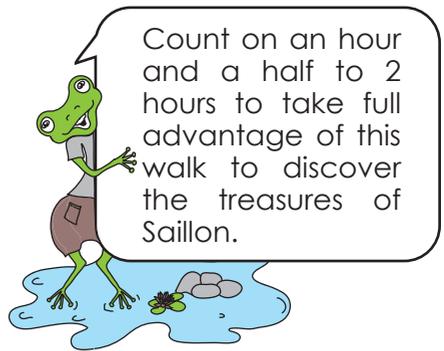




# Treasure Hunt

# Saillon



Count on an hour and a half to 2 hours to take full advantage of this walk to discover the treasures of Saillon.

Organized by the  
Parents' Association and  
the Tourist Office.



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With the support of the  
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Ages advised:

The little kids' corner: 4 to 6 years

Level 1: 7 to 12 years

Level 2: 12 years and above

And if you don't find an answer, take a look at the last page!



Each adult is responsible for the overseeing and safety of children during the entire activity. The organizers decline all responsibility in case of accident.

### The little kids' corner

#### QUESTION 2:

Look for this medallion and write down its number. \_\_\_\_\_



#### QUESTION 5:

What animal is on the top of the bell tower?  
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#### QUESTION 6:

Which one of these forms matches the image carved on the big block of marble?



#### QUESTION 8:

Which stained-glass window is this? Circle the correct response.



#### QUESTION 1:

Level 1 The trail that leads to the village is called "Sous le Scex"; what does the word "Scex" mean?  
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Level 2 Why was the village built on a hill?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### QUESTION 2 :

Level 1 In the Passage des Lombards, find Farinet's nickname.  
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Level 2 What was the value of the coin counterfeited by Farinet?  
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#### QUESTION 3 :

Level 1 What is the coat of arms of Saillon and what color is it?  
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Level 2 What was this little bell used for in the past?  
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#### QUESTION 4:

Level 1 What was there in the Leytron Gate?  
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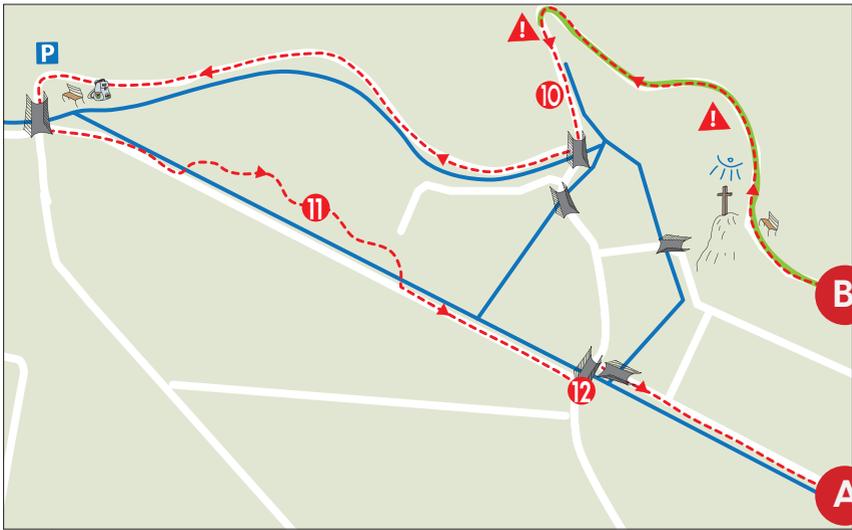
Level 2 What famous artist painted the "Giants' Cave" that is located in the Salentze Gorge?  
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#### QUESTION 5 :

Level 1 Find the sundial and guess the meaning of the phrase written at the top of it.  
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Level 2 Guess how many types of plants are cultivated around the church.  
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-  Treasure Hunt brochure available
-  Itinerary A: 1 hour 30 min.
-  Itinerary B: 2 hours
-  Some risk of falling, tricky passages  
Keep an eye on small children
-  View point
-  Parking
-  Information: Tourist Office  
Counterfeit Money Museum
-  Public toilets

-  Postal bus stop
-  Picnic area
-  Not for child strollers or baby carriages
-  Drinking water
-  Bicycle parking



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Don't forget to bring your completed questionnaire to the Tourist Office or to the Counterfeit Money Museum.

