

Via Francigena from Bourg-Saint-Pierre to Vercelli



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This travel plan provides a **day-by-day outline** of a sample trip, giving you a clear idea of what to expect. Keep in mind that this package can be fully **tailored** to your preferences. As a **2024 Traveler's Choice Award winner** on **TripAdvisor**, we're proud to be trusted by hundreds of travelers who praise our **seamless service**, expert **guidance**, and unforgettable **experiences**. Before you set off, take a moment to read some of their stories.



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LIZ F.



Walking the french camino is one of the best experiences of my life.

I was a bit anxious before starting my Camino walk but once I was into it , I had a brilliant time.

Follow the Camino planned my trip and everything went seamlessly , so all I had to do was concentrate on walking ! Il be back for sure.

LARA K.



Wonderful all round experience

Follow The Camino delivered on everything they promised with accomodation selection great and transfer of luggage seamless. The actual walk was wonderful and matched or exceeded my expectations. Wouldn't hesitate to use them again for my next Camino. Loved it!!!!

RANDY R.



Follow the Camino Frances

The Camino Frances was the best vacation experience I've ever had. Fitness, new friends, and fantastic country. Highly recommended.

GRETA O.



Follow the Camino with an eighty year old

Follow the Camino was excellent. Hotels included dinner and breakfast. Clean and good food. Luggage transfer seamless. Well done.


ITINERARY

 Stage 9 of 16

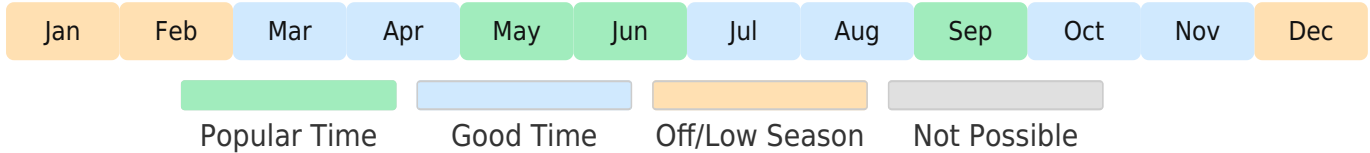
 185.1km

 12 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€1921



Overall

Distance:

8.4 min | **18.5km** average | **28.2 max**

Ascent:

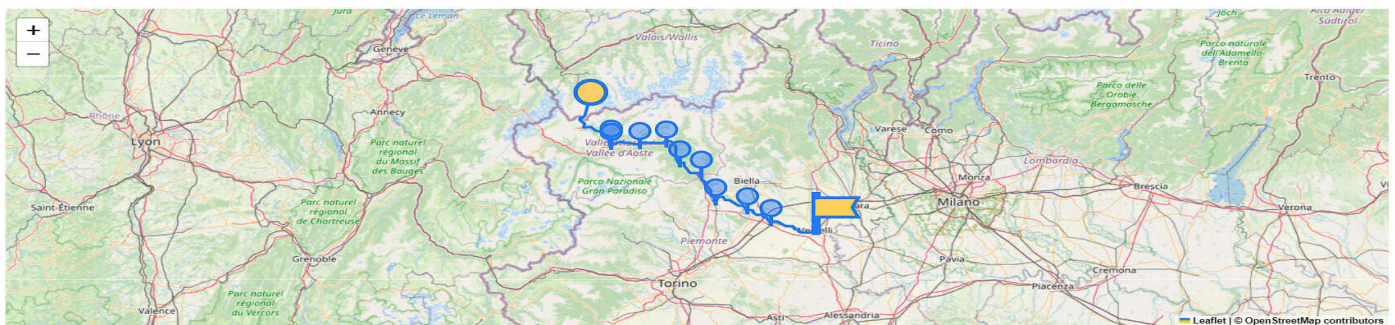
76.7 min | **453.4m** average | **915.3 max**

Cardio:

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Using the famous St Bernard Pass between Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa, section nine of the Via Francigena leaves Switzerland and enters Italy. This trek traverses the Aosta Valley, which is well-known for its spectacular scenery, outstanding food, and over twenty varieties of local wines. The tour ends in Vercelli, which is known as the European Rice Capital.

