

GR® 78 Voie de Piémont

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DIFFICULT

FROM SAINT-JUST-IBARRE
TO SAINT-JEAN-PIED-DE-PORT



This final leg of the GR® 78 "Voie du Piémont" leads hikers and pilgrims to the GR® 65 to cross the last section that separates them from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, via Saint-Jean-Le-Vieux. This leg is set in the middle of nature, and first takes a small quiet road. It then climbs up the mountain that overlooks the Gamia pass. From this point, when the weather is nice, hikers are guaranteed to enjoy a panoramic view of the Pyrenees, which seem within arm's reach.

Getting to the departure point:

From Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, follow signs to Orthez (D 933) until Larceveau (16 km). Turn right via the D 918 (toward Mauléon). Saint-Just is 6 km away.

For your return: For a list of taxis, call the Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port tourist office at 05 59 37 03 57.

D (657804 4784050). From the centre of Saint-Just, cross the Bidouze and, after 120 m, turn right onto a gravel path. At the junction, keep on straight ahead and cross the bridge. At the T-shaped junction, veer left and, at the stop sign, go right. After the bakery, veer left and straight away, at the fork, go left. At the T-shaped junction, veer left. At the makilas workshop (Etchebestia), go left and, at the Dendainia house, continue straight ahead. Pass by the bridge until you get to the D 120

0h55 ① (654819 4784670). Go left. The itinerary continues on for 4.2 km on this secondary road toward the Gamia pass

1h25 ② (653774 4783178). At the junction, go straight ahead, toward the Gamia pass. Go past signs to Gamarthe on your right. In a right-hand bend, just before a medium-voltage power line that crosses the road, bear right and walk uphill toward a small

2h10 wood ③ (652639 4782046). After the wood, cross the first path, continue uphill straight ahead for 100 m then turn left (southwest) until you reach a metal fence. Veer right (north-northeast), walking along this fence. At the corner of the fence, keep on walking forward to walk around the hillock on the right. When you reach another fence, walk along it until

2h40 you get to a small road ④ (651963 4782299). Walk left

down the road for 400 m and take an uphill path on your right, along a fence (west northwest). The trail runs down into a small valley, crosses a path and continues on the same level. It leads to an uphill trail where you turn right. Continue along until you reach a winding mountain bike trail. Turn left downward on this trail. Once you have reached the bottom, turn right (northwest) onto a path that reaches the GR® 65

3h40 ⑤ (648503 4782033). The itinerary now follows the GR® 65. On the left, take the road that runs down to Bussunarits. After the junction (calvary), walk along the Apat castle, cross the bridge and at the fork (Larraldéa), go northwest, toward Saint-Jean-le-Vieux ⑥ (646818 4780763). Cross the junction and Place du Fronton, then take a small road on your left. Continue for 1 km and at the junction, turn left. At the next junction, veer left. When you get to the D 933, go right for 100 m, then turn left onto a road lined with plane trees for 150 m. Turn right toward the La Madeleine neighbourhood. After the fronton, cross the Laurhibar and walk up the road to cross the D 401. Junction with the GR® 10. Follow this to enter Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port ⑦ (643309 4780345).

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D Saint-Just-Ibarre
(657804 4784050).

5h35 20,6 km 611 m

IGN 1/25,000 no. 1346ET and 1346OT

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

Marking:

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Don't miss:

- Col de Gamia: view of the Pyrenees.
- Saint-Jean-le-Vieux: Saint-Pierre church (Romanesque portal from the 12th century).
- la Madeleine: Sainte-Marie-Magdeleine church.
- Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port: the old port, Notre-Dame church, Rue d'Espagne, Vauban's citadel.



SAINT-JEAN-PIED-DE-PORT: THE LEG BEFORE THE MOUNTAIN

Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port (Donibane Garazi in Basque) is the place where pilgrims coming from Tours, Vézelay, Le Puy and Arles gather together before tackling the mountain. The town is bursting with memories of Saint James. Visitors can discover Porte Saint-Jacques, Vauban's fortification, Rue de la Citadelle, lined with old houses featuring colombages, "Bishop prison", Notre-Dame du Bout du Pont, Pilgrims' hospital next to the old bridge that crosses the Nive and numerous other ancient monuments.



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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