



hiking bivouac 2 to 7 days

Brionnais is a small discreet country in the heart of France, in the south of Burgundy. We invite you to discover this green land with its gentle slopes and to discover the richness of its heritage. Brionnais is qualified of « roman garden », because it was during the XIème and XIIème centuries, an exceptional source of development of Romanesque art. Thirty churches and chapels, wholly or partly Romanesque, demonstrate the science and skill of the builders and sculptors.

Hikes « bivouac » are personalized : according to your requirements (bivouac very « nature » or with toilets and showers, every day opportunity to have an evening meal, small or long distances ...) we will suggest a system that fits perfectly what you want to live. But for example you will find the following description of a bivouac hike of four days possible.

Day after day...

The first day, you start your hike by borrowing the towpath of the canal, then you cross the river Loire from the small paths of Brionnais lined with hedges wich are typical from the « bocage ». You take the direction after of the village of Fleury mountains, lived in the time of the Gauls by the tribe of "bramavi" (the population is much less barbaric now, do not worry!). This is a hike with varied aspects and panoramic view (14 km)



Bivouac area	Price	Refueling
Bivouac on the beautiful natural area of Fontenaille: a magnificent view of the village of Saint Julien Jonzy, a breathtaking place and VERY quiet. Not health, but the wash water is potable and can serve you for your toilet.	Free	Buy food before the start of your hike

The second day, you'll walk on the ridges of our hills to get to the viewpoint of Saint Christophe en Brionnais where you have a magnificent view on the grove and the valley of the river Arconce. Then you will take finally a small forest trail very bucolic on the path of Hauteval, winding between two hills ... (13 km)

Bivouac area	Price	Refueling
Night camping! Kids love sleeping in the tent ... sometimes parents less! So Françoise offers an alternative, parents can sleep in the stone hut equipped with a bed 2 places and a small kitchen to make dinner and next to the hut, a tent is fully equipped for 3 children (sleeping bag, mat ...) and outside: a solar shower and toilets: an evening camping green, next to the chickens, rabbits and donkeys Françoise. It's very nice!	Night (sheets, sleeping bags, towels provided) : 15 € per person in the stone hut 10 € per person in the tent Breakfast: 5 € per person Simple meal "camper special": 10 € Picnic: 8 €	Ability to supply the morning at the grocery store in Saint Julien Jonzy and mid afternoon Semur in Brionnais

On the Third day, at the beginning of the hike, you can visit the church of Saint Julien Jonzy famous for its Romanesque portal of the XII century. Then, you hike in nature and tranquility ... you start your hike in the forest. At the end of the wood, you get a small path, typical of brionnais, with amazing views over the medieval village of Semur en Brionnais where you go. At Semur, you can visit the castle of St. Hugues, one of the oldest castle in Burgundy (X century) and the church of Saint Hilaire, collegiate church of the XII century ... and take a drink on the Castle Square. You leave semur by the old road round the village, followed by a dive in the valley where lies the beautiful little church of St. Martin Valley. This is a remarkable small Romanesque chapel of the XI century. It has retained its original appearance, bathed in a rural environment.

Then it is time to think about joining your stage tonight (circuit 14 km with 2 or 5 km shortcut possible)



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Camp in a meadow isolated with your or your donkeys. No health. You pick up drinking water at the farm near the meadow.	free Opportunity to deliver you a cold meal for the evening and a picnic for the day (lunch: 12 € per person including wine and picnic: 7 € per person)	Buy food before the start of your hike

On the fourth day, you will follow a magnificent small path with many ponds : quiet moment which will allow you to take completely advantage of this last day. Then the path leads you to the wood of the King, where you take the path direction the cellar of Jean Claude producer of organic wine fossils (every afternoon in July and August, by appointment the rest of the year) ... fortunately to leave, the path is not very complicated and you will easily reach the top of Iguerande, where you finish the hike with a visit to the beautiful Romanesque church of Iguerande overlooking the Loire Valley, a spectacular view on the river ... (14 km circuit with shortcuts available 2 and 4 km)



2015 PRICES FOR THE RENTAL OF A DONKEY : 50 € per day

This price includes the rental of the donkey, hiking equipment and care of the donkey, the complete organization of the hike by us before your arrival.

These prices are given as a rough guide and don't engage Bougres d'ânes. Prices will be confirmed to you during your booking.

EACH CAMP IS PERSONNALIZED, SO CONTACT U.S. BY MAIL OR PHONE TO ORGANIZE THIS ONE.