

Saint-Jean-en-Royans / Pont-en-Royans (stage 17)

Royans-Drôme - Saint-Jean-en-Royans

GTV



Maisons suspendues de Pont-en-Royans (S&M_Booth)

With its houses suspended above the river Bourne, Pont-en-Royans is one of the most famous villages in the Dauphiné. A Water Museum is located in the heart of the village.

This is another short and easy stage where you can recharge your batteries, because the Grand Tour still has a long way to go!

So, make the very most of the wonders of the Royans...

Useful information

Practice : Itinerant hike

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 12.8 km

Trek ascent : 465 m

Difficulty : Facile

Type : Traversée

Themes : Agriculture et Savoir faire, Histoire et patrimoine

Trek

Departure : Saint-Jean-en-Royans village

Arrival : Pont-en-Royans village

Markings :  GTV à pied

From the village centre, you need to head to **Fontépaisse** followed by **Les Rimets** and **Les Massières (1)**, where you will find the main route of the Grand Tour du Vercors on foot. Next, in the heart of Royans, the route passes through the **Chartreux** bridge **(2)** then runs through the villages of **Saint-Laurent (3)** and **Sainte-Eulalie (4)** interspersed with crops and other walnut plantations all the way to **Cascade Blanche** (white waterfall) **(5)** and **Pont-en-Royans**. The path is wide and clear in the middle of the agricultural areas as far as **Pont-en-Royans**, and presents no difficulties.

On your path...



Waterfall of Frochet (A)
The Tram Bridge (C)
Gallo-Roman tombstone (E)

The Chartreux Bridge (B)
Arboretum (D)
View of Pont-en-Royans (F)

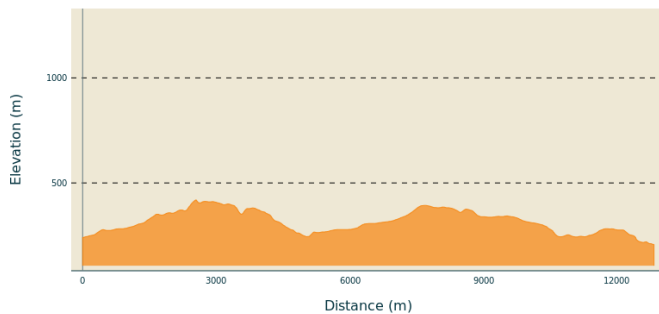
All useful information

Advices

Use the passageways to cross the fences, close the gates and barriers, and think of the shepherds and their flocks.

Staying on the marked paths also means respecting private property.

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 206 m
Max elevation 419 m

Transports

By train: TGV Valence

By bus: [line 5](#) Valence - Vassieux en Vercors stop at Saint-Jean-en-Royans

The OÙRA multimodal route calculator gives you access to all connections between regional trains, urban transport and departmental bus routes:
<https://www.oura.com/>

Hitch-hiking: Find all the stops to go to or from www.rezopouce.fr hitch-hiking

Carpooling: Share or book your carpool with [Moy'ici](#), the regional carpooling platform.

Access

From Saint-Nazaire-en Royans, follow the D76 road to Saint-Jean-en-Royans.

Advised parking

Car park in the village centre

Information desks

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On your path...



Waterfall of Frochet (A)

The Frochet waterfall has the characteristic of being a cascade of tuff, also called travertine. Here the environment is fresh and shaded, which is favorable to the development of mosses. Under the action of water, the mosses petrify, and this forms the tuff, which is a calcareous rock.

Attribution : PNRV



The Chartreux Bridge (B)

The Chartreux bridge is built of tufa stone, very present in the area. It allows to cross the Cholet, and has long facilitated exchanges between Saint-Laurent-en-Royans and Saint-Jean-en-Royans. It was also a place of passage for the transport of coal from the Col de la Machine.

Attribution : S. Bossand



The Tram Bridge (C)

Between 1901 and 1931, a tram made the connection between Bourg-de-Péage, Romans and Pont-en-Royans for 40 km. It allowed the transport of goods and people. Today, the track has been replaced by roads, and the Tram Bridge is a vestige of the railway history of the area.

Attribution : Eric Charron/PNRV



Arboretum (D)

This arboretum was created in 1986 in place of an old landfill. In 2010, a collective is founded to energize the place, and events are set up around the theme of nature. Today, it is an area of biodiversity, conviviality and discovery, especially for schools.

Attribution : S. Bossand



Gallo-Roman tombstone (E)

Located at the entrance of the cemetery of Saint-Laurent-en-Royans, this Gallo-Roman stone is a funerary cippus of the 2nd century. The upper part of the stone forms a hollow within which offerings could be deposited. Latin inscriptions appear on the stone: "To Titus Sammius Tertiolus, employed in the writings of the aerarium (public treasury), died at the age of twenty-six, Connia Conniola to her excellent husband and Sammius Connius to her father."

Attribution : S. Bossand



View of Pont-en-Royans (F)

It is one of the most famous villages of Dauphiné, thanks to its houses hanging above the Bourne. In this narrow site, surrounded by mountains, one had to gain space. Many houses, built in advance on the rock, are actually suspended in the void, with wooden supports. It was very practical at the time to fish and get water. Today, a water museum is set up in the heart of the village.

Attribution : S.M Booth