

## vf019 Via Francigena Gignod to Aosta

↔ 6.7 km

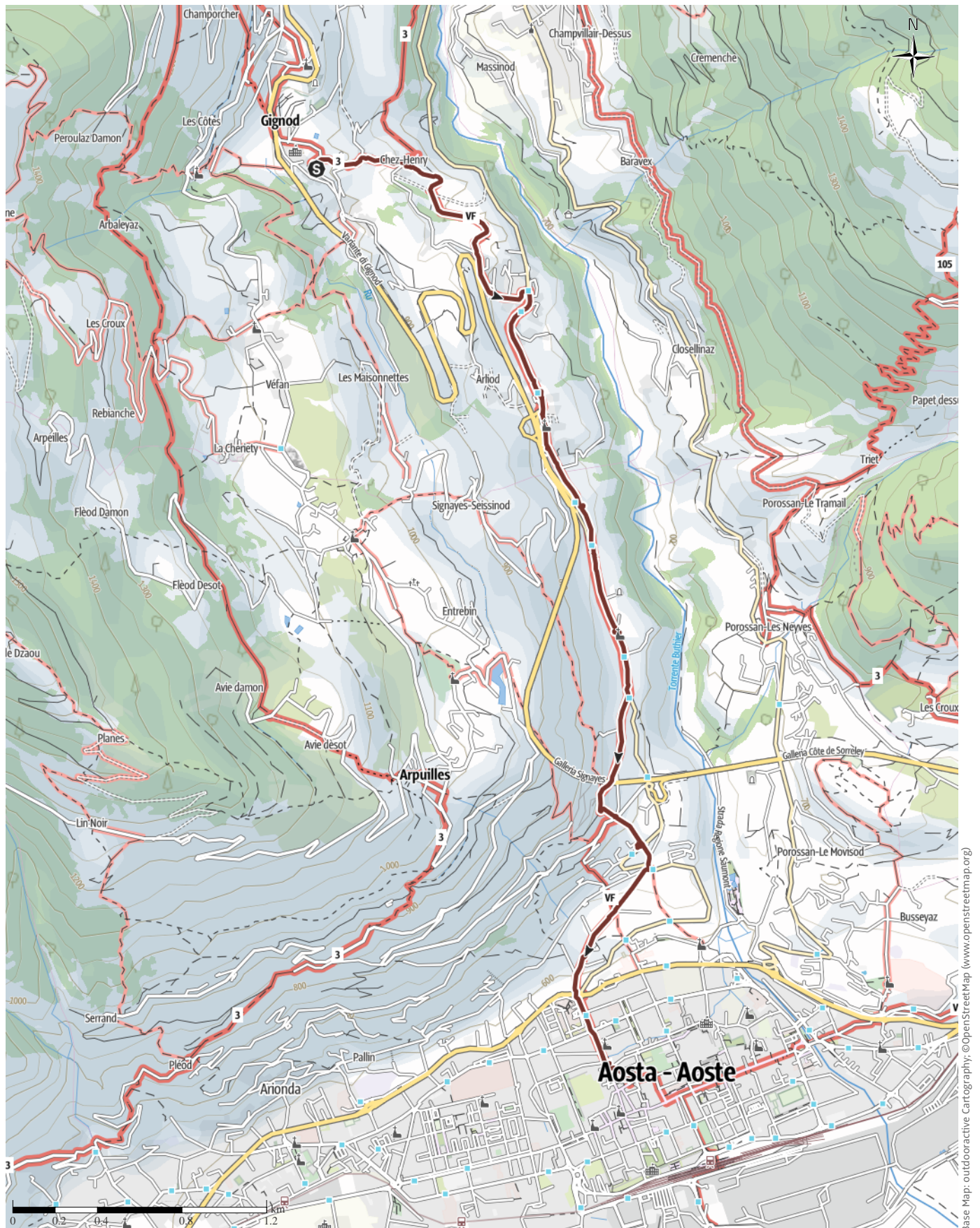
🕒 1:45 h

⬆️ 4 m

⬆️ 344 m

Difficulty

easy

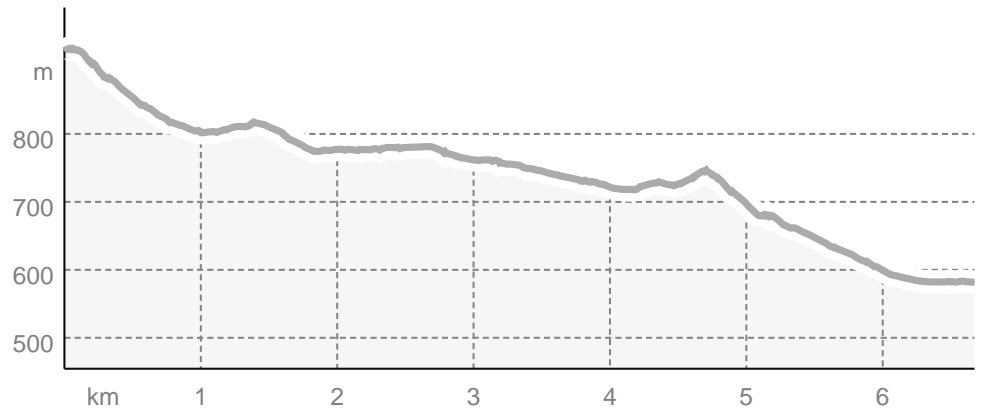


Base Map: outdooractive Cartography, ©OpenStreetMap (www.openstreetmap.org)

## Track types

Length 6.7 km

## Elevation profile



## route data

### Pilgrim Walk

Distance 6.7 km

Duration 1:45 h

Ascent 4 m

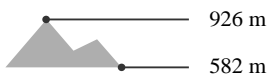
Descent 344 m

Difficulty easy

Stamina

Technique

Altitude



## Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR  
APR | MAY | JUN  
JUL | AUG | SEP  
OCT | NOV | DEC

## Ratings

### Authors

Experience

Landscape

### Community

## More route data



### Angus Carrick

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### An easy downhill walk to Aosta, followed by site-seeing in the Roman town.

We fortified ourselves with a good breakfast in the reception room, paid our bill at the VW Bus reception desk, and set off downhill into the autumn landscape, with clear blue skies. After a little, we arrived at the outskirts of Aosta, having to walk along roadsides, and through vineyards. (We had enough of vineyards in Switzerland - often hot and boring places!) Still high above the old town of Aosta, we found a small café where we had coffee and cake, and then continued downwards. We didn't pause at main town centre, but continued on to the outdoor market nestled against part of the old roman walls, which we knew was due to close soon. After making some purchases, we found a local restaurant for lunch to give us energy for some sight seeing. The Romans founded Aosta approximately

25 b.Chr, its name at the time was Augusta Praetoria and its mission was to control access to the alpine passes of Minor and Grand St-Bernard. Despite various plunderings and desctructions during the following centuries, many of the original buildings like the town wall, town gates, the triumphal arch as well as the roman theatre and the amphitheatre partly survived. We walked round part of the perimeter walls, and then spent some time enjoying the fascinating archaeological museum and special exhibit on Picasso. Our museum ticket also allowed us to visit the amazing Criptoporticus. This monument dates back to the Augustan era, was a structure for levelling the ground for the forum. It is also possible that the partly underground part could have been used as a warehouse and military storage area. The marble colonnade that stood over it no longer exists. Also included was the early Christian basilica of San Lorenzo, we we rushed to see, but which unfortunately was closed when we got there, We completed our visit with attendance at a service in the cathedral, and then headed off to the bus station to get a Flixbus back to Ber.

