

Pays de la Loire and Loire Valley

The Loire as a constant companion

The "Loire à Vélo" trail passes through the Pays de la Loire and Loire Valley regions as well as the Loire-Anjou-Touraine Regional Nature Park. Take the time to discover a rich and diverse heritage by bike alongside the majestic river and recharge your batteries in the heart of an exceptional thriving cultural landscape.



Designed for effortless cycling with your family, the route helps you discover the Loire and its surroundings: the river's natural banks with gardens to gaze at, characterful towns, the Loire châteaux and other remarkable sites, as well as vineyards set in unspoilt natural surroundings... From Cuffy in Cher to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins in Loire-Atlantique, the "Loire à Vélo" route is laid out section by section. The "Loire à Vélo" trail offers 800 kilometres of routes available.

The "Loire à Vélo" route is a unique experience offering discovery and emotion!

Since November 2000, from Sully-sur-Loire (Loiret) to Chalonnes-sur-Loire (Maine-et-Loire), the Loire Valley has been listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO for its cultural landscapes. It is the largest area in France to be listed as such, stretching out over a length of 280 km and representing a surface area of 800 km². In addition to the Loire and its banks and hillsides, the defined area incorporates the historical heart of major towns and includes key areas which form an integral part of the Loire landscape.

[www.valdeloire.org](http://www.valdeloire.org)

**Blois**

**EuroVelo 6**  
Atlantic - Black Sea  
Follow the rivers, enjoy adventure!

The "Loire à Vélo" trail forms part of the EuroVelo6 route, which enables cyclists to travel from the Atlantic seaboard to the Black Sea, following the courses of three of Europe's major rivers (Loire, Rhine, Danube) across 10 countries over 3,650 kilometres.

[www.eurovelo6.org](http://www.eurovelo6.org)

**The "Loire à Vélo" trail in figures**

- 800** km of signposted secure routes
- 2** regions (Loire Valley and Pays de la Loire)
- 6** départements (Cher, Loiret, Loir-et-Cher, Indre-et-Loire, Maine-et-Loire, Loire-Atlantique)
- 1** Regional Nature Park (Loire-Anjou-Touraine)
- 430** qualified Accueil Vélo professionals with La Loire à Vélo accreditation
- 800,000** cyclists a year on the itinerary
- 280** km of listed itinerary as UNESCO world heritage

# La Loire à Vélo

Along the entire length of the "Loire à Vélo" trail, the Loire landscape invites you to indulge in escapism and discovery. The route alternates between cycle paths and small roads with little traffic. The route is signposted in both directions for your convenience and safety. Follow the signs!

**La Loire à Vélo**  
a unique cycling route of 800km

**Angers**  
The Loire Estuary  
A unique landscape well worth exploring for its works of art between Nantes and Saint-Nazaire. Brace yourself for an outing like no other!

**Champtoceaux**  
The secret world of caves  
Come and enter the secret and fascinating world of the cavemen during a bike ride in the Saumur region. On the "Loire à Vélo" itinerary, a passage through the cave dwellings has been specially created. If you have time available, why not stop off and explore the area which now boasts a multitude of wine cellars, mushroom farms, restaurants and accommodation...

**St-Mathurin-sur-Loire**  
The Loire Valley vineyards  
The Loire Valley displays all aspects of the good life. Its internationally renowned vineyards offer high-quality vintage wines and a wide range of AOC (protected designation of origin) wines. Learn how to enjoy them, in moderation of course.

**Orléans**  
Cycling in the "Pays des Châteaux"  
How about exploring the Pays des Châteaux by bikel 400 km of rides over 12 thematic tours between the Loire and Sologne, woodland and vineyards to be enjoyed around Chambord, Blois, Chaumont and Cheverny as well as on: [www.chateauxavelo.com](http://www.chateauxavelo.com)

**Briare**  
AOC goat's cheeses  
Specialities and flavours are waiting to be discovered along the entire length of the route. Try some Croûtin de Chavignol goat's cheese in the hilltop town of Sancerre.

**Sully-sur-Loire**  
European River Cycle Route

**Legend:**

- Itinerary
- Planned route
- European river cycle route
- Château
- Park and Garden
- Vineyard
- Cathedral and notable religious building
- Area on the UNESCO World Heritage list
- Regional Nature Park
- Airport
- TGV railway station
- Station directly accessible by bike from the cycling route
- Bus shuttle

**Scale:** 0 km, 20 km

**Logos:** La Loire à Vélo, Région Centre, Pays de la Loire, EuroVelo 6, VIENNE BUDAPEST CONSTANTA

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## Departmental Tourist Boards

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**ADTT Cher**  
+33(0)2 48 48 00 10  
[www.berryprovince.com](http://www.berryprovince.com)