Map



Services

Included in this package

- ✓ Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ Specially Hand-Picked Accommodation
- ✓ Our Holiday or Pilgrim Pack
- ✓ 24/7 On-Call Support
- ✓ Virtual Face-to-Face Pre-Departure Briefing

Add-On

- ⊕ Premium Accommodation
- ⊕ Airport Pick-Up
- ⊕ Additional Nights
- ⊕ Dinners
- ⊕ Luggage Transfers from Hotel to Hotel
- ⊕ Day Tours to Local Sites of Interest

Not included: Flights/trains, Insurance, Drinks/Lunch

Day
1
km

BOURG ST PIERRE

Arrive into Bourg-St-Pierre and soak up the welcoming atmosphere of this Alpine village. The Church of St Pierre, with its romanesque tower, is listed as a Swiss heritage site of national significance and so is worth a visit before you start this leg of the Via Francigena.

Day
2
8.4 km

BOURG ST PIERRE -> COL DU GRAND SAINT BERNARD

From Bourg-St-Pierre you will ascend to Barrage de Toules Dam, which holds back the Lac des Toules. Climbing up and down while continually ascending the mountains, you will arrive at the famous Col Du Gran Saint-Bernard (Great Saint Bernard Pass). At the Great Saint Bernard Pass, you are 2,473m above sea level and at just over halfway through the Via Francigena route from Canterbury to Rome. The Hospice was established by Saint-Bernard d'Aoste in the year 1050 and has been in continuous use for nearly 1,000 years, mostly used by pilgrims or those simply wanting to visit the famous pass. Napoleon also used this route to move 40,000 of his troops through the Alps to enter Italy in 1800.

Day
3
28.2 km

COL DU GRAND SAINT BERNARD -> AOSTA

Going past the lake in Col Du Gran Saint-Bernard, about halfway around, you will cross the border into Italy. From here, you will descend down into Aosta and as you do, warmer weather will greet you. Passing down through Alpine villages surrounded by spectacular scenery of green valleys and steep forested mountainsides, you will arrive into the centre of the Aosta Valley. Founded at the time of the Romans, this town sits strategically on the major roads leading to France and Switzerland. Rich in historical monuments and buildings, it is easy to spend time here exploring. For food, there are a plethora of restaurants and bars where you can get a hearty meal as well as some local delicacies such as Carbonada, a dish of meat stewed in wine with spices and onions.

Day
4
15 km

AOSTA -> NUS

Leaving Aosta, you will walk past vineyards, grassy fields, small forests, and hamlets. About halfway through the walk, you will come to Castello de Quart. Then, winding your way along the hillside through forests and on grassy paths you will arrive down into Nus. Look out for the vineyards that produce the local Vien de Nus, a red wine. While here, take a stroll up to the Parrocchia Di Sant'Ilario e Saint Barthelemy Catholic Church, which has sweeping views over the town of Nus and down into the valley itself.

Day

NUS -> CHATILLON

Continue on the hillside with the Dora Báltea River down below you on the

5

13.5 km

right. Passing by more vineyards, grassy fields, and wooded areas, you will come to the village of Chambave where you can take a break. Continuing then through similar landscapes, you will make your way to your stop for the night, Châtillon. This large town has many historic buildings to admire, and a must-see is the Parrocchia Di Chatillon with its wonderful views over this hillside town and the surrounding region.

Day

6

20.2 km

CHATILLON -> ISSOGNE

Today you descend further into the Aosta Valley through towns such as Saint-Vincent, a popular summer resort that is known for its mineral springs. You will also see the enchanting village of Montjovet, which has traces of human life dating back to the Neolithic times. Cross the Dora Báltea River to follow it into the town of Issogne. This stopover for the night is known for its castles and wineries so be sure to visit the Issogne Castle and sample some of the locally produced wine.

Day

7

14.7 km

ISSOGNE -> PONT ST MARTIN

Continue to follow the Dora Báltea River as it winds its way through the narrowing valley before crossing back across the river and arriving into the town of Pont St Martin. Cross the Torrens Lys, which joins the Dora Báltea at this point, and visit the notable Roman Bridge of Pont St Martin that dates back to the 1st Century BC.

