

● ACCOMODATION

Accommodation is possible every day, gîte or refuge, from 4 to 6 beds, small dormitories.

A donkey park is set near by. Booking is compulsory to make sure, otherwise carry a spare tent.

You can also camp in the neighbourhood of the refuge.

Sometimes, you can be charged for sanitary use and common room.

Camping in the wild is always possible in that area.

● MAPING

1/25 000 TOP 25 reference

AX LES THERMES 2148 ET
(INSTITUT GEOGRAPHIQUE
NATIONAL edition)

is compulsory.

The Top 25 BOURG MADAME
map 2249 OT will be necessary
in the reserve.

● Price

- One week hire/one donkey – year 2007

including only the donkey, its pack-saddle and bags.

Accommodation and maps will be priced separately

6 days: 224 euros 7 days: 257 euros

Add the transportation of the donkeys: 20 Euros

For 3 donkeys or more : -10 % .

- Global price with half board

including the donkey, its pack-saddle and bags, accommodation, transportation of the donkey and maps.

half-board (night+breakfast+evening meal)

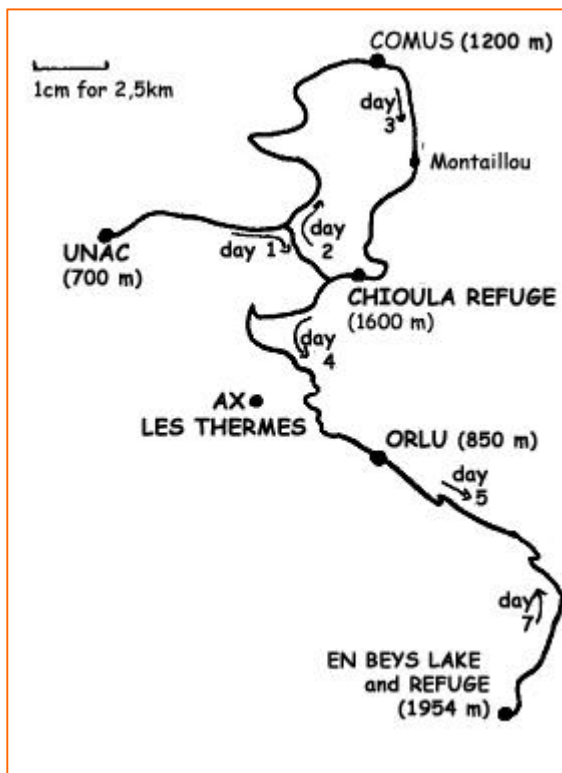
6 days and 5 nights: **adult: 339 €- kid less 4 years: 228€- kids 4 to 10 years:268 €**

7 days and 6 nights: **adult: 397 €- - kid less 4 years: 266 €- kids 4 to 10 years:313€**

half-board + picnic

6 days and 5 nights: **adult: 397 €- kid less 4 years: 269 €- kids 4 to 10 years:317 €**

7 days and 6 nights: **adult: 465 €- kid less 4 years: 313 €- kids 4 to 10 years:368 €**



TECHNICAL LEAFLET

- Accommodation or tent

- Fairly easy

- 7 days

- Starting point
Unac

- End of walk : Orlu

First part of the trek :average heights between 700 and 1500 m on marked paths, for all walkers particularly children.

The path goes through the Ax Valleys, connecting villages. The landscape are very varied: mountain villages with narrow streets and short grass fields, North slope forests, South slope pastures.

Last stages: through higher mountains, in Orlu National reserve, on 4250 ha, with very rich fauna (Pyrenean chamois, marmots).

Dogs are strictly forbidden in Orlu Reserve, so it can't be your companion for this trek.

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TREK DESCRIPTION

- DAY 1 : from UNAC (700 m) to CHIOULA REFUGE (1600 m)

You leave the bottom of the valley where Unac is sheltered to reach the first heights and discover a wonderful panorama of the Pyrenean range.

Accommodation: Chioula refuge tel.05 61 64 06 97

Possible camping near the refuge – No provisions available.

- DAY 2 : from CHIOULA REFUGE (1600 m) to COMUS (1200 m)

Through marvellous forests and Aillou summer fields you reach the « Aude » department.

Gîte with dormitories or bedrooms 04 68 20 33 69

Possible meals in the gîte – Provisions at Camurac (2 km).

- DAY 3: from COMUS (1200 m) to CHIOULA REFUGE (1600 m)

You cross the Aillou plateau 1000 m high, good in winter to cross country ski. The background thanks to mediterranean influence and calcareous ground and is very different from the High Ariège one. You walk through Montailhou village, famous for its cathar history which inspired the history book by E. Leroy Ladurie, then you reach Chioula refuge.

- DAY 4 : from CHIOULA REFUGE (1600 m) to ORLU (850 m)

Very varied landscapes, going through typical sunny villages and forests. You will come to Orlu, small village by the side of the Oriège river..

Village camp site : 05 61.64.30.09 – small grocery – Gîte with dormitories or bedrooms and restaurant : 05 61.64.61.88.

- DAY 5 : from ORLU (850 m) to EN BEYS LAKE (1954 m)

Fairly Long and difficult because of the big ehmb. Fortunately, all your efforts will be rewarded when getting to Orlu National Reserve, wide natural space, privileged observation spot of wild animals. You enjoy the high mountain atmosphere: summer flocks with ringing bells, swift isards, marmot whistling, rhododendrons flowering round the lake.

Managed refuge with dormitories : 05 61.64.24.24 – Possible camping near the refuge – Possible meals but no provisions.

- DAY 6 : ORLU RESERVE (2000m)

Beyond the En Beys refuge, the paths are not suitable for donkeys. So you'll leave them in the park, and walk for a day or a few hours, discovering lakes, flora, and fauna, both particularly abundant.

Night : En Beys refuge or camping in the wilderness

- DAY 7 : from EN BEYS LAKE (2000 m) to ORLU (1000 m)

Well, you have to walk away from those enchanted areas! You stop walking at Orlu.

You leave the donkeys in a park and go back to Unac.

day 1	5 hours	
day 2	4 hours	
day 3	5 hours	
day 4	6 hours	
day 5 (aller) & day 7 (retour)	6 hours	