

Via Francigena- From Bar-sur-Aube to Besançon



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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 6 of 16

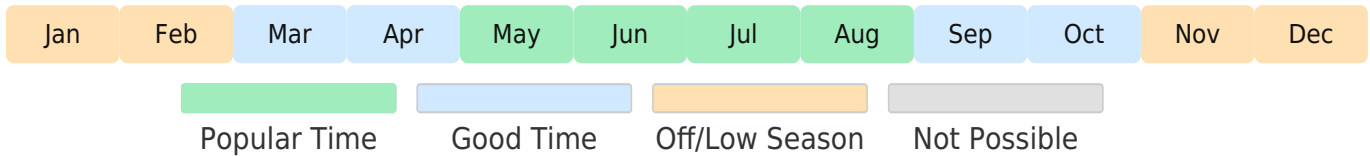
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 12 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€1509



Overall

Distance:

15 min | 22.1km average | 33.4 max

Ascent:

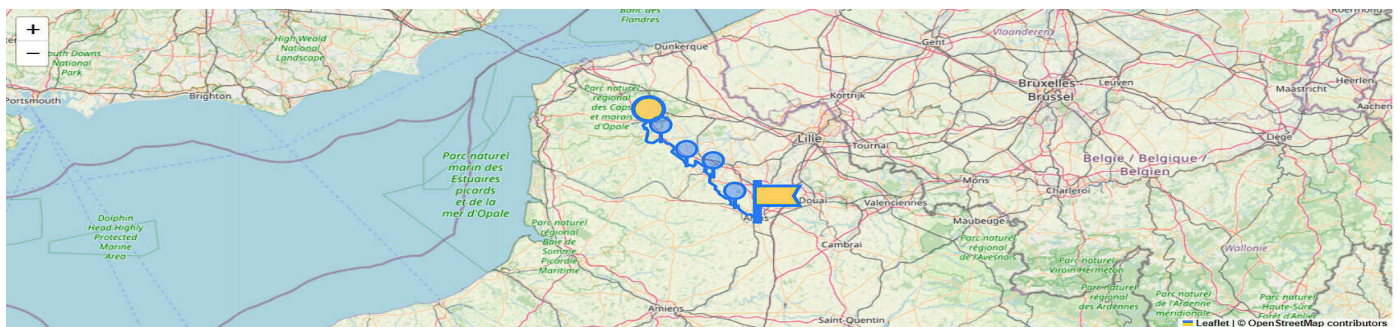
146.7 min | 298m average | 447.6 max

Cardio:

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As you move closer to the border of Switzerland, this sixth section of the Via Francigena highlights the architectural heritage of this part of the country. Early in the tour, there is a chance to visit the Clairvaux Abbey, where Victor Hugo was inspired to write his most famous piece of literature, the novel Les Misérables.

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

BAR-SUR-AUBE

Arrive into Bar sur Aube. This old picturesque mediaeval town is perfect for strolling through and admiring the architectural and historical buildings before you start your hike.

Day
2
15.2 km

BAR-SUR-AUBE -> CLAIRVAUX

Leaving Bar sur Aube, you will cross the Aube River before arriving into the first village of today, Fontain. From here, you will continue along the gently sloping hillside covered in rows of grapevines before winding your way down into the next village, Baroville. Climbing up a small ridge out of this village through more vineyards, you will then descend across more fields before arriving into the village of Clairvaux. Here, there is a former abbey that was founded by Bernard, but now is a high-security prison but you can still visit. It is this abbey and the prison that was notorious for its treatment of prisoners during the time of Napoleon that influenced Victor Hugo to pen a short story in 1834 that then went on to influence his most famous piece of work, Les Misérables.

Day
3
25.6 km

CLAIRVAUX -> CHATEAUVILLAIN

Today's walk is not much longer than yesterday's. Leaving behind the small village made famous by Victor Hugo, you could be forgiven for feeling you are part of a novel as your destination for today does sound as if it was named by a James Bond villain – Châteauvillain! Today, when you reach the village of Maranville, you will have passed over into the Department of the Haute Marne and as you pass through one village to the next it will not be long before you see your final destination on the horizon. Châteauvillain is a quiet town nestled in a bend of the River Aujon and is a maze of alleys and parapets for you to explore. Châteauvillain has more than 100 deer roaming freely in the Parc aux Daims.

Day
4
23.2 km

CHATEAUVILLAIN -> MORMANT

From Châteauvillain you will go through the Parc aux Daims, unless it is closed for breeding season (typically in late October/early November). After, you will reach the village of Maison Forestière then continue to follow a forest track for your stop for this evening, Mormant. Today is not particularly long but there is nowhere to stop for snacks so we would advise that you bring a picnic and take advantage of walking through the park to find a spot to enjoy some lunch and break.

Day
5
29.7 km

MORMANT -> LANGRES

Walking today will be over rolling hills of crop fields, through small quiet villages, and by woodland. Just before reaching Langres, you will cross the

La Bonnelle River and wind your way up a shady road to be greeted with a view of Langres and your stopover for the night. Langres is a fortified town that has some breathtaking views from its walls. If all the walking today has got your appetite going, then be sure to also try some of the Langres cheese produced here, which (not surprisingly) goes well with Champagne!

