



Town hall, Corbie

Corbie

- 6 500 inhabitants
- Town centre with numerous shops
- Restaurants, hotels, B&Bs, self-catering accommodations and campsites
- Railway station
- Museum created by the association "Friends of the old Corbie" (open in July and August)
- Abbey church Saint Pierre in neo-gothic style
- Monumental door, Tuscan style, 18th century
- Mount Thabor (fortification remains, 17th century)
- Church Notre-Dame de la Neuville in gothic and classical style, 16th century
- Chapel Saint Colette
- British military cemeteries
- Town hall and park (chateau in eclectic style, 19th century)
- Swimming pool "Calypso"
- Intercommunal media centre
- Theatre "Les Docks"
- Theatre "La buanderie"
- Panorama on the banks "Sainte Colette" and picnic place
- Cycle route "Vallée de Somme" and picnic place
- Nautical relay (Fluvial tourism)
- Ponds "de la Barrette"
- Tourist office "Val de Somme", open all year
- Guided tours of the cultural and natural heritage in the "Val de Somme"
- Information and animation centre (exhibition hall)

Abbey church, Corbie



Dernancourt

- Reconstructed church Saint Léger
- School-Town hall Adelaide
- Commonwealth cemetery

Grandcourt

- Reconstructed church Saint Rémi
- Commonwealth cemetery

Fouilloy

- Shops and restaurants
- Town hall from the 19th century
- Church Saint Mathieu
- Franco-British military cemetery
- Cycle route valley of the Somme
- Ponds and picnic place

Heilly

- Remains of the Merovingian castle, destroyed in the 19th century, Monument of France (2nd list)
- Church from 1780, listed Monument of France
- Grotto Saint Vincent
- Heilly station cemetery (on communal grounds of Méricourt l'Abbé)
- Park of the Great Canal (leisure ground)
- Federal Ponds (fishing and leisure ground)
- Hotel-restaurant
- Self-catering accommodation
- Railway station



Miraumont

- Source of the Ancre river
- Reconstructed church Saint Léger
- Commonwealth cemetery



Ribemont-sur-Ancre

- Gallo-roman archaeological site
- Archaeological centre of the Département Somme
- Railway station
- Campsite
- Church Saint-Vaast, 17th century
- Commonwealth cemetery



Saint-Pierre-Divion Commune of Thiepval

- Source and picnic place
- Chapel



Thiepval

- National Franco-British Memorial
- On-site museum and picnic place
- Ulster Tower
- Reconstructed church Notre Dame des Hauts de l'Ancre
- Numerous Commonwealth cemeteries



Ville-sur-Ancre

- Reconstructed church Saint Martin
- Commonwealth cemetery

Villers-Bretonneux

- 4 220 inhabitants
- Town centre with numerous shops, restaurants and B&Bs
- Railway station
- Australian National Memorial
- Franco-Australian museum (tracing the history of the Australian Expeditionary Corps during the First World War)
- Adelaide Cemetery
- Tank monument (on the road D168 direction Cachy)



The Battles of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme in 1914

Until 1915 the French soldiers face the German soldiers at the front line in the valley of the Ancre. Breton regiments are active in the area of Albert.

The Battle of the Somme in 1916

During four months and a half, from July 1st to mid-November 1916, soldiers from more than 20 different nations fight in the valley of the Ancre. In 1916 in the area of Albert the soldiers from the Commonwealth countries (Great-Britain, Canada, Newfoundland, South Africa, Australia, India...) face the German trenches (the French being more in the south and the east of the Somme valley). The town of Albert is in British hands, while Bapaume and Péronne are in German hands. At the end of the year all nationalities compounded count 1.2 million victims.

The Battle of the Somme in 1918

The town of Albert is taken by the German army, while Amiens is still held by the French and British. In order to protect Amiens, Australian troops neutralise the German offensive and liberate Villers-Bretonneux on the 24th April 1918. At the end of the war the front line from the North Sea to the Vosges mountains has not moved more than a couple of miles... More than 400 cemeteries surround the towns of Albert and Villers-Bretonneux.