**CDT Loiret**  
+33(0)2 38 78 04 04  
[www.tourismeloiret.com](http://www.tourismeloiret.com)

**CDT Loir-et-Cher**  
+33(0)2 54 57 00 41  
[www.coeur-val-de-loire.com](http://www.coeur-val-de-loire.com)

**Loire-Atlantique Tourisme**  
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[www.ohlalaloireatlantique.com](http://www.ohlalaloireatlantique.com)

**CDT Touraine**  
+33(0)2 47 31 47 48  
[www.touraineloirevalley.com](http://www.touraineloirevalley.com)

## Main Tourist Offices

**Ancenis**  
+33(0)2 40 83 07 44  
[www.pays-ancenis-tourisme.fr](http://www.pays-ancenis-tourisme.fr)

**Angers**  
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[www.angersloiretourisme.com](http://www.angersloiretourisme.com)

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**Orléans**  
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[www.tourisme-orleans.com](http://www.tourisme-orleans.com)

**Saint-Brevin-les-Pins**  
+33(0)2 41 23 24 32  
[www.mairie-saint-brevin.fr](http://www.mairie-saint-brevin.fr)

**Saint-Nazaire**  
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[www.saint-nazaire-tourisme.com](http://www.saint-nazaire-tourisme.com)

**Sancerre**  
+33(0)2 48 54 08 21  
[www.tourisme-sancerre.com](http://www.tourisme-sancerre.com)

**Saumur et le Saumurois**  
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[www.saurmur-tourisme.com](http://www.saurmur-tourisme.com)

**Tours Val de Loire**  
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[www.tours-tourisme.fr](http://www.tours-tourisme.fr)

**Find out everything you need to know and other cycling itineraries in the Centre and Pays de la Loire regions on:**

[www.cycling-loire.com](http://www.cycling-loire.com)





## "La Loire à Vélo", offers accommodation and services designed for cycle tourists

These establishments with national "Accueil Vélo" accreditation are located close to the Loire à Vélo cycling route and are recommended:

### Accommodation



Hotels, campsites, gîtes... adapted to cycle tourism and offering a special welcome to cyclists (breakfasts designed for cycling effort, locked premises for bikes, equipment for repairs...).

To allow you to travel light, many of them offer baggage transfer to your next stop.

### Tourist Offices



To help and advise you on the itinerary and to recommend "Accueil Vélo" accredited establishments.

### Places to visit



Châteaux, museums, leisure centres that have specially adapted their services for cycle tourists (locked bike parks, drinking water point, documentation...).

### Bike hire and repair



which undertake to provide suitable equipment and services (high-quality bikes, breakdown & repair service, bike transport...).

### Packages

For travelling in total freedom along the banks of the Loire. If you want to pedal light and have everything organised for you, why not be tempted by one of our package deals.

Discover a range of holiday ideas at  
[www.cycling-loire.com](http://www.cycling-loire.com)

### Interloire and TER train services

TER trains are accessible to bikes (subject to availability), connecting Orléans to Nantes several times a day and serving numerous train stations along the way. All timetables and information available at:

[www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com) or [www.velo.sncf.com](http://www.velo.sncf.com)

**destineo.fr**  
Votre itinéraire en Pays de la Loire

**jv**  
Le territoire des Pays de la Loire

### Train Vélo Loire: the Loire à Vélo from train station to train station

From 15 June to 15 September 2013, you can take your bike on the Interloire from Orléans to Le Croisic free of charge and without booking.

The Centre and Pays de la Loire Regions offer you a unique service: Special staff will load, stow and unload your bike in a specially equipped train coach that can carry up to 34 bikes.



[www.regioncentre.fr](http://www.regioncentre.fr)

[www.cycling-loire.com](http://www.cycling-loire.com)

Check out for more details at:  
[www.paysdelaloire.co.uk](http://www.paysdelaloire.co.uk)



Orléans



Candès-Saint-Martin



Saumur



Sancerre



Nantes



Chambord



[www.cycling-loire.com](http://www.cycling-loire.com)

For planning your holidays

All practical information can be viewed at:

[www.cycling-loire.com](http://www.cycling-loire.com)

- > special sections devoted to bike services,
- > useful map functions that help you organise your route,
- > ideas for walks, holidays or travel,
- > news and must-see events,
- > share your photos, videos and experiences,
- > create your "tailor-made holiday" by selecting your accommodation, places to visit, restaurants, and more...



... and find other cycling itineraries.

Everything you need to get the best out of your holidays

Download the official Loire à Vélo app onto your smartphone!

The Loire à Vélo app will be available to download onto your smartphone this spring! Download it from the Apps Store or Play Store and it will become your ideal holiday guide! This way you will be able to have your travel plans to hand whenever you want, including a map setting out your route, and all your selected accommodation, restaurants and places to visit.



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a unique cycling route

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