

Provins, the town where you travel through time

The medieval city of Provins was the only place to hold Champagne fairs in the 12th and 13th centuries; the fortified city flourished in the Middle Ages, and has been listed as UNESCO World Heritage since 2001. Standing on the border of the lands belonging to the counts of Champagne, facing the kingdom of France, Provins was an active town with fairs where people used to haggle over fabric and leather for example. Saint-Quiriace church and the Caesar Tower overlook the upper town, and there were 5km of city walls to protect the town. Several parts still exist. The shops and fairs were below, around Saint-Ayoul church. Long handed down via oral tradition, the story of the Provins rose has origins dating back to 1240 and Thibaut IV of Champagne who brought it back from a crusade. There are now 300 other varieties, in the Provins rose garden. Drawing on this rich heritage, the town has invested in tourism.

All year long, there are shows of horsemanship and falconry as well as medieval pageants and various fêtes, putting the spotlight on the town's 58 historic monuments. The underground passages are partly open to the public, yet still project an aura of mystery with their history and exact location.



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IGN Map: 26160

Departure: Longville station

GPS: Lat. Long. : 48.730488 - 03.15002

UTM: 31U 0518 466 - 5374 417

Access: 46 km from Melun by the D 408 and D 49. By train: Longueville and Provins stations are on the Transilien Paris / Est / Longueville line.

Practical information: all shops.

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.



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Hiking

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FROM STATION TO STATION

LONGUEVILLE / PROVINS Travelling through time

Before exploring the medieval city of Provins, check out the charming village of Chalaute-la-Petite where the vicar Chappe, inventor of the optical telegraph, used to preach.

CIRCUIT N°

13

Provinois



15,9 km



Duration : 4h



Yellow



White/Red




Difficult



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Travelling through time

1  Leaving Longueville railway station, go down on your right, pass under the viaduct, take the street on your right and head opposite for 50m, go up the path on your right. It leads through the woods, to the water tower. Take the street to your left, the second street on your right, continue along Rue Jean-Jaurès then Rue Honoré-de-Balzac and, at the end, turn left. At the bend in the road, go down the path on your right, leave the path on the left, go over the crossroads, and, after the wood, bear right. Continue along the road for 150m.

2 At the bend in the road, go up the path on your right. On the plateau, continue straight ahead and, as you leave the wood, leave the two paths on your right. At the Grattons crossroads, take the path on your right, go through the wood, then turn left along the edge. The path zigzags. Go down the road on your right.

3 Take Rue de Longueville on the left, Rue des Moulins on the left, Rue de la Fontaine-d'Orson straight ahead, Ruelle des Bretonnes on your right and, at the church, bear right. Take the D1 on the left, pass the Town Hall, go up Rue de Provins and continue along the D1 (take care, it's a busy road!). Follow the second path on the left for 1km.





4 Go up the path on the left and pass the reservoirs. Take the road on your right, go down the road on the left, pass under the D619 for 200m then go down the path on the left. Continue along the street opposite for 100m, go down towards the housing development, follow the rue opposite passing three streets on the left. Take the D1e on your right. At the roundabout, bear left to cross the tracks, pass the crossroads and the bridge.

5  Turn right onto the tree-lined boulevard, cross three streets and cross the little bridge on your right. Follow the yellow trail markings for Provins the Medieval City, to reach the Les Cordelières convent, come back to the river (the Durteint), pass the Jouy gate and walk along the city walls.





6 Go past Saint-Jean's gate and through the medieval city to the lower town (following the trail markings carefully), then back to Provins railway station. **7**



Trail markings

Continue straight 
 Turn left 
 Turn right 
 Wrong way 

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Access to download the folder and the gpx track

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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.