

Via Francigena from Lausanne to Bourg-Saint-Pierre



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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 8 of 16

 110.8km

 8 days

 Comfort

 Easy

Starting from
€1738

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Popular Time

Good Time

Off/Low Season

Not Possible

Overall

Distance:

13 min | 18.5km average | 26.2 max

Ascent:

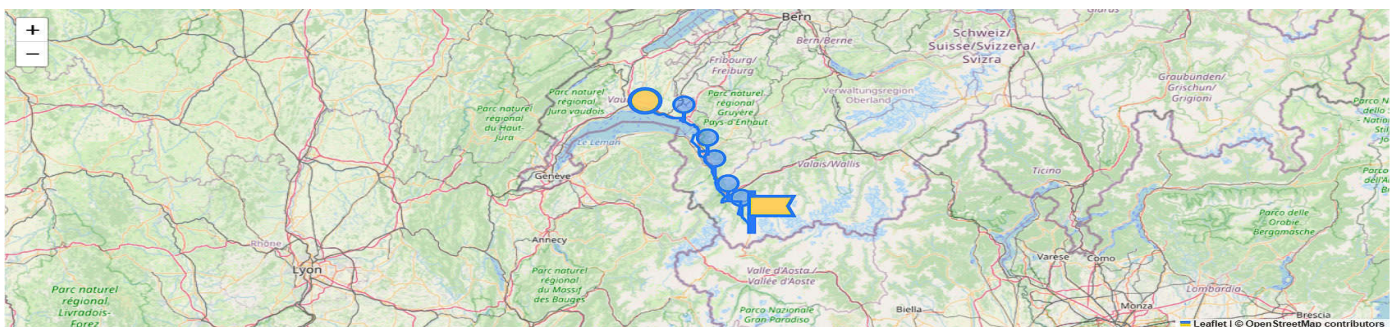
159.4 min | 596.6m average | 1337.4 max

Cardio:

2 3 4

Travelling through Switzerland and alongside the shore of Lake Geneva, the eighth leg of the Via Francigena includes hiking through Alpine terrain. Some of the hiking highlights include the Bernese Alps, the ascension of the Pennine Alps, with the final stop at the gateway to Italy in the town of Bourg-St-Pierre.

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

LAUSANNE

Today you arrive into Lausanne, city of the Olympic Committee. Here, there are many attractions for you to visit as well as a plethora of restaurants for you to sample the sumptuous blend of French and traditional Swiss cuisine that Lausanne is known for.

Day
2
19.3 km

LAUSANNE -> VEVEY

You have two options today: you can walk the whole way around the shore of the lake to Vevey or you can take a short ferry ride from Ouchy to Cully. The boat will save you walking approximately 8km. If you choose to walk, you will have the lake on your right and steep hillsides of vineyards on your left. These vineyards are part of the Côtes de Lavaux, the largest vineyard area in Switzerland. Passing through various resort towns, you will have ample opportunity to grab a bite to eat or sample the locally produced wine. Arriving into Vevey, you will be rewarded with breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding Alpine landscape. Vevey was also home to Charlie Chaplin for the last 25 years of his life, so be sure to find his statue on the promenade.

Day
3
26.2 km

VEVEY -> AIGLE

From Vevey, you can walk along the lakeside promenade adorned with flowers and palm trees before arriving at Château Chillon. This fairytale-esque castle is open for visitors if you have the time. Continuing on, you will head into Villeneuve (a lakeside town dating from Celtic times). It is renowned for its culinary delights and excellent wines. We would recommend treating yourself to a relaxing lunch here as the last section of today is flat and flanked by a mountain on either side and doesn't have any services until you get to Aigle. The town of Aigle, where you will spend your night, is in the middle of a vineyard and has a mediaeval castle that is now a Vine and Wine Museum.

Day
4
13 km

AIGLE -> ST MAURICE

Head across the plain towards the river Rhône, and then follow a pathway along the river to St Maurice. Visit the Abbaye de Saint-Maurice, which celebrated 1,500 years of existence in 2015 and has relics of Saint Maurice. Having had a short day walking, you will have plenty of time to explore this charming town. So, why not visit the Grotte aux Fées (Fairy's Cave), an underground cave with a small lake fed by a waterfall.

Day
5
15.6 km

ST MAURICE -> MARTIGNY

The walk from St Maurice to Martigny is through valley with the Rhône River on your left and the mountains towering sharply either side, providing

spectacular scenery. This predominantly flat walk will pass through many small towns that will provide you with opportunities to take a break. One particular town you might wish to stop in is Evionnaz, which has the world's largest labyrinth. Passing by orchards and vineyards, you will then arrive into the town of Martigny. This town's winning feature is its tasty Mediterranean inspired food, so you will be in for a treat no matter where you eat! There are also many sites to visit. Dog lovers may want to visit the St Bernard Dog Museum.

Day

6

20.1 km

MARTIGNY -> ORSIERES

Set out through the valley before you ascend through the woods and around to the small town of Bovernier. Follow the La Dranse River through the deep valley under forested paths before emerging at the town of Sembrancher. From Sembrancher, you will have two options to get to Orsieres. There is a lower level route that follows minor roads or a higher level route called the Chemin Napoléon that is mainly on grassy tracks. Passing through woods and farmland, you will then end your day arriving into Orsieres. Treat yourself to a meal in Samuel Destaing's Restaurant des Alpes which was awarded a score of 15/20 in the international restaurant guide Gault Millau.

Day

7

16.6 km

ORSIERES -> BOURG ST PIERRE

You will gain a fair amount of height today, climbing up paths from Orsieres to Bourg-St-Pierre. However, the walk is more pleasant and more undulating than you might expect through forests and meadows. Your stop for the night is the Alpine village of Bourg-St-Pierre, which is the gateway to Italy and is well-known for its welcoming character.

Day

8

km

BOURG ST PIERRE

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. There is much to see in Bourg St Pierre, so why not explore this mountainous town at your leisure? The Church of St Pierre, with its romanesque tower, and the town's Hospice, with its outbuildings are listed as Swiss heritage sites of national significance.

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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