

WALKING THE VIA FRANCIGENA PILGRIM ROUTE - PART 2

Lausanne and the Great St Bernard Pass to Lucca

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An indispensable guidebook to the middle section of the Via Francigena pilgrim route from Lausanne to Lucca. Starting at Lake Geneva (Lac Léman) in Switzerland, the 725km route crosses the Alps into Italy at historic Great Saint Bernard Pass, descends the Po Valley, then climbs to cross the Cisa Pass into Tuscany. The route is described in 32 day stages which average 23km a day, but can easily be customised to other itineraries. It is suitable for any averagely fit walker but a few mountainous stages include steep and slippery slopes.

Full stage directions are accompanied by 1;100,000 maps showing the route line and the facilities available at different locations. Accommodation listings give invaluable information on low-cost pilgrim hostels and where to stay. There are useful city maps for Lausanne, Aosta, Ivrea, Pavia, Piacenza and Lucca, and a stage planning table lists intermediate distances between accommodation, so you can customise your own walking schedule.

Certified by the Council of Europe as an official Cultural Route, the Via Francigena brings to the modern pilgrim the amazing cultural heritage of four nations – England, France, Switzerland and Italy – and highlights their immense natural beauty and deep, ancient heritage. This guidebook is one of a set of three volumes that covers the route.

Key marketing points

- 50,000 walkers completed the entire route in 2019
- Walkers and hikers come from over 60 countries

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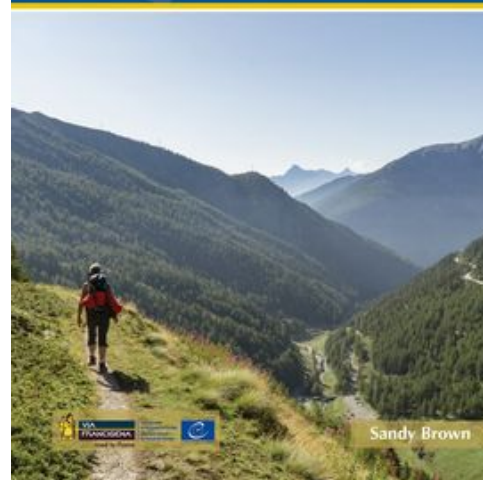
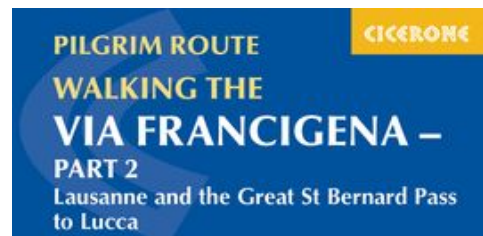
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