A Walk around Saint-Valery-sur-Somme PR®

Stroll around this once thriving port and explore the streets of a town rich in history, tucked away in one of the most beautiful bays in the world.

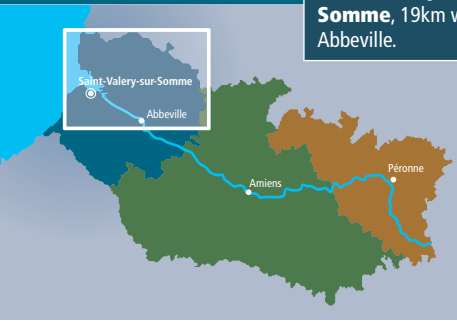
Time: **2 hours 20 mins**

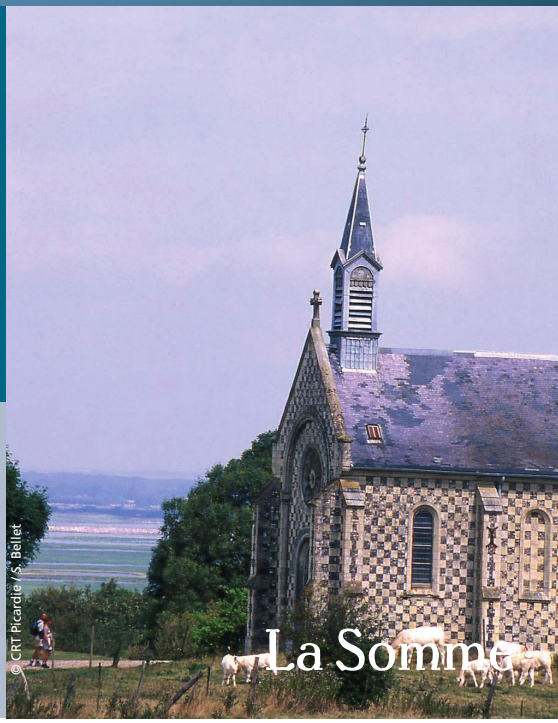
Distance: **7.2km**

Route: **easy**

Starting at: Tourist Office at the Place Guillaume le Conquérant at Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme

Saint-Valery-sur-Somme, 19km west of Abbeville.





1. From the Place Guillaume le Conquérant, follow the Quai Perrée to the former salt-stocking area.
   ▶ *A stone marks the departure of Guillaume 1er Duc de Normandie (William the Conqueror) when he left here for England in 1066. Victorious against King Harold at Hastings, he took the crown and the title of Conqueror.*
   Continue along Quai Lejoille and then Rue de Chantier.
   ▶ *Port and Somme Bay Railway Train Station.*
2. After the Gendarmerie, turn right along Chemin de la Corderie to reach Rue Saint-Pierre.
   ▶ *Chapel dating from 1723*
   Cross the road and turn right along Rue des Moulins and then left along Sentier du Calvaire.
   ▶ *The Sailor's Cross can be found next to the Courtgain Chapel. The name Courtgain was also given to the fishermen's district with its pretty houses; it could mean "Short gain" - fitting as a fisherman's salary was certainly not very high!*
3. At the bottom, turn left along Rue Jules Gaffé and then right along Rue Saint Augustin. At Place du Maréchal Foch, take Rue Brandt. Turn left along Rue des Fosses and continue along Rue du Mont Rôti.
4. At the Place de la Croix l'Abbé, turn right along Rue des Moines. Turn right along Rue des Processions and then left along Rue de la Chapelle.
   ▶ *This stone and flint check pattern chapel was built in 1878; although dedicated to St. Valéry, it is better known as the Sailor's Chapel.*
5. Follow the path that winds down towards the bay.
   ▶ *Magnificent panoramic views.*
   Turn right along Chaussée du Cap Hornu, following the beach until you reach the sign at the entrance to the port.
   ▶ *Guillaume's (William's) Towers stand in the high part of town.*
6. Turn right along Quai Jeanne d'Arc, which is a lovely shaded alleyway.
   ▶ *Joan of Arc passed through Saint-Valery when she was taken from Compiègne to Rouen in 1430 for trial. On the ramparts, the St. Martin Church stands next to the Porte de Nevers.*
7. Continue along Quai de l'Amiral Courbet until you reach Place des Pilotes.
   ▶ *This great sailor, born in Abbeville in the 19th century, distinguished himself during the battles of Tonkin.*
8. Continue along the Quai Blavet walk-way to return to your starting point.
   ▶ *It is named after a young man from Saint-Vale ry, born in the 18th century, who was captain of the Royal Marines by the age of 19.*

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In the Vicinity

The Somme Bay, with a surface of 7200 hectares, is the largest estuary in the North of France: salt-meadows, tidal marshes and remarkable flora and fauna. Specialised and knowledgeable nature guides can take you to explore this amazing environment (contact the Saint-Valery-sur-Somme Tourist Office).
3km away, Lanchères: Bird and Somme Bay Centre.
7km away, Hâble d'Ault Nature Reserve: hosting many species of birds, which should be observed from a distance.

Sign posts

Route continues — Change of direction — Wrong direction — Variation

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This hiking trail is not suitable for horse riding or cycling.

This hiking trail is maintained by the municipality of Saint-Valery-sur-Somme.

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