

Full Geneva Way



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This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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LIZ F.



Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.

I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.

Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.

LARA K.



Wonderful all round experience

Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!

RANDY R.



Follow the Camino Frances

The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.

GRETA O.




Follow the Camino with an eighty year old

Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.

ITINERARY

 Stage 1 of 3

 342.4km

 19 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€3112

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

14.3 min | **21.4km** average | **36.1** max

Ascent:

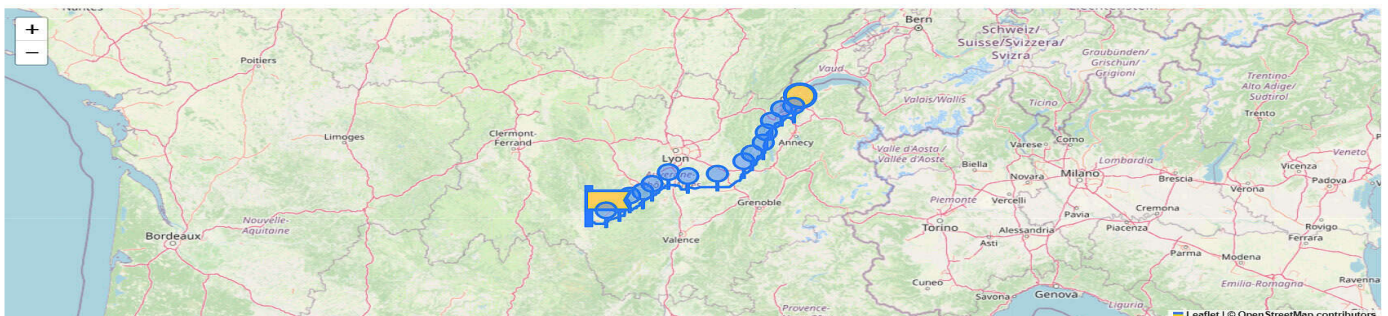
116 min | **600.4m** average | **1050** max

Cardio:

2 2.7 4

One of the newer, more beautiful routes to the beginning of the Camino de Santiago is the Geneva Way or Via Gebennensis. It connects Geneva in Switzerland with Le Puy-en-Velay. On this route, hikers and pilgrims will experience rural France in all its beauty. Enjoy a reasonably easy walk through rolling green countryside beside crop fields and among grazing cows. While you are walking, soak in the diverse French culture and fully immerse yourself in gastronomic traditions that go back hundreds of years.

Map



Services

Included in this package

- ☑ Bed & Breakfast
- ☑ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ☑ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ☑ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ☑ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day
1
km

GENEVE

Bienvenue à Genève! Sitting on the western shore of Lake Lemman, Geneva is home to the UN, Cathédrale Saint-Pierre, and the world's tallest fountain Jet d'Eau. Take time to explore the traditional old town, wander through the many museums and art galleries and indulge in some fondue or fish freshly caught from the lake.

Day
2
20.5 km

GENEVE -> COL DU MONT SION - SAINT BLAISE

Starting out, you will walk through the suburbs of Geneva before hitting the countryside and crossing the border from Switzerland into France. Continue through the Rhone-Alpes region and into the village of Beaumont before reaching your stop for the night at the sleepy village of Col du Mont Sion.

Day
3
19.2 km

COL DU MONT SION - SAINT BLAISE -> CHAUMONT

The walk today will be over the gently rolling countryside typical of the Rhone-Alpes region. Weaving past lush green fields and densely packed forests, the walk today is pleasant before a gentle ascent up to the picturesque hilltop village of Chaumont for a night's rest.

Day
4
21.6 km

CHAUMONT -> MOTZ

Today you will continue towards the Rhone River. You will be walking over rolling green hills interspersed with quaint Alpine villages such as Desingy. Just beyond this placid section of the trail is Rhone Seyssel. Take a break in this bustling town before your last stretch of the day to Motz.

Day
5
14.3 km

MOTZ -> CHANAZ

At this stage the Rhone is now a wide river that flows beside you along crop fields and the occasional forest track. Arriving into the small village of Chanaz, you are now in the Savoie Department. This lively little village is nicknamed Little Venice for its waterways. You can soak up the relaxed atmosphere and perhaps enjoy an evening meal on the water's edge.

Day
6

17.2 km

CHANAZ -> YENNE

Another pleasant day of your walking holiday awaits you along the left of the Rhone River. There are some mild climbs from the river to rolling farmland and small forested patches. Today you will start to see vineyards on the surrounding fields, as well as passing through some small villages. You will walk back down to the Rhone again as you come into Yenne.

Day
7

24 km

YENNE -> SAINT GENIX SUR GUIERS

Today you will leave the valley as you climb up the forested Mont Tournier. The majority of today will be on this ridge, along forest paths. You will know you are getting close to your destination for the night when you start to gently wind down through mountain villages to St Genix sur Guiers. Delve into locally produced wines and cheese and celebrate finishing this section of the Geneva Way pilgrimage.

Day
8

18.5 km

SAINT GENIX SUR GUIERS -> SAINT ONDRAS

Starting out from St Genix Sur Guiers you will cross the Le Guiers and then follow the river for a while. You are now in the Department Isere having left the Department Savoie behind in St Genix Sur Guiers. Before you finish walking for the day, you will pass through the small town of Les Abrets. This area was given to the 'Poor Knights of Christ' back in the early 12th Century, who became better known as the hugely powerful order of the Knights Templars.

Day
9

36.1 km

SAINT ONDRAS -> COTE SAINT ANDRE

Leaving Saint Ondras, you will follow a rural route through the French countryside. Your destination for the night, Cote Saint Andre, was the home of famed French Romantic composer and conductor. You can learn about him in the compact Musée Hector-Berlioz.

