




Stroll around Péronne (La balade Péronnaise)

A walk around the town blending history, nature and heritage, to help you explore Péronne.

-  Time: 1 hour
-  Distance: 3 km
-  Route: easy

Leaving from: Péronne, in front of the Tourist Office

MP3 audio guide available for download from www.ville-peronne.fr



La Somme

- ① As you leave the Haute-Somme Tourist Office, walk up the Rue Louis XI on your left, facing the castle. Turn left towards the Place Louis Daudré.
 - ▶ Have a look at the *Hôtel de Ville*, which houses the *Musée Alfred-Danicourt*, the church of *Saint-Jean-Baptiste*, and the many *Art-Déco* houses.
- ② Go straight on along the Rue Saint-Sauveur. Cross the road to go through the *Porte de Bretagne*, then under one of the gatehouse porches.
 - ▶ Built in the 17th century, the former *Flanders Gate* used to afford passage through the ramparts of Péronne, thus passing from the Kingdom of France into Flanders. Guarded by the (Irish) "Britons", it became known as the *Porte de Bretagne*. The arms of the town can be seen on the *façade*.
- ③ Continue on your way. Take the little path and follow the ramparts. Cross the footbridge.
 - ▶ *The War Memorial*, "*The Picard Woman Cursing War*", depicts a kneeling woman, arms stretched

towards the horizon, crying over a soldier lying dead. Is it her father, her brother, her husband, her betrothed? Dating from 1926, this work is by Paul Auban, Paul Theunissen and Louis Faille.

- ④ Take the *Boulevard des Anglais* on your left. Here you'll find the floating market gardens, the "*Hardines*".
 - ▶ Here, earth and water are in balance. These patches of land were reclaimed from the water when the marshes and ditches were being dredged, and have become floating gardens, separated and drained by channels.
- ⑤ Walk beside the *Étang de Robécourt*.
 - ▶ Legend has it that *Louis XIV* bathed here, opposite the *Moulin Damay*.
- ⑥ Turn right to look at the ruins of the *Damay Mill*. Cross the road.
- ⑦ Take the *Rue du Marin*.
 - ▶ Spend a little time in front of the

Albert Roze sculpture in honour of the *Seaman Delpas*, killed during the siege of the town by Prussian troops in the winter of 1870-71.

- ⑧ Turn left. Carry on up the road.
- ⑨ Go into the bucolic *Parc du Cam* for a few minutes of timelessness, then wander round the pond of the same name. Cross the car park, and take the metalled road between the *Historial* and the *Mac Orlan* concert venue. Return to the Haute-Somme Tourist Office.

The Historial de la Grande Guerre

The *Historial* is a museum, situated in the heart of the battlefields. It occupies the town's mediaeval castle. It uses the human approach to show how much the Great War affected society overall, and still subconsciously marks our memories. Throughout the tour, visitors are invited to reflect upon the past, the present, and the future.

of interest

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In the vicinity

3 km away: the Doingt menhir, one of the finest megaliths in Northern France. According to the legend, the fairies from the Rocogne Wood used to come down and dance around it.

9 km away, Rancourt: French Chapel of Remembrance. This is the largest French necropolis in the Department of the Somme. The commune has the sad privilege of hosting three of these large cemeteries: French, British and German.

5 km away, the Étangs of Cléry-sur-Somme.

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Route not suitable for horses, mountain bikes, or motor sports.