

Contest Rules

Article 1 - Presentation of the competition

The Route du Célé association is organizing a free photo contest open to all on the theme "The Célé Valley between rock and stones".

This year, heritage and natural architectural figures are in the spotlight. For the 4th edition of its photo competition and exhibition, the La Route du Célé association invited all participants to once again express their emotions, imaginations, and passions through their works.

Article 2 - Theme of the photo contest

Theme of the competition: The Célé Valley between rock and stones.

The photos must illustrate the Célé valley and its surrounding Causses. Photos taken outside the valley will not be accepted.

Article 3 - Conditions of participation

Participation is open to all (amateur or professional from 12 years old) and free.

Each participant can compete with 1 to 3 photos that he will send in digital format according to the conditions indicated in article 4 and article 5.

By participating in the contest, the author declares to have read and accepted the conditions imposed in the present rules and to be the author of each photograph transmitted.

Photos must:

- Represent and be carried out in the Célé valley and surrounding Causses and correspond to the theme.
- Have been taken by the person competing
- Have been taken with respect for wildlife and people (see item 10)
- Not be retouched or include any editing outside of the classic optimization of exposure, contrast, white balance, and sharpness and without exaggeration from the original photo. Crops are accepted. In case of doubt, original photos may be requested.

The jury reserves the right to refuse the participation of the candidate who does not respect these conditions.

Article 4 - Compulsory mentions of participation

To be validated, each entry must include the following information:

- Author's first and last name
- Address Author's phone number and email address
- The title of your choice illustrating the photograph
- Place and date of shooting
- The validation of the conditions of participation concerning the knowledge of the rules of the competition and the acceptance of the conditions which are present there.

Article 5 - Technical conditions for sending photographs

Sending photos is done digitally on the page :

<https://concours.larouteducele.fr>

To participate, all you have to do is fill out the participation form and submit 1 to 3 photos of your choice in the correct format. The format of the accepted files is only the Jpeg format. The photos must be without borders or inscriptions, be in a 3:2 ratio with a resizing of 3000 pixels for the largest side (eg: 3000x2000 pixels). We recommend a resolution around 300dpi for optimal quality.

When uploading to the website, the total size of the photos must not exceed 9MB. You may be asked to send your high-resolution images between September 1, 2025 and October 1, 2025 if one or more of your photographs are selected to allow them to be printed for exhibition.

For any request for technical information, you can contact the contest organizers via this email: concoursphoto@larouteducele.fr

Article 6 - Deadline for participation

The deadline for sending files is Sunday, August 31, 2025 at midnight. The date and time of receipt of the files are taken as proof.

Article 7 - Competition prize

A prize will be awarded to the 3 best photographs selected by the jury. A public prize will also be awarded to a fourth winner. Public votes will take place at the opening of the exhibition. Only one photo per candidate may be awarded.

The prize values will be:

- 1st prize: Bike rental at [Tous en Selle](#) in Figeac
One day for 2 people
Value €80
- 2nd prize: Canoe rental at [Kalapca](#) in Bouziès
One day for 2 people
Value €80
- 3rd prize: [Astrolabe Figeac](#)
2 places for a show.
Value €30
- Audience Award: Gourmet basket from the Célé valley
Value €20

Article 8 - Announcement of the competition winners

Each participant is invited to come to the exhibition and the awards ceremony when it opens in the fall.

The winners will be announced during this event as well as, the next day, on the website of the association La Route du Célé and on its facebook page. Successful candidates will be notified confidentially. To be eligible, an entrant must not disclose details of the selected or winning photos to any third party.

Article 9 - Jury and selection criteria

The selection committee will determine the shortlisted photos that will be printed and exhibited at the exhibition and put to a public vote at that event to determine the Public Prize. The first 3 winners of the competition will be chosen by the jury from this first selection. The selection of photographs will be made according to the following criteria: correspondence to the theme, quality of the image, artistic research, message transmitted, representation of the Célé valley...

Article 10 - Ethics

Animal and plant: Participants agree to respect the wild species photographed and the conditions of access to protected natural areas and private properties. They must take care not to damage a sensitive environment for the purposes of participation in the competition. In the case of the presence of wild animals, they undertake not to disturb the species in their natural environment. In the case of sensitive animal or plant species or subject to a special protection status, the author also undertakes not to harm or destroy these species.

People: In the case of human presence in the photograph, the author undertakes to have the authorizations to take pictures of the people present in the image. The jury reserves the right to reject any photo with a degrading character for people. In the case of photography of private spaces, the author undertakes to have the authorizations of the owners of the spaces concerned.

In case of doubt on these ethical criteria, the jury reserves the right not to accept the candidate's participation.

Article 11 - Publications and uses of photographs

The participation of a candidate in this competition implies the authorization by the authors of the printing, the exhibition and the publication of their works within the framework of the competition and its exhibition (website, social networks and local postings by the association and its partners), and in particular the publication of the results of the competition, the promotion of the event and of these future editions.

By participating, the candidates also allow the association La Route du Célé, free of charge, to use the prints provided in the context of exhibitions on the Célé valley of which it is the author, and the use of digital images. as an illustration of the Célé valley on the association's website.

Article 12 - Data Protection Act

The information provided by participants may be used in the context of future photo competitions of the association. In all cases, it is recalled that, in accordance with the Data Protection Act of January 6, 1978, amended by Law No. 2004-801 of August 6, 2004 relating to the protection of individuals with regard to data processing of a personal nature, and decree n° 2005 – 1309 of October 20, 2005, the participants benefit from the contest organizer of a right of access, interrogation, opposition, rectification and deletion for the data concerning them, on simple request. Requests should be sent to the following address: concoursphoto@larouteducele.fr

Article 13 - Complaints

Participation in this competition implies the full agreement of the participants to these rules without the possibility of complaint concerning the results, and the return of their photo. The competition organizer could not be held responsible if subsequently to a case of force majeure or any cause beyond its control, changes of dates occur or if the competition is modified or canceled, or in the event of partial loss or total numeric data. Nor can it be held liable for delays or losses of shipments, due to postal or other services, or for their destruction by any other fortuitous event.

Contest organizer & contact:

The competition organizer is the association:

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