

The Ossau Valley

LEV
3 58 - GR®78 Voie du piémont

De Bruges à Buzy

This section of the GR®78 follows the Piedmont route to Santiago de Compostela.

It passes through places that bear witness to the passage of pilgrims: in Mifaget, a beautiful Romanesque church with a remarkable crypt and in Sainte-Colome, the church of Saint-Sylvestre and old houses.

The route winds its way along the hillsides like a balcony over the Pyrenees.



D 719317 E - 4778423 N Take Rue des Écoles (south) and continue onto Route (road) de Capbis. After a bend in the road, turn right onto a dirt track. At a farm, turn left towards Mifaget.

0h45 **1** 718187 E - 4777032 N Opposite the church, take the road (towards Lys). After Maison la Foeste, go straight ahead along Chemin du Seignou. At the second left-hand bend, turn right (at a small ford). You will come to a road which you take for 30 m and continue on Chemin 63. At the farm "Foura", go along on the right (close the gate) and go down to the wash house.

1h30 **2** 715434 E - 4776470 N Go past the chicane and climb upwards into the woods. At the second chicane, turn left and join the access road to the farm "Barbé". Follow the tarmac straight on until you reach the D 232 and continue straight on for 1.9 km. After a bend to the left, turn right onto the Chemin de Richette. At the two T-junctions, turn left.

The path ends at Sainte-Colome. Turn right, then right again on rue de l'Espiciou to reach the church.

2h55 **3** 711268 E - 4775429 N At the fork in the road, turn left down the Chemin de Coungues. Leave the GR®108 on your left and continue straight on, along a sunken path which leads to Meyracq. Just after the last house in the village, go up the path in the undergrowth, climb up some steps and go down towards Sévignacq.

3h20 **4** 710620 E - 4776646 N Cross over at the intersection and go up to the right by the Chemin du Hoignas. At the farm "La Saucerre", turn left and then right on a sunken track that climbs upwards.

At the fork in the road (wooden gate on the left), go straight on for 20 m and turn left. The path leads to a meadow. Cross over and head for the border opposite. Climb towards the left to the top and take a path that turns right to descend to Bescat.

4h00 **5** 709273 E - 4778053 N. Go up to the right along a balcony-like path and immediately after the church, turn left onto the Chemin de Pouey. Walk past the cemetery and a picnic area and continue straight ahead on a gravel road. Go three quarters of a hairpin left and turn right into an old track. Follow it to the bridge over the railway and cross over. Go up towards the crossroads with the D 920. Cross the car park to the right and the adjoining picnic area. Pass the dolmen and go back down to the D 920 (be careful! Walk behind the safety rail).

After the fork in the road to the right, cross the D 920 under a medium-voltage line and go straight ahead into the Chemin de Teberne. Stay on the stone-lined path that turns left and climbs into the woods. At the intersection, turn right. At the next fork in the road, turn left to an intersection (bench in the middle). Turn right towards the Houn de Camy fountain (palombieres). Pass under the power line and after 150 m turn left. Continue straight on to Buzy and, at the entrance to the village, turn left to reach the Place du Prat (picnic area).

5h15 **6** 706356 E - 4778476 N.



D Bruges, Place Gaston Fébus, in the centre of the village

GPS WGS 84 UTM 30T
719317 N - 4778423 E

5h15

20,5 km

700 m

White and red markers

★ Don't miss:

- Bruges: the bastide, the church with a 16th-century bell tower and gothic door.
- Mifaget: the church of Saint Michael and its crypt.
- Sainte-Colome: Gothic church (with a very beautiful door) and lovely old houses.
- Bescat: old houses. Near the cemetery, a geological information board reads "You are here on the moraine of the former glacier".
- Buzy: Saint-Saturnin church which houses the tombstone of Jean de la Salle.

The bastide of Bruges



Bruges was founded in 1357 by Bertrand de Pujols, lieutenant of Gaston Fébus, with economic intentions: cultivation allowed the viscount to increase his income.

The bastide is also on the Way of St. James, the Pyrenean Piedmont route.

The bastide is arranged around the central square. Each side is bordered by eight house lots of equal size. Each of the four corners of the square opens onto two perpendicular streets.

In the square, the houses were rebuilt in the 18th/19th centuries and covered with slate.

The town hall in the centre of the square was built in the late 19th century with halls on the ground floor.



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Choose your hike

For each route, you will find technical and practical information to help you choose your hike

Levels of difficulty

The hikes are classified by order of difficulty defined by a colour code following the recommendations of the French Hiking Federation:

- NIV 1** Very easy, less than 2 hours walking. Ideal for families, on well-marked tracks.
- NIV 2** Easy, less than 3 hours walking. Suitable for families, on tracks with sometimes more difficult passages.
- NIV 3** Difficult, less than 4 hours walking. For hikers used to walking, with some quite intense sections or steep slopes.
- NIV 4** Very difficult, more than 4 hours of walking. For experienced and fit hikers. The itinerary can be long and technical (strong elevation gain, tricky passages).

GPS 30T 7107030 - 4776694N

GPS coordinates

D Start



Walking time, given in hours. This estimated time takes into account the length of the hike, the elevation gain and the possible difficulties.



Elevation gain, expressed in metres. For each circuit, the value corresponds to the cumulative elevation gain.



Distance, the value expressed in kilometres corresponds to the total length of the route.

Markers

Direction	Local routes and PR®	GRP®	GR®
Right way			
Turn left			
Turn right			
Wrong way			



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Recommendations

Before you leave

Check your equipment, the difficulty of the circuit and the weather conditions
If you are going alone, communicate your itinerary to friends and family
See the map of controlled fires

In the mountains / pastoral areas

Follow the marked paths and close gates after passing through
Respect nature and bring waste back
If accompanied by a dog, make sure that it is allowed on the chosen route and keep it on a lead
During the hunting season, avoid hunting areas or turn back
Go around herds and do not approach farm dogs (do not feed them or pet them)

National Park

The heart of the National Park is a natural territory and is open to all, but is subject to a code of conduct. Dogs are not allowed, even on a lead. No fires, no mountain bikes, no wild camping, only bivouacs are allowed - a small tent can be set up for the night from 7 pm and taken down in the morning before 9 am. It must be set up more than an hour's walk from any motorised access.

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