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# HIKING HOLIDAYS VIA FRANCIGENA

Hiking: Via Francigena

## Archbishop Sigerich's pilgrimage

In order to receive the episcopal dignities from the Pope, Archbishop Sigerich made a pilgrimage from the Benedictine monastery of St. Augustine to Rome in 990. Sigerich "the Serious", as he was called, documented a total of 80 stages on this journey. His description of this 1'600-kilometre journey is one of the oldest manuscripts on European pilgrimage routes and established the myth of the "Via Francigena".

His route took him past the Roman mosaics in Orbe and the collegiate church of Romainmotier. Pleasurable walks await you on the shores of Lake Geneva and in the Rhone Valley. Now some trials await the pilgrim. The ascent up to the Great St. Bernard is strenuous; the descent into the Aosta Valley, on the other hand, is a pleasure. Bishop Sigerich certainly did not get bored on his pilgrimage.







11 Days / 10 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version







# ITINERARY

DAY  
1

## Arrival to Yverdon-les-Bains| Le Day – Orbe





Arrival and luggage drop-off in Yverdon-les-Bains and bus ride to Le Day where the hike starts. You hike down to the Saut du Day waterfall and follow the course of the Orbe River. The hike takes you through a nature reserve to the village of Les Clées and on to the Gorge de l'Orbe. At the end of the stage, you reach the small town of Orbe - known for its Roman mosaics.

 approx. 3.5 h     approx. 14 km     190 m     500 m

DAY  
2

## Orbe – Cossonay





After Orbe, the ViaFrancigena reaches the medieval town of Romainmôtier with its Cluniac Abbey. You then reach the centre of the world, where one part of the River Nozon flows to the Mediterranean, the other to the North Sea.

 approx. 6 – 7 h     approx. 26 km     630 m     555 m

DAY  
3

## Cossonay – Lausanne





French poet Gilles described the beauty of the Venoge, the river that this stage follows from Cossonay to Saint-Sulpice, sometimes high up, sometimes beside the water. The pilgrims' path finally reaches Lac Léman and continues on via the Roman town of Vidy to Lausanne.

 approx. 6 h     approx. 25 km     255 m     440 m

DAY  
4





## Lausanne – Vevey

From the quay in Ouchy, the ViaFrancigena runs along the Lac Léman shores to Vilette. It then winds through the Lavaux terraces, a UNESCO World Heritage. Fantastic views over Lac Léman.

 approx. 5.5 h     approx. 21 km     455 m     455 m

DAY  
5**Vevey – Aigle**





From Vevey the route follows the lake to Villeneuve. The Swiss Museum of Games in the castle at Tour-de-Peilz and famous Chillon Castle are worth a visit before you reach the Chablais wine region.

 approx. 6.5 h     approx. 27 km     300 m     280 m

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DAY  
6**Martigny – Orsières**





By train to Martigny. This stage marks the end of the climb to the Grossen Sankt Bernhard-Pass. From Martigny a steep path leads over the narrow Les Trappistes pass to the medieval village of Sembrancher. From here the route follows the Napoleon-Weg.

 approx. 5.5 h     approx. 18 km     745 m     335 m

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DAY  
7**Orsières – Bourg-Saint-Pierre**





This stage leads first along a forest path, first west then east of the river, on the historic path from Liddes to the small Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Chapel before Bourg-Saint-Pierre.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 15 km     970 m     190 m

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DAY  
8**Bourg-St-Pierre – Col du Grand St-Bernard**





Undoubtedly the most symbolic stage on the Via Francigena! The way to the pass leads along a road which has served the whole of Europe for 2000 years. Countless archaeological sites line the ascent, above all in L'Hospitalet and on the Barasson-Pass.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 13 km     1'045 m     350 m

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DAY  
9**Col du Grand St-Bernard – Étroubles**

The descent to the Aosta Valley begins immediately after the pass. A pilgrim's path leads down the valley flank to Italy and takes you to the small village of St. Rhémy. Shortly afterwards the roofs of the villages Étroubles and Echevennoz come into sight.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 15 km     60 m     1'275 m





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DAY  
10

Étroubles – Aosta

Old irrigation canals called “Rus” lie along your way today. In addition to the flat passages along these canals, steep descents await you today. In Roman times, Aosta was a flourishing trading town. Today, the village is famous for its alpine experiences.

 approx. 4.5 h       approx. 14 km       240 m       890 m

DAY  
11

Departure or extension

# TOUR CHARACTER

Pilgrims' paths take you through the Yverdon-les-Bains region to Lake Geneva. Then through the Rhone Valley and over the Great St. Bernard into the Aosta Valley. Basic fitness is required at the beginning, and surefootedness towards the end. On pilgrims' paths and along old irrigation canals down to the Aosta Valley. The paths are easy to follow, but for the long stages a good basic condition and some experience in long-distance hiking are necessary.

## The ViaFrancigena on SwitzerlandMobility

- [Details about the route](#)



# PRICES & DATES

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: YVERDON-LES-BAINS/LE DAY

Season 1	Season 2
14.09.2024 - 29.09.2024   Arrival daily	15.06.2024 - 13.09.2024   Arriva daily

Via Francigena, 11 days, CH-WDWSA-11X

Base price	1'875.-	2'025.-
Surcharge single room	569.-	569.-

Category: Middle class hotels and mountain inns

# ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: YVERDON-LES-BAINS/LE DAY

Season 1	Season 2
Sep 14, 2024 - Sep 29, 2024   Arrival daily	Jun 15, 2024 - Sep 13, 2024   Arriva daily

Yverdon-les-Bains/Le Day

Double room p. P.	125.-	125.-
Surcharge single room	75.-	75.-

Aigle

Double room p. P.	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	45.-	45.-

Aosta

Double room p. P.	79.-	79.-
Surcharge single room	40.-	40.-

Prices per person in CHF



# SERVICES & INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned incl. breakfast
- Daily luggage transfer
- Pilger pass
- Costs for luggage pick-up at the station
- Subsidy for arrival by train
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Travel documents (1 x per room)
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- SwitzerlandMobility-Plus subscription for one year
- Service hotline

### Note:

- Bus/train ride from Yverdon-les-Bains to Le Day not included, approx. CHF 22.- per person
- Train ride Aigle – Martigny not included, approx. CHF 12.- per person
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

## Information

### Arrival/Departure:

- Arrival by public transport to Yverdon-les-Bains. Drop off your suitcase at the luggage counter by 10:00 a.m. at the latest.
- Departure by Flixbus to Geneva. (3 hours, several connections daily, [www.flixbus.ch](http://www.flixbus.ch))

### Arrival by train:

Leave the car at home! For every bike, biking or hiking tour in Switzerland, you will receive an SBB coupon per participant, **which you can use to deduct CHF 10 from the ticket price for traveling by train.** The reduction can be obtained in the SBB online store or in the SBB app.

On many trips, we use the luggage counters at the stations at the beginning and at the end to hand over the suitcases. You can conveniently combine this right away when you arrive by train. **If you are a GA owner, you can provide this information when booking. We will credit you the amount on the invoice.** If you don't need the coupon for the trip itself, you can use it during the year. Unfortunately, a retroactive refund is not possible for administrative reasons.

## Travel documents

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- Luggage tags
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- Any vouchers

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