# Around Argelès-sur-Mer

Albères

(Stephane Ferrer)

## From the heights of the old village to the sea, passing through the current town center. History, culture, and heritage await you.

A walk where the interpretation of historical, cultural, memorial, and natural heritage comes to life, particularly in the park and village with their interpretation trails, the Casa de l'Albère, and the Heritage House, as well as the Argelès Camp Memorial. Along the seafront promenade, the "Photo Nature" exhibition in Argelès showcases around a hundred large-format photographs highlighting the richness of our planet.

### Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 2 h

Length : 10.5 km

Trek ascent : 105 m

Difficulty : Easy

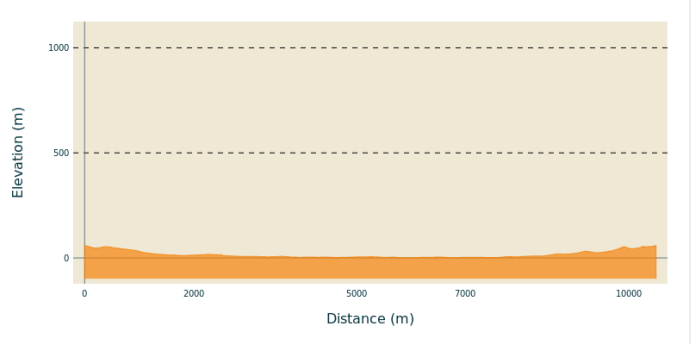
Type : Boucle

Themes : Point de vue, Histoire, Plaine, Patrimoine, Littoral

# Trek

**Departure** : Valmy Castle
**Arrival** : Château de Valmy
**Markings** : PR
**Cities** : 1. ARGELES SUR MER

## Altimetric profile




Min elevation 1 m  Max elevation 59 m

1. From the parking lot: Head down towards Camping Les Mimosas and turn right. Follow the Route de la Massane and the PR® ARG8 trail markers.
2. Under the RD914 bridge: Pass under the bridge and onto the Route de la Cerigue. Enter the village by passing under the railway bridge. Follow Rue du Repos to the village crossroads, then turn left onto the Route Nationale until you reach the post office.
3. Palmarole Archway: Opposite the post office, take the Palmarole archway to reach Place des Castellans and the Casa de l’Albera (Heritage House). Continue through the narrow streets of Majorque and Concorde.
4. Down Rue de la République: Descend to reach the banks of the Massane River.
5. Right of the bridge: Walk along the riverbank towards Rue du 14-Juillet.
6. Cross the metal footbridge toward the roundabout.
7. Dirt path and gardens: To the right, follow the dirt path through the gardens.
8. Upon exiting, turn left by the tennis courts, then walk alongside Camping Le Lagon. Cross the Massane River and take the Route de la Mer to reach the beach.
9. Continue on this avenue. The Tourist Office is located on Rue des Platanes (left of the arrival roundabout).
10. Facing the sea: Turn right onto the landscaped promenade and take time to admire the Argelès Photo Nature exhibition (April to October).
11. Cross the footbridge towards the marina, then walk along the quays to the coastal path. Pass the port’s technical area to reach a large dirt area (Parking du Racou).
12. At the roundabout: Head in the direction of Collioure.
13. At the intersection: Stay on the protected cycle path bordered by a median.
14. Crossing RD114: 200m further, carefully cross RD114 to access the Priou path, which crosses the railway tracks.
15. Turn left where the path goes under the RD914.
16. Toward Mas Côme: Follow the road towards Mas Côme. A dirt path on the right leads to the vineyards. Keep the vines on your right until you reach the cellars, then ascend to the dirt parking lot.

# On your path...

Casa de l'Albère (A)
Port Footbridge (C)
Sport and nature center (E)

Argelès Photo Nature Exhibition (B)
Catalan Boat (D)

# All useful information

### ⚠ Advices

Along the route, don't hesitate to visit the Casa de l'Albera and the Argelès Camp Memorial in the heart of the village.

### How to come ?

Transports

Bus 2€

Access

D914

Advised parking

Château de Valmy Parking

# Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

**Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat**

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## Casa de l'Albère (A)

Located in the heart of the village, the Casa de l'Albera is housed in a fully renovated traditional building. Its purpose is to showcase the territory of Argelès and the Albère Massif, including its history, culture, cultural heritage, and local craftsmanship.
Open all year round. More informations.

Attribution : ot Argelès

## Argelès Photo Nature Exhibition (B)

Created in 2009 by the town of Argelès-sur-Mer, Argelès Photo Nature – Enfants de la Mer offers over six months of outdoor exhibition featuring around a hundred giant photographs along the seafront promenade in Argelès-sur-Mer, which attracts over a million visitors each year.

In 2020, the exhibition focuses on bears, with photographic perspectives accompanied by watercolor paintings and monumental sculptures. Issues related to climate change are also explored through stunning exhibits on the Arctic and coral reefs.

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## Port Footbridge (C)

A true link between the Port and the Beach, the Massane Footbridge is crossed by more than 200,000 visitors each summer.

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## Catalan Boat (D)

Catalan boats were used for net fishing of sardines and anchovies along the Catalan and Spanish coasts. In Collioure in 1900, there were 120 Catalan boats dedicated to sardine ("sardinal") and anchovy ("anxove") fishing. You can still find them along the coastline, lovingly restored by enthusiasts.

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## Sport and nature center (E)

The center welcomes you at the entrance of the Valmy Municipal Park, at the foot of the Albères massif. You will find information about various circuit options and outdoor activities. Brochures, maps, and physical reception for workshop sessions are available. It is also a place to raise awareness about the exceptional biodiversity of the town of Argelès-sur-Mer.
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