



Cycling along the Loire River

FOR YOUR CYCLING-LOVING CLIENTS

☀️ 4 DAYS 📍🚲 235 KM

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EXPERIENCE THE LOIRE BY BIKE

Highlights of the trip:

- Loire Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Royal Chateaux Country
- The Apocalypse tapestry at the Château d'Angers
- The creative city of Nantes and Les Machines de l'île



Day 1

 60 KM

Possibility to skip the stage and stay in Gennes



The Loire by Bike itinerary (900km) is part of the EuroVelo 6 that connects the Black Sea to the Atlantic Ocean

Morning | Saumur to Le Thoureil

Access: Angers train station and then, local TER train to Saumur (arrive the day before)

Visit the Bouvet Ladubay sparkling wine cellars by bike in the underground galleries.

Cycle along the longest and wildest river in France.

Lunch in Le Thoureil at La route du Sel restaurant.

Afternoon | Le Thoureil to Angers

Admire the old barge port and put your bike down for a trip on a Loire River boat.

Stroll around the medieval centre of Angers.

Dinner in a local restaurant in Angers.

Night at the 4* Hôtel de France in Angers (facing the train station).
> *Alternative : dinner and night at the Hotel des 3 Lieux, Les Ponts-de-Cé*

Day 2

 70 KM

Possibility to skip the stage and stay in Montjean-sur-Loire



Angers often ranks as #1 French city with the best quality of life



Morning | Angers to Montjean-sur-Loire

Don't miss the medieval Château, home to the largest medieval Tapestry in the world.

Take a short diversion to the lovely island of Béhuard, and keep cycling up to the village of Savennières, famous for its dry white wine.

Lunch at “La Guinguette Au bout de l’île” restaurant in Montjean-sur-Loire.

Afternoon | Montjean-sur-Loire to Ancenis

In Saint-Florent-Le Vieil, remember to climb to the top of Mont Glonne and enjoy the panoramic view over the Loire River. Continue along the south bank, then cross the bridge at Ancenis.

Dinner in a local restaurant.

Night at the Hôtel de la Loire in Ancenis.

Day 3

🚲 40 KM



The Loire River:
280km of UNESCO listed
itinerary



Morning | Ancenis to La Chapelle-Basse-Mer

Admire the natural landscapes of the Loire River while cycling. The climb to Champtoceaux is steep, but the view of the Loire is worth the effort.

You can visit the Oudon Château or enjoy a discovery cruise on board La Luce boat.

Lunch at La Pierre Percée restaurant in La Chapelle-Basse-Mer.

Afternoon | La Chapelle-Basse-Mer to Nantes

Cycle along either bank of the Loire River to Nantes, capital city of Atlantic Loire Valley.

In Nantes, don't miss the Château des ducs de Bretagne and the famous Machines de l'Île!

Dinner in a local restaurant.

Night at the 4* Mercure Grand Hotel in Nantes.

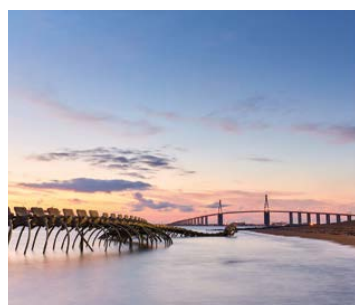
> *Alternative: 4* Oceania Hotel de France in Nantes, Graslin district*

Day 4

🚲 65 KM



Nantes has 500km
of bicycle path



Morning | Nantes to Le Pellerin

Head to the final point of this mythical itinerary: this stage is part of the European cycle route La Vélodyssée Atlantic Coast Route!

On your way, admire the 33 different artworks along the Estuary.

Lunch in Le Pellerin in one of the local restaurants, next to the local ferry by the docks.

Afternoon | Le Pellerin to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins

In Paimboeuf, make a stop and admire the colourful fishermen's houses.

Enjoy the view of Saint-Nazaire bridge, the longest in France! And once you arrive in Saint-Brevin-les-Pins, don't forget the souvenir picture next to the Sea Snake artwork.

Dinner and night at the 3* Hotel Spa du Beryl, facing the ocean

Depart from Saint-Nazaire train station.

CONTACTS OF SUPPLIERS

4* Hôtel de France, Angers

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3* Hotel Spa du Beryl, Saint-Brevin-les-Pins

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These selected accommodations bear the "Accueil Vélo" logo



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PLEASE FIND BELOW ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

• The Accueil Vélo logo

690 places bear the Accueil Vélo label logo in Atlantic Loire Valley. Located within 5 km of a cycle route, they provide visiting cyclists with facilities such as secure bike shelters and repair kits, and they offer practical advice and service along with a warm welcome. Services include cycling circuits, weather info, luggage transfer, laundry services (washing and drying), bike and accessory hire, bike wash, etc.



• Bike rental

Paulette Bike

www.paulette.bike/en

Cyrpeo

www.cyrpeo.com

Détours de Loire:

www.locationdevelos.com

Cyclo de Loire

www.cyclodeloire.fr

These rental companies have various pick up et drop off points along the Loire by Bike itinerary

• Specialised incoming agencies – DMCs

Rando Vélo:

www.biking-france.com

A bicyclette Voyage:

www.abicyclette-voyages.com

Le Vélo Voyageur:

www.levelovoyageur.com

• **The Loire by Bike train** offers cyclists free bike transportation between Orléans, Tours, Saumur, Angers, Nantes and the Atlantic coast. Each train can carry 33 bikes, and up to 83 in the summer. Up to 3 Loire by Bike trains are available per day. More info about the schedules and conditions on loirebybike.co.uk

• **Group à vélo:** A network of places providing group accommodation between Angers and the Atlantic coast. 10 such hostels, all bearing the Accueil Vélo logo, can host groups of between 10 and 80 people at affordable prices. www.groupavelo.fr/english-version

• La Vélobuissonnière - Between Normandy and the Loire Chateaux.

La Vélobuissonnière (V44) invites you to cycle along a 250 km itinerary made up of small quiet roads and greenways. Linking the Véloscénie (Paris-Mont-Saint-Michel) in the north to the Loire by Bike in the south, la Vélobuissonnière offers the possibility to discover a diversified and remarkable architectural and landscape heritage.

• 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, la Vélobuissonnière, and the Loire Valley by Bike.

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