels of the curriculum including:

- Water cycle and water management
- Contemporary urban environments and regenerating places
- Coastal landscapes and coastal management strategies
- Changing places, economic growth and challenge
- Carbon cycle and energy security
- Population and the environment
- Tectonic landscapes and hazards; glacial landscape systems
- Ecosystems under stress, environmental impact
- Resource security
- Geographical skills



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## TEAM BUILDING, OUTDOOR PURSUITS, DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND CAS

A residential stay is an excellent way to bring your group together, and we have a range of activities to challenge and inspire, develop leadership skills and foster group support. Activities include problem solving and team building sessions, rafting, a high ropes course and hiking. For students following the IB, many activities are suitable for the Action component of CAS. We are also able to arrange service activities working with National Park rangers and with local communities, where, of course, students will also be able to practice their French! We also offer opportunities for students to complete their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at Bronze, Silver & Gold level.

## A QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstance. Discover Ltd is a signatory organisation to the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto and subscribes to its vision and aims. We were awarded the **Council For Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge (Study Tours)** in May 2009, in recognition of the high quality of the learning experiences which it provides.

## FIELDWORK WITH DISCOVER LTD.

### Why come to the Cévennes?

Discover Ltd. has been offering fantastic fieldwork opportunities 'further afield' to students of all ages for over 30 years. Few locations in Britain can offer the beauty or variety of the Cévennes, ranging from granite tors to some of Europe's most dramatic limestone gorges and caves.





Whilst we cannot guarantee good weather, the climate of southern France is considerably more predictable than that of the UK. In particular, we benefit from a settled Mediterranean climate during the summer months. Finally there is the added advantage of a residential stay and the excitement of foreign travel. While this is clearly not a part of any specification, its socio- educational benefits are not to be underestimated.

Choose from a huge range of study units. A field studies trip to the Cévennes offers students and teachers the opportunity to learn fieldwork techniques for practical exam papers, collect data for coursework, assemble case-study material, and prepare for exams.

**Accommodation:**

The Refuge at Mont Lozère can accommodate 40+ students and accompanying staff. Accommodation is in small dormitories for students, with separate bedrooms and facilities for staff.

We have an extensive range of fieldwork and written resources available. Our detailed work units, produced on data sticks and supplied in advance of your course, cater for the range of KS3, GCSE, AS/A2 and IB courses, studying in groups or following individual projects. Our study units place emphasis on sound enquiry and fieldwork skills, as well as covering the widest possible range of topics.

You will be asked to provide medical and dietary information prior to your tour. This will be treated in confidence and it is important that this information is returned to us not more than one month before the trip commences.

**Insurance:**

Discover Ltd. can only arrange travel insurance for UK residents. Non-UK residents need to arrange travel insurance themselves. Everyone who participates in a Discover Ltd. tour/fieldtrip must be insured.





### **Making a Booking:**

Discover Ltd. combines all the financial security of a large company (we hold an ATOL license and are fully bonded members of ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) with the personal service that makes you feel special. We take the worry out of the administration and travel arrangements for your tour, provide a comfortable base for your group, and support your programme of work, visits and activities for a successful productive and enjoyable trip.

The next step is to contact us to make a provisional booking, so that you know your dates are secure and you can begin to recruit your group. We will normally hold your provisional booking for one month.

If you have any queries, wish to discuss your trip in more detail or wish to make a provisional booking which we will hold whilst you recruit your group, please contact **Kate Crofts** at the Discover Ltd. UK office.

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Further information about our tours including our tours to Morocco (groups and individuals) can be found by visiting our website:

[www.discover.ltd.uk](http://www.discover.ltd.uk)

### **Important information:**

Due to the physical nature of our typical itineraries, a reasonable level of mobility is required. Please contact us should anyone in your group have special needs such as learning difficulties or reduced mobility.

