

THE FRENCH ROAD STAGE 3. LARRASOÑA - PAMPLONA

After crossing the bridge over the Arga which brought us to **Larrasoña** in the last stage, we climb a winding path for 1 km, until we reach **Aquerreta**. From here, we descend once again, following a path through maple, walnut, boxwood, pine, and other types of trees. After passing the regional motorway, go through a pine grove and beech wood, both situated at the foot of Mount Maliturri, before descending once again to the river Arga. Passing through the riverside woods you will arrive at **Zuriáin**, where you will cross the river to meet up again with the N-135. 500 metres along, you will come to the turn-off for Ilurdoz. Following this road along the left-hand side of the river, you will pass by a few houses, (from where you can see an old quarry in the distance), and go by another pine grove, before joining up again with the Arga as it runs alongside cultivated land. After passing **Iroz**, you will cross the Arga yet again, (this time on the right-hand side), before carrying on for 7 km between the road and the river, finally arriving at **Zabaldica**. From here, take a path alongside the road until you reach a picnic spot, where you can cross the road. Then, follow a pathway which goes up the side of Mount Narval, (populated by boxwood and re-planted conifers), until you can see the Santa Marina hermitage in **Arleta**. After leaving Arleta, you will pass through oaks and maple trees, and will be able to see the old town of Burrín, a village which disappeared in the 14th Century. Just under 10 km further along, you will go downhill again to go through a tunnel, before continuing on between the road and Mount Miravalles, which is also planted with conifers. A little over 500 metres away, the bridge over the river Ulzama leads on to the **Trinidad de Arre** Basilica and, a few feet away, you will come to **Villava**. The main street of the town connects Villava to **Burlada**, and it is along this road that the Camino now goes. Head right at the Amor de Dios school, towards a tunnel which crosses the main road. Here you will see the right-hand side bank of the Arga, from where you will take the Burlada road which brings you into **Pamplona**, through orchards and houses and via the Magdalena Bridge. Once there, having gone through the "Puerta de Zumalacárregui", you will go along the following streets: Carmen, (from where you can reach the Cathedral through Navarrería Street); Mercaderes; Plaza Consistorial; San Saturnino; Mayor; and Bosquecillo. After Bosquecillo Street, you will finally arrive at the Citadel, (la Ciudadela).

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If you do not wish to follow the rough and somewhat bumpy route taken by pilgrims on foot, the N-135 goes along the same itinerary.

