

Lourdes and the other « Great Sites »

The Great Sites of the High Pyrenees

Lourdes – Cauterets Pont d'Espagne - Gavarnie - Pic du Midi

Cirque de Gavarnie

(50 km from Lourdes – a 45 min. drive)

Gavarnie Cirque, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (classification obtained in 1997 for the site's cultural and natural value), is famous for its great wall, which is 3,248 m high (at the Pic du Marboré) and its waterfall (the biggest in Europe). The group that it forms with the Roland Breach (said to have been cut by the sword of Charlemagne's nephew, Roland de Roncevaux) is a surprise for visitors and is always admired.

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Cauterets and Le Pont d'Espagne

(37 km from Lourdes – a 30 min. drive)

Travellers along the waterfall route are guaranteed to be enchanted by the whirlpool of the Pyrenean waters. The ascent by cable car and then by chair lift up to the crest of the Lys Cirque at an altitude of 2,300 metres, makes the thrill of the peaks accessible to all.

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Pic du Midi de Bigorre and its observatory

(50 km from Lourdes – a 45 min. drive)

After a fifteen-minute ascent by cable car, the Pyrenees stretch out in cinemascope at an altitude of 2,877 metres. Visitors can enjoy a unique panoramic view of the Pyrenean mountain range, from 750 m² of landscaped terraces. The museum presents the different stages of the building of the Observatory and the instruments that made their mark on a century of astronomical discoveries.

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