

GR® 78 Voie de Piémont

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FROM L'HÔPITAL-SAINT-BLAISE TO MAULÉON


The GR® 78 “Voie de Piémont” enters Basque Country, crossing through prairies and forests that are fairly uneven and occasionally sloping. It is a fairly short but rather intense leg, which leads to Mauléon, the capital of Soule, dominated by a medieval fortified castle. Lower down, on the edge of the Le Saison river, the Berrautte chapel testifies to the existence of a Saint James hospital that no longer exists.

Getting to the departure point:

From Oloron-Sainte-Marie, take the D 936 toward Navarrenx or Sauveterre-de-Béarn and after 12 km, turn left onto the D25 toward Mauléon-Licharre. L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise is 5 km away. There is a car park behind the church. From Oloron-Sainte-Marie, take the D 936 toward Navarrenx or Sauveterre-de-Béarn and after 12 km, turn left onto the D 25 toward Mauléon-Licharre. L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise is 5 km away. There is a car park behind the church.

For your return: For a list of taxis, call the Oloron Foothills Tourist Office: 05 59 39 98 00.

- D** (681033 4791131). Head toward the former mill (follow the sign). **2h10** to a small road **3** (677707 4787114). Walk down this small road on your right for 2,000 m until you reach the D 24. Turn right onto the D 24 and continue for 900 m **4** (676025 4787592). Veer left toward Narbuna. Take this small road for 6 km. Pass in front of Ordoquy, Chaho and Mukur. In Aigaburu (Hegabu), take the road on your left. **5** (674682 4786718). Go past the Kalostra loop, walk to the trap and continue downhill to Mauléon-Licharre. Pass by the bridge and turn right onto Rue des Déportés. At the fronton, turn left, walk back up the food market and continue toward the castle. Take a one-way street (Rue du Fort) and at the bottom, on your right, cross by the bridge on the Le Saison river (toward Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port) **6** (671377 4787400).
- 0h45** (llama farm) **1** (680268 4789668). Continue straight ahead on the dirt road. After 100 m, at the Y-shaped junction, keep going forward (southwest). 200 m further, at the fork, take the downhill sunken lane on your right. Pass through several fences (close them behind you) until you reach an abandoned farm building. Once you have reached the farm, walk uphill on a trail to your left (south southeast). Walk to the road, turn right and 150 m later, cross over the asphalt and continue ahead on the uphill path. At the **1h30** Chaharemborda farm, turn left onto the uphill path **2** (678896 4787791). Keep going across the way on a small road and, at the junction, go right onto the road that runs downward to a junction. Continue ahead then go right onto the slightly upward sloping gravel trail. When you exit the wood, in a leftward bend, leave the trail and enter (close the pedestrian fence behind you) a sunken lane across the way on your right. The path runs downhill toward the southwest then the south. At the fork, take the left-hand road. The sunken downhill lane runs generally toward the south and leads



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D L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise

(681033 4791131),
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4 h 45



17,5 km



745 m

Mapping: IGN 1/25,000 no. 1445E

GPS (WGS84 - UTM-30T)

Download the GPS track at www.rando64.fr

Marking:

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Don't miss:

- **L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise:** Hispano-Moorish style church (portal sculptures, dome on the crossing, windows adorned with stone screens).
- Panoramas of the Pyrenees.
- **Mauléon:** fortified castle that overlooks the village, the Andurain de Maytie castle (Renaissance), Place des Allées.

L'HÔPITAL-SAINT-BLAISE

In L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise, the hospital (shelter) itself, which used to house pilgrims, no longer exists, but there is still a small magnificent church that is inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Its style is described as Hispano-Moorish. Its Eastern-inspired design resembles a Greek cross and the centre of the church is topped with a ribbed dome and an octagonal campanile. Several windows are adorned with stone screens. The portal features sculpted patterns of shells, interlacing and stylized birds. L'Hôpital-Saint-Blaise currently offers audio-guided visits of its church and carries on its tradition of welcoming pilgrims by providing them with a home. And just for hikers, the Departmental Council recently build a footbridge that crosses the river next to the church's car park.



For additional information, contact:
Office de tourisme de Soule
Tel.: 05 59 28 02 37
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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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