

MOUNTAINEERING TOUR APPLICATION

Purpose of Tour:

I plan to take this year's summer tour to southern France to the Verdon Gorge. Situated inland between Nice and Marseilles, the river Verdon cuts a deep limestone gorge, 100's metres high, through the Provence countryside. This area of France has long been an established as a classic rock climbing area that offers a wide variety of climbing, with over a 1,000 routes. Here there is everything from short friendly sport routes, to big wall rock climbing that are both bolted and with traditional protection. There is an enormous number of climbs here at varying grades, so there will be something for all of the members of ICMC.

Getting to Verdon from the nearest airport (Marseilles) would require a hire car or a taxi and a drive of over two hours. It is less expensive and more practical to hire the 9 seat minibuses and drive. This will allow us to take more equipment and stay more comfortably in the Municipal Campsite in La Palud sur Verdon. It also gives the option of stopping off at the ever popular Fontainebleau, just south of Paris, for a day of bouldering to break up the journey.

Hire of two nine seat minibuses for 2 weeks:	2x £715	
Cost of Ferry return for both busses:	2x £110	
Cost of Toll roads for both busses:	2x £220	
Cost of fuel for both busses:	2x £722	
Total Travel Cost:	£3534	
Cost of accommodation per person per night for two weeks at £6 a night:		£84
Cost of food per person for two weeks at £5 per person per day:		£70

Planned Activities: A range of climbing, predominantly sport climbing

Date From: 8/9/14

Date To: 21/9/14

Number of Students: 18

Number of Others: 0