

From the Nive to the Basque coast



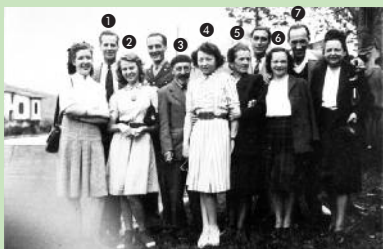
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GR® T2 COMET ROUTE
ITINERAIRE COMETE - COMETE IBILBIDEA

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CIBOURE TO
BIRIATOU

Some members of the southern sector of the 'Comet' network

This route takes, where possible, the route used by the "Comet" network of people smugglers in the Basque country during the Second World War, evacuating downed allied airmen to Spain.

D₁ From the car park, go down *Rue Kattalin Aguirre* on the right. Cross over Untxin bridge, and after 150m, turn left onto *Rue de Socoa*. Go straight on. 100m after the crossing under the fly-over, turn right onto *Chemin d'Handiabaita* and carry on until you get to the junction **① 0605427-4804028** where you'll turn left onto *Chemin du Moulin*. You'll go under the railway lines then on the coastline, after the two hairpin bends, turn left onto the dirt track which will take you to heights of Urrugne. You'll get to the tarmac road. Carry on until Notre-Dame de Sokorri chapel **② 0604823-4802477**. Go straight on until the crossroads, turn left and go down towards the village-centre. From the town hall square, continue straight on until you get to the RD810 which you'll cross over to get to the RD304. 400m after the A63 bridge, turn right onto the *Route de Biriadou*, which you'll go down for a good half hour before getting to the Mendixokoa area. Turn left onto *Chemin de Tomasenea* then the path on the right which will take you to Petrusenborda farm, where you'll start the mountainous part of the route. Carry on for several hundred metres until you get to the Bortuste tarmac path which you don't stay on for long, as you'll take the first pathway on the right which will take you through forests and heath lands at the top of Xoldokogaina **③ 0603645-4797766** where you'll be rewarded with an exceptional view over the ocean

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4h15

4h40

5h00

and the Basque mountains. Continue on down until you get to Poiriers pass **④ 0604066-4796829**. Turn right down the pathway which goes into the forest. At the crossing, leave the right-hand pathway (GR10) and go straight on. After crossing over two streams, at the junction, carry straight on by leaving the footpath which goes down to the right. You'll get to *Chemin de Lizarlan* **⑤ 0602914-4795990** which you'll go left down and carry on until you get to the farm with the same name. Go through the farm's courtyard (the dogs are friendly) and follow the footpath which goes down through the forest until you get to a stream, where you'll go along the right bank. Then, take the wooden footbridge to cross over it. After thirty metres, a small gate **⑥ 0602822-4795460** will take you through to a meadow. Turn left under the line of plane trees which run along the Bidassoa. On leaving the meadow, at the ruins **⑦ 0602886-4794907**, go through the gate and carry on down the pathway which goes up the wooded hillside and takes you up to the border **⑧ 0603139-4794513**. This is the end of the French part of the route. **As this walk goes over the border, you can continue walking through Navarre and Gipuzkoa territories up to Erretereria (around 18km).**

