



WINE , RIVERSIDE , NATURE , CULTURE , COAST

type : Linear cycle routes Family Cycling Easy cycling Classic Cycle Routes of France Electric bike option Self-guided

hybrid : ●○○○○○

e-bike : ●○○○○○

duration : 6 days

comfort : ●●●○○○

period: Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct

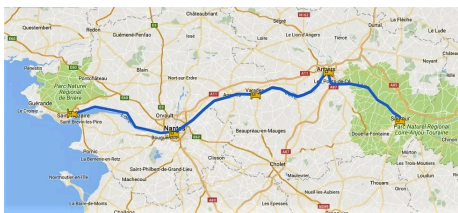
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Loire Valley - from Saumur to Atlantic coast

6 days, € 640

Introduction



Follow the majestic Loire winding to the Atlantic. Visit historic **Angers** and **Nantes**. Taste a red Saumur-Champigny or a white Savenières on the way. Enjoy the wide views of wild river landscapes and experience the immense changes in nature as you approach the ocean!

The total 'Loire à Vélo' route runs from Nevers to 'l'Océan', let's say from 'source' to mouth. The route can be divided into 3 various stages which can also be booked separately. You can add additional detours during this trip. This excellently marked third stage varies from flat, slightly sloping to an occasional small climb.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Saumur**

You travel independently to Saumur. Check-in at your hotel. Have you got some time left, then visit the equestrian town of Saumur, the home base of the prestigious riding academy the Cadre Noir where the elite of French horsemen are trained. Enjoy the beautiful houses with their white tuffeau stone facades in the town centre and admire the proud castle and the many other beautiful classified monuments.

Day 2 **Saumur - Angers**

Turn right along the southern bank of the river. Admire the buildings of local white tuffeau stone, such as the church in Cunault and St-Maur Abbey. Once in St-Mathurin-sur-Loire you follow the northern bank of the Loire through a former marsh that was drained in the Middle Ages. Some time later you see traces of the old slate quarries of Trélazé. Then, taking a small ferry, you cross the Authion river. Your destination Angers, situated on both sides of the river Maine, attracts your attention.

Challenge: 58.5km, 407m ascent, 392m descent

Day 3 **Angers - Ingrandes**

In the heart of Anjou, this Loire à Vélo stage goes from opposite Angers's central castle out via the green setting of the Lac de Maine.

This urban stage is startling, avoiding motorized traffic, taking you through parkland and alongside the Maine River. Bouchemaine is great for a stop, for its typical quayside restaurants or a picnic beside the Loire. Continue to La Pointe, in a tremendous setting in the heart of Anjou, where the Maine River joins the Loire. Further west, this magical Loire à Vélo stage allows you glimpses of the prestigious vine-covered slopes of Savennières. You follow the wild Loire closely here. Don't miss Béhuard Island before going on to cross Chalonnes's island, one of the largest on the Loire. Nearby, along the south bank, are the celebrated Coteaux du Layon vineyards, then the pretty perched villages of Montjean-sur-Loire and Ingrandes.

Challenge: 42km, 216m ascent, 228m descent

Day 4 **Ingrandes - Nantes**

From Ingrandes, you quickly reach the village of St-Florent-le-Vieil, with its great views of the Loire Valley, this Loire à Vélo stage goes on to Champtoceaux, a historic fortified site with further tremendous river views, standing on Anjou's frontier with the Pays d'Anenis on the north bank. It's worth conquering the heights of St-Florent and Champtoceaux for the panoramas! The route is along quiet roads and greenways.

Designated European Green Capital in 2013, the city of Nantes comes into view, a shaded towpath offering a gentle way into town.

The new Tabarly suspension bridge leads you over the river to L'île de Nantes, home to extraordinary outsized machines you can ride on, and to the Malakoff Quarter, which is being completely renovated. This island makes for a great introduction to the joyous tumult of the largest city along the Loire à Vélo cycle route.

Challenge: 64.4km, 126m ascent, 131m descent

Day 5 **Nantes - St-Brévin-les-Pins**

Surprising works of art at unusual places enliven the start of this trip along the mouth of the Loire. After Le Pellerin the Martinière canal is your guide. You cycle via small, quiet roads through landscapes belonging to the mouth of a big river: broad marsh areas and vast forelands. From Paimboeuf you follow a part of the

coastal route 'Velodysey' and you will notice more and more the strong influence of tides and currents on the Loire. The end is in sight: St-Brevin, a lively seaside resort on the Atlantic.

Challenge: 58.3km, 91m ascent, 89m descent

Day 6 **Departure from St-Brevin-les-Pins/Saint-Nazaire**

Breakfast marks the end of the trip. You can travel back to Saumur by train.

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:

Daily from April 01 till October 31

Of course you can also book extra night(s) during the trip. We can give you these prices on request. Please mention where you would like to add extra night(s).

Practical Info



5 Nights included



2/3 Star Hotels or 3/4 Star Hotels (supplement applied)



Breakfast included, Halfboard optional on request



Maps and tourist information on all the places of interest



24/7 Bilingual Emergency hotline



Luggage transport to your next accommodations. Luggage accepted per person: 1 suitcase or travel bag (20 kg maximum)



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