

# Elne Bages Ortaffa Loop

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*Discover Elne, an ancient city steeped in history and two surrounding villages with their unusual heritage.*

Small loop connecting Elne to two charming villages in our countryside. The small shaded roads make it a peaceful journey.

## Useful information

Practice : Cycling

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 22.7 km

Trek ascent : 146 m

Difficulty : Easy

Type : Boucle

Themes : Histoire, Archéologie, Plaine, Patrimoine

# Trek

Departure : Elne Tourist Office

Arrival : Elne Tourist Office

1. Start from the Elne Tourist Office by rue du convent, on the left. Then take the next right onto Avenue des Albères, then right again onto Avenue Général Leclerc.
2. At the roundabout take the 4th exit onto rue du Mas Latrobe then continue straight until the stop sign. At the intersection, turn right onto Boulevard 8 mai 1945.
3. On the boulevard, take the 3rd left onto Rue du 11 novembre and follow Chemin de Villeneuve. (Be careful crossing the departmental, very busy).
4. Continue straight for two kilometers then turn left on the D80 and drive for 1km, then at Montescot, take the direction of Bages.
5. At the roundabout take the second exit "Intermarché" then turn left on the path before the gas station.
6. After 900 m at the intersection, turn left to descend to Bages via Avall Rich Road.
7. In Bages, you will arrive in front of the famous "Casa Carrière", a fairy-tale building. Stroll through this typical village then take the direction of Ortaffa on your right.
8. Turn left via Place Docteur Bolte. Then take the second road on the right: Chemin de Brouilla (road parallel to the D49).
9. After 1.5 km, cross a small bridge and turn left.
10. Arrived at the intersection of the D8, turn left then follow the direction of Ortaffa to discover this village which has preserved beautiful traces of its past. Don't miss its famous Catalan Eiffel Tower! Take a detour in the village to meet the beekeepers of the Miellerie d'Ortaffa.
11. In Ortaffa take the D40 towards Elne then continue for 500 m and turn left towards Chemin St-Martin. At the next intersection, continue straight ahead. At the next intersection turn right towards Chemin de Llauro.
12. At the stop sign, turn left then straight ahead towards Elne (Heavy goods vehicles). Continue for 200 m then turn right towards Chemin de Villeneuve. **BIS route:** At the stop sign, turn right then right again on the secondary road to reach Elne. At the roundabout take the third exit onto Avenue Général Leclerc, then take the first right onto Avenue des Albères. At the end of the avenue, take the second left onto rue du Couvent to reach the Tourist Office.
13. At the intersection, turn right then turn left on the third street "Boulevard 8 mai 1945". Continue straight ahead and find the Tourist Office, your starting point.

# On your path...



# All useful information

## **Advices**

Remember to hydrate well. Helmets are recommended for adults and compulsory for children. Respect the rules of the road.

## **Environmental sensitive areas**

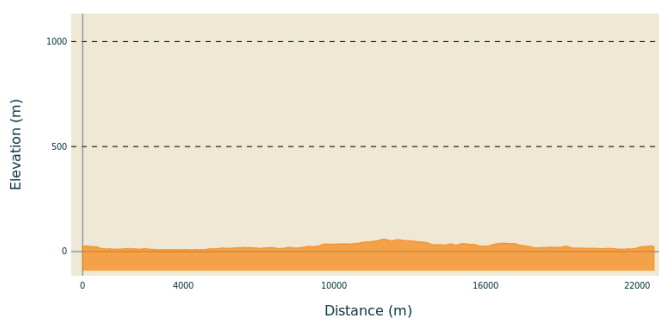
Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

## **Zone Natura 2000 Directive Habitat**

Sensitivity period:

Zone Natura 2000 Directive Oiseaux

## **Altimetric profile**



Min elevation 9 m  
Max elevation 59 m

## **Transports**

Busses 1€

## **Advised parking**

Tourist Office car park

## **Access**

D914, D 914A