

LOIRE BY BIKE

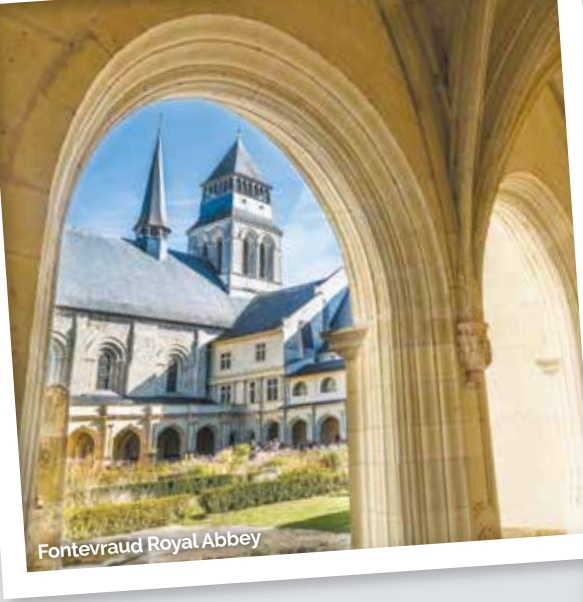
a unique cycling route



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A BRAND-NEW ADVENTURE ON THE LOIRE BY BIKE

Explore this exceptional cycling route running from Cuffy (Cher) to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins (Loire-Atlantique).

With La Loire à Vélo, discover the Loire, a unique river full of twists and natural diversity, offering breathtaking landscapes wrapping around the famous Loire Chateaux. The UNESCO-listed landscape offers magnificent panoramas of vineyards, villages, troglodytes, all topped off by the Atlantic Ocean.



900 km
of safe, sign-posted cycling routes (620 km end-to-end from Cuffy to the ocean, plus 280km of loops and variations)

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Passing through administrative «départements»

+ 700
professionals registered «Accueil Vélo» (Cyclists Welcome)

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Regional Nature Park: Loire-Anjou-Touraine

3rd
biggest winemaking region in terms of classified appellations «AOP» (Sancerre, Chinon, Vouvray, Muscadet, Saumur-Champigny etc.)

+ 400
wine cellars to visit

280 km
listed on the UNESCO World Heritage between Sully-sur-Loire (Loiret) and Chalonnes-sur-Loire (Maine-et-Loire), a protected "living cultural landscape."



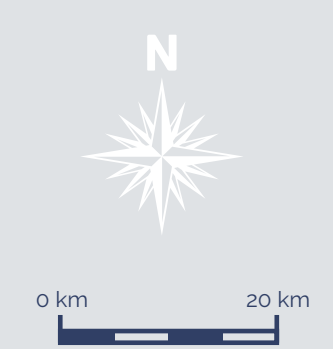
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- Legends**
- The Loire by Bike itinerary
 - EuroVelo routes
 - Vineyards
 - Area on the UNESCO World Heritage list
 - Natural areas
 - Airport
 - TGV railway station
 - Station directly accessible by bike from the cycling route
 - Bus shuttle



ACCUEIL VÉLO



In between stages, make the most of our professional network «Accueil Vélo» (Cyclist Welcome) : accommodations cycle hires and repairs, tourist spots and leisure activities, restaurants, tourist information offices etc.



Facilities within 5km of the route



A warm welcome: useful information and practical tips...



Facilities and services tailored to the needs of cyclists: secure bike storages, cycle repair kits, electrical load stations, laundry services and more.



Find the full list of Accueil Vélo services at www.loirebybike.co.uk/bike-services

THE LOIRE À VÉLO PASSPORT

As you pedal your way from Cuffy to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins, personalise your very own Loire à Vélo passport with a collection of 24 unique stamps that make great memories of the experience.

Enter one of our tourist information offices to pick up your passport.

Check in at spots along the route to get your passport stamped as you go, and collect up to 24 bespoke stamps featuring emblematic places, monuments, specialities and landscapes spread out over the territory.



EUROVELO 6

Loire à Vélo is also the starting point of EuroVélo 6, a European cycle highway running all the way from the Atlantic coast to the Black Sea, a distance of almost 3,600 kilometres. In France, after leaving the Loire at Cuffy, EV6 continues through the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté and Grand-Est regions, from Nevers to Basel.



Info about: www.eurovelo.com/ev6

CYCLE SERVICES

When you set off on the Loire à Vélo route, you don't have to worry about a thing! Our cycle specialists network covers every step (or pedal stroke) on the way have got you covered every step (or pedal stroke) of the way.

BIKE HIRE

Whether you're staying local or moving on further down the route, you'll find everything you need with our network of 40+ Accueil Vélo rental specialists: mountain bikes, electric bikes, trailers, panniers etc.

Are you planning a multi-day trip? Make your life easier by hiring a bike at your starting point and arranging to drop it off at your final destination!

Find our network of cycle hire specialists here www.loirebybike.co.uk/bike-services

BIKE REPAIRS

If you find yourself with a technical issue, our network of «Accueil Vélo» repair shops covers the whole length of the route, providing the essential assistance you need.

