



Route N°25 - De la vallée de Josbaig à Barcus

📍 GEUS-D'OLORON

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Perfect for summer rides and ideal for those who need a dose of chlorophyll, this route, although short, is quite intense. The 24 km extend over the relief. It is true that the warm-up goes smoothly until the Saint-Blaise Hospital, but right after the real game will begin. We can recommend a visit to the magnificent Romanesque church. The Saint-Blaise Hospital is a stage on the Camino de Santiago, where many pilgrims pass every year. Surrounded by beauty, it is time to jump right into our circuit and tackle the first climb right away. Green is still the dominant colour among meadows and dense forests. The foliage brings freshness and you will find passages on a balcony with a beautiful view of the mountains.



📍 Départ : GEUS-D'OLORON
Arrivée : GEUS-D'OLORON

📏 Distance :
24 km

🏔️ Dénivelé :
320 m

🕒 Durée :
1/2 jour

🅑 Rond-point
d'intersection
Préchacq-Josbaig et
Aren

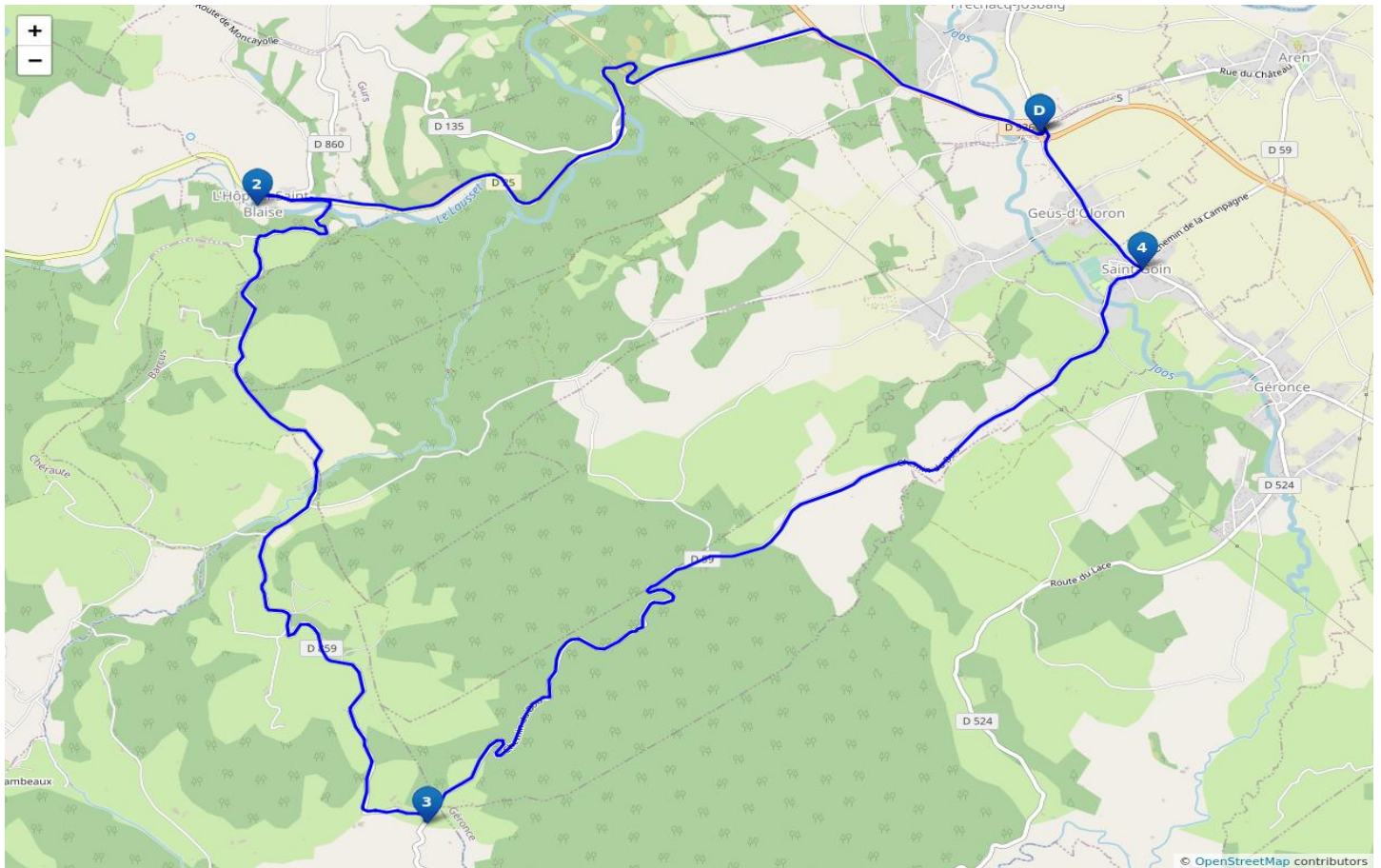
☎️ Appel
d'urgence : 112

⚠️ Les montagnes basques et béarnaises sont des espaces pastoraux. Evitez de partir avec votre chien.
Dans tous les cas, tenez-le en laisse. Merci !

★ À ne pas manquer

- **Hôpital Saint-Blaise (7 km)**. Located in the Basque province of La Soule, the town owes its name to an ancient place of welcome for travellers, pilgrims and other merchants. Its 12th century UNESCO-listed church bears witness to its history at the crossroads between Bearn and Navarre. The site is worth the detour or even return on another occasion for a gastronomic stop in one of its two restaurants.

- **Camp de Gurs (4,5 km).** A little out of the way, the Camp de Gurs deserves a detour. Hurriedly built in 1939 to "accommodate" Spanish refugees, this internment camp played a shameful role during World War II. Migrants, resistant and "undesirable" of all kinds succeeded one another in subhuman living conditions. Free access.



Étapes

