

La Retirada

Côte Vermeille - CERBERE



(Elisabeth Coste)

An emotional walk to discover the Retirada memorial located on the French-Spanish border. Breathtaking view.

This hike is quite easy, apart from the somewhat steep climb from the village of Cerbère to the border post. It offers superb views. You can discover part of the coast from Cap Béar to Cap de Creus, the mountain, the cliffs of Cerbère and the view of the small ports of Cerbère and Port-Bou. The Retirada memorial located on the border indicates that this path was that of many expeditions fleeing Francoist Spain.

Useful information

Practice : Hiking

Duration : 1 h 30

Length : 4.7 km

Trek ascent : 370 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Boucle

Themes : Flora, Point de vue, Architecture, Géologie, Histoire, Patrimoine, Littoral

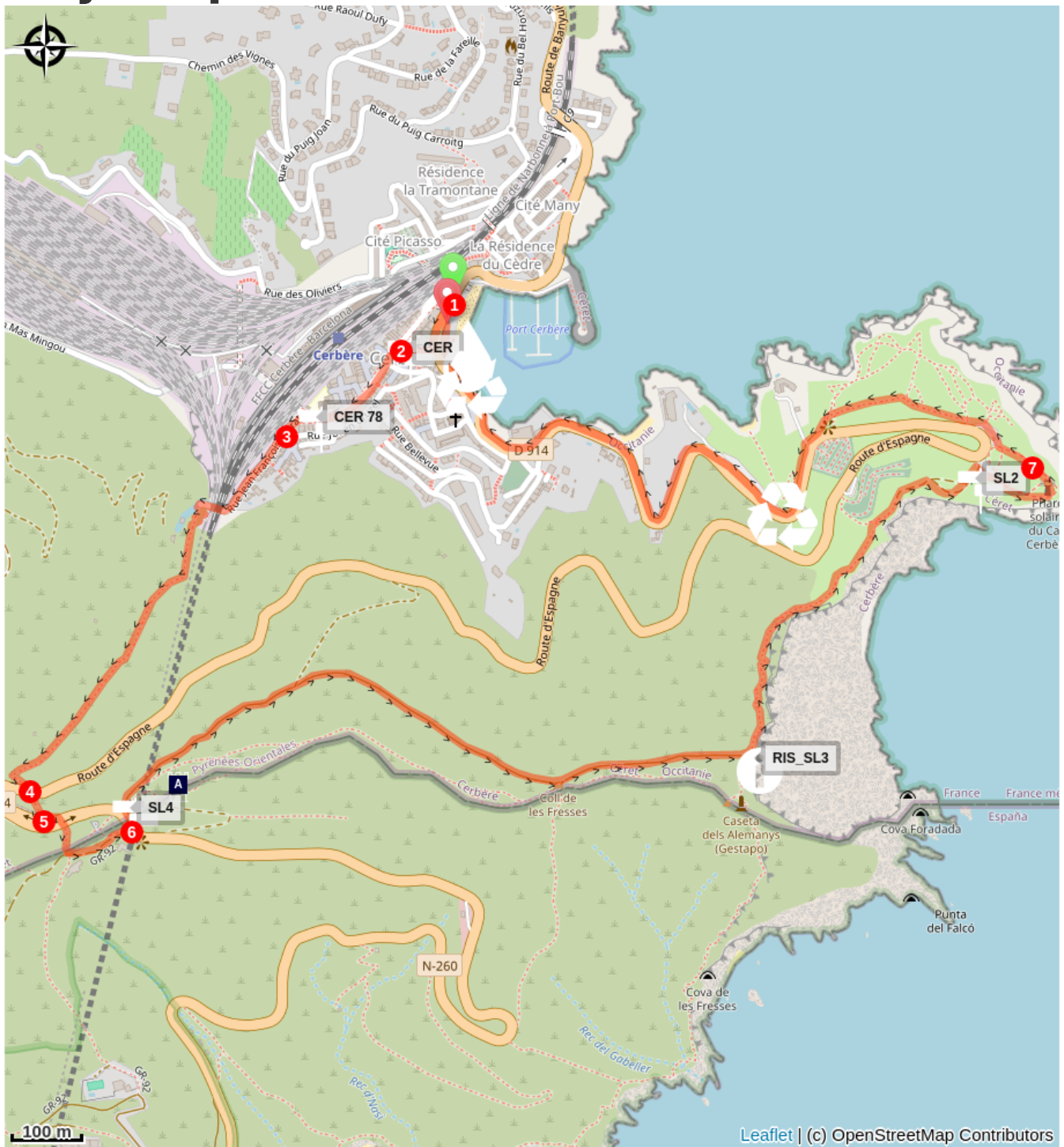
Trek

Departure : Tourist office of Cerbère

Arrival : Tourist office of Cerbère

1. Leave from the Tourist Office of Cerbère and join the Place de la République by turning right at the real estate agency.
2. Take the street on the left into the riverbed.
3. At the level of the transshiper plot, do not turn into the Ribéral tunnel and continue straight on rue Jean Barrat. Continue on the steep path that rises on the left in the scrubland to the departmental road.
4. Cross the departmental road and go straight to the old tagged border post. Go up on the left and cross the departmental road again to take the path that goes up on the right to the Col des Bélitres. Go to the Retirada Memorial which is indicated.
5. Cross the road and go in front on the path that leads to the Puig Cerbère (end of the path of the customs officers in France) and the photovoltaic lighthouse of Cerbère. Be careful at the cliffs.
6. After the lighthouse, follow the road to go down to the Tourist Office of Cerbère.

On your path...



 Turret of "Le Col des Belitres" (A)

All useful information

Advices

Provide water, walking shoes, windbreaker (whatever the time of year) and cap. Be careful above the cliffs of Cerberus. Bring back your waste.

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.

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Sensitivity period:

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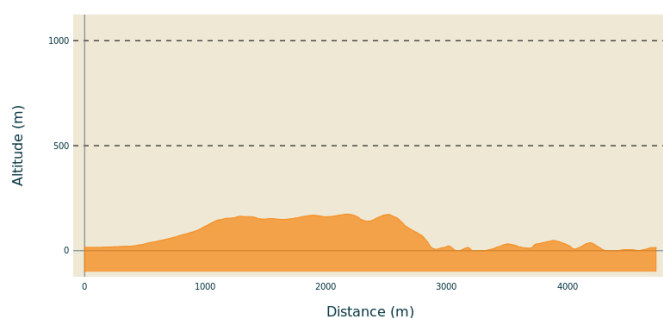


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Altimetric profile



Min elevation 0 m
Max elevation 174 m

Transports

Bus at 1€ to Banyuls, line 540 and shuttle from Banyuls-sur-Mer to Cerbère, line 546. Train to Cerbère, [click here](#).

Access

D 914

Advised parking

Port parking

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Turret of "Le Col des Belitres" (A)

Turret dating from the Second World War. Constituent element of the Mediterranean fortified front made by German forces in 1942 in response to the landing in North Africa which forces the German forces to occupy the free zone.

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