Day

8

21.8 km

PONT ST MARTIN -> IVREA

From Pont St Martin you will continue down the last section of the Aosta Valley before crossing over into the Piemonte region. Passing by large grassy fields, wooded hillsides, and vines clinging to man-made terraces, you will go through a number of towns where you can stop and take a break. The final town before your stop for the night, Ivrea, is over the hillside past two lakes. This ancient town has many sights for you to explore but it is also known for its Battle of the Oranges (the largest food fight in Italy), which is a central part of the town's carnival in the run-up to Lent.

Day

9

19.8 km

IVREA -> VIVERONE

Enjoy the towns and villages you pass through today and take the ample opportunities to pick up supplies and take a rest at picnic spots along the way. Viverone, where you will stop for the night, is a small town set back just off Lake Viverone. Here you can relax by the lakeshore and take in the wonderful view. Try some local cuisine in one of the many restaurants.

Day

10

16.9 km

VIVERONE -> SANTHIA

From Viverone, leave the lake behind and head into the countryside, passing more vineyards. After the first village you will head slightly uphill and through a small forest before coming into the town of Cavaglià. Here, you can take a break and grab a bite to eat. Continuing on, you will then arrive into the town of Santhià, your last stop for the night.

Day

11

26.5 km

SANTHIA -> VERCELLI

The walk today is long but is also the last of this section. Passing by large crop fields, you become aware that you are now leaving behind the mountainous region of the Alps. You are now on the plain of the River Po between Turin and Milan. The final stop on this section is Vercelli, which sits on the River Sesia at a tributary of the River Po and is known as the European Rice Capital.

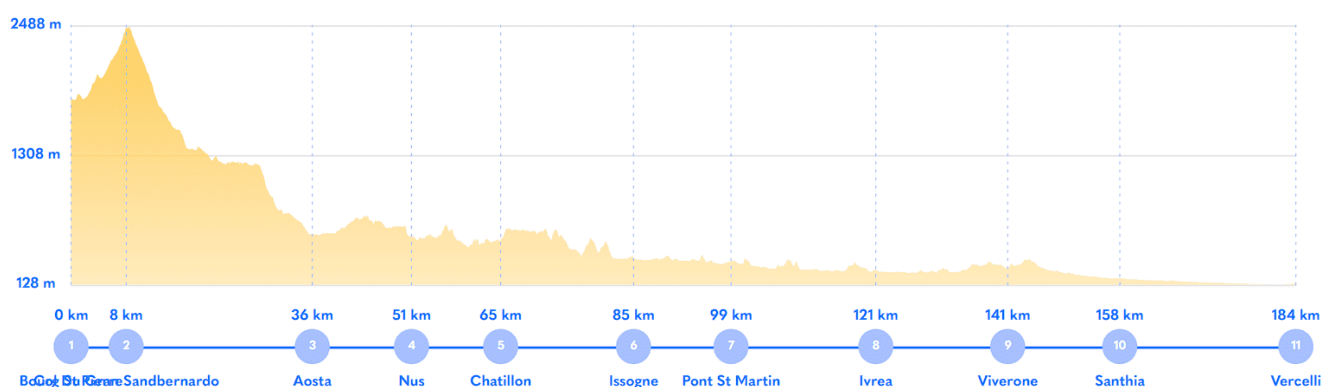
Day

12

km

VERCELLI

Today we bid you arrivederci, or welcome you to the next section of the Via Francigena. Known as the 'European Rice Capital' risotto is a traditional speciality in this area. After enjoying a gastronomic feast, be sure to visit the Basilica di Sant'Andrea and Vercelli Cathedral. You also have the opportunity to see the Vercelli Book in the Capitulary Library, which is the first known book to be written in Anglo-Saxon.

Elevation Chart

NOTES & QUESTIONS FOR MY CAMINO PLANNER

We know that planning your Camino is a personal journey, and we want to make sure everything is just right for you. Use this space to **jot down your thoughts, questions, and preferences**. Here are some ideas to discuss with your Camino planner:

- Are the daily distances suitable for me, or should I split them into shorter walking days?
- Where would you recommend taking a rest day?
- Would I like to add a tour or special experience along the way?
- Do I need transfers to and from the airport?
- Are there any accommodations I would like to upgrade?
- Would I like luggage transfers for lighter walking days?
- Are there any dietary preferences or special requests I should mention?

Feel free to write down any other thoughts or questions below:

Your Camino planner is here to help make your journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible!

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