



# The Authentic Clarée: Snowshoes on your feet



Location : Vallée de la Clarée, Hautes-Alpes

**Duration:** 4 days/ 3 Nights

Number of people: 6 to 16 participants

A preserved and authentic valley. Specially dedicated snowshoe guide throughout your stay.

Warm and environmentally friendly accommodation.

Imagine a magnificent alpine valley without any lifts... Villages with traditional houses and wooden roofs... Déesse Incoming offers you an authentic return to the origins of the northernmost valley of the Southern Alps.

This stay is also an opportunity to relax in quality accommodation and to go hiking in the mountains.





#### **Your host:**

Since 1976, Claire, originally from Névache, has been welcoming people to her charming guest house. An authentic mountain welcome, an intimate and warm place for unforgettable moments by a fire!

Rooms in the Auberge or in the adjoining chalets all have a different mountain style decoration, eco-construction, some with a terrace or balcony.

The gourmet and generous table showcases organic, natural, traditional and wild mountain products... The establishment is also equipped with a Wellness area & Spa which will welcome you for a pure moment of relaxation with massages and treatments.

A lounge offers you a pleasant moment by the fire, read a good book chosen from around 1,000 books in the library, or gather around the board game tables, a pool table and a piano.

Outdoors, on a twenty hectare estate, certified Organic Agriculture, llamas and ponies happily frolic in the fields.

#### Day 1: Arrival

In the early afternoon, welcome in your guest house with traditional and environmentally friendly furniture; distribution of rooms, then visit the llama farm, created by your host.

In the late afternoon, share a first contact with your mountain guide and nature guide for the presentation of the stay, distribution and adjustment of equipment.

Gourmet dinner. Evening exchange around billiards or a board game.

Overnight stay in a guest room.

### Day 2 : Clarée Valley





Let's go on a discovery of Clarée





After a good breakfast, departure with Marcello for a snow shoeing discovery of Clarée Vally: valley of Thures, col de l'Oule... the choice of itinerary is adapted according to the weather and the level of the group.

#### The program:

Animal tracks, mountain goat observation... all your senses will be awoken!

During the meal of grilled meats over a wood fire, Marcello will delight you with his environmental knowledge.

In the afternoon, you will go by snowshoe to observe the village of Névache to better understand the adaptation of man and his habitat to the natural environment.

You will return to the guest house for a well-deserved mulled wine and why not have a massage.

Dinner and overnight stay in your guest room.

#### The Clarée Valley

The northernmost valley of the Hautes Alpes department, straddling the 45° parallel, on the border of Savoy and Italy, Clarée is a valley that has resolutely chosen to preserve its original beauty. There is no major ski resort, no motorway, but extensive snow and snowshoeing trails or cross-country skiing as far as the eye can see.

A string of villages and hamlets rich in architectural heritage runs along the gentle Clarée, bathed in sunshine and nestled at the foot of these mysterious larch forests.

Classified as a Natural Valley, Clarée will reveal its beauty and bring you a change of scenery.

### Day 3 : Military heritage of La Clarée

#### **Snowshoes and Heritage**

After a breakfast buffet, departure for the discovery of the Clarée's military heritage on snowshoes: Fort de l'Olive or Fort des Acles, will remind you of the military challenges of recent centuries in the Alpine valleys....

After a picnic, Marcello, always insatiable about the history of the Clarée, will take you to discover the surprising heritage of our villages (churches, sundials, frescos) on the program: Plampinet or Névache depending to weather conditions and group level.

At the end of the day a last mulled wine and photo slide show to close the two days of exchanges with







your guide. You will end this evening with a delicious traditional dinner: wild herb soup, morel mushroom fondue and its mountain sausages and Clares Cup.

### Day 4: Free time and departure

After a last breakfast buffet, you can enjoy some free time before returning to your region.