

# From the Nive to the Basque coast

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Available from tourist offices



LEV  
**2** EASY

PANORAMIC  
BIXTA EDER



Panoramic view of the wayside crosses

A walk which offers magnificent views of the ocean, the surrounding mountains and Ainhoa, on several occasions.

**D** From place Dolharea (with the banana trees), leave the square on the right side and take the 1st right when you reach the autres circuits sign, following a gently sloping municipal road. 200 m further along, leave the GR°10 and turn left

1 0621635-4795556. After a hill which begins with a sharp bend, continue straight forward to the junction. Several metres further along

2 0621669-4795124, turn left onto the RD20.

Cross over the road, and turn right

0h26 3 0622232-4795058. Descend to the stream and cross over using the stepping stones. Follow the track for 250 m, then take the track on the left which rises to join the municipal road leading to the quarry

4 0622598-4794393. Ascend using the footpath on the left, until you reach the ridge, where you can enjoy magnificent views.

Follow the ridge, which passes round the left hand side of a meadow. The footpath leads to the summit of a second hill

5 0623441-4794332.

Descend back down via a footpath,

and pass round a second meadow on the left hand side. Cross over the fence, to arrive at a new sheepfold

1h38 6 0623863-4794678. The footpath emerges onto a track suitable for motor vehicles.

Make your way to the hill and climb up through the grasslands. Halfway up, turn left along the side of the mountain

7 0624095-4795252. The route passes a single beech tree several metres further along. Continue until you reach the oratory, where you rejoin the GR°10. At the oratory

8 0623090-4795644, you can admire the scenery and panoramic views, before beginning the descent back down towards the village.

2h30

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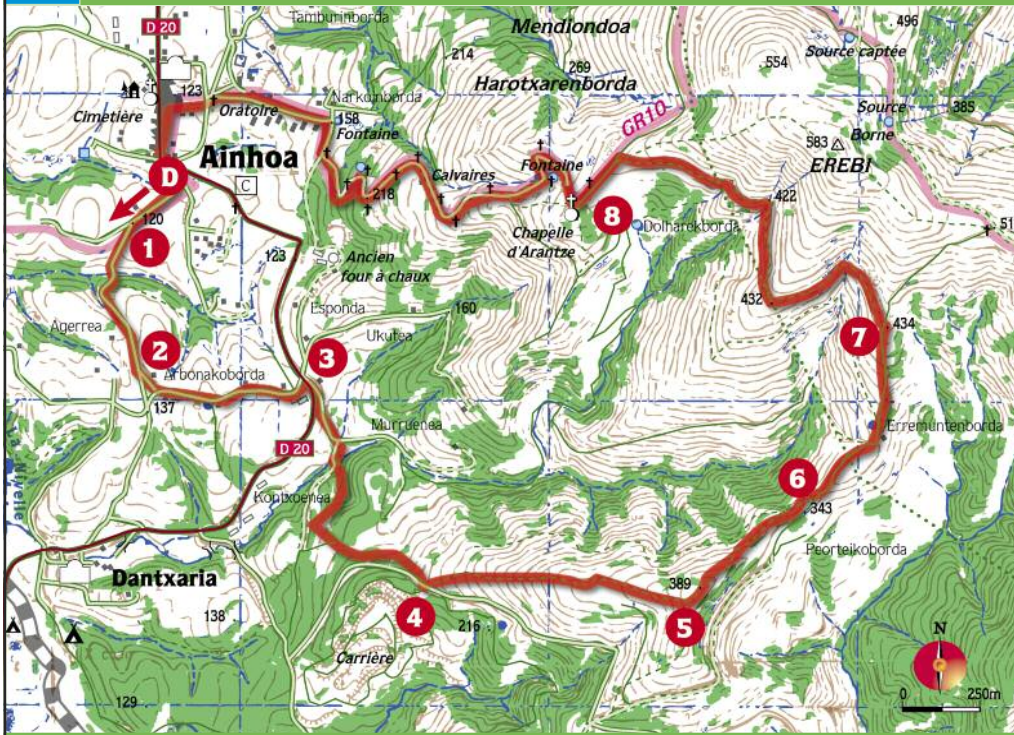


The way of the cross

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**D** Ainhoa main street  
GPS : 0621742-4795778

**Signposting**

- D** to 1
- 2 to 7
- 7 to 8

**Not to be missed**

- Panoramic views
- Chapelle de l'Aubépine
- Way of the cross

2h30

8 km

380 m

**THE DISK-SHAPED STELES – HILARRI BOROBILAK**

In the cemeteries of the Basque country, you may notice the beautiful disk-shaped steles. These steles are burial monuments which face East-West like the "etxea" (Basque house) and Roman churches. The carved components were crafted using ancient techniques and are unique to each stele, according to the inspiration of the engraver. This traditional Basque art was supplanted by marble and granite vaults, surmounted by crosses. Nowadays, the regional cemeteries contain many contemporary steles.



Disk-shaped steles at the Chapelle d'Aubépine

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

## 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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## 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](http://www.ffrandonnee.fr))

## Your views on our footpaths - Ecovaille®

The routes we offer have been carefully selected. We would like to hear your opinions and observations about the state of the footpaths as this will enable us to ensure they are well maintained. We invite you to send us your comments by contacting the Syndicat Nive-Nivelle on 05 59 93 90 86

You can download an Ecovaille® observation form at [www.rando64.com/ecovaille](http://www.rando64.com/ecovaille)

## 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**

## Useful recommendations

Weather forecast 08 92 68 02 64

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

### 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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