

Saint James Way - Stage from St. Jean PP to Roncesvalles

Cross the mountain range Pyrenees

Average walking time :

Between **6 to 8 hours**

With a load weighing rucksack of 8kg/17lb to 12 kg/26lb

2.30 h

From stone Cross to Roncesvalles Abbey

Leopoeder pass alt.1410 m
From Leopoeder pass there are two routes :
- left roman route **GR 7** more direct but very steep
- right Ibaneta pass route **GR12** is longer but less steep

Roncesvalles / Oreaga
Roncevaux Abbey
alt.944 m

Ibaneta pass alt.1040 m

Depending on weather conditions and physical fitness :

Pilgrims must decide on either the lower Valcarlos road or the higher route Napoléon. Sometimes the higher route can be very dangerous. You could encounter stormy weather accompanied by snow storm, strong wind, thick fog and sometimes corridor avalanches.

2.30 h

From Orisson to Stone cross

Bentarte pass alt.1340 m
Camino leaves the road by a large stone Cross.

Statue of virgin Mary alt.1095 m

Auberge d'Orisson Alt 770m

Valcarlos
Camino is on a quiet Road until Valcarlos

2.30 h

From St Jean PP to Orisson
8.5 % average slope

Kayola
Water

Honto alt.480 m
Ferme Ithurburia

Bends trail

Lower road
Higher route Napoléon
River
Road
RESCUE tel 112

Ventas Xabi stores



- **26 km**
- **1200 m of ascent**
- **500 m of descent**
- **6 % average slope**
- **7 hours average walking time**

St. jean PP/Donibane Garazi,
starting altitude 180 m

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