

# THE PILGRIM WAY OF SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA FROM WISSEMBOURG TO WALBOURG



Intermediate level



Start : Wissembourg



27 km



All day



The first stage of the Way of St James between Wissembourg and Walbourg. The varied landscapes along this route, which alternates between hills and valleys, forests and vineyards, are a pure delight. The villages you pass through, with their half-timbered houses, have preserved their authentic Alsatian character. You'll come across many churches and historic monuments that make up the richness of our regional heritage.



*Rue Robert Schumann*



*Parking de la Foire*



*2,2 Km - Gare de Wissembourg*



## USEFUL INFORMATION

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## STEPS


### 1 Between Schweigen in Germany and Wissembourg



After 500 m in the vineyard, the Camino de Compostela enters the city via rue Robert Schumann (see photo), then join the church of Saint-Jean via rue des Acacias. Find the Rue du Chapitre to reach the Saints-Pierre-et-Paul abbey. Follow the Avenue de la Sous-Préfecture to the Town Hall. Cross the square on the right and enter rue de la République. Continue rue du Général Leclerc.

### 2 Roadcircle in Wissembourg



At the roadcircle, follow the  signs. Cross the Route des Vosges D77, turn right and immediately left onto the Chemin des Tuileries (see photo) which leads to the cemetery. Then take the second path on the right, which climbs for 1.3 km, until you cross the D3 road. Cross this road and descend to Oberhoffen-les-Wissembourg 1.4 km further on.

### 3 Oberhoffen-les-Wissembourg



At the crossroads, turn left into rue Principale. At the bend in the road, turn right onto rue de la Forêt (see photo). Go up towards the Grossenwald forest and cross it, leaving a path heading towards Cleebourg. As you go downhill, where the track splits, turn right and cross the stream. At the top of the hill, go straight ahead onto the road (D76 towards Bremmelbach).

### 4 Bremmelbach



Take the track that runs alongside the cemetery, then continues through the fields for 3 km. Turn left onto the D65 for 300 m. Cross the road to reach a farm called Gaensmuehle. After 1.5 km, cross the D170 and follow the Retschwiller cemetery.

## 5 Retschwiller



Follow the road past the Retschwiller cemetery. At the fork in the road, follow the "direct" road to the left. Turn right onto the D264 rue du Docteur Michel Deutsch (see photo) and enter in the town of Soultz-sous-Forêts.

## 6 Soultz-sous-Forêts



Follow rue du Docteur Deutsch to the "La Saline" cultural centre. Sign "Compostelle 2402 km". After the level crossing, turn right into rue de l'abbé Fischer (see photo). Opposite a large farm building, turn right. After 800 m, turn right and then immediately left. As you leave the town, drive along an orchard and join the D24 at the calvary.

## 7 Surbourg



In Surbourg, follow rue du Docteur Deutsch. In the centre of the village, turn into rue des Ecoles (see photo). Take the staircase on the right and continue along rue Saint-Arbogast, then continue as far as the road. Continue along rue de la Scierie. After 300 m, turn right at a lone tree. Follow this path, which then bends to the left. Climb the embankment and follow a disused railway line for 1.2 km.

## 8 Biblisheim



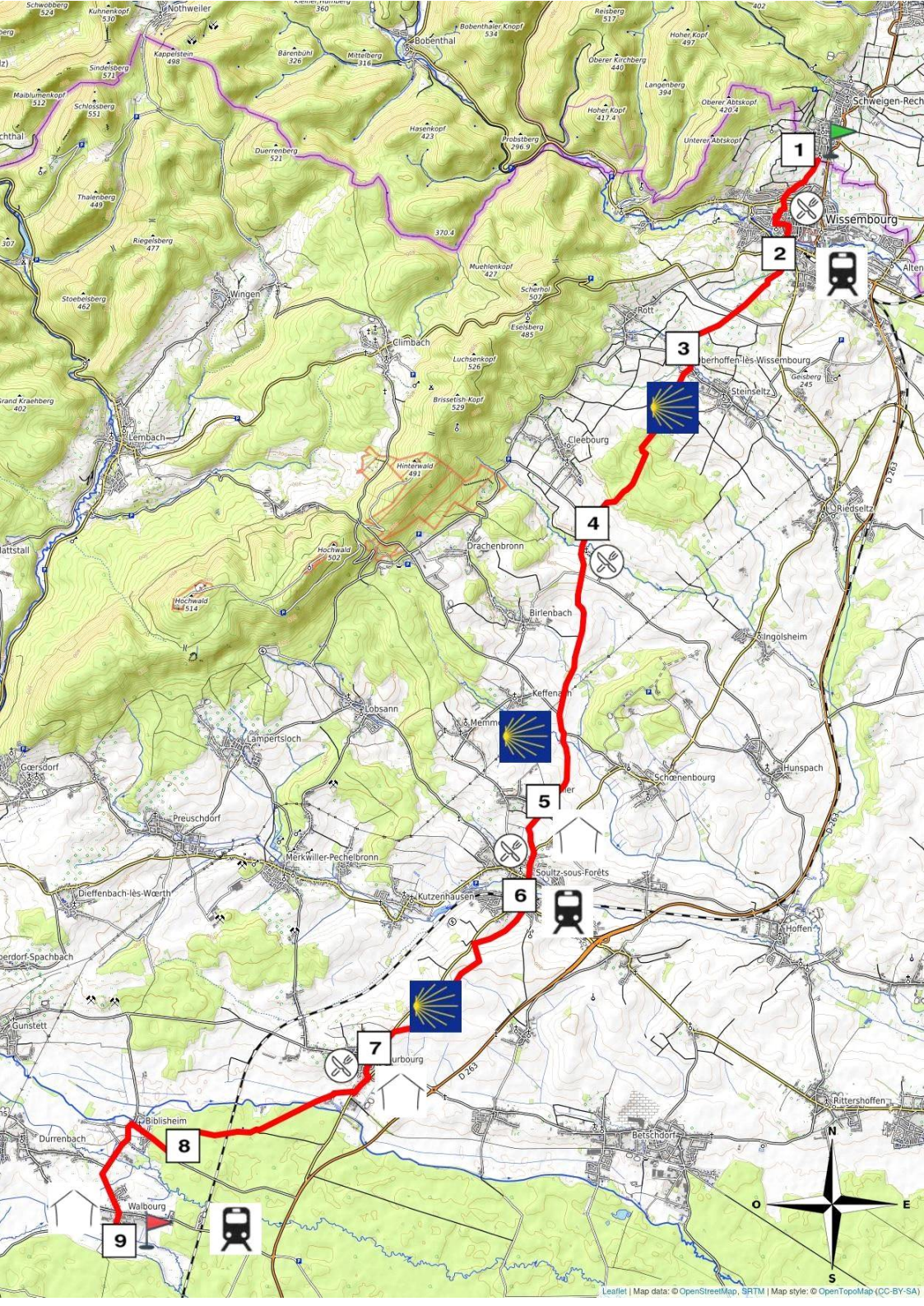
At the crossroads of a tarmac road where two rails appear, turn right and immediately left along the stony path until you reach the level crossing. Cross the railway line; 600 m further, turn left at an intersection then continue until you find the small tarmac road towards the village (see photo).

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## Walbourg



Take the D772 route de Walbourg on the left. Pass in front of the town hall, cross the bridge over the Halbmuehlbach and follow the road which goes up to enter Walbourg via rue de Biblisheim. From Rue Principale, follow Rue de l'Eglise. Arrival at the Sainte-Walburge abbey church in the village of Walbourg: end of the stage.



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