Our network of cycle repair specialists www.loirebybike.co.uk/bike-services/bike-repair

E-BIKE CHARGING

Thanks to the «Accueil Vélo» professional network, you can charge your bike while taking a break or overnight. In the FAQ section of the website, find the locations of e-bike charging points.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Find a safe space to store your bikes and bags while you visit the cities.

For the full list of bag storage facilities www.loireavelo.fr/bike-services/luggage-bikes-and-passenger-transport

TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR LUGGAGE, BIKES AND PEOPLE

Logistical specialists at your service, to lighten your load.

Check out our list of accredited partners here www.loirebybike.co.uk/bike-services/luggage-bikes-and-passenger-transport/

LONG-STAY CAR PARKS

Looking for somewhere safe to leave your car while you enjoy La Loire à Vélo?

Find a parking facility here www.loireavelo.fr/services-velo/parkings-voitures-longue-duree



TRAIN BY BIKE & BUS BY BIKE

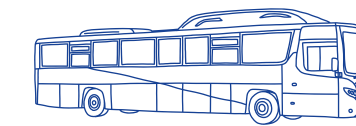
Running all year round on the Orléans-Tours-Nantes-Le Croisic line.

Up to **33 bike** spaces all year round (no reservation needed)

Up to **83 bike** spaces from mid-June up to mid-September (no reservation needed)

A special compartment (**17 places**) for non-standard bikes or trailers from mid-June up to mid-September (booking is free, but we strongly recommend that you book your spot in advance via the Loire à Vélo website)

For train times and practical info, visit: <https://www.loirebybike.co.uk/travelling-along-the-itinerary/train-velo-loire-2>



You can also use the **regional bus** network to reach certain tourist hotspots, leaving from train stations:

Local train and bus services along the Loire à Vélo route www.loirebybike.co.uk/travelling-along-the-itinerary/regional-ter-trains-and-coaches

LOCAL DELICACIES TO TASTE ALONG THE WAY

THE MANY WINES OF THE LOIRE VALLEY'

Sancerre, Vouvray, Chinon, Bourgueil, Anjou, Saumur, Savennières, Muscadet... taste the region's finest vintages in one of the countless wine cellars dotted along the route.

(*always drink responsibly)

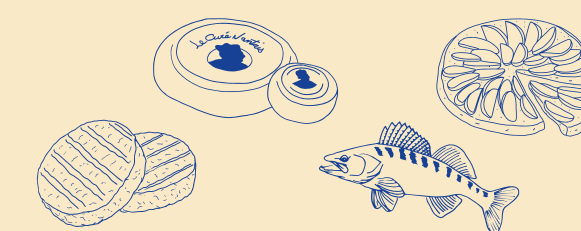
LOCAL CULINARY SPECIALITIES:

For a savoury tooth:

Loire fish with butter sauce, rillons or rillauds, Chavignol cheese, Orléans vinegar and mustard, Sainte-Maure-de-Touraine cheese, fougée bread, oysters...

For a sweet tooth:

Tarte Tatin, dried apples and pears, Tours nougat, Quernons d'Ardoise from Angers, Cremet d'Anjou, Gâteau Nantais...



www.loirebybike.co.uk/must-sees/wines-and-gastronomy

LA LOIRE, A LOVE STORY OF CHÂTEAUX

There are many medieval châteaux scattered throughout the Loire Valley - whether proud, understated, impressive or graceful - offering the perfect opportunity to dive into the history of France. Chenonceau, Chambord, Azay-le-Rideau, Amboise, Blois, as well as Saumur, Montsoreau, Angers, Brézé, Brissac, Nantes... so many gems that you absolutely must see.

DON'T MISS THE WORLD OF TROGLODYTES

From Touraine to Saumurois, enjoy a visit to these caves, some of which have been transformed into wine cellars, accommodation, tourist sites, restaurants, mushroom farms, and more... Stop off in Turquant or Souzay-Champigny.



TOP TIPS

Upstream and downstream, La Loire à Vélo passes through some magnificent landscapes. Views, nature reserves, wildlife, flora, a trip on the Loire aboard a traditional boat... Discovering an exceptional natural heritage!

www.loirebybike.co.uk/nos-bonnes-idees/la-loire-a-velo-discovering-an-exceptional-natural-heritage

Cycling along La Loire à Vélo is the main activity but chilling out in superb locations is also part of the deal. Here are some cool spots where you can chill out in complete peace and quiet!

www.loirebybike.co.uk/nos-bonnes-idees/the-best-chill-out-spots-on-la-loire-a-velo



Find out our tips here: www.loirebybike.co.uk/nos-bonnes-idees/2022

GUIDEBOOK INFOS



Guide Chamina La Loire à Vélo - 2020



Guide du Routard La Loire à Vélo - 2021



Guide Cicerone The River Loire Cycle Route (guide in english) - 2022

SOCIAL NETWORKS

[LaLoireaVelo.Officiel](https://www.facebook.com/LaLoireaVelo.Officiel)

[LaLoireaVelo](https://www.instagram.com/LaLoireaVelo)

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