

GR® 78 Voie de Piémont

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FROM BUZY TO OLORON-SAINTE-MARIE



The Voie de Piémont continues along the foothills of the Pyrenees, besides the Gave d'Ossaue valley which it follows, meets and crosses before reaching Oloron-Sainte-Marie, the site of the junction with the GR® 653 "la voie d'Arles". It is a natural leg that crosses through woods, forests and prairies and runs along the stream. It is punctuated with villages that will charm you thanks to their typical appearance and their historic dimension.

Getting to the departure point:

From Pau, follow signs to Oloron-Sainte-Marie via Gan (N134) and, after passing through "Bel-air" (lovely panorama), turn left toward Buzy via the D34 (23 km). From Oloron-Sainte-Marie, follow signs to Pau (N134) and, in Herrère, turn right onto the D920 until Buzy (14 km). Coaches managed by the Pyrénées-Atlantiques Departmental Council run to Buzy. For information, call 05 59 40 36 60 or visit www.transports.cg64.fr.

For your return: Coaches managed by the Departmental Council (Citram) run from Oloron-Sainte-Marie (Oloron-Sainte-Marie – Buzy line). For information, call 05 59 40 36 60 or visit www.transports.cg64.fr. There is also an SNCF station. For information, call 3635.

D (706496 4778396). Take Rue Larribau. Pass by the left of the washhouse and continue straight ahead. Pass by the stream and take a sunken lane across the way. Follow this lane until Buziet. After the washhouse, turn left onto Rue de Mesplé then go left until you come to Place Nolivos **1** (705120 4778972). Cross the square, pass by the stream and turn right onto Chemin Sus in Castet which you will take straight ahead until Ogeu-les-Bains. At the junction with Rue de Loureau, veer left to reach the picnic area **2** (702722 4779855). Exit the picnic area via the southwest (washhouse) and walk up Chemin des Quatre Chênes. At the next junction, continue straight ahead. At the fork (picnic area, barbecue), turn right onto the gravel path and keep going for 2.2 km. At the T junction, fork left until you come to the Bordes farm (Rue des Pyrénées plaque) **3** (700604 4780810). Turn left after this farm. At the fork, stay on the same path that runs down to the left. When you exit the wood, cross a first prairie, following the tractor tracks (west southwest). When entering the second prairie, veer left and, after 30 m, at the fork, turn right onto the uphill tractor trail (west southwest). Keep on straight ahead and when you come to the last large isolated oak tree, bear right which will take you to the prairie edge and a yellow-marked PR® trail that you will take to the left

0h25

1h05

1h50

3h20

3h55

4h40

(southwest). Cross through a new prairie (west then southwest), enter the wood and continue along the path (south southwest) for 100 meters. At the first junction (elevation 304), veer right (west). The path runs down to Gave d'Ossaue then follows it for 2 km, until it reaches a culvert on a tributary of the stream. Immediately after this, bear left onto a small trail in the undergrowth that runs up toward a dirt path. Follow this path to the left (northwest) on the edge of a field. At the far end of this field (the corner the closest to the stream), go into the undergrowth on a trail that follows the bank. At the Malet mill (in ruins), veer left until you come to Pont du Diable, which crosses the stream **4** (697300 4782330). Cross to the left bank and take a path that ends at the D 338 (2.4 km, junction with the GR® 653) **5** (695490 4783127). Bear right. At the junction, continue straight ahead on the road that becomes Rue d'Aspe and leads to Place Saint-Pierre. Across the way, take Rue Centulle, which turns left and leads to the Sainte-Croix church. Walk down toward the terraces along the plane trees and take the stairs on your left that run down Rue Labarraque. Take this street on your right until the bridge on the stream, cross it, and across the way, walk back up Rue de Revol, until you reach the Sainte-Marie cathedral **6** (693714 4784410).