Day
11

34.5 km

COTE SAINT ANDRE -> BELLEGARDE POUSSIEU

Although long, your walk today will be pleasant, passing by several small lakes. This section is relatively flat but there are a few shallow climbs that help keep the walk interesting. Before reaching Bellegarde Poussieu you will pass by the former parish church of Bellegarde and a protected natural area full of local fauna and flora.

Day
12

23.9 km

BELLEGARDE POUSSIEU -> CHAVANAY

Today is the day that you will cross the Rhone River into the Loire Department of the Rhone-Alpes region. As you approach the river, you will notice that the landscape becomes more built up. Crossing the Rhone, ahead lies your stop for the night and the final night of this section - Chavanay. Reward yourself for making it this far with a glass of one of the local wines of the region.

Day
13

26 km

CHAVANAY -> BOURG ARGENTAL

Today is a beautiful walk that will introduce you to the mountain ranges of Pilat. The day will take you through the vineyards of the region before you start your gentle ascent up the mountains. You will pass the Croix de Sainte-Blandine before descending to the village of St Julien Molin Molette. Climbing out of this village you will cross the Col du Banchet before descending to Bourg Argental. Be sure to visit the Saint André Church here.

Day
14

16.7 km

BOURG ARGENTAL -> LES SETOUX - CLAVAS

The walk today is shorter but heads gently uphill. Initially leaving Bourg Argental you will follow a disused railway track. Climbing steadily past fields and through woodlands, some steeper climbs will come as you approach your stopover for the day at Les Setoux, a quiet little village filled with old stone houses.

Day
15

15.8 km

LES SETOUX - CLAVAS -> MONTFAUCON EN VELAY

A welcome reprieve from the path ascended yesterday, this undulating stage is much easier. Walking over fields, on forest paths, and down quiet country roads, you will amble your way to Montfaucon en Velay. This quiet, picturesque village makes for a pleasant place to stop for the night. Take the opportunity to visit the Notre-Dame Church where there are 12 famous paintings by Abel Grimmer representing the life of Christ.

Day
16

18.1 km

MONTFAUCON EN VELAY -> SAINT JEURES

Another pleasant day of walking waits along the rolling hills of Velay. Arriving at Tence, you will cross the Le Lignon brook on an old stone bridge. Then, slowly ascend to St Jeures, passing the graveyard before arriving into the town. Here you can sample the famous 'Red Pearls of the Monts du Velay' (red berries) as well as other local gastronomic delights.

Day
17

17.2 km

SAINT JEURES -> SAINT JULIEN CHAPTEUIL

Today's route is more populated with small towns and villages than other sections of the Geneva Way. The walk to Araules is typical of the last few days, but after this you have a climb up to Raffe across fields and woodlands. The reward for this ascent is a panoramic view of the volcanic-shaped landscape before you. Your final stop for today is St Julien Chapteuil. Here, be sure to visit the church of Saint Julien which will provide you with an elevated view over the surrounding countryside.

Day
18

18.6 km

SAINT JULIEN CHAPTEUIL -> LE PUY EN VELAY

Today is your final day on the Geneva Way. With some gentle ups and downs, the walk today is predominantly descends into Le Puy en Velay via country tracks. Traverse woodlands and quiet country roads before coming into a more built-up area at Brives-Charensac. The rest of your route to Le Puy will be more built up. To complete your trip, be sure to make your way up to the cathedral atop a volcanic hill. Take time to wander around this historical and picturesque town, and sample the local gastronomy.

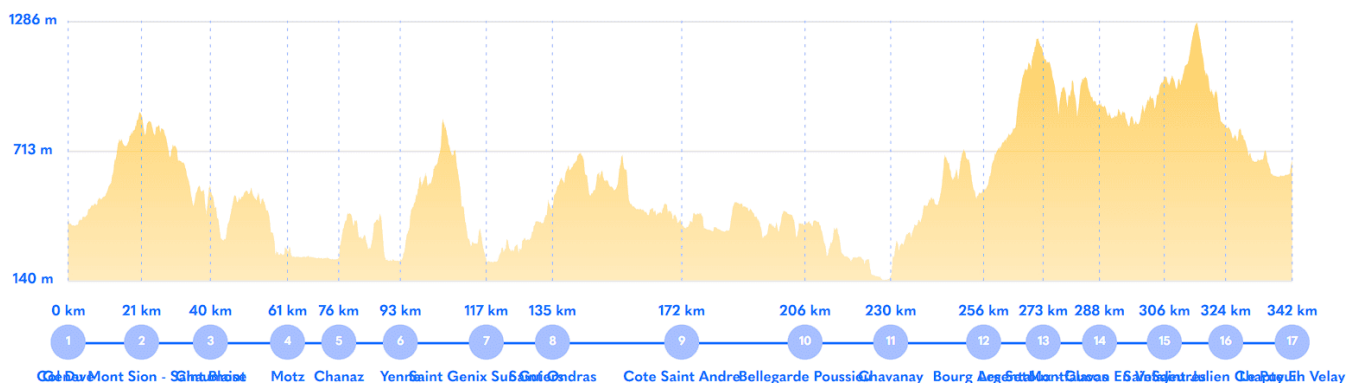
Day
19

km

LE PUY EN VELAY

Au Revoir! Congratulations on having completed the Geneva Way! Le Puy en Velay has always been an important sanctuary city as it is home to the mysterious Black Virgin, which has drawn pilgrims from all over Europe since the Middle Ages. But the appeal of Le Puy en Velay goes beyond historical and cultural – the city is also worth a visit for its picturesque location.

Elevation Chart



NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

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