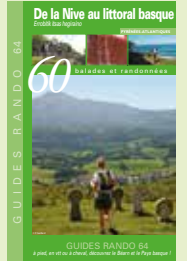


From the Nive to the Basque Coast

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AVERAGE *THE PILGRIMAGE ROUTE TO COMPOSTELLA - Voie du Bastan*

DE BASSUSSARRY
A AÏNHOA

This is an alternative route to Compostella, long used by pilgrims and increasingly popular today. The section presented here begins at Bassussarry and continues until the Spanish border. It uses the most suitable roads and paths for walking and minimises the use of roads with passing traffic which nevertheless remain the majority.



On the path

Getting to the departure point :

The Voie du Bastan (Bastan Way) passes through Bayonne and follows the banks of the river Nive in a southerly direction. The start of this section is given here from Bassussarry on Chemin de Jantot, on the banks of the Nive. Be aware there are few places to park your vehicle along the towpath.

D 623368 - 4811076 Follow the towpath until its end and walk to the centre of Ustaritz by road. Continue along the main street, past the St.Vincent church. At the town hall turn right into Rue Ferrondoia ① 625217 - 4805951. Continue right on Rue du Lavoir which leads to the RD 932 road. Cross on the pedestrian crossing and turn left into Rue Eliza Hegui. After 80 metres there is an old oak tree. Turn right here into Côte de Dorrea then immediately after the cemetery, turn left to the RD 88 road by Rue Saint-Michel. Turn left onto the RD 88 and follow this for 220m before taking a track on the right which joins the RD 250 road. Turn left onto this and carefully follow the road to the roundabout. Go left here, taking the Etxehasia path through a block of houses. After 1 km turn left immediately after the clay-pigeon shooting, onto a track with access blocked by a barrier which you should cross ② 623609 - 4803999. The track leads down to the valley floor, as far as a stream which you should cross at the bridge. Continue left, across moorland and meadows, climbing upwards as far as the ridge road (RD 88) ③ 624112 - 4802343. Cross this and continue opposite on a wide track leading slightly higher before beginning a long descent to the Espelette and Souraïde Valleys, with beautiful panoramic views.

2h25

3h25

4h20

5h10

Before reaching the RD 918, a small road on the left ④ 624715 - 4799368 takes you in 20 minutes to the village of Espelette, which has a council-run gîte nearby the church.

Once you arrive at the RD 918, turn right and follow this road for 300 metres, before turning left into a small road leading to the entrance of Souraïde ⑤ 623911 - 4799506 where the St. Jacques church is worth a visit (400 metres from the road).

