







River-Loire: Tours - Saint Nazaire

Along the Loire-cycle path to Saint Nazaire.

The wild-romantic Loire is one of Europe's last remaining unregulated rivers flowing through gently undulating terrain towards the Atlantic. This river accompanies the culture-enthusiastic cycling-holidaymaker following its course along the Loire-cycle path from Orléans until Saint Nazaire past magnificent palaces and blooming gardens taking you back into France's glorious past –and you are off into the heart of the royal cycling holiday bliss. Look forward to one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites, enjoy

Classic



8 Days / 7 Nights



Individual

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Tours

DAY
2

Tours - Chinon | approx. 55 km

The river Cher, a Loire tributary, leads you directly to Villandry palace with its terraced gardens. Certainly, you should not miss paying a visit to this famous installation. Every visitor will be amazed by the shadowy footpaths, the flower-bedecked bowers, the fountains and the artistically laid out vegetable gardens. Some kilometres further on you will exchange the bank of the Cher for the bank of the famous Loire. And again you will be tempted by the next castle – Langeais. From the top of the fortified tower (this castle exclusively served for military purposes) you will see the river and its whole surroundings lying in front of you. Via small villages and on side roads you will reach today's Day Finish – Chinon, impressing visitors with its mighty castle complex.

DAY
3

Chinon - Saumur | approx. 40 km

You leave Chinon with its medieval alleyways and follow the river Vienne to Candes-St. Martin. A charming stroll through the village up to the highest point of the hill enables an impressive view onto the confluence of both rivers Vienne and Loire. Shortly before arriving in Saumur there is a special highlight. The bike path leads right through the mystic rockhouses of Souzey. We highly recommend another panoramic view onto the vast Loire-valley later from Saumur palace.

DAY
4

Saumur - Angers | approx. 55 km

After some kilometres you enter the vineyards situated at the southern shores of the Loire. On gentle hills you cycle right through the vineyards. Back again at the coast you cycle through quiet, medieval villages towards your next big Day Finish Angers. Be inspired by the lively university town situated at the Maine. In case this tour is too strenuous for you, you can bypass the route by train from Saumur onwards.

DAY
5**Angers - Saint-Florent-le-Vieil/Surroundings -**
approx. 55 - 70 km

Angers is situated on the river Maine, the final significant tributary of the Loire before the Atlantic. You follow this river until it joins the river Loire at La Pointe-Bouchemaine. You continue along the foot of a slate-granite massif until Savennières featuring the oldest church of the region. Some of the best wines of the Loire-valley are grown here, fruity, dry white wines – we recommend a visit to one of the vintners. From La Poissonnière the route leads you via dykes with wonderful views onto the river Loire into the trim little town Saint-Florent-le-Vieil.

DAY
6**Saint-Florent-le-Vieil/Surroundings - Nantes**
approx. 55 km

Another day along the Loire river through continuously changing scenery awaits. The Loire now finally enters Brittany and carves through slate- and granite rocks all the way to Nantes. The cycle path changes the side of the river several times, which also includes tackling a few smaller ascents – which again rewards you with beautiful views. The Loire 'escorts' you into the centre of the historic capital of Brittany, Nantes. Although the Loire estuary into the Atlantic is another 70 km away the influence of the sea is already noticeable and visible.

DAY
7**Nantes - Saint Nazaire** | approx. 65 km

Now the river becomes ever wider, the scenery increasingly placid. You proceed through little villages always downstream to the resort Saint-Brevin-les-Pins, with its location embedded between the Loire estuary and the Atlantic Ocean.

Only the impressive bridge over the Loire River separates you from Saint Nazaire. The place of your overnight stay is one of the most impressive towns in the estuary delta. Visit the Atlantic shipyard, which is one of the largest ship building corporations in the world, or the submarine bunker, which is also accessible by bike.

DAY
8**Departure or extension**

Tour character

The route is signposted well and follows the course of the river and is without any ascents worth mentioning. The majority of the route leads along country roads with very little traffic or cycling paths. Only maybe the length of the daily tours and some headwind require a bit more than just a basic fitness level. There are bypass options by train always available along the entire route.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Tours

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Arrival Saturday
Loire Cycle Path: Tours - Saint Nazaire, 8 days, FR-LORTS-08X			
Base price	969.00	1,029.00	1,099.00
Surcharge single room	469.00	469.00	469.00

Place of arrival: Blois

	Season 1 23.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 Arrival daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 Arrival daily	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Arrival daily
Castles on River Loire, 8 days, cat. B, FR-LORTT-08B			
Base price	939.00	999.00	1,059.00
Surcharge single room	379.00	379.00	379.00
Castles on River Loire, 8 days, cat. A, FR-LORTT-08A			
Base price	1,079.00	1,139.00	1,199.00
Surcharge single room	379.00	379.00	379.00

Category: 3*** hotels (French classification)

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Tours

	Season 1 Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 12, 2024 Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 12, 2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 Apr 13, 2024 - May 10, 2024 Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 May 11, 2024 - Sep 6, 2024 Arrival Saturday
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Tours			
Double room p. P. cat. A	65.00	65.00	65.00
Single room	110.00	110.00	110.00

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Blois			
Double room p. P. cat. B	65.00	65.00	79.00
Single room	130.00	130.00	144.00
Blois			
Double room p. P. cat. A	69.00	69.00	79.00
Single room	118.00	118.00	128.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
21-gears unisex incl. rental bike insurance	99.00
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7-gear unisex with back pedal break incl. rental bike insu...	99.00

rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	169.00
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	259.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

- Accommodation as mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer between the hotels
- Developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room
- Navigation-app and GPS-data
- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance!
- Service hotline

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure

- Train station Tours or St. Nazaire
- Airport Paris
- Garage costs € 10,- per day in Orléans
- On weekends direct train connections, bikes can be taken free of charge, from St. Nazaire via Tours to Orléans
- Return transfer by minibus to Tours or Orléans every Saturday morning, costs € 99,- to Tours and EUR 125,- to Orléans per person, for every own bike additional € 39,-, to be paid in advance, reservation is necessary

Please note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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