Cycle Route and train

The Cycle route of Memory runs parallel to the railway line Amiens-Lille. Go by bike, return by train, nothing is easier. If ever you get tired you can catch the train at every railway station on the tour.

Link for schedules:

www.voyages-sncf.com/billet-train/horaires

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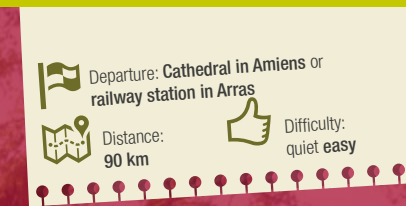
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Cycle tour Cycling routes N° 32 Memory tour

From Amiens to Arras via Corbie and Albert



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The associations of local authorities "Val de Somme" and "Poppy Country" invite you to connect two important towns in the North of France via the small communal and regional roads and to discover several imposing memorials of the First World War like the Australian Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and the French-British Memorial at Thiepval.

Between Amiens and Corbie, the cycle route follows the Somme river and the valley of the Ancre river from Corbie to Miraumont via Albert before crossing the Artois area.



Basilica, Albert

Albert

- 3rd biggest town of the Somme department, 10.000 inhabitants
- Town centre with numerous shops, restaurants and hotels
- Camping site, self-catering accommodations and B&Bs
- Railway station with "Potez"-aircraft in the main hall
- Museum "Somme 1916" (underground museum showing the life of the soldiers of all nations during the First World War)
- French and British military cemeteries, Breton plot on communal cemetery
- Basilica Notre Dame de Brebières in neo-byzantine style and its legend of the Leaning Virgin, classified Monument of France
- Town hall: belfry in neo-flemish style, interior in Art Deco style
- Park and Arboretum, listed Monument of France
- Ponds of the Velodrome and picnic place
- Private museum of the industrial and aeronautical period
- 100 Art Deco facades
- Former public bathrooms transformed into exhibition room
- Theatre "du Jeu de Paume" and exhibition galerie
- Café-theatre, media centre
- Swimming Pool
- Important aeronautical, hydraulic and mechanical industry
- The Poppy Country Tourist Office opens the whole year round and offers guided tours for individuals and groups in Albert, on the battlefields, the Remembrance Trail and the nature sites with certified guides
- Bike rental at the Tourist Office

Town hall, Albert



Here you find in alphabetical order a selection of places to visit in the "Poppy Country" and the "Val de Somme" which are in the heart of the cycling route:

Authuille

- Reconstructed church Saint Fursy, to be classified Monument of France
- Commonwealth cemetery
- Memorial



Aveluy

- Reconstructed church Saint Fiacre
- Commonwealth cemetery
- Picnic place

Bonnay

- The Ancre river crosses the village, fuelled numerous ponds, remaining of the peat extraction in the 19th century
- Restaurant
- Church Saint Vast, 19th century
- Commonwealth cemetery, inaugurated in 1924

