

Provins

Comprised of an upper town and lower town, referred to respectively as Le Châtel and Le Val, Provins was a dazzling destination in the days of Philippe Auguste and Saint Louis, at the time of the famous Champagne fairs. Provins, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001, features many places of interest: Caesar's Tower, the tithe barn, Provenois Museum, and medieval underground galleries that can be visited.

Porte de Jouy

This 12th-century gate has been recently restored. The entrance to the city was protected by a solid wooden gate and two wooden portcullises. It owes its name to the Cistercian Abbey of Jouy, located about 20 kilometres away in the forest of Jouy.

Caesar's Tower

The tower was built during the 12th century by Count Henry the Liberal. In those days, it was the prisoners' tower, a prison for knights and lords. In 1433, during the Hundred Years' War, it was occupied by the British.

The palace of the Counts of Champagne

The wealth residence of the Counts of Champagne from the 12th century was very recently restored. It now hosts the Thibault de Champagne high school. It can be discovered from the raised Brébans garden.

Hôtel Dieu

Hôtel Dieu is located on the site of the former palace of the Countesses of Blois and Champagne. Under Hôtel Dieu, a vault gives access to the underground galleries, former clay quarries. The clay was used to remove oil from the wool of sheep used to weave the woollen cloth of Provins.



Porte de Jouy

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Departure: Provins (SNCF railway station).

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.55580 - 3.30347

UTM: 31U 0522395 5378126

Access: Provins, 86 km south-east of Paris via D6, then N19, D319, D619.

Practical information: all shops, hotels and restaurants.

The Hiker's Code of Conduct

- Do not leave the marked paths.
- If there are any doubts regarding which path to take, markings take precedence over the description.
- Respect nature and private property.
- Don't litter.
- Avoid routes during hunting season (check with the town halls or the Seine-et-Marne hunting federation).
- Close gates and fences after you.
- Whenever possible, remove any obstacles from the path.



8 km



Duration : 3h



Yellow



Easy



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Hiking

in Provenois, Bassée-Montois and Morin

PROVINS Medieval City of Provins

This route offers a hike through the Middle Ages, as you explore the city of Provins.

Discover spectacular ramparts, a dungeon, old buildings, sometimes taking narrow paths, and stairs that justify the title of "upper town".



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Provins, medieval city

- With the station behind you, take Avenue Jean Jaurès on the right. When you reach the end, turn left and cross the bridge over the Voulzie. Turn right to follow the Promenade Plantée, former rampart of Provins **A** which runs along the river ditch. Cross 3 big streets before coming to Rue de Rebaix. Take the small bridge on the right to reach the street opposite, then take the first street on the right. Turn left on Rue du Barreau, continue 150 m, then climb the grassy path opposite to the road.
- Take the road to the right, then follow the Jardin Certeau path to the left. At the bend, walk up the path opposite. Turn left after passing the outer wall, continue to the road. Turn right on Rue A. F. Poncet.
- At the crossroads, turn left onto the paved walkway that runs alongside the chapel and Cordelières Convent **B**. At the bottom, cross the crossroads and take the tree-lined driveway to the right. Cross the bridge over Fausse Rivière and turn right. Pass the Durteint and climb up along the ramparts, pass the Faneron postern **C** and continue to Porte de Jouy **D**.
- Exit the upper town through Porte de Jouy on the right, walk down into the ditch on the left and follow it to the left along the ramparts to Porte St-Jean **E**. Cross it to return to the Upper Town. Turn left on Rue de la Chapelle St-Jean, right on Rue de la Nasse to follow the small street on the right, Rue de l'Eperonnerie, which leads to Rue St Jean. Turn left and then right to reach Place du Châtel **F**.
- Cross the square to the right, to take Rue de l'Ormerie opposite. Turn right on Rue Jean Desmarets and left on Rue de la Pie to reach Caesar's Tower **G**. Walk around it on the path to the left. Take the street on the right, pass the Proinois Museum **H** and take the second street on the right to discover St-Quiriace Church **I**. Walk around it, past the porch, and take the passageway to the right, go down the stairs, then follow Sentier du Rubis to the left.
- On the left, Rue d'Enfer leads to the old salt store where **J** the salt tax (Gabelle) was once paid. Go down the stairs to the right. The 12th-century hotel, Croix d'Or **K**, is located opposite and to the right, in Rue des Capucins. Turn left on Rue Christophe Opoix, at the crossroads make a detour to the left to see Hotel Dieu **L**. Return to Rue du Moulin de la Ruelle, continue 150 m, then turn right into the passageway. It leads to Rue du Durteint, where they dyers once lived and set the Ner dye (dye derived from the fruit of the buckthorn shrub) in the water of this river. Turn right, then left on Rue Toussaint Rose. Continue opposite, walking along Ste. Croix Church **M**. Turn right into Avenue Alain Peyrefitte, then left on Rue Vieille Notre Dame du Val.
- At the tower of the same name, turn right to reach St-Ayoul Church **N**. From the church, take the third left, Rue du Minage, walk past the covered market **O**, where "la Mine" was once paid, a tax on profits. Continue in the same direction and then turn left on Rue du Four des Raines and right on Rue Hégésipe Moreau. Cross Carnot Boulevard, cross the Fausse Rivière Bridge and return to the car park.



Trail markings

- Continue straight 
- Turn left 
- Turn right 
- Wrong way 

The trail markings on this route are installed and maintained by 250 footpath wardens from the Seine-et-Marne departmental hiking committee. (Codérando 77). It is part of a network of 4,500 km of walking and hiking trails in the department. If you notice any irregularities during your hikes (errors or lack of markings, poor maintenance, illegal waste disposal), please inform Codérando 77 via the website <http://sentinelles.sportsdenature.fr/> by selecting the "hiking" activity.