

Costs:

There are a number of options available.

Bedrooms can currently accommodate four doubles and one single. Other arrangements such as extra beds, can be organised, provided sufficient advance notice is given.

Hire of house and staff. To include preparation and serving of buffet breakfast and light refreshments. Housekeeping and general maintenance only. Seven days hire: Use of Cybercafe and Internet connection 24/7

	UK Pounds	Euros
... ..	£ 800	1,100€

As above but including three course Dinner and wine each night at our neighbouring fully licensed Relais Gaspard des Montagnes – Costs based on nine persons

... ..	£1,455	2,000€
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B&B only but including 25 hours training workshop in any one of LCO-France's IT Holiday Workshops

... ..	£3,250	4,550€
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... ..	£ 3,953	5,456€
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**AVAILABLE
for
PRIVATE HIRE.**



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In the heart of France lies a sleepy village, 3000ft up in the Auvergne mountains. It is surrounded by the the Livradois-Forez National Park, a quarter million acres of spectacularly unspoilt natural beauty. Here we've created a place that offers a unique holiday experience. Organisations who wish to offer staff or members an incentive bonus that tones the body, lifts the spirit and offers a taste of France in the bargain, yet which keeps a smile on the accountant's face should read on.



This peaceful setting offers a break from the stresses of city life, and is designed to allow participants to be in touch with the workplace via fast satellite broadband internet link. Upskilling workshops in various levels of IT can be included, should this be required.

We meet the criteria that European research has shown to be an effective solution to increasing productivity and creativity by bringing IT into a rural holiday setting.

LCO-France offers the intimacy of small group stays, in a restored 150 year old central village house with spacious public areas and training facilities. Breakfast is served buffet style in-house and main meals can be taken in the ambiance of the neighbouring fully licenced restaurant Relais Gaspard des Montagnes.

Outdoor Activities:

There are many idyllic walks that can be taken along the blissfully traffic-free lanes, and quiet woodland paths, where during the spring, summer and autumn months, you'll find mossy green carpets bathed in dappled sunlight, that support a huge variety of wild mushrooms that can be seen everywhere. Its a good idea to bring some comfortable walking boots.



For those into horseriding, why not hire one for a half or a full day. Cycling is also popular and there are many picturesque villages in the surrounding area where you can find 12th century churches and chapels that sheltered those Christians walking the pilgrim trails en route to the shrine of Apostle James the Greater at Compostella in the mountains of northern Spain.

If you love the flavours of wild mushrooms, the region is famed for its cepes, chanterelles, girolles and many other varieties. A natural asset, St Alyre annually exports a thousand tonnes of its wild mushrooms all over Europe



Wild deer, hares and rabbits abound and though less often seen, there are wild boar too, but we should point out that all game is protected, and hunting may only be done at specific times and with the relevant licence.

The village lies on the single track railway that in the summer months carries the scenic "Train of Discovery" which runs through the gorges of the Dore, and connects the towns of Ambert and La Chaise Dieu, site of the magnificent 13th Century Benedictine Abbey.

On a cloudless night, a short stroll away from the village lights, will present crystal clear heavens and millions of stars, offering one an opportunity to empty the mind of everyday concerns and focus on one's place in the scheme of things.

How do I get there?

TRAVELLING TO THE AUVERGNE



The peaceful village of St Alyre d'Arlanc is located in a sheltered valley, surrounded by forests, tiny hamlets and wildlife, in the heart of the Livradois-Forez natural park. The park occupies a large part of the Auvergne and extends beyond the regions of Puy de Dome and Haute Loire.

It lies almost exactly half-way between the cities of Clermont-Ferrand and St Etienne, approximately one and a half hours drive from either. The village is in the canton of Arlanc, (its nearest town) 11kms drive along the scenic winding gorges of the Dore valley. Other towns in the area are Ambert and La Chaise Dieu.

The nearest airport is St Etienne, connected to the UK by a daily 75 minute flight on Ryanair's budget service from Stansted. Economy flights are also available to Lyon from Stansted with EasyJet.

The cities of both Lyon and St Etienne are connected by TER fast railcar service to the town of Le Puy en Velay and St Etienne is also connected by coach service to the town of Craponne sur Arzon. If travelling via Paris, a 4hr 30 mins train service departs several times daily to the town of Issoire (on the Marseilles line). NB. LCO France can arrange transfers from any of these towns on request. Economical hire cars are available from all airports, towns and cities in the region.

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A working laboratory able to train 8-10 persons and 6 seat cybercafe offering satellite access to the web. GNU/Linux workstations demonstrate the suitability for Linux on the desktop in the workplace.