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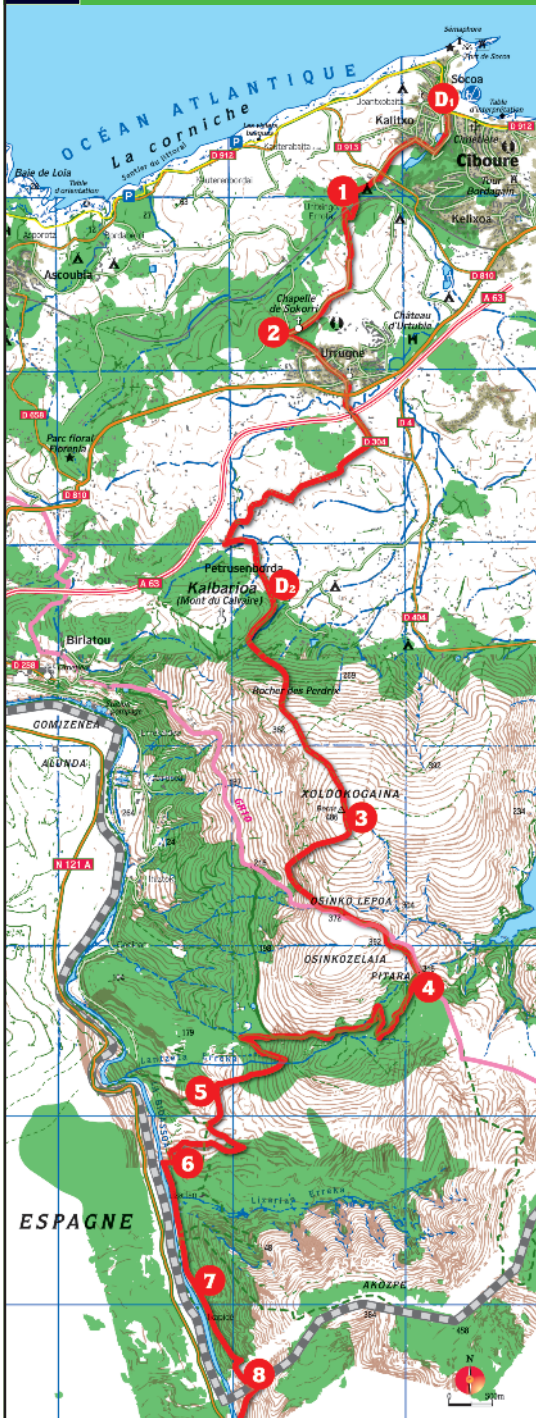
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D₁ (departure) **Ciboure**,
Place de l'Untxin
Rue Kattalin Aguirre
A place called Briquet Baita


GPS : 0606520-4804768

D₂ (departure) **Urrugne**, Chemin
de Petrusenborda
(do not park on private pro-
perty)

GPS : 0604295-4799720

 **5h00 (one-way)**

 **17,58 km**


 **+858 m**
-770 m

Signage

D to **8** 

Must-see

- Socoa Fort
- Naval cemetery of Ciboure
- Impressive views of the Basque coastline
- Village of Urrugne

 **This walk is not a round-trip. Plan how to get back or walk back the way you came.**

• Be careful along the busy roads, especially the RD roads.

• There are betizu (wild cows) in Biriartou, keep your distance

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Further information is available from:

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT WALK

Levels

The change in altitude indicated in each guide represents the total increase. Times are calculated without stops.

Walking routes are classified by difficulty and are differentiated by colours in each route's practical guide. These classifications have been made following recommendations from FF Randonnée.

Very easy under 2 hours of walking
Ideal for families, using clearly marked paths.

Easy under 3 hours of walking
Can be done as a family. Follows footpaths,

with some more difficult parts.

Average under 4 hours of walking
For those with some walking experience. Contains some fairly challenging aspects or changes in altitude.

Difficult more than 4 hours of walking
For experienced walkers. Routes are long and/or challenging (steep ascents, difficult parts).

Walk times: The time taken to complete each route is given as a guide only, taking account of the length of the route, the change in altitude and any difficult aspects.



A local photo of footpath signposting

Walking labels

PR® routes:

A number of hiking trails are designated as PR® routes by the FF Randonnée in accordance with quality criteria. They are selected using environmental, tourist, technical and attractiveness criteria. (Further information is available at www.ffrandonnee.fr)

Signposting

Use the signposts to stay on the right track

Signposting	Regional and PR® footpaths	GR® footpaths
The right direction		
Turn left		
Turn right		
The wrong direction		

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Useful recommendations

Weather forecast (+33)8 92 68 02 64 or 32 50 or www.meteofrance.com
European emergency number 112

Visitors who use the Nive-Nivelle footpaths in the Southern Basque country are required to behave in a respectful manner towards the natural environment and the inhabitants of the area. It is important that certain rules are followed.

Taking care of nature

- Take a bag with you to carry your waste
- Ensure you respect the wildlife
- Stay on signposted footpaths

Taking care of yourself

- Do not set off without the necessary equipment
- Avoid walking alone
- Do not drink water from streams
- Make sure you are aware of weather conditions

Respecting local activities and inhabitants

- Make sure you close gates
- **Avoid walking with a dog. If you do have a dog with you, ensure it is kept on a lead at all times.**
- Starting fires is strictly forbidden
- Ensure you respect private property located near footpaths

GPS co-ordinates for routes

GPS co-ordinates for each stage of the route are provided for all routes.

The reference format is as follows:

WGS 84 - UTM 30T

Please note!

It is advisable to avoid certain routes during the wood pigeon hunting season (October and November) and the controlled burning season (December to March).

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