Day

6

25.7 km

LANGRES -> CHALINDREY

The walk today is relatively short. Leaving the town of Langres behind, you will walk through large crop fields before entering a wooded stretch. Coming out the other side you will meander your way down to the village of Balesmes-sur-Marne. Traversing through more rolling green hills, you will arrive down into Chalindrey, where you will stay for the night and can relax and enjoy some freshly prepared French cuisine in one of the local restaurants.

Day

7

26.5 km

CHALINDREY -> CHAMPLITTE

Leaving Chalindrey today, you will also be leaving behind the Champagne region of France and entering the Franche-Comté region. This region is known for its dome-shaped church towers. Walking down out of Chalindrey, you will cross over a forested hill down into Grenant. Winding around a forested hillside you will emerge into arable land and follow the road up to your destination, Champlitte. This small town had a rich history and beautiful architecture. After wandering around you can treat yourself to one of the local wines.

Day

8

17.2 km

CHAMPLITTE -> DAMPIERRE SUR SALON

From Champlitte, you will make your way across the countryside, through lush fields and small sleepy French villages. Crossing the La Salon River, you will then be re-crossing it to arrive at your destination for today, Dampierre sur Salon. Wander around this typical French country town and relax as you will have a long day walking tomorrow.

Day

9

33.4 km

DAMPIERRE SUR SALON -> GY

You'll see more bountiful fields full of produce today before crossing the River Saône then following this until you reach a forest. Coming out the far side of the forest, you will wind your way down into the village of Sainte-Reine before coming to the large village of La Chapelle Saint-Quillan. This is a lovely spot for a picnic. Pop into the church, which has a 16th Century statue of the Irish Quillan, for a quick visit. Continue down a road flanked on either side by forest before emerging out onto a flat plain of crop fields that welcome you to Gy.

Day

10

15 km

GY -> CUSSEY L'OGNON

Today's shorter walk takes you to Cussey-sur-l'Ognon. Get your camera set up for memorable pictures of the dappled light of forest pathways guiding your way before returning to the open fields and arriving at Cussey-sur-l'Ognon. Nestled in a bend of the Ognon River, this peaceful French village offers an opportunity to relax and enjoy another delicious traditional French meal.

Day

11

18.3 km

CUSSEY L'OGNON -> BESANCON

Take a country track through fields and past a forest to Geneuille, the first village today. Here you can take a morning break and grab a coffee and pastry. Continuing on, you will cross the railway line and climb a forested ridge before coming down into Ecole Valentin. Soon you will reach your final destination for this section, Besançon. This large town is built around a horseshoe bend of the Doubs River and has many historic sights to visit.

Day

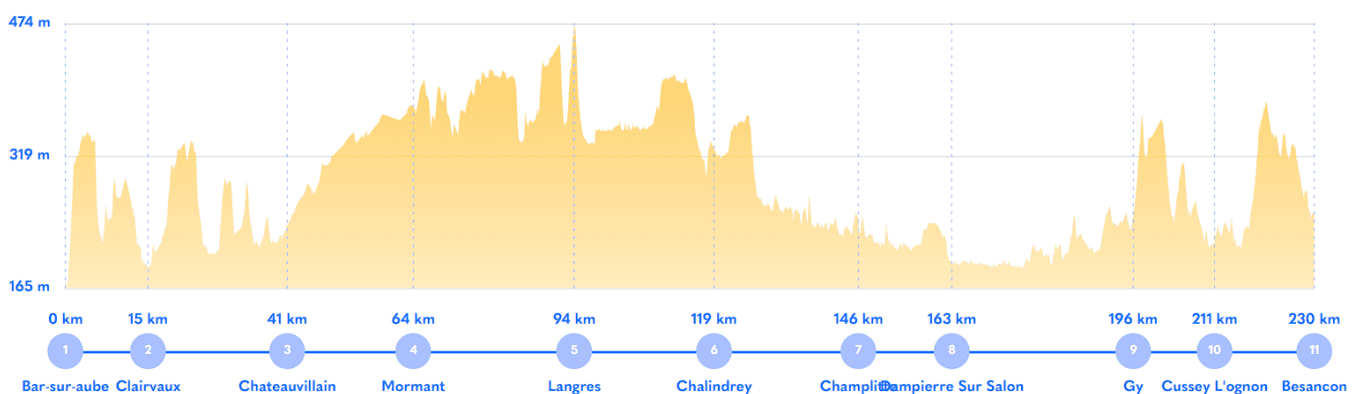
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km

BESANCON

After breakfast we bid you farewell. The most popular tourist attraction here is the 17th Century military citadel designed by the famed French engineer Vauban, which is also a World Heritage site. You can also visit the St Jean's Cathedral, learn about local history in one of the museums, or even take a scenic boat trip on the Doubs River.

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:

Your Camino planner is here to help make your journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible!

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Don't hesitate to contact us at info@followthecamino.com to request your **personalized itinerary**. We can add rest days or split days to suit your pace, as well as include special day tours or unique activities to **enhance your Camino experience**. Let us help you create the perfect journey tailored to your needs!

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