5h30

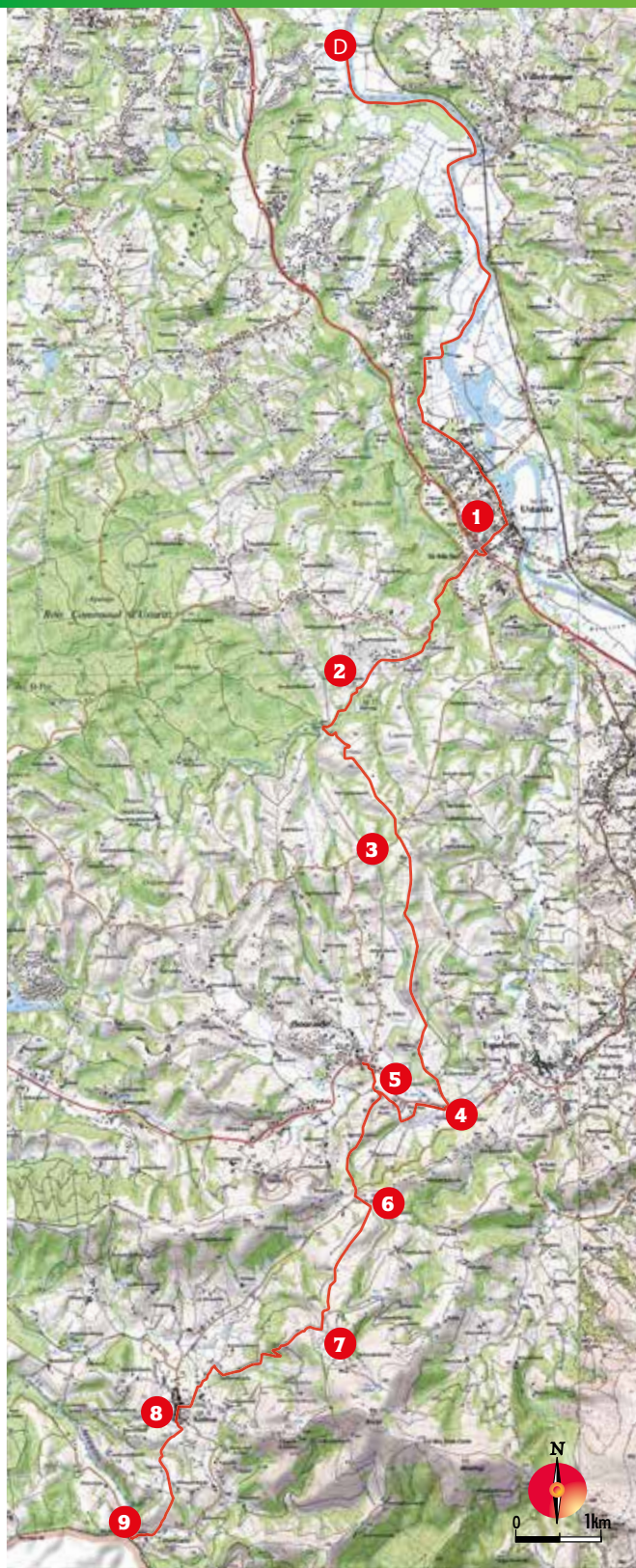
6h25

The route continues upwards on the Aprendixenia path, to the Col de Pinodieta. At the col, cross the RD 20 and continue opposite on a tarmac road as far as the first crossroads. Turn right here onto a wide stony track which climbs in a southerly direction ⑥ 623862 - 4798207. You will come across a three-way junction after 850 metres. Go left here until a stream 400 metres further on, which you should cross. This is the highest point of the route ⑦ 623340 - 4796844, where a long descent towards Ainhoa begins. Once you reach the small farms in the valley, the track extends into a tarmac road. At the first crossroads, turn left into a road leading to the main street in the village. At the end of this street which heads south, take a small road opposite the bend ⑧ 621731 - 4795792, leading downwards. The route follows the GR®10 for 500m then turn left at the three-way junction, taking a road which you should not leave, leading to the border and to Dantxarinea which marks the end of this part of the route on the French side ⑨ 621252 - 4794478.

7h00

7h45


8h15





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D Bassussary,
Jantot path (banks of
the Nive)

GPS : 623368 - 4811076

 **8h15 (one way)**

 **25 km**
 **+617 m**
 **-548 m**


Balisage

D to 8 
8 to 9 



Not to be missed

- Architectural heritage of the municipalities you pass through
- Compostella route historical heritage
- Panoramic views
- Stop-over gîte in Espelette

-  **• This circuit is not a loop. Plan means of travel or return following the route in the opposite direction.**
- Take care on roads with traffic, particularly the RD (departmental/main roads).



Additional information available from:
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HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR HIKE

Levels and signposting



Difference in altitude : the total cumulative ascent is given for each circuit.



Length : an indication of the length of each circuit is provided. This takes into account the length of the hike, altitude and possible difficulties.



Hiking routes

Hikes are classified by difficulty and differentiated by colours in the practical details for each circuit. For this, we follow the recommendations of the French Hiking Federation (FF Randonnée).

▶ Less than 2hrs walking
Ideal to do as a family on well-marked paths.

▶ Less than 4hrs walking.
For frequent hikers. With parts that are sometimes more difficult or steep.

▶ Less than 3hrs walking.
Can be done as a family. On paths, sometimes with less easy parts.

▶ More than 4hrs walking.
For experienced and more athletic hikers. The route is long or difficult (steep climbs, difficult parts), or both.

Follow the signposting so you stay on the right path

Path signs riding	Local paths and PR [®]	GRP [®]	GR [®]	VTT	Equestre
Right direction					
Turn left					
Turn right					
Wrong direction					

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Hiking trails sign

GPS coordinates of routes

The reference format is WGS 84 – UTM 30T
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or visit www.meteofrance.com

Those walking the paths from the Nive to the Basque coast should behave in a way that respects nature and the livelihoods of men and women living in this area.

It is important that a few rules are followed..

Protect nature

▶ Carry a bag to take your rubbish with you. ▶ Show respect for flowers, plants and wildlife. ▶ Stay on marked paths.

Protect yourself

▶ Don't leave without the right equipment.
▶ Avoid going alone.
▶ Do not drink stream water.
▶ Check the weather forecast.

▶ European emergency number : 112

— Have respect for the livelihoods of others —

▶ Close gates.
▶ Avoid walking with your dog. Dogs must be kept on a lead.
▶ Fires are prohibited.
▶ Have respect for private property along the route.

Caution!

During the seasons for pigeon hunting (October to November), group beats (year-round) and stubble-burning (December to March), some circuits should be avoided. Find out more from the Tourist Office.

For more tips :



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