

Giromagny / Belfort

The FrancoVéloSuisse

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Départ
Giromagny

Arrivée
Belfort

Durée
2 h 31 min

Distance
14,96 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Mountains

After visiting Belfort's historic centre and citadel, still in the heart of town, start cycling beside the Savoureuse, main river of the Vosges Belfortaines mountains. Past Belfort-Montbéliard TGV station (for high-speed trains), a pretty but technically demanding stretch through forest leads to Bourogne and the Canal du Rhône au Rhin, where paths cross with the EuroVelo 6 cycle route. Follow the Allaine River towards the foothills of the Swiss portion of the Jura Mountains. At Delle, after a substantial slope, a simple post marks the Franco-Swiss frontier. Up to Buix, the route is bucolic, along the bottom of Jura foothills. The Allaine Valley broadens out, a wide road leading you gently down to your destination. Enjoy a hot chocolate admiring Porrentruy Castle and stroll around the delightful lanes.

The Route

Signposted La Francovélosuisse (v64) along the whole route.

Connection with EuroVelo 6, near Bourogne on the section of the Rhone-Rhine Canal.

Link to the Alsace balloon

Recently, it has become possible to cross the Territoire de Belfort from North to South thanks to the new North Territory cycle path. This 7.7 kilometre long cycle path stretches from the Malsaucy peninsula, the famous site of the Eurockéennes, to Giromagny at the foot of the Ballon d'Alsace. Most of the route is on its own site, with a total difference in height of 60 metres. The North Territory link allows you to cross the Territoire de Belfort by bike from North to South. It completes the François Mitterrand Promenade which links Belfort to the Malsaucy peninsula (7 km) and the Francovélosuisse which goes from Belfort to Porrentruy (Switzerland) via Delle in the South of the Territory (40 km).

SNCF train stations

Belfort
Meroux
Delle
Boncourt (CH)
Porrentruy (CH)

Unmissable sights

Belfort: the historic centre, the citadel designed by Vauban and Haxo, Bartholdi's giant lion sculpture, the sentier découverte (a discovery trail), Malsaucy Nature Reserve

Danjoutin: Les Basses Perches Fort

Delle: the historic centre, the Maison des Cariatides house, the bicycle stands where you can leave your bike to make the most of walking around the lanes

Boncourt: the panoramic tower, Klicher Bridge, the statue of St Nicholas, the Maison des Frères Breton

Buix: the dolmen, the vineyards, the river, Babö Lake, chapels and the priory

Porrentruy: the historic old town, the castle, the historic hospital (or Hôtel-Dieu), the botanical garden

