



Cycling along the Loire River

FOR YOUR CYCLING-LOVING CLIENTS

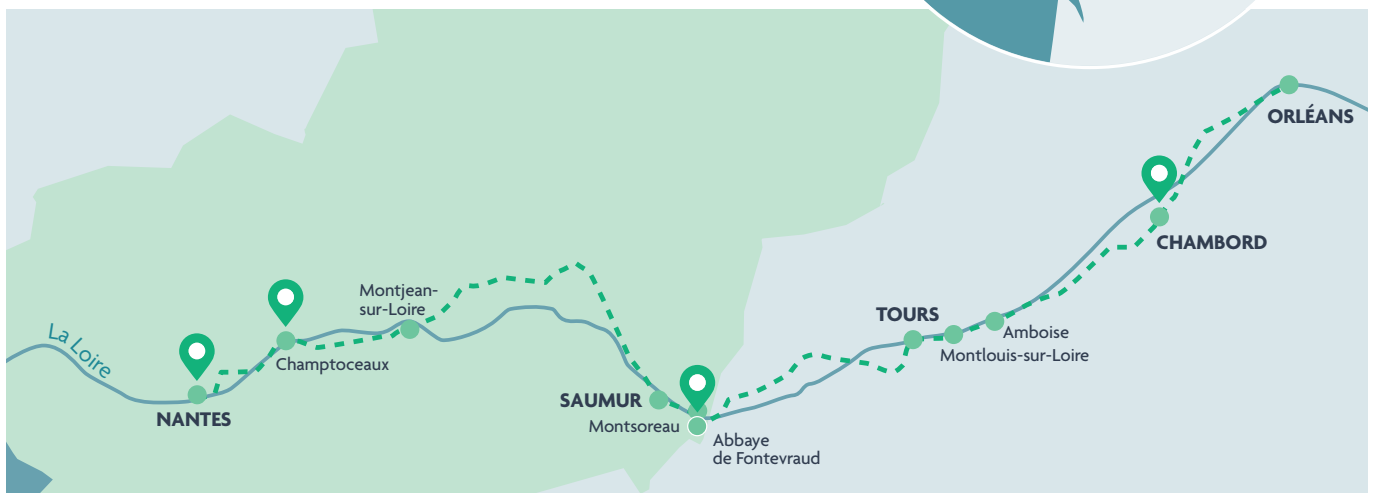
☀️ 4 DAYS 📍 400 KM 🚲 63 OR 73 KM

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## EXPERIENCE THE LOIRE BY BIKE

### Highlights of the trip:

- A preserved environment and safe and signposted cycle routes
- Loire Valley: a Royal Chateaux Country
- Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- “Accueil Vélo” labelled accommodation for visitors with bikes
- Professionals keen to welcome cyclists
- Cycling-friendly cities
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l’île



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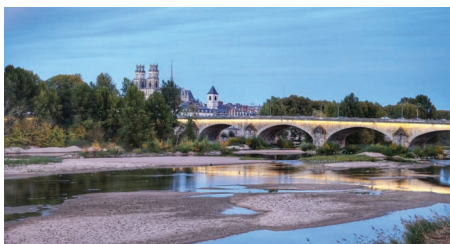
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## Day 1

55 KM

23 KM



### Morning | Orléans

**Guided tour of Orléans**

**Boat tour on the Loire River**, Orléans

**Lunch in “Le Bar de Loire” restaurant**, Orléans

### Afternoon | Cycling tour & Chambord

**Cycling tour**

approx. 23km (2 hours): Orléans – Jargeau

**Dinner at the 4\* “Le Relais Chambord” Hotel**

**Night at the 4\* “Le Relais Chambord” Hotel**

## Day 2

170 KM

15 KM



### Morning | Domaine de Chambord & Amboise

**Discover the Chateau de Chambord**

**Discover the Chateau d'Amboise**

**Lunch at the “Chez Hippeau” restaurant in Amboise**

### Afternoon | Montlouis-sur-Loire & Saumur

**Cycling tour (with electric bikes)**

approx. 15km (1 hour): Amboise-Montlouis sur Loire

**Dinner at “Fontevraud Le Restaurant” (1 Michelin\*)** at the heart of a 1,000 year-old abbey

**Night at 4\* “Fontevraud l’Hotel”** – a design hotel in a UNESCO heritage site – a night with Eleanor of Aquitaine

> *Alternative: Dinner & Night at 3\* “La Croix Blanche” hotel, Fontevraud*

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## Day 3

📍 140 KM

🚲 30-50 KM



Over 500 professionals bear the “Accueil Vélo” label for a warm welcome to cyclists



### Morning | Saumur

**Cycle tour on the Loire by Bike route between Montsoreau & Saumur** – approx. 15 km. Discover the famous troglodytes, the underground buildings and paths which were dug into tufa stone

**Lunch at the “Terrier du Château” wine bar in Saumur**, facing the Loire River and the Chateau

### Afternoon | The Loire by Bike around Angers

#### Cycle tour on the Loire by Bike route:

Two options: 15 or 25 km cycling. From Béhuard Island or La Possonnière to Montjean-sur-Loire, discover the magic of the river Loire, its small picturesque villages, vineyards and sandy shores. Stop at Saint-Florent-le-Vieil for a panoramic view over the Loire.

