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### A brief overview...

Europeans dolmens were erected between the end of the 5th and the 3rd millennium before Christ. Dolmens are megalithic stone built monuments. According to archaeologists they were designed as collective burial chambers.

These buildings usually consisted of one or more large flat horizontal capstones laid on upright stones. They were covered with earth or smaller stones to form a barrow.

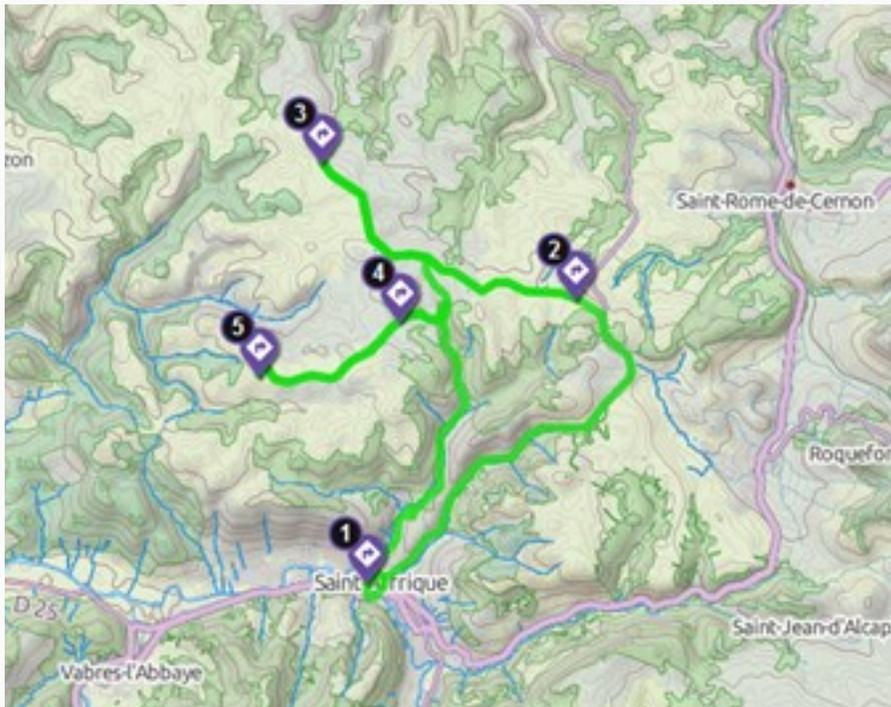


# DOLMEN DRIVING TOUR

A two hour drive will allow you to discover 4 dolmens among the numerous that are scattered in the surrounding countryside (35km)

Indulge yourself a sample of the great dolmens variety in southern-Aveyron !





Carry straight on towards Boussac. After 700 m, a signpost on your right in front of a «buisserie» (narrow passage wall in a series of box trees) indicates a dolmen 300 m farther. Park your vehicle and walk into the «buisserie» until a fork. Take the right branch (notice a cairn) that leads to a clearing where the dolmen is.



Retrace your way back to your car and extend the tour to discover [Saint-Martin de Boussac Chapel \(n° 5\)](#) dating from the 10th century and where you'll take advantage of an outstanding panoramic view.

First keep on going 3 kms towards Boussac. In a curve during your drive, notice a collapsed dolmen set in the middle of a field.

When arriving at Saint-Martin de Boussac, take the path left just after the first building (signboard indicating Chapel).

To return to Saint-Affrique, retrace your way back to Crassous, pass through the hamlet and fork on your right towards Saint-Affrique (D50).



To begin with, take the D993 that leads to Rodez, leave Tiergues on your left, keep going up the slope then turn left towards Les Costes Gozon. Follow your way 1 km, and then park your car in a lay-by. [The Dolmen de Tiergues \(n°2 on the map\)](#) is located less than a hundred yards away on the opposite side.



Keep going the same way until the Raspes du Tarn lay-by. Park on your right. [The Dolmen de Foncouverte \(n° 3\)](#) is located 15 m away, enclosed by a fence.



Turn your way back to the fork and head for Saint-Affrique. Follow this way for 1 km and then turn right towards Crassous/Domaine de Nougayrolles. [The dolmen de Crassous \(n° 4\)](#) is located 300 m after the hamlet, near the road on your left, you can't miss it!

## Useful Information

Main GPS coordinates:

• **Dolmen de TIERGUES**

43.997073,2924651 or +43°59'49.46", +2°55'28.74"

• **Dolmen de FONCOUVERTE**

44.017710,2.874815 or +44°1'3.76", +2°52'20.33"

• **Dolmen de CRASSOUS**

43.994769,2890174 or +43°59'41.17", +2°53'24.63"

• **Chapelle de BOUSSAC**

43.987075,2.862912 or +43°59'13.47", +2°51'46.48"

• Tour length : 35 km approximately

• Starting and arrival point : Foch car park next to the Tourist Office

• Length of the stages starting from Saint-Affrique:

• Dolmen de Tiergues: 7 km

• Dolmen de Foncouverte: 18 km

• Dolmen de Crassous: 22 km

• Chapelle de Boussac: 25 km