

Via Francigena from Piacenza to Aulla



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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 11 of 16

 174.4km

 9 days

 Comfort

 Moderate

Starting from
€927



Overall

Distance:

11.2 min | 24.9km average | 34.6 max

Ascent:

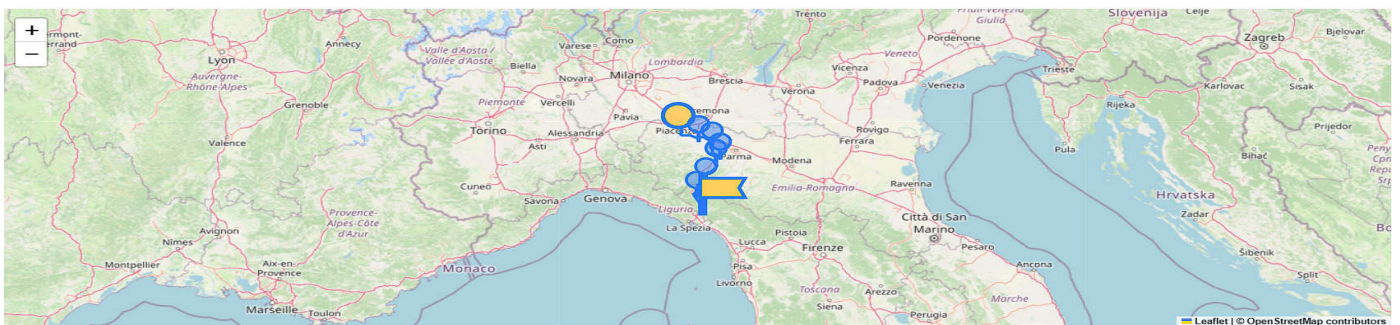
109.6 min | 572.7m average | 1568.8 max

Cardio:

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For those seeking a more challenging trek through the Italian countryside than other walks, this stretch of the Via Francigena is the perfect fit. While enjoying the rolling hills, scenic woods, and weathered roads, you will be exposed to a rich cultural history that defines the north of Italy distinctly as well as delicious local cuisine and wines.

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

PIACENZA

Piacenza is a beautiful and charming town. Before setting off for Fiorenzuola tomorrow, visit the fantastic Palazzo Comunale (Gotico) if possible. Piacenza is also famous for its salted pork products, so it's well worth trying their pancetta, coppa, and salami dishes!

Day
2
34.6 km

PIACENZA -> FIORENZUOLA D'ARDA

Your first day of walking is a bit challenging as it is long, but it's mostly quite flat with some gentle uphill walks. Along the walk, you will pass by a memorial for a young man shot dead in 1944 by the Nazis during World War II, which is very moving. This is a good spot to pause and reflect on your journey so far. Entering Fiorenzuola, you can take a much-deserved rest (and a big glass of wine!). The Collegiata de San Fiorenzo is a fantastic tourist attraction, built in the 14th Century, should you feel like doing some sightseeing in the town.

Day
3
22.1 km

FIORENZUOLA D'ARDA -> FIDENZA

Today's walk is shorter than yesterday's, and you go through the beautiful countryside by fields and woods. There is some hillwalking too, but it's quite easy to negotiate, before reaching Fidenza. While in the town, try to see the magnificent Duomo di San Donnino from the 12th Century and Palazzo Comunale. Also, remember to treat yourself to some local pizza or fritti before heading off for Medesano tomorrow.

Day
4
22.5 km

FIDENZA -> MEDESANO

Heading for Medesano, you will have a choice of two routes: taking the main road and walking by a lovely church (Strada Costa Pavese), with some uphill walking and viewing the impressive Castello di Costamezzano, or heading towards the Castello di Costamezzano directly on tracks and then tarmac roads. Afterwards, you have an easy walk by nice fields and woods leading into Medesano. Now in the town, you can relax and have a small glass of beer or wine. Once you've rested, and if you have the time, try to visit the fantastic Chiesa di San Pantaleone from the 13th Century.

