



## Trip description

### Cycling the Loire Valley: from the Anjou area to the city of Dukes

Ride the last leg of the Loire Valley from Saumur to Nantes. The landscapes of the Loire river disappear gradually to leave place to the city of Dukes.

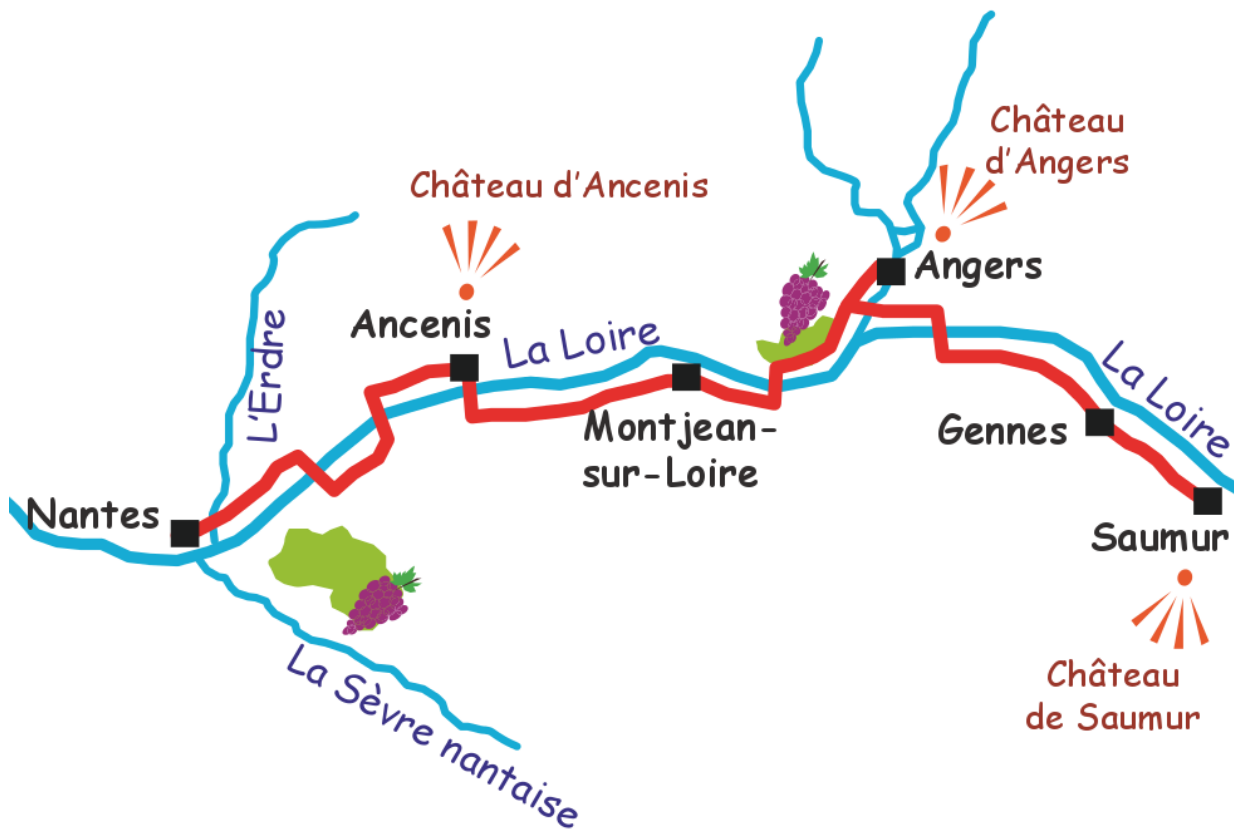


Destination	France
Location	Vallée de la Loire
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From Avril to October
Minimum age	9 year
Reference	L0806

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



## Itinerary



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Discover the last leg of the Loire Valley from Saumur to Nantes. You'll enjoy the changing colors of the Loire Valley, the vineyards around Saumur and the castle of Angers and its magnificent medieval tapestry, the best well-preserved in Europe.

During your trip, you'll ride along the Loire islands up to Montjean-sur-Loire, Saint-Florent-le-Viel and its beautiful abbey, Ancenis and its castle or Oudon and its dungeon. Then you'll reach Nantes, its "Ducs de Bretagne" castle, its cathedral and its amazing machines.

This varied tour takes you from the heart of the Anjou countryside to the city of Dukes. Quite a change!!

### Day 1

#### Arrival in Saumur

Discover the charming old town of Saumur and its magnificent castle crowning the city. Saumur is not only the capitale of the equestrian art but also a gastronomy center surrounded by a rich wine area.

### Day 2

#### Saumur - Gennes

Bike  
19km

This journey gives you the opportunity to fully enjoy the beauty of the Loire valley. You leave Saumur and follow the Loire on the bike path "Loire à vélo", along which you will discover many beautiful little villages with their medieval churches.

