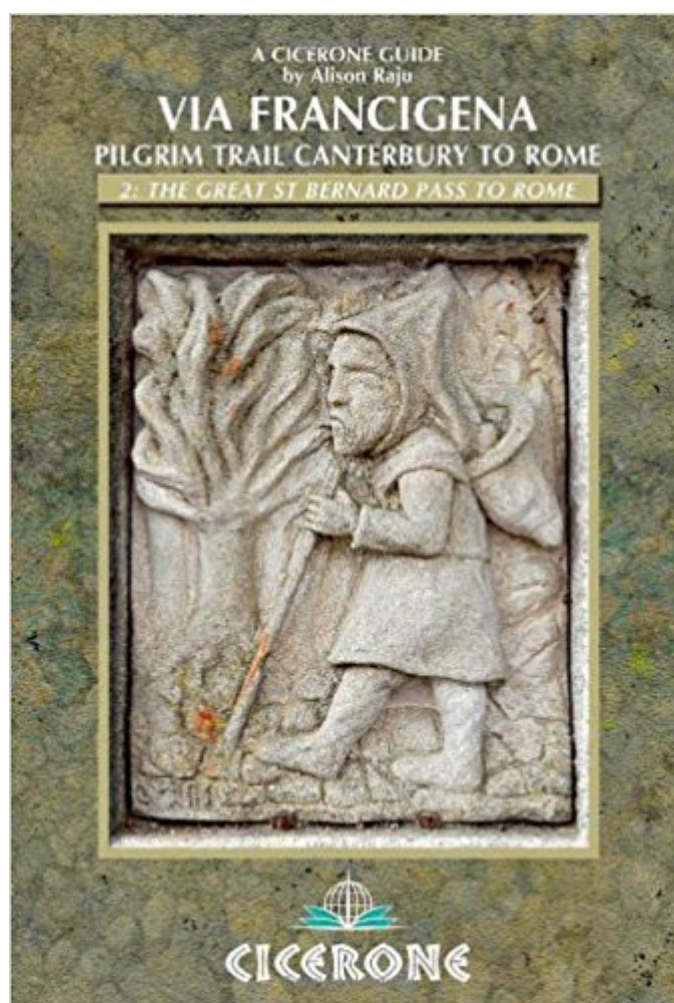


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The Via Francigena Canterbury To Rome - Part 2: The Great St Bernard Pass To Rome (Cicerone Guide)



Synopsis

This comprehensive new guide by an experienced author of guides to pilgrim routes covers the second half of the Via Francigena walking route - 1900km of contrasting terrain crossing Europe from Canterbury at the south-east corner of England to Rome in Italy. Part 2 takes walkers from the Great St Bernard Pass to Rome and these two volumes make up the first full guide (in any language) to this ancient route, now designated a European Cultural Itinerary and increasingly waymarked and well supplied with accommodation. Illustrated with clear, original sketch maps and colour photographs, the step-by-step route description also includes detailed information about historical sites and all facilities available along the way. Relatively flat sections in northern France, full of historical and cultural resonance from great and ancient cathedrals to the battlefields and cemeteries of two world wars, give way to the mountainous Jura and a strenuous passage over the Alps, via the Great St Bernard Pass, all passing through villages and towns with interesting churches and religious monuments.

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Customer Reviews

Alison Raju is a former language teacher and author of three other Cicerone guides to pilgrim routes: 'Way of St James: Pyrenees - Santiago', 'Via de la Plata' and 'The Pilgrim Road to Nidaros: Oslo - Trondheim'.

The guide is adequate but it's not at the level of the French or Spanish guides available for the

Camino de Santiago. Nevertheless, the Via Francigena-Cicerone is superior to the "Guida alla via Francigena" by Monica D'Atti & Franco Citti which is a sub-standard guide. The Via Francigena-Cicerone contains good geographic directions and provides accurate distances, however it presents two major defects, it is pricy and most of all it's heavy. The weight it's always a major consideration for a long distance hiker.

A lot of information, so not the easiest read. Have not travelled to Italy yet, but wanted some background for a "walk". It was difficult to find the specific area we would be in from the info in the book, but I'm not sure how I would have organized the information to make that easier.

I bought this book because we are considering whether to do the walk from St. Bernard's Pass to Rome. There are few books about this pilgrimage route, as it appears to be a decade or two behind the Camino Frances to Santiago in popular travel and writing. I found the extremely detailed route information both encouraging (should be fairly easy to follow, I guess) and discouraging (because of what that same detail says about the paucity of waymarks on the ground. I have not done the walk yet, so this is not an after-action review. The reader is encouraged to both read this book and try to track down some after-action reviews for a better picture. PS I took Kindle copies of two Camino Frances guides with me when we went and they were very helpful on the ground, so to speak. If we do this walk, we will probably re-buy it in Kindle format to carry along.

Detailed information excellent. Only problem heavy as guides go to carry for 500 miles.

Wish it had more detailed maps.

Didn't like it. Doesn't have a map of the whole way. "Bureaucratic" descriptions.

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