### QUESTION 6 :

Level 1 What sort of well-known stone is used for the walls of this house?  
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Level 2 What is the main vegetable Saillon is typically known for in springtime ?  
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### QUESTION 7 :

Level 1 For what occasion is this place used?  
.....

Level 2 What is the name of the war machine you see here?  
.....

### QUESTION 8 :

Level 1 : What year was the big barrel (cask) made?  
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Level 2 They call me the "Bayart Tower", do you know how tall I am? ..... meters.

### QUESTION 9 :

Farinet's Vineyard is not far from here (about 15 min.). If you want to go there, follow the information on the map.

Level 1 To whom is the foot bridge dedicated?  
.....

Level 2 What is the length of the foot bridge?  
.....



Bravo! You've finished the short itinerary!



**Bonus.**  
A photo from the top of the tower with #apesaillon and #saillontourisme on  

### Long way

### QUESTION 10 :

Level 1 In what era was this lime kiln made? .....

Level 2 At what temperature is the calcination of limestone obtained?

- 300 to 500 °
- 800 to 1000 °
- 1200 to 1500 °



### QUESTION 11 :

Level 1 This is the work of what animal?  
.....

Level 2 What is the nickname of the residents of Saillon?  
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### QUESTION 12 :

Level 1 Find the old marble quarry. What allowed them to transport the marble down to the valley? .....

Level 2 What is the adjective used to describe the marble of Saillon?  
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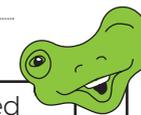
### QUESTION 13:

Level 1 What sport is played here? .....

Level 2 What is the name of the trees you find here?  
.....



Bravo! You finished the long itinerary!



Thank you for your visit and don't hesitate to come back to Saillon to discover even more. See you soon...

## History

You have to imagine the lower part of the village as a marshy area (swamp), made up of ponds and little islands. That's where the inhabitants' nickname comes from: the "Tapa-gailles" means those who struck the ponds with sticks to silence the frogs. In the case of a siege or freezing temperatures, the people drew water from the Rhone directly from the "poterne" (hidden door) inside the ramparts. The war machine located behind the old town is called a siege tower. It was used to pass over the rampart walls. In modern times the marshes were drained, using the carts you see at the Place des Moilles.

## Farinet Footbridge

It crosses over a vertiginous passage of 100 meters long, above the Salentze Gorge where Farinet died. You get to it either by hiking up through the Saillon vineyards, or via the hamlet of Les Places above the village of Montagnon (where the postal bus stops on the Route d'Ovronnaz).

## Farinet

Sought after by the police of the Val d'Aoste, this well-loved outlaw hid in the narrow streets of the old town, where he minted his counterfeit coins of 20 cents.

## Hot spring

In the Salentze Gorge, below the Farinet Footbridge, you find a source of hot water already known by the Romans. It was in this nature reserve that the artist Gustave Courbet painted his famous "Giants' Cavern".

## The Bayart Tower

This 20-meter-high tower is the emblem of Saillon. It was built between 1260 and 1262 by the architect Pierre Meinier. Access to the summit is easy... and free. The view over the Rhone Valley from up there is fantastic!

## Lime kilns

Their presence is attested since the Middle Ages and is due to the proximity of water and limestone. These two elements were indispensable for making lime, which served as cement in that era! They had to alternate layers of limestone and coal and maintain the temperature between 800° and 1000° C for 3 days and 3 nights to obtain lime.



1.1 rock ; 3.2 school ; 4.1 a portcullis (heavy iron grill) ; 5.1 "All for the glory of God" ; 5.2 about 200 ; 6.1 marble ; 6.2 asparagus ; 7.1 Medieval Festival ; 11.1 beaver ; 12.1 funicular ; 12.2 cipolin ; 13.1 petanque (bocce) ; 13.2 linden trees



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If you want to participate in the raffle, fill out your personal information.

Family name : ..... First name : .....

Age: ..... Address : .....

E-mail : .....

When your questionnaire is complete, you can drop it off in the box at the Tourist Office or the Counterfeit Money Museum.