**Dinner at “La Citadelle” restaurant, Le Champalud hotel**

**Night at 3\* “Logis Le Champalud” hotel, Champtoceaux**

> *Alternative: Dinner & Night at “Les Jardins de l’Anjou”, La Pommeraye*

## Day 4

📍 35 KM

🚲 10 KM



### Morning | The Loire by Bike down to the doors of Nantes

**Cycle tour on the Loire by Bike route:** the last 10km along the river to Nantes

#### Lunch in the theatre district in Nantes.

Elegant and cultural, the Graslin district is a gem of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century urban planning. Graslin is reputed for its chic shops, its gourmet restaurants and its Passage Pommeraye, the only three-storey covered arcade in Europe.

### Afternoon | Nantes

#### Follow the Green line in Nantes.

A green line literally painted on the ground enables visitors to discover all the main city landmarks, from the Chateau des ducs de Bretagne to the latest artworks of Le Voyage à Nantes. Get ready!

#### Dinner in Nantes city centre

Dine in a restaurant recommended by the selection Les Tables de Nantes. Fresh, creative, and healthy: Nantes’ cuisine will delight you!

**Night at the 4\* Mercure Grand Hotel in Nantes**

> *Alternative: 4\* Oceania “Hotel de France” in Nantes, Graslin district Nantes*



Nantes has 500km of bicycle path



## CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS

### HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ITINERARY

**The Royal Abbey of Fontevraud**  
1\* – Michelin restaurant and 4\* Hotel  
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**The Terrier du Château – wine bar, Saumur**  
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**La Citadelle Restaurant & 3\* Hotel Le Champalud, Champtoceaux**  
contact@lechampalud.com  
**Les Tables de Nantes**  
www.lestabledenantes.fr/en  
**4\* Mercure Grand Hotel, Nantes**  
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# INTERESTED IN CYCLING TOURISM?

PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

- **On the Velodyyssey - a 3-day-journey along the Nantes to Brest canal**

Take a deep breath of fresh air on your bike for a bucolic getaway with your better half. Sail along the canal from Nantes to Brest to relax and unwind in the glorious countryside! From Redon to Nantes, discover a rolling and tree-lined route ideal for escapism! The great thing about this route is that 85% of it is off-road, so you'll have the countryside all to yourselves!

- **Vélocéan - just north of the Loire estuary**, the route alternates between seafront and hinterland over 80 km from Saint-Nazaire to Piriac-Sur-Mer. Discover the unique landscapes and historical heritage of the coast. You can take in small rocky creeks and large sandy beaches, and cross famous seaside resorts such as La Baule & Pornichet. Then you will make your way over the salt marshes and discover the charm of small towns like Piriac-sur-Mer.

- **V44 - Between Normandy and the Loire Chateaux**. The V44 Route invites you to cycle along a 250 km itinerary made up of small quiet roads and greenways. Linking the Véloscenic (Paris-Mont-Saint-Michel) in the north to the Loire by Bike in the south, the V44 offers the possibility to discover a diversified and remarkable architectural and landscape heritage.

- **On the Vélo Francette cycle route, stay in an old lock-keeper's house**  
In Les Refuges du Halage, on the banks of the River Mayenne, you will be welcomed by Laëtitia. She will offer you an organic 'cyclist' breakfast made of local produce. 3 cottages for max. 15 people.

- Very handy for a cycle journey, **Le Bon Picnic** offers a unique picnic composed of local specialties that you pick up from local shops. This will allow you to meet selected craftsmen and cooks and enjoy local flavours and know-how in your picnic hamper. Service available for individuals and groups, on The Loire by Bike, the V44, and the Loir Valley by Bike.

- **Two Vintage events to celebrate old bicycles**

Every year, celebrate the bicycles of yesteryear in a vintage guinguette atmosphere in June in Laval for the Laval Vélo Agglo retro, or early July in Saumur for the Anjou Vélo Vintage Festival.

- **Bike rental**

Vert Event: The Loire by bike  
[www.location-velo.fr](http://www.location-velo.fr)

Détours de Loire: The Loire by bike  
[www.locationdevelos.com](http://www.locationdevelos.com)

Cycl'Hop: The Velodyyssey  
[www.cyclhop.fr](http://www.cyclhop.fr)

Vélo et Company: The Velodyyssey  
[www.velocompany.fr](http://www.velocompany.fr)

Cyclotron: The Velodyyssey  
[www.cyclotron-location.fr](http://www.cyclotron-location.fr)

Canotika: La Vélo Francette  
[www.pagayons.fr/canotika](http://www.pagayons.fr/canotika)

France Vélo Bike: The Loire by bike, The Velodyyssey, La Vélo Francette  
[www.francevelo.bike](http://www.francevelo.bike)

La Boite à vélos: The Loir Valley by bike

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