

Risk Assessment – Market / Cave Visit

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The purpose of this risk assessment is to help identify hazards associated with this activity and to evaluate the risks to determine what measures should be taken to protect the health and safety of guests, Adventure Ardeche staff and members of the public.

Location(s):

Markets: Vallon-Pont-d’Arc (Thursday), Ruoms (Friday), Joyuese (Wednesday), Largentiere (Tuesday), Les Vans (Tuesday & Saturday), Lablachere (Sunday).

Caves:

Aven d’Orgnac. Orgnac Laven, 07150. Tel: 0033 (0) 465 386510

Caverne du Pont-d’Arc. Plateau du Razal, 07150, Vallon-Pont-d’Arc. Tel: 0033 (0) 475 943940

Description of Activity

Visiting local markets or tourist attractions gives guests the chance to sample some of the regions unique culture.

These activities also provide a bad weather alternative if it is too dangerous to undertake planned outdoor activities or if some less physical or rest time is needed.

Specific Identified Danger Areas include.

1. Largentiere. Bridge has low walls with big drop below. Guests not allowed to sit on bridge wall. AA Staff member to remain in this area to monitor this.

Hazard Assessment Checklist

Nature of Hazard	Severity H / M / L	Person(s) at risk	Risk Control
<p>Unfamiliar / Semi - Remote Area</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance / length of time required for outside medical assistance. • Getting lost / separated from group. • Bites / Stings (insects / snake / domestic pet). 	Low	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Staff to be First Aid qualified in case of accident. • Comprehensive First Aid Kit / Mobile phone to be carried by lead instructor. • AA Staff know what to do in case of accident requiring outside help. (See Adventure Ardeche Accident Protocol). • AA Staff to be aware of exact location in case outside help required. • AA Staff to carry Accident Protocol Info Card at all times. • AA Staff to be aware of any guests existing medical conditions / allergies and to act in accordance with these. • AA Staff to use all reasonable and practical ways to avoid spreading infection or contamination if administering first aid. • AA Staff to establish boundaries, a designated meeting spot and meeting time before people leave as well as what to do in case of getting lost. • Guests told to stay in small groups (minimum 3 people) at all times. • Company Vehicle / bus always at site in case

			<p>guest(s) needs to be evacuated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests to be given orange Adventure Ardeche identification wrist bands.
<p>Heat / Cold / Extreme Weather</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypothermia (cold / wet). • Hyperthermia (too hot). • Dehydration. • Sun burn / Sunstroke. • Lightening strike. • High Wind 	Low	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Instructor to check weather forecast in advance <u>and</u> on morning of activity. • Guests to be briefed in advance as to appropriate clothing / footwear for expected conditions. Remember it will be much cooler inside the cave. • Guest to be told to bring water bottle (1 per person) and sun protection. • AA Staff to have appropriate clothing / footwear. • Extra water to be provided by AA Staff and guests encouraged to regularly top up own bottles.
<p>General Public</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical / Verbal Abuse. • Abduction 	Low	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Staff to be aware of other people and provide a visible presence around the area. • AA Staff to carry out regular head counts throughout the day. • Guests told to stay with a minimum of 2 other person at all times. • AA Staff to attempt to de-escalate any potentially confrontational situation if safe to do so. • Lead instructor to be willing to finish activity early and remove all guests if any serious problems do arise.
<p>Dangerous Items / Substances</p> <p>Specific Dangers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighters / Lighter Fluid • Knives / Other weapons • Fireworks / Bangers • Tattoos / Piercings 	Low	Guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests told in advance what they are prohibited from buying. • AA Staff to circulate and create a visual presence and look out for guests buying banned items.