Buire-sur-Ancre

- Reconstructed church Saint-Hilaire



Valley of the Ancre river

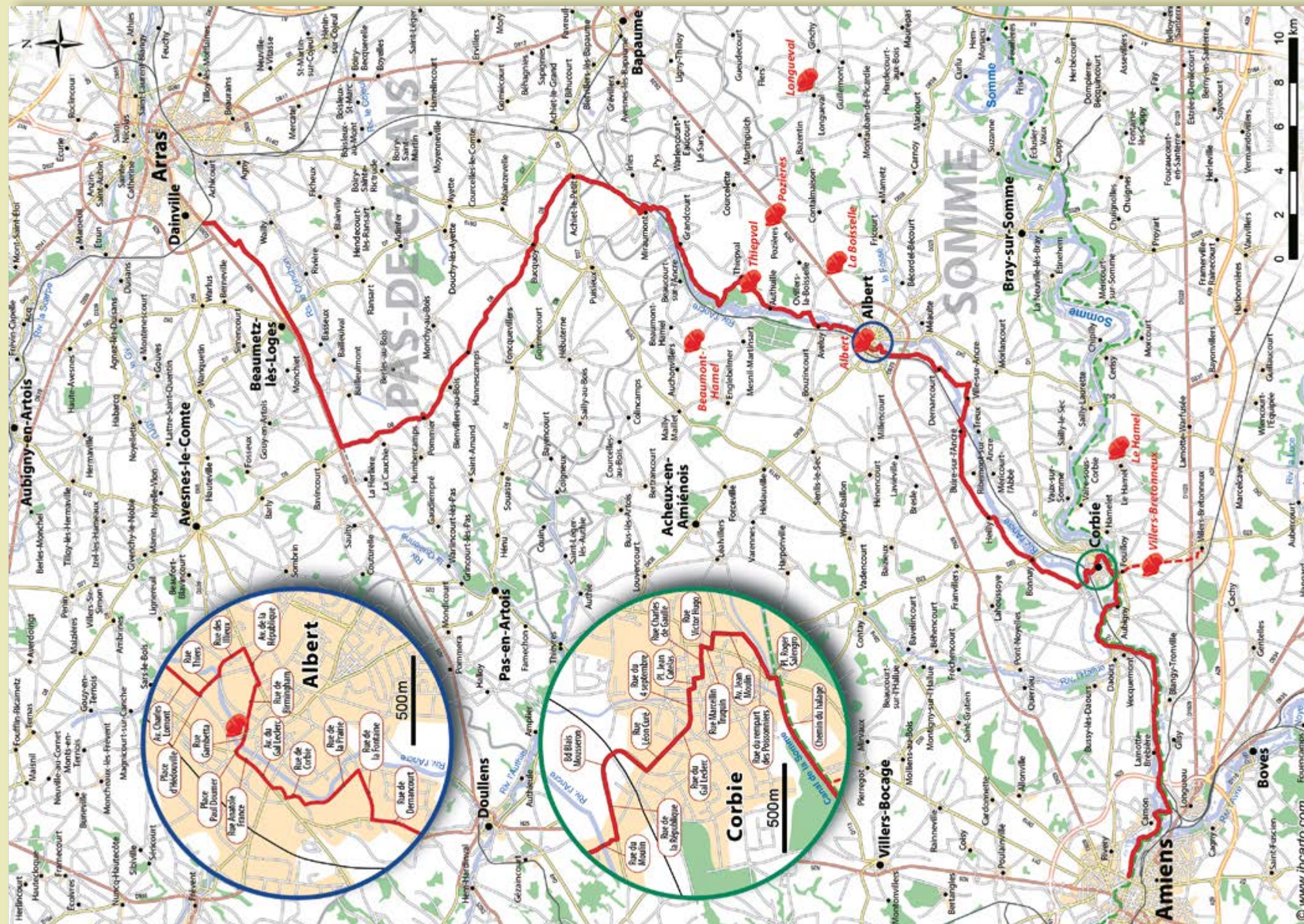
The Ancre – anchor – river's source is at Miraumont, 15 kilometres north of Albert. It flows into the Somme at Aubigny, 5 kilometres south of Corbie. The Ancre gave its name to four villages: Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, Ville-sur Ancre, Buire-sur-Ancre and Ribemont-sur-Ancre. The town of Albert was named "Ancre" until 1620. On its way through Albert, it runs along the ponds of the velodrome, passes under the Basilica and continues through the Arboretum and Park. Here visitors can see and hear the 7 metres high waterfall.



Albert - Basilica Notre Dame de Brebières



Corbie - Abbey church Saint Pierre



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Cathedral, Amiens

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Main Square, Arras

Departure from Amiens or Arras

- The cycle route of Remembrance can be taken in both directions and connects two important towns in the north of France.
- If you start in Amiens at the cathedral, join the Perret tower and the railway station, go down to the Somme river and turn eastwards direction Corbie via the Somme valley. Follow the signs up the Ancre valley towards Albert and Miraumont. Then follow the signposting in the Pas-de-Calais to Dainville, a town at the entrance of Arras.
 - If you start in Arras, join first Dainville, cross the Pas-en-Artois region and join Miraumont. Follow the Ancre down to Albert then Corbie and the Somme direction Amiens, where you find the junction with the cycle route of the Somme to Saint-Valery/Le Crotoy.

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