Day
5
11.2 km

MEDESANO -> FORNOVO DI TARO

Your walk today is a lot shorter than the previous days and is very easy. On the walk, you will pass by the striking Taro Valley. Although the valley is partially dried up, it is situated in the stunning Italian countryside, planted between woods, with mountains and hills seen in the distance. It is a sight to behold. Reaching Forno di Taro, you can visit the lovely Romanesque Duomo di Santa Maria Assunta, and have some pizza and a glass of wine.

Day
6

31.3 km

FORNOVO DI TARO -> BERCETO

The route for Berceto is long and is challenging, with a walk through a dried up river providing part of a tough journey. However, it is very much doable, and the sense of achievement you'll feel upon completion will be second to none. Your walk also consists of stony tracks through lovely woods while passing by beautiful churches such as the Church of San Stefano in Terenzo. You will also have choices of routes to take to get to Berceto. Each route is different - one being more flat and the other hillier. Once you've reached Berceto, rest and eat some fritti or carbonara. Should you decide to do some sightseeing, the Church of San Moderanno, containing relics and treasury of San Remigio and San Broccardo, is definitely one to see.

Day
7

27.9 km

BERCETO -> PONTREMOLI

Walking to Pontremoli is a bit tough today. There are gravel lanes, tarmac lanes, and hills to navigate; however, you can most certainly get through it. You will have different routes to choose from along the way to get to Pontremoli. The choice will depend on the weather and if you prefer a scenic route to a more straight-forward one. Your next route to choose from depends on a preference for a direct route with tough surfaces (such as: Cobbles, or loose stones), or a longer but easier walk gently downhill. You will eventually reach Molinello where you can stop for a drink and some food. Continuing on, you have a relatively easy walk into Pontremoli. Here, you can take some time to rest and recuperate. If you like, you can visit the wonderful Church of San Nicolo and the Duomo di Santa Maria Assunta. Also, try the local cuisine of the town - 'Amor' - a small cake with a creamy filling between wafers.

Day
8

24.7 km

PONTREMOLI -> AULLA

Your last day of walking is not too difficult. There are lovely churches along the way (such as: Church of San Giorgio in Filattiera) to brighten up the route. Arriving in Aulla, take a look around the town and visit the impressive Fortezza Della Brunella. Remember to also treat yourself to some wine and pizza. After that journey, you deserve it!

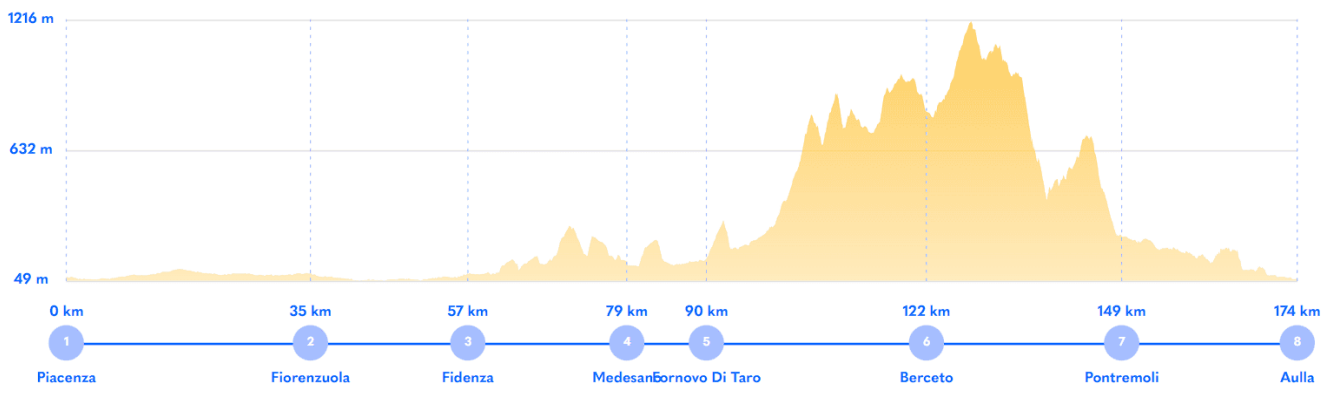
Day
9

km

AULLA

After breakfast we bid you farewell. If you didn't get the chance already, the Abbey of San Caprasio is another popular tourist attraction in Aulla, and is one of the city's oldest and most important buildings.

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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