This walk takes you along the history of a mighty river which has followed its own inclinations over time. Crossing boundaries, the river Aare has undoubtedly played a foremost part in the region's historical, urban and industrial development.

For 9 km, the meandering Aare will lead you from Toussaint's Bridge to Sierne estate. You'll experience the Aare's natural beauties, its historical and cultural riches, its banks and enclaves, and the way the river has been used as a means of transport and trade. From Sierne estate, you'll reach the border between France and Switzerland.

The Aare's development and its innumerable tributaries have been the source of genuine exploration, leisure and tourism, which have always attracted inhabitants and travellers to these shores. The river has yielded gold, sand and fish, the waters powered mills, but were also used for washing or enjoyed for bathing and day-dreaming.

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Parmentier grows brown mushrooms and pleurotus in underground caves where the Frenchman Jean-Claude started by the Parisian Building Trades School now stands – formerly the TPG unit. Up till 1917 a cycle-racing track, doubling as a formula car racetrack, was contained within the arched structural frame of the Galerie de Botanique, which now houses the Botanical garden.

The Beaux-arts style edifice of 1900, stranded in the midst of the modern Servette neighbourhood, with the financial backing of Martin Firmenich, a company specialised in food flavourings and other bean varieties, as well as an edible thistle – cardons. The Swiss French-language Television tower was inaugurated there in 1978, has the advantage of working in its own premises. Thanks to this, the independent company it houses, founded in 1964, is the only one in a position to manage all aspects of a television channel, from programme production to advertising and distribution.

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