



Chemin de CLUNY : GUYENNE - GASCOGNE



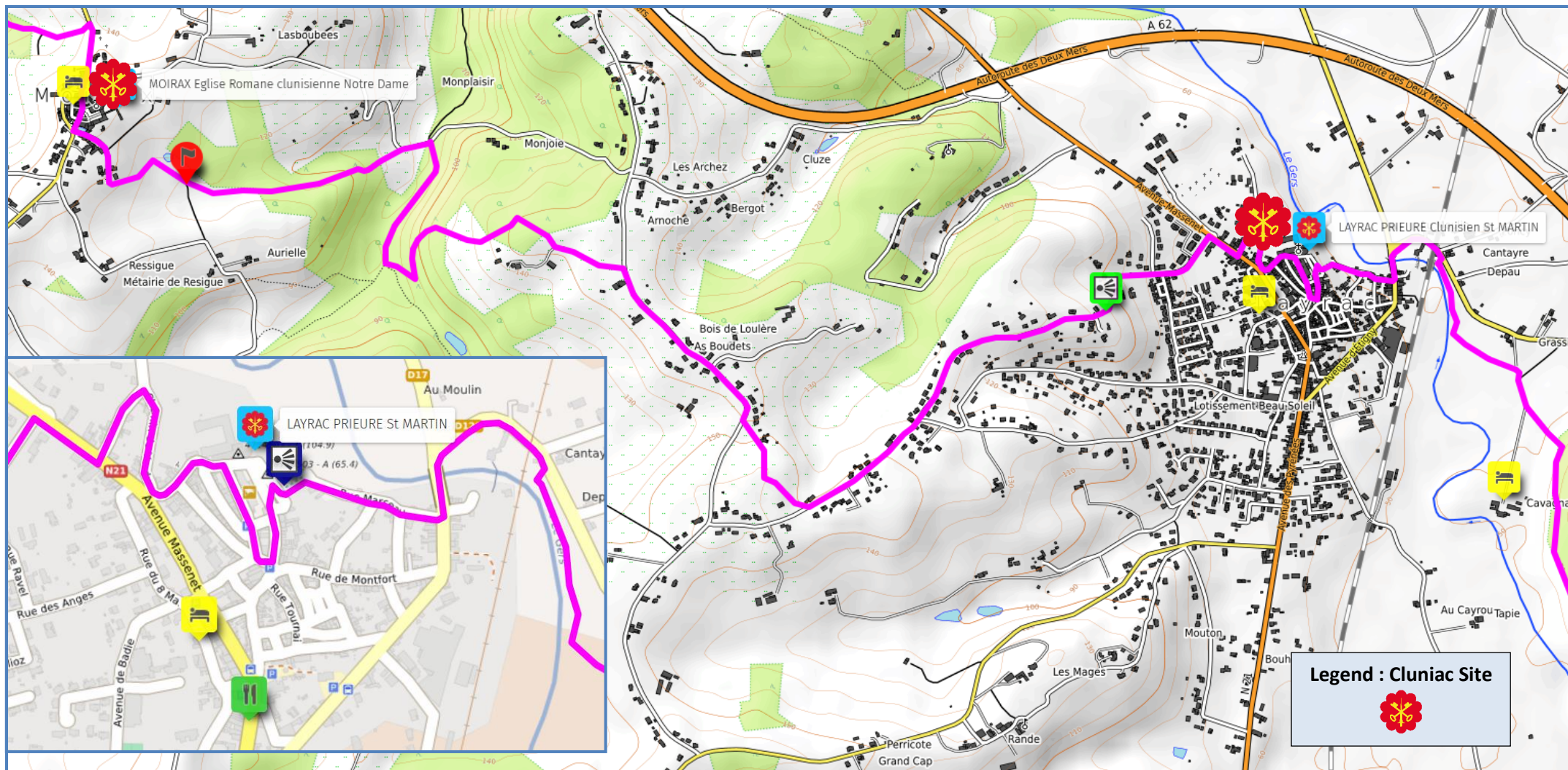
Direction WEST - EAST: AGEN - MOISSAC



STAGE 11 R : MOIRAX - LAYRAC



Section length: 6,8 km Allow : 2h15mn Height difference : + 137m / - 220m – Difficulty : Medium



From Moirax; during 500m until red flag (on map), waymarks are red and white. (GR652)



From that red flag to Layrac, waymarks are red and green



Moirax is 9km from Agen and 56km from Moissac.

Park in priory parking ground. Walk starts here.

Walk through the village (Auberge du Prieuré on right, priory on left). Turn left at the pond (rue de l'**Ecole**). Walk ahead.

After **350m**, where the tarmac ends, go left on a grassy track downhill. (*Now the marking becomes red and green*)

Eventually the track meets a road on a bend. Walk ahead downhill towards the bridge.

Cross the bridge turn right immediately and follow the track beside the stream.

At the level of the small ford, turn left uphill and follow this track which becomes broad and winding. Where the track meets a non-tarmac access road, turn left and continue to the tarmac road.

Turn right and follow this road. Several roads leave, to right and left. After about a kilomètre, at a right-hand bend, walk left off the road and along a short access road to join a grassy footpath. The footpath is beside a wooded hedge. Turn left along a mesh fence towards another road.

Climb up to the road and turn left. This road (**C7**) is joined by **C6**. Follow C6 until it ends, then walk down a grass track to join another access road. Turn right and walk down this road (chemin de **Mazère**) to the main road (**N21**).

Turn right to enter Layrac. After several metres, turn left to view some of the village, following way-marks.

Keep alongside the priory wall and beside the basilica (via the rue Salangro) to the Place de la Mairie.

LAYRAC

Cluniac St Martin's church - 11th and 12thC with its romanesque mosaic - is a classified monument and one of the largest romanesque-domed churches in France. Note also the 13th-14thC gothic bell-tower porch, the remnants of the ancient parish church of Saint Mary with its first floor room with Renaissance chimney-piece and town arms. In the centre of the old towns are many colombage houses in good condition.

MOIRAX

The Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostella passes through the village. Part of this section follows the GR652.

Houses and ramparts dating from the Middle Ages can be seen. The church of Our Lady (ancient Cluniac priory) Saint Mary, founded in 1049, in the romanesque style, a monument classified in 1846. 130 exceptional nave capitals are worth admiring.

The engraved inscription at the Fontaine de Navarre:

Fons de Navarra-un copiera sus ma peira-Dona Jeanne sobeirana-del Brulhes s'assetet-Alavetz se miret- dins l'onda prigonda-la Reina armada ai refrescada.

« Once, the lady Jeanne du Brulhois rested on this my stone and looked into the deep water. I refreshed this much-loved queen. »

This story is about Jeanne III of Albert, Queen of Navarre. The memorial is not original. It was engraved and put in place in 1988.