

GR® 78 Voie de Piémont

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FROM BRUGES TO BUZY



This section of the GR® 78 takes the Voie de Piémont toward Santiago de Compostela, and crosses sites that attest to the passing of pilgrims, such as Mifaget, where the hospital no longer exists, but which features a lovely Romanesque church with a remarkable crypt, and Sainte-Colome, which has a church and old houses that you won't want to miss. The trail winds along hillsides like a balcony overlooking the Pyrenees.

Getting to the departure point:

From Pau, follow signs to Lourdes via Lestelle-Bétharram (D938 and 937). After Igon, turn right onto the D35 until Bruges (32 km) and then Saint-Pé-de-Bigorre (33 km). From Lourdes, follow signs to Pau via Lestelle-Bétharram (D937). After Lestelle-Bétharram, turn left toward Bruges via the D35 (26 km). Scheduled coaches managed by the Pyrénées-Atlantiques Departmental Council run to Bruges. For information, call 05 59 40 36 60 or visit www.transports.cg64.fr.

For your return: Scheduled coaches managed by the Pyrénées-Atlantiques Departmental Council run from Buzy. For information, call 05 59 40 36 60 or visit www.transports.cg64.fr.

D (719317 4778423). Take Rue des Écoles (south) and continue on the road to Capbis. After a bend, when walking downhill, veer to the right onto a dirt path. When you reach a farm, turn left until you get to Mifaget **1** (718187 4777032). Take the road across from the church (heading to Lys). After Maison la Foeste, walk straight ahead onto Chemin du Seignou. In the 2nd bend on the left, veer right (small ford). You will come to a road across the way that you take for 30 m and continue on Chemin 63. Walk alongside the right of the Foura farm (close the gate) and walk downhill toward the washhouse **2** (715434 4776470). Pass in front of the zigzag and climb into the wood across the way. At the second zigzag, turn left where you will meet with the road that enters the Barbé farm. Follow the asphalt road straight ahead until you reach the D 232 and continue on the other side for 1.9 km. After a left-hand turn, take Chemin de Richette on your right. At the two T junctions, veer to the left. The path ends in Sainte-Colome. Go right, then right again on Rue de l'Espéciou which will take you to the church **3** (711268 4775429). Dejar a la izquierda el camino de Ossau y salir de Sainte Colome por la D232 (área de pic-nic) que se sigue durante 1,4 km hasta Sévignacq-Meyracq **4** (710620 4776646). Leave Voie d'Ossau on your left and exit Sainte-Colome via the D 232 (picnic area), which you will take for 1.4 km until you reach Sévignacq-Meyracq. Cross the junction (be careful!) and walk up Chemin

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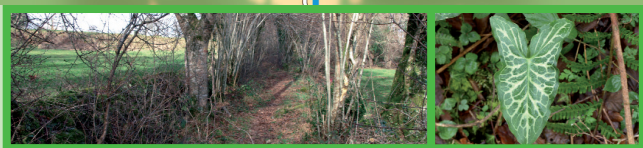
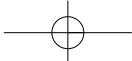
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du Hoignas on the right. At the La Saucerre farm, turn left and then right on an uphill sunken lane. At the fork (wooden fence on your left), continue ahead for 20 m and turn left. The trail leads to a prairie. Cross the prairie and walk toward the edge across the way. Walk up to the summit on your left and take a path that turns right and runs downward to Bescat **5** (709273 4778053). On the right, walk uphill on a perched-up trail and immediately after the church, turn left onto Chemin de Pouey. Walk along the cemetery and then a picnic area and continue straight ahead onto a gravel road. Cover three-fourths of a hairpin curve on the left and turn right onto an old path. Take this path until you reach the bridge on the railway that you will need to cross. Walk back up to the junction with the D920. Cross the car park to your right and the adjoining picnic area. Walk to a dolmen and then back down to the D920 (careful! Walk behind the safety rail). After the fork to the right, cross the D920 under a medium-voltage line and enter Chemin de Teberne across the way. Stay on the stone-lined path that turns left and runs up into the woods. At the junction, turn right. At the next fork, walk uphill until you reach a junction (there is a bench in the middle). Turn right toward the Houn de Camy fountain (ringdove-hunting site). Walk under the high-voltage line and after 150 m, turn left. Continue straight ahead until you get to Buzy and, at the village's entrance, turn left until you reach Place du Prat (picnic area). **6** (706356 4778476).



D Bruges, place Gaston Phoebus (*bastide*), in the village centre (719317 4778423).

5h15 20,5 km 700 m

Mapping: GN, 1/25,000 no. 1546ET

GPS (WGS84 - UTM-30T)
Download the GPS track at www.rando64.fr

Marking:
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Don't miss:

- **Bruges:** the bastide (large square with archways), the church and its 16th-century bell tower and its gothic portal, the old bridges on the Landistou.
- **Mifaget:** the Saint-Michel church and its crypt.
- **Sainte-Colome:** gothic church (impressive portal) and lovely old residences.
- **Bescat:** old houses. Close to the cemetery, a geological explanatory sign reading "You are on the moraine deposited by the former glacier".
- **Buzy:** Saint Saturnin church, which houses the recumbent statue of Jean de la Salle.



THE BRUGES BASTIDE

Bruges was founded in 1357 by Bertrand de Pujols, Gaston Febus' lieutenant, for economic purposes: cultivation of the land to enable the viscount to increase his revenues. The bastide is on a road to Santiago de Compostela: the so-called Foothills of the Pyrenees road. The bastide is organized around the central square. Each side is lined with eight

lots for houses with equal dimensions. Each of the four corners of the square opens onto two perpendicular streets. The houses on the square were rebuilt in the 18th and 19th centuries and covered with slate. The town hall in the middle of the square was built in the late 19th century with a covered market on the ground floor.

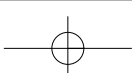
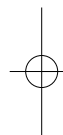
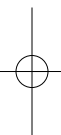


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CHOOSING THE RIGHT HIKE FOR YOU

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					

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Useful recommendations

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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!

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fairly easy trail,
elevation less than 300 m.



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very difficult trail,
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