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D Buzy, place du Prat
(706496 4778396).
The Camping Municipal des Chênes campsite is located 1 km south of this square

4h40 **18,7 km** **228 m**

Mapping: IGN 1/25,000 no. 1546ET and 1546OT
GPS (WGS84 - UTM-30T)
Download the GPS track at www.rando64.fr

Marking:
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Don't miss:

- **Buziet:** close to the church, memorial paying homage to the Spanish republican guerrillas massacred by the Nazis in 1944.
- **Ogeu-les-Bains:** 17th-century castle, church (door and altarpiece from the 18th century).
- **Oloron-Sainte-Marie:** Sainte-Croix church (sculpted capitals, domes), Sainte-Marie cathedral, UNESCO world heritage site (sculpted portal).



OLORON-SAINTE-MARIE

Geography and history are in the limelight as you discover the development of Oloron-Sainte-Marie. Firstly the geography, with a remarkable location at the confluence of two streams - the Ossau and Aspe streams - which, when they come together, take on the name of Gave d'Oloron, and a

strategic location on a hill 70 m above the confluence, so that crossings to Somport may be monitored. And history secondly, thanks to which we can discover vestiges dating from the iron age, then traces of the town of Iluro (future Oloron) in administrative

documents from the Late Empire and numerous vestiges from the Roman era. Oloron warrants a visit of its old neighbourhoods and bridges on the Gave d'Aspe, the Sainte-Marie cathedral with its portal and its sculpture friezes showing the elders of the apocalypse playing the vièle.



For additional information, contact:
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CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIKE FOR YOU

The elevation indicated on the sheets represents the total distance climbed. Stops are not included in hiking times.

Hikes are classified by difficulty and distinguished by colours on each route's practical sheet. We adhere to the recommendations of the French Federation of Hiking.

Very easy: less than 2 hours of walking. Ideal for families, on well marked-off paths.

Easy: less than 3 hours of walking. Suitable for families. On paths, occasionally with more.

Medium: less than 4 hours of walking. For hikers who are used to walking. With occasional challenging sections or slopes.

Difficult: more than 4 hours of walking. For experienced and athletic hikers. The itinerary is long and/or difficult (slopes, difficult sections).

Duration of the hike: The duration of each route is indicated for information only. It is calculated based on the length of the hike, slopes and possible difficulties.



Trail sign

Marking

Follow the markers to stay on the right path

Trail markers	Sentiers de Pays and PR®	GRP®	GR®	Mountain biking	Horseback riding
Right direction					
Turn left					
Turn right					
Wrong direction					

Your opinion of our trails

The utmost attention has been paid to our various itineraries. We are interested in your impressions and observations concerning the state of our trails so we may keep them in good condition. To send us your comments, please contact CRDP 64: 05.59.14.18.80.

Or download an "Ecoville" observation sheet at: www.rando64.fr

Useful recommendations

Weather 08 92 68 02 64
European emergency number 112

When discovering Béarn and Basque Country trails, you are asked to adopt behaviour that respects nature and the men and women who work to bring this territory to life.

There are a few rules that you need to follow.

Preserve nature

Bring a bag for your trash
Respect the fauna and flora
Stay on the marked trails

Protect yourself

Do not leave without the necessary materials
Do not hike alone
Do not drink stream water
Check the weather forecasts in advance

Respect activities and humans

Remember to close fences
Fires are prohibited
Respect the private properties that line our itineraries

Please note!

The Basque and Béarn mountains are pastoral areas. If possible, do not bring your dog along. In all cases, keep it on a leash. Thanks!

Hiking labels

PR® labelled itineraries

With this label, the French Federation of Hiking certifies a certain number of hiking routes based on quality criteria. It makes its selection according to pleasure, technical, tourist and environmental criteria (For more info, visit www.ffrandonnee.fr)

Horseback riding



This logo guarantees an itinerary that has been labelled by the Departmental Committee of Equestrian Tourism based on specific specifications.

(For more info, visit www.cheval64.org)

Mountain biking:



wide and easy trail,
elevation less than 300 m.



fairly easy trail,
elevation less than 300 m.



technical trail,
elevation less than 800 m.



very difficult trail,
elevation from 300 to 800 m.

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