

Walks: video A

Serge Mercier likes nature. He loves to go walking.
Today he is going to take us round one of the most beautiful walks in the surroundings of Marseilles.

Nathalie: "So where are we going?"

Serge: "Today we are walking as far as the Grande Candelle, going via the Sugiton Pass."

Nathalie: "And how long do we have to walk in order to get to the Grande Candelle Pass?"

Serge: "From the car...we will have to walk for about an hour and a half."

Nathalie: "So, can I use the familiar way of speaking with you?"

Serge: "Well, I prefer that. Yes it's better. Yes...yes, as we are in the great outdoors."

Nathalie: "Let's go?"

Serge: "Yes, let's go!"

"We'll get to the Sugiton pass in five minutes. We'll continue to our left, and we'll set off for the famous GR98.

It will then take us another quarter of an hour to get to it and then we'll start going up."

Serge: "Right. What we're following here, this route here. It's a route, it's a GR. So when you have the red mark and the white mark it means it's a long-distance footpath."

Nathalie: "So GR means..."

Serge: "Long-distance footpath."

Nathalie: "OK."

Serge: "Yes, it's the GR98."

Nathalie: "It's the GR98 that we're going to take?"

Serge: "We're going to take a part of it, yes."

Nathalie: "OK."

Serge: "Afterwards we'll take the balcony path, which will take us up to the Grande Candelle, the destination of our walk today."

Nathalie: "Is it a difficult path?"

Serge: "It is a little steep. And you have to be careful where you step."

Nathalie: "OK, but is the view spectacular up there?"

Serge: "You've got to go up there to see it! Yes, yes it is very beautiful, it's very very beautiful!"

Nathalie: "It's worth the effort?"

Serge: "Yes, it will be very very beautiful!"

Nathalie: "I should trust you?"

Serge: "Come on, come on and you'll see!"

Nathalie: " Go on then, let's go for it!"

Nathalie: "Why are we stopping? To look at the landscape?"

Serge: "To look at the sea, to look at the birds if they pass by. To smell the herbs, to... er, to look at the stones, to make the most of it."

Serge: "And here we are!"

Nathalie: "We've arrived?"

Serge: "This is the Candelle Pass!"

Nathalie: "What's our attitude roughly?"

Serge: "420 metres, 430 metres."

Serge: "So you've left your car behind, you were in a city with 800 000 people and now you're here...the sea, the rocks...this... this place is, in a word, spectacular!"