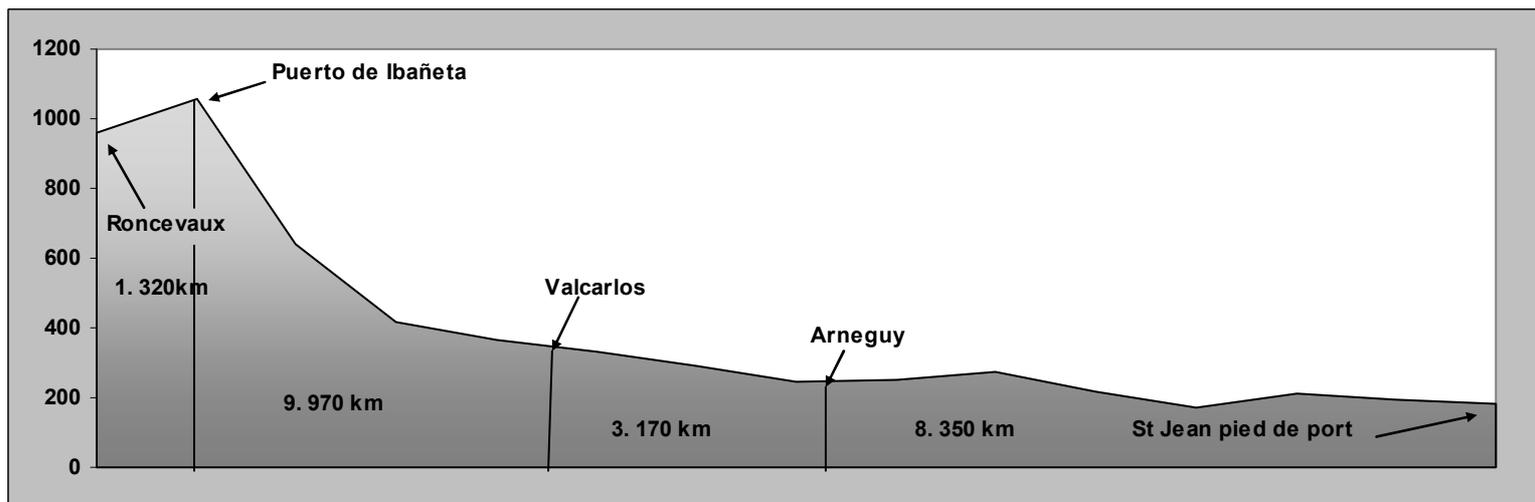




# SaintJean Pied de Port — Roncevaux by the « low way » of Valcarlos



**Itinerary :** Road D 933, then small secondary roads with the St James marking. From Valcarlos, follow the marking of the Navarrian Association of the Way of St James.

**Elevation:** Gain:882 meters. Loss:255 meters.

**Average time for this section :** 6.30 to 7 hours, not counting any stops.

**Distance:** 22,810 km.

Leave St Jean Pied de Port by la porte d'Espagne, then, after a few dozen meters, take the D 381 on your right, Chemin de Mayorga, as indicated on a big sign on the wall.

After 500 meters, take the D933 on your left.

After 740 meters, level with an isolated square house, leave the D933 following a small road which goes down towards the Nive d'Arneguy river that you cross.

At the crossroads with the road coming from Lasse, turn left and go straight and straight again at the next crossroads.

Then, the road goes up slightly, turn left at the Mokosaila crossroads.

Walk on, ignoring all the roads on your right, parallel with the Nive in the distance.

Walk through the shopping center and go on, still following the Nive until Arnéguy.

At the roundabout of the international bridge, go back again to France and walk towards the village center, taking the small Ondarolle road in front of the church.

When reaching the village, go down on your right towards the river then go up a steep slope until Valcarlos where you will find an albergue and shops.

From the village, you will follow the N 135, an international road with quite a lot of traffic, walking cautiously.

After 2,400 km, on your left, head for the small hamlet of Gainecoleta, as indicated.

After walking past the small pelota wall and over the bridge, go up again towards the national road. Follow it for 2,690 km.

At kilometre 56, level with a hairpin turn on your right, (big St James sign) leave the road for a track which goes down on the left. After a few hundred meters, the path will go up the long slope through the forest, to reach the road at kilometre 52, level with a house with green shutters on the side. You will soon leave it, after a few dozen meters for a track on the left, track that will lead you to the Ibaneta pass.

At the pass, you join the way coming down from the Cize passes, you go down into the forest, walking past the Ornothological center, and you reach the Roncevaux Monastery in 1,320 km.

The Spanish part starting from Ondarolle is well marked out and equipped with arrows milestones, signs, and so on, including the wooded area.