For more photos and information, see [Angus&Sue's website](#)

**Takeaway route for iPhone and Android**

Scan QR code, save this route offline, share with friends and more...

Website

<https://out.ac/ldrKoH>





Photo: Angus Carrick, Community

## Legend

### Topography

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
|  | Wood, forest                          |
|  | Moor, swamp, marsh                    |
|  | Heath                                 |
|  | Residential area with single building |
|  | Industrial area with single building  |
|  | Cemetery                              |
|  | Golf course                           |
|  | Sportsfield, stadium                  |
|  | Stadium                               |
|  | Open-air pool                         |
|  | Vineyard                              |
|  | Petrograph                            |
|  | Country border                        |
|  | State border                          |
|  | District border                       |
|  | Contour line                          |
|  | Special use area                      |
|  | Nature reserve                        |

### Topographic signs

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
|  | Summit cross       |
|  | Elevation point    |
|  | Rock               |
|  | Cave               |
|  | Church             |
|  | Chapel             |
|  | Cemetery           |
|  | Palace/Castle      |
|  | Abbey              |
|  | Monument           |
|  | Ruin               |
|  | Mine               |
|  | Cairn              |
|  | Broadcasting tower |
|  | Windwheel          |
|  | Water-/windmill    |
|  | Viewpoint          |

### Road and track

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
|  | Motorway               |
|  | Highway                |
|  | Statal road            |
|  | Road                   |
|  | Main agricultural road |
|  | Agricultural road      |
|  | Trail                  |
|  | Via Ferrata            |

### Lifts and railway

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
|  | Ropeway lift    |
|  | Gondola lift    |
|  | Chairlift       |
|  | Ski-, draglift  |
|  | Aerial ropeways |
|  | Railway         |
|  | Suburban train  |
|  | Subway          |
|  | Tram            |
|  | Railway station |