

How to get to LCO-France:

TRAVELLING TO THE AUVERGNE



By road:

From CALAIS : 9 hours by motorway via Paris

From PARIS : 4 hours on the A71/A75 motorway via Clermont-Ferrand to Issoire, then 45 mins on local roads

From CLERMONT-FERRAND : 1 hour. (A75/D996/D999)

From ST. ETIENNE : 1 hour by local road (D498) via St Bonnet

From LYON : 2 hours, via motorway to St Etienne then as above.

From LE PUY EN VELAY : 45 mins via La Chaise Dieu (N102/D906).

By rail:

London to Paris Eurostar (approx 2.5 hrs) then SNCF via Clermont-Ferrand to Issoire (approx 4.5 hrs) or TGV to Lyon and railcar to Le Puy en Velay (approx 4.5 hrs)

By air:

From Stansted : 1hr 15mins flight with budget airline RyanAir to St. Etienne.

From Gatwick, Heathrow and London City airports by Air France, British Airways or Easyjet to either Clermont-Ferrand, St Etienne or Lyon.

Car Hire:

Economy cars can be hired from all airports at a cost of around 30 Euros per day if required.

- HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS IN FRANCE -

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LINUX TRAINING & SUPPORT

...a unique and novel approach

3000ft up in the mountains of central France, surrounded by a quarter million acres of forested natural parkland, there's a place where stressed IT Executives can unwind while gaining a deeper understanding of how Linux and opensource can help and profit their Organisation.



For example, by simply switching from Microsoft Office to Open Office on the desktop, the french police have saved more than 2 million euros annually.

LCO-France offers a peaceful, rural holiday environment with seminars providing a proven recipe for facilitating the gathering of new ideas and boosting information technology skills and awareness.



Each of our tax deductible one week stays, provides 25 hours of training in a wide range of areas, from beginner to advanced levels, and includes superb food, accommodation and unlimited use of the fast satellite broadband link to the web. This is training not to be missed.

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How can a stress-free environment help ?



EC research concludes that learning, specially in complex technical subjects such as IT, is best undertaken in an area of calm (rural) tranquility.

Such an environment de-stresses and opens minds to discovering many cost-cutting options available to IT departments today.

Who should attend? We welcome people of all age groups and from all walks of life. Whether you are an individual looking to improve your skills, or an office administrator considering migration to GNU/Linux, you will come away with a broader understanding of what the Open Source Movement is all about.

Companies and corporations considering migration to GNU/Linux can also gain though tax incentives for training and at the same time, enhance staff loyalty with these affordable and informative holiday workshops.

Linux Coaching Organisation workshops are each of one week duration, with a program arranged so that certain workshops can be concatenated for those who wish to extend their stay to two weeks. Workshops are of three categories:- Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

Each one week workshop includes 25 hours of informative hands-on training and because we believe a holiday should be a holiday, allows ample time for leisure activities, some sightseeing and socialising either in the local Relais or in-house..

Material covered in the Beginner and Intermediate workshops, conforms with requirements of the Linux Professional Institute (LPI)'s syllabus for exam levels 101 and 102.

Prerequisites

Beginners

As a "Beginner" we will expect you to have a basic literacy in IT, i.e. Ability to use a keyboard, an understanding of file systems, and practical experience with some of the following types of software packages - word processing, graphic image manipulation, web browser, email client or spreadsheets.

Intermediate

For workshops classed as "Intermediate", it is recommended that those wishing to participate should have some familiarity with the operation of a network server, and have minimally configured such a system.

Advanced

We would expect participants on workshops in the "Advanced" category to have some familiarity with the concepts and usage of a GNU/Linux system and the basics of networking.

"A very novel idea. An idyllic holiday location and learning experience that I thoroughly enjoyed. I'll certainly be back for more." ... Tez Belton, Brighton



Basic, comfortable rooms, friendly relaxed hospitality, great food and healthy outdoor activities in a natural and unspoilt park at the heart of the Auvergne countryside.

See our 'Special Offers' and full workshop prospectus and book direct at our website: <http://www.linuxcoaching.org> You can phone or email us if you'd like to know more.

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