



Facilities include

The central building houses a reception and activity area, a dining room, nurses office, and multi-purpose common room. There are modern and ample toilet and shower facilities.

A sweeping terrace, overlooking the river, serves as dining area and has first-rate barbecue facilities.

Other facilities include

- ◆ Volleyball court
- ◆ Table tennis tables
- ◆ Petanque
- ◆ Football pitches
- ◆ Teaching areas

What a wonderful location for a summer camp experience - a spectacular gorge in the heart of the Ardèche Nature Park in the sunny climate of southern France!

Village Camps is privileged to own one of the few Ardèche campsites with a fantastic riverside position. The setting is already idyllic but this year the site is being renovated with a significant investment in new tents, improved shower and toilet facilities, a new outdoor sitting area for meals, activity equipment and renewed classrooms and common rooms. The summer 2012 campers will be the first ones to enjoy the impressive new campsite!

In the Ardèche, campers will try outstanding river activities, explore some of the most fascinating caves in Europe, go on exciting biking trips and learn to climb. On the banks of the Ardèche River, our site is superbly placed for water sports enthusiasts and the highlight of the session is the 30 km, two-day descent of the river with an overnight bivouac under the stars. Not far from the campsite is the world-famous Chauvet complex of caves with their wall paintings and prehistoric relics dating back 35,000 years, the oldest proof of man's existence in Europe! Those who wish to learn or improve their French, can join the French Language Camp and have 24 hours of lessons in the two-week period, while still being able to enjoy all the major activities and events of

the River Experience Camp. Everyone will also improve their English which is the main camp language at this international setting. The adventure activities are supervised by qualified, specialist instructors and caring Village Camps counsellors at a superb ratio of one for every six campers.

Accommodation is in new, modern, all-weather tents, equipped with sprung beds with mattresses, table, chairs and ground cover. The onsite chef produces excellent, nutritious meals based on French and international cuisine.

This appealing programme is the perfect way for outdoor and water-sports enthusiasts to spend quality summer fun time and challenge themselves to new limits!



Afternoon Activities

- ◆ Abseiling
- ◆ Arts and crafts
- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Canyoning
- ◆ Caving
- ◆ Gorge walk
- ◆ Kayaking

◆ Mountain biking

- ◆ Rock climbing
- ◆ Ropes course
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Swimming
- ◆ Table tennis
- ◆ Trekking
- ◆ Volleyball

Evening Activities

- ◆ Talent night
- ◆ Campfire
- ◆ Sports tournament
- ◆ Visit to local night market
- ◆ Egg shoot
- ◆ Mini olympics

◆ Capture the flag

- ◆ Video night
- ◆ Super team challenge

Excursions

- ◆ Montélimar nougat factory

◆ Medieval château

- ◆ Vallon Pont d'Arc on market day

Excursions may vary depending on camper numbers and weather.



River Experience Camp

Ages 10-16

Canoeing, kayaking, cave exploration, ropes courses, mountain biking, rock climbing, outdoor living skills, trekking, and even learning to cook – French cuisine – are all part of this spectacular outdoor adventure programme. In addition there are sports, team-building challenges, competitions, excursions and special camp events; it's all happening at Village Camps Ardèche! Towards the end of the two-week period and after several days of practice, the group departs on the exciting 30km descent of the Ardèche River by canoe/kayak, which requires two days to complete and includes an overnight bivouac under the stars – what an experience! Other highlight activities include the exploration of the impressive prehistoric caves in the area and a full day biking trip. In the schedule are interesting excursions with visits to a local market and a traditional French château among other attractions. The River Experience Camp is certainly going to challenge and impress all participants! Importantly, make a note that early registration is essential as this private Village Camps site has a maximum capacity of just 50 campers.

“ My son Tom attended the first session of Village Camps in the Ardèche. I just wanted to say THANK YOU!!! He had such a great time and has been talking about it constantly for a week now. He has attended several summer camps over the past 2 summers and Village Camps is by far his favourite. The counselors were very cool and fun with him, and he really loved being outside and all the activities. Until next summer (when he insists on staying for 4 weeks). ”

Karen, a very grateful mother from Austin, Texas



French Language Camp

Ages 10-16

In addition to the breathtaking river activities, campers may choose to enrol in the French Language Camp. This fun learning experience will greatly improve their ability to understand and communicate in French. Students are divided into appropriate group levels for the 24 hours of devoted instruction by professional teachers who are committed to achieving significant progress in the French language skills of the group during the two-week period. The learning process is

reinforced during visits and excursions when campers are regularly encouraged to take initiatives and speak French at every opportunity. Moreover, French, together with English, are the two official camp languages and instructions at all the major meetings are given in both. Naturally, as this is a very international environment, English is the main camp language. After the lessons, students join their camper friends from the River Experience programme and everyone enjoys the exciting outdoor activities and sports.

COMBOCAMPS

After the excitement at the Ardèche join one of the camps in Austria, Switzerland or England for a spectacular European month. **Special Offer:** All the costs for the transfers between the camps, including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight, are free of charge for Combo Campers!