- Step 1. From the starting point to Hôpital Saint-Blaise.** Exit the roundabout towards Préchacq-Josbaig on the D836. This busy road requires caution. 1.7 km of flat land before leaving the departmental road turning left towards Hospital Saint-Blaise on the D25. Drive 200 m and you will see on the right one of the entrances to the old Camp de Gurs. Continue straight on a descending profile until the junction with the D859 and quit this road. Drive 500 m in a straight line until you reach the Saint-Blaise Hospital to pass the beautiful 12th century church.
- Step 2. From Hôpital Saint-Blaise to Saint-Goin junction.** After visiting this Jacobean stage, turn to reach the intersection of the D859 in the direction of Barcus. Serious things begin here with a strong and frank ascent. The profile quickly softens, the time to recover and better chain a succession of ups and downs, interspersed with beautiful passages on balconies. Everything is easily done if we save effort and play with the changes until the Saint-Goin junction.
- Step 3. From Saint-Goin junction to Saint-Goin village.** Leave the D859 on your right towards Barcus to follow the D59 towards Saint-Goin. The unobstructed view offers a beautiful perspective of the Pyrenees chain. The road with marked curves now descends into a beech forest, a veritable green tunnel where we have the opportunity to drive in the shade and in the cool. Moisture in the environment can make the road slippery, especially when cornering. A new series of slopes will arrive without great difficulty. Arrival in Saint-Goin by free wheel. This is an opportunity to refuel with water or eat something.
- Step 4. From Saint-Goin to the starting point.** After crossing the Joos bridge, cross the village leaving the church on the right. Being nearby, it may be an opportunity to stop at the restaurant in the neighbouring town of Geüs-d'Oloron for a drink or confit duck accompanied by some mushrooms from the forests of Barcus. Both things are possible, but in moderation to reach the starting point in the best conditions. Get to the D836 and then turn left to complete the loop.

★ Équipements

- Power Point (supermarket, restaurants)
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★ Attention

- From the D859 and up to Saint-Goin, the road is narrow and winding. Agricultural and pastoral activity can make the journey difficult in some places.

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