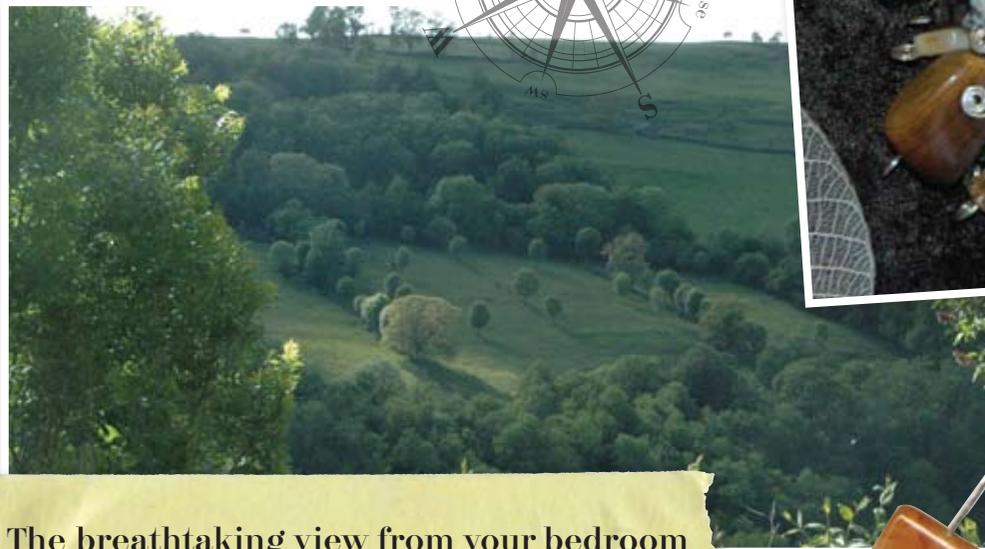
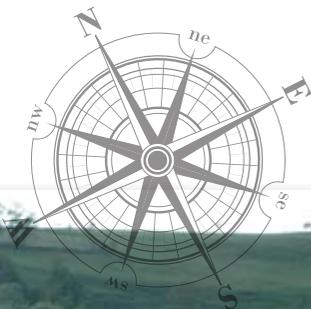


Creative travels



The breathtaking view from your bedroom



The beautiful attic bedroom

La Vidalerie

Experience the authentic taste of French rural life with all the modern comforts in an area of outstanding natural beauty

Karen Sarll moved to France four years ago looking for a special place to set up her jewellery making workshops. She fell in love with the beautiful, unspoilt Aveyron, in the Midi-Pyrenees of south-western France where she found La Vidalerie, a 300 year old corps de ferme (farmhouse and barn around an enclosed courtyard) cut into the side of a stunning tree lined valley.

Facilities

The farmhouse at La Vidalerie has been lovingly restored. It boasts massive walls made from basalt rocks, beautiful 'fish-scale' lauze roofs, oak beams and rough cast plaster. Perched at 750 metres, the attic bedroom looks across the breathtaking valley of Merdanson, a fast flowing stream carrying snowmelt from the high-plateau of the Aubrac down to the valley of the River Lot, offering fishing, water activities and riverside bars and terraces.

To the west lies the ancient cathedral town of Conques, and to the east the modern wonder of the Millau Bridge (the tallest in the world) and the lovely medieval town of la Couvetoirade. All of which can be visited on excursions.

Jewellery courses at La Vidalerie

La Vidalerie offer a variety of jewellery making workshops of varying length. They run all year

round and are suitable for beginners or those looking to expand their skills.

Workshops include: WEEK OF JEWELLERY MAKING

A fabulous week covering all the basics such as using tools, wire wrapping, making findings, stringing and crimping, making wire rings, bead weaving and Byzantine chain. You will take home more than 9 pieces of jewellery. (£400)

SHORTER WORKSHOPS 2 full Workshop Days & 3 Nights (£200) or 3 Days (includes 1 day sightseeing with transport) & 4 Nights (£275)

INTRODUCTION TO JEWELLERY MAKING

A shorter version of the week long course covering all the basics and a choice of projects.

TIARA & WEDDING JEWELLERY

Design and make at least two tiaras as well as a set of earrings, bracelet and necklace.

CHAIN MAILLE JEWELLERY

An introduction to European 4 in 1 weave, Byzantine chain and much more.

Prices include:

- Accommodation (own room)
- Tuition
- Project kits (additional materials available for purchase)
- Breakfasts & lunches
- Transfers from and to Rodez Airport

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HOW TO GET THERE

BY PLANE

Cheap flights are available via RyanAir and EasyJet

SUMMER from London Stansted and Dublin to Rodez via RyanAir

WINTER from London Stansted to Montpellier via RyanAir or London Gatwick to Toulouse via EasyJet (add £50 for transfers)

ACCOMMODATION

Guests have their own large, attic bedroom with double bed (a single bed can also be provided if guests would like to share with a friend), comfortable chair, desk or table and a TV/DVD player. Downstairs is a large living room/dining room with log fire and a country kitchen.

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