



International Certified Interpretive Guide Course

8-12 May 2017

Ferme sur le Parc, Venasque, Vaucluse, France

This 40-hour (5-day) Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) course is part of Interpret Europe's professional training course programme to help guides and heritage professionals from around Europe and the world to improve the quality of their performance with the public using heritage interpretation. Heritage interpretation is a highly valuable tool to engage with an audience and make heritage more meaningful to people through interaction and personal connections. It is also an extremely good asset for professional development and capacity building needs.

The venue for the course is a beautiful rural location in the South of France, on a hilltop farm, called "la Ferme sur le Parc" in Venasque. There is a wide array of natural and built heritage, from cherry orchards and vineyards to ancient dry stone huts, walls and terraces and plenty of woods and fields to explore. To the north, lies the mythical Mont Ventoux, which dominates the view all the way to Avignon. So, there's plenty to be inspired by!

You can find more information on the course venue [here](#).



The training uses a tried-and-tested learning methodology heavily weighted to practical exercises, conducted individually and in groups, that allow you to test out and hone your talents by progressively building on acquired skills and experience day by day. The course is endorsed by Interpret Europe and delivered by a certified trainer, Sandy Colvine.

You should ideally have previous guiding experience or contact with the public and be fluent in English.



The course fee is 375 euros (if VAT registered), or 450 euros (if not). This includes tuition, all course materials (handouts, etc.), lunches and refreshments.

Travel, accommodation and evening meals are not included but information and affordable options on these can be supplied upon request. Indeed, the farm itself has several self-catering holiday homes available to rent.

Please note that all participants must be IE members at the time of the course. If you are not already a member, you can take out a 12-month IE individual membership from as little as 30€. You'll find membership information [here](#).

To register, please complete the online application form [here](#).

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