

# Via Francigena from Reims to Bar-sur-Aube



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# YOUR CAMINO JOURNEY STARTS HERE

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 5 of 16

 166km

 8 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from  
**€1496**

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

**18.9 min** | **27.7km** average | **60** max

Ascent:

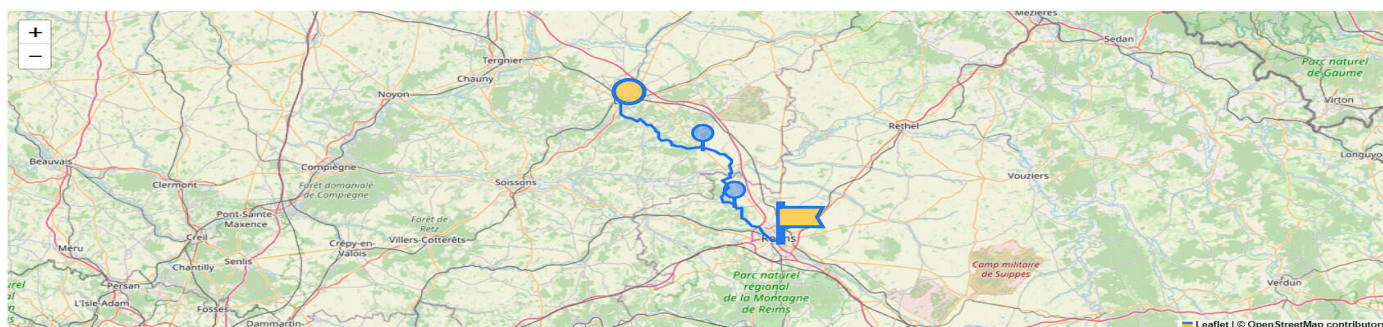
**80.9 min** | **207.6m** average | **437.1** max

Cardio:

**1 2.8 5**

The fifth section of Via Francigena features the Cathedral in Reims, the Canals of Chalons, and the Napoleon Museum in Brienne le Chateau. On this walk, you will take in the regional history and folklore of your surroundings, especially the rich Napoleonic history, alongside the fresh and delicious French cuisine of the countryside.

## 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

## REIMS

In the morning visit the Cathedral Notre Dame de Reims which has more than 2,300 statues and is the only cathedral to have statues of angels with open wings. There are plenty of other historic buildings to visit too, and you can also sample some of the Champagne that this region is famous for or even tour a vineyard.

Day  
2  
25.7 km

## REIMS -> TREPAIL

Heading out of Reims you will first pass a marker telling you that it is 2,400km to Santiago! Following the path, you will reach Saint-Léonard then continue on to Sillery. After this village, you will be walking through vineyards with row after row of grapevines nearly as far as the eye can see. Reaching Verzerney, you can stop for a break and bite to eat. Continue on your way to your stop for the night, the charming village of Trépail. Here in Trépail, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Champagne making process at Pre en Bulles.

Day  
3  
31.3 km

## TREPAIL -> CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE

Today's walk will not have many opportunities to purchase snacks, so pack a picnic for the day ahead. Hikers will pass through the village of Ambonnay to Condé-sur-Marne where you will then follow the towpath along the Canal Latéral à la Marne all the way to Chalons en Champagne. Here, give your feet a break and enjoy a relaxing boat trip around the canals that run through the historic city while admiring the half-timbered houses in the town centre.

Day  
4  
0 km

## CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE -> CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE

Leaving Chalons en Champagne you will head for the village of Compertrix. Here you will pass the Chapelle Saint-Gibrien which is dedicated to the Irish Saint Gibrien de Coolus who died in 590 AD. Gaze across the countryside between crop fields for broad sweeping views. Keep an eye out for some modern windmills as you arrive into the farming village of Coole, your stop for the night.

Day  
5  
60 km

## CHALONS EN CHAMPAGNE -> CHAVANGES

Before you leave, try to visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Notre-Dame-en-Vaux Church. Today will see you walk a direct route through the Champagne region countryside. The track today is very flat and plain, with fields stretching in all directions.

Day  
6

18.9 km

### CHAVANGES -> BRIENNE LE CHATEAU

Today's walk is reasonably short, continuing through terrain similar to the day prior. You will pass two wetland areas, known as the Napoleon and Le Renarde lakes, which are well-known local fishing points. Your stop for the night is the town of Brienne Le Chateau.

Day  
7

30.1 km

### BRIENNE LE CHATEAU -> BAR-SUR-AUBE

Crossing the river to leave Brienne le Chateau behind, you will initially follow a grassy path through woodlands to reach the village of Dienville. Here you can take the opportunity for an early break and morning coffee. Winding your way closer to your stop for the night, you will cross the Aube River and arrive into Bar sur Aube. This old mediaeval town was famous in the Middle Ages for its Champagne Fairs that brought merchants together from all over Europe. Now it has many listed historical buildings that make it a pleasant town to ramble around.

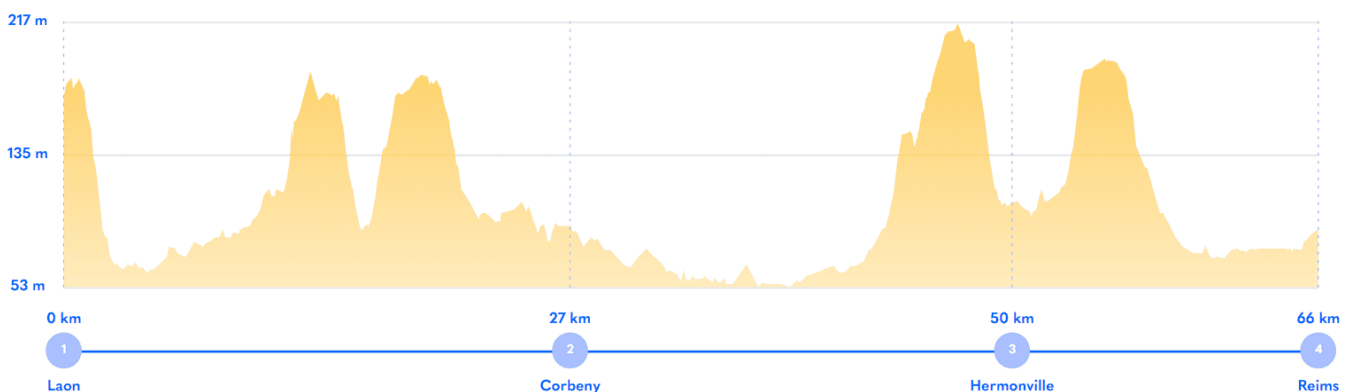
Day  
8

km

### BAR-SUR-AUBE

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. The commune of Bar Sur Aube contains more than 200 buildings registered as of historical interest, including the Covered Market and Marcasselles Mill. Take your time exploring this beautiful French town and experiencing life as local.

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

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At Follow the Camino, we are not just a tour operator; we are **passionate Camino enthusiasts** who have been guiding pilgrims **since 2007**. As the first tour operator in Ireland to coordinate walks on the Camino de Santiago, we offer unrivaled expertise in designing **life-changing adventures**.

Don't hesitate to contact us at [info@followthecamino.com](mailto: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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