In Trèves you stop for a visit of the 15th century-old dungeon. Shortly before reaching Gennes your path will lead you through a magnificent forest, along a beautiful pond. It's the perfect place to picnic!

### Day 3

#### Gennes - Angers

Bike

You continue to enjoy the charms of the Loire valley. You ride along the small villages of the Loire and enjoy the many small cafés to relax in the shade of the willows. Then you cross the Loire and the Loiret in Ponts-de-Cé and ride down the Loire to the confluence of

46km

the Maine. Finally, Angers appears with its castle, its fortress and its lively streets.

#### Day 4

### Angers - Montjean-sur-Loire

Bike  
39km

Discover the beautiful city of Angers, its castle and its busy streets. You'll leave the city riding along the Maine river, along the lake and across the woods until the confluence with the Loire river. Then, the itinerary leaves the river taking you to the hillside of the prestigious vineyards of Savennières.

You reach the southside of the river crossing the Chalonnes' island, one of the largest in the Loire river. Your daytrip ends in the lovely village of Montjean-sur-Loire. Just before the village, you ride by the large headframe of an old coal mine and the limekilns, witnesses of the mining history.

#### Day 5

### Montjean-sur-Loire - Ancenis

Bike  
29km

You leave Montjean-sur-Loire riding on the elevation along the Loire river. Discover the charming village of Saint-Florent-le-Vieil, birthplace of the writer Julien Gracq. The town with its magnificent XVIIth century abbey atop the Mont Glone is classified « Petite Cité de Caractère ». From the abbey, you'll embrace a spectacular panorama over the Loire valley.

Then, you keep on riding on small country roads. Crossing again the Loire river you enter Ancenis, former Bretagne harbour admiring the medieval castle and its moats.

#### Day 6

### Ancenis - Nantes

Bike  
39km

Start the day reaching the lovely town of Oudon and its impressive dungeon guarding the city. You get to the left bank of the river to Champtoceaux, old medieval fortress. Riding along the river and its islands, you'll cross the first lamb's lettuce fields near Nantes.

Eventually, a nice shady cycle path will take you to the Dukes' city. Pass by the former LU biscuit factory, nowadays cultural and artistic center. Your itinerary ends in front of the beautiful Ducs de Bretagne castle, in the historical center of Nantes.

#### Day 7

### Nantes

Bike  
8km

Take advantage of your last day to discover the city of the Dukes of Brittany on foot or by bike.

Very dynamic, Nantes is constantly reinventing itself without denying its past. Take the time to visit the city's must-sees, the Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul cathedral, the castle of the Dukes of Brittany, the Graslin shopping district and its magnificent Pommeraye passage or the "Lieu Unique" a cultural center installed in the former Lu biscuit factory.

#### Day 8

### Departure from Nantes

After a nice breakfast, enjoy furthermore the gorgeous city of Nantes before leaving.

## Accommodation

### Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



*\* Example of the type of accommodation*

### Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



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## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** flight to Nantes or Tours, then train to Saumur.

**By train:** TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse and connection in Saint-Pierre-des-Corps or Angers to take a regional train to Saumur. The duration of the trip varies from 2h00 to 2h30. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com).

### Parking

If you arrive by car, you can park your car in a public car park in the city, please have a look : [parkopedia.fr](http://parkopedia.fr) for more informations. It's not possible to park your car at the hotel during your whole stay.

### To get back to starting point (Nantes-Saumur) :

Regional trains take you back to your starting point from Nantes if you wish (about 1h20). They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 23€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

We can also organise a transfer in a private vehicle on demand.

## Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

## Price description

Price from July 1 to August 21. From April 1 to June 30 and from August 22 to October 22 a supplement applies

**Category A** 875 €/pers  
Double room fare

7 nights in \*\* hotels  
7 breakfasts  
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)  
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other  
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information  
the return of the bikes  
7/7 hotline

Off-season 04/06 - 30/06 and 21/08 - 11/09 70 €/pers

Off-season 01/04 - 03/06 and 12/09 - 22/10 70 €/pers

Half-board on demand

Extra for a single room 60 €/night

Extra night in Saumur 60 €/pers

Extra night in Nantes 75 €/pers

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**Category B** 1049 €/pers  
Double room fare

7 nights in \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* hotels or bed & breakfasts  
7 breakfasts  
6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)  
the luggage transport from one lodging to the other  
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information  
the return of the bikes  
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Off-season 04/06 - 30/06 and 21/08 - 11/09 70 €/pers

Off-season 01/04 - 03/06 and 12/09 - 22/10 70 €/pers

Half-board on demand

Extra for a single room 85 €/night

Extra night in Saumur 95 €/pers

Extra night in Nantes 85 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days) 95 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle -90 €/pers

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**Children discount** (in the same room as 2 full rate participants)

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -50%

12-17 year : -30%

**The package doesn't include:**

the journey to the tour location  
the drinks  
the meals which are not included  
the entrance fee to sites  
insurances (optional)

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