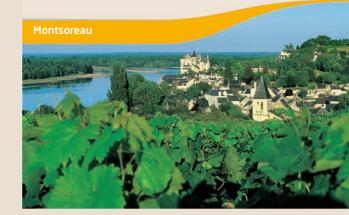
Pays de la Loire and Loire Valley

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.

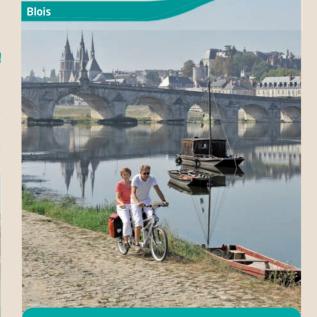


Designed for effortless cycling with your family, the route helps you discover the Loire and its surroundings: the river's natural banks with gardens to gaze at, characterful towns, the Loire châteaux and other remarkable sites, as well as vineyards set in unspoilt natural surroundings... From Cuffy 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



The "Loire à Vélo" trail forms part of the Euro Velo 6 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

The "Loire à Vélo" trail in figures

km of signposted secure routes

regions (Loire Valley and Pays de la Loire)

departements (Cher, Loiret, Loir-et-Cher, Indre-et-Loire, Maine-et-Loire, Loire-Atlantique)

Regional Nature Park (Loire-Anjou-

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

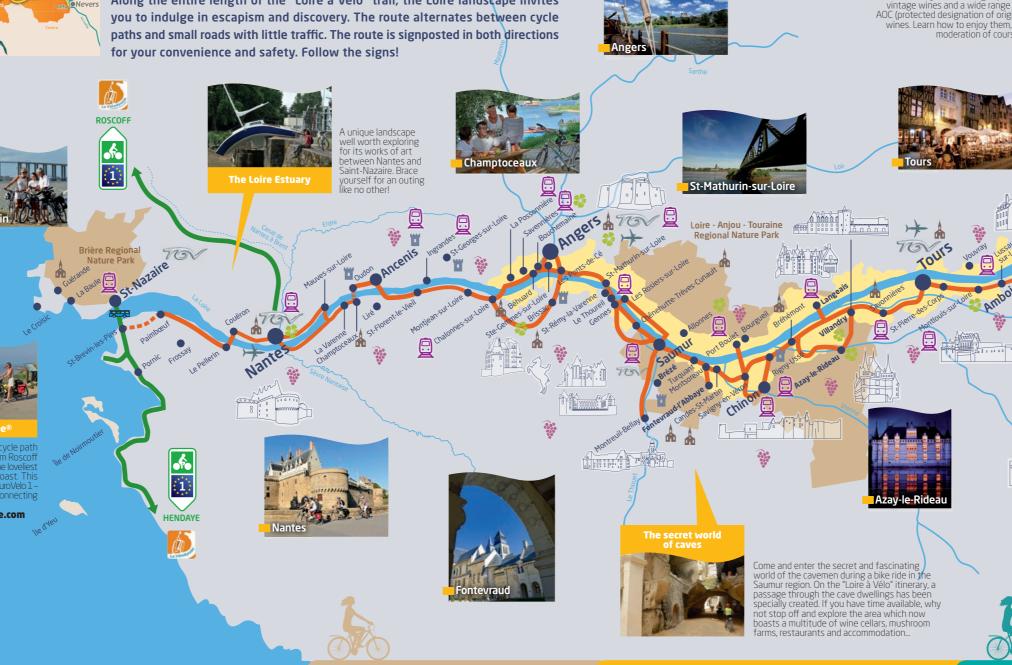


ind out everything you need to know and other cycling ineraries in the Centre and Pays de la Loire regions on:

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La Loire à Vélo

for your convenience and safety. Follow the signs!



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Saint-Brevin-les-Pins

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e Chavignol goat's cheese in the

hilltop town of Sancerre.

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Great Loire Valley Sites

Cathedral and notable

Regional Nature Park

Airport 76V TGV railway station Station directly accessible by bike from the cycling route

Bus shuttle

Area on the UNESCO World

Saumur et le Saumurois

Tours Val de Loire



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

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



cycle tourism and offering a special welcome to cyclists (breakfasts designed for cycling effort, locked premises for

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



pikes, breakdown & repair service, bike

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

Interloire and TER train services

availability), connecting Orléans to Nantes severa times a day and serving numerous train station

www.voyages-sncf.com or www.velo.sncf.com



Train Vélo Loire:



the Loire à Vélo from train station to train station

charge and without booking.





To help and advise you on the inerary and to recommend



eaux, museums, leisure

Plan your adventures with topo-guides and maps*

Two "topo-guides" in french and one in english devoted to the "Loire à Vélo" trail present the route in detail from Nevers to the Atlantic ocean, and also offer variants.



La Loire à Vélo de Nevers à www.chamina.com

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maps of the French part of EuroVelo 6 are available, luding 4 of the "Loire à Vélo" route published by

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For planning your holidays

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- > special sections devoted to bike services,
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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













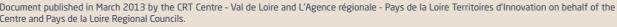












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