



Trip description

4 days from Bordeaux to Arcachon along the Atlantic coast

No departures on Sunday.

A biking tour that makes the most of Gironde's cycling paths from Bordeaux to Arcachon, underneath great pine trees, protected by the dunes.



Destination	France
Location	Landes / Bordeaux
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From march to november
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	A0401

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



This is a perfect family bike route on one of the most beautiful (and safest!) bike paths in France. Your scenic route takes you from Bordeaux to the Atlantic Coast. Along the way, scenery varies from pine tree forests past quaint villages to sandy ocean dunes on the peninsula of Cap Ferret.

After visiting the UNESCO Heritage city of Bordeaux, you'll take a boat along the Arcachon Basin and stroll around the city of Arcachon, with its bustling town square. The protected beach on the edge of Arcachon Basin is particularly suited for swimming, so don't forget your swim suit! Enjoy the Dune du Pyla, the tallest sand dune in Europe. Later, visit small seaside fishing villages, many painted in traditional bright colors. Don't miss the chance to taste some fresh oysters while relaxing at an outdoor café.

Day 1

Bordeaux

You might want to enter the old city section by riding along the quays of the Garonne. The Bordeaux quayside is one of the most magnificent waterfronts in the world. Bordeaux was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 2007 because of the beautiful 18th century facades and outstanding buildings. Discover the banks of the Garonne River and check out the buildings made with white chiseled stone.

Bordeaux-Saint-Médard

Bike
24km

Leave the city on the Bordeaux-Lacanau biking path which is flat and well-paved. Ride past bubbling streams, and idyllic natural beauty. End the day with a refreshing swim in the hotel pool.

Day 2

Saint-Médard - Lacanau

Bike
49km

Today is a perfect bike riding day as you follow the cycling path to the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way you'll pedal through a cool, pine forests until you reach Lacanau. This popular seaside resort offers long, sandy beaches plus a chance to go surfing!

Day 3

Lacanau-Arcachon

Bike
44km

Ride along the coastline on the designated bicycle path. Here's your chance for a unique ride as you get up close to the tallest sand dune in France, the Dune of Pyla. At the end of the ride, Cap-Ferret gives you amazing views of the Great Dune of Pyla. This giant dune is sometimes called "The Sahara of France" because of its four different sand formations. There's time to sunbathe or swim while experiencing the fresh salt air. Take the boat to Arcachon and enjoy the view of the coastline from a different perspective. Boat trip from Cap Ferret to Arcachon. Approximately 1 hour, included in tour

Day 4

To the Great Dune of Pilat and the ocean

Bike
26km

On this route, you'll ride along the coastline and dunes towards the Dune of Pilat. Take time to sunbathe on the beach or enjoy a dip in the ocean water.

Suggested day trip : oyster-farming villages and the Leyre delta

Bike
41km

Learn about oyster farming from dedicated oyster farmers in Gujan Mestras and sample the freshest oysters you'll ever taste! The Leyre Delta is where fresh waters of the river and the salty waters of the ocean meet. You can go bird watching or rent a canoe or kayak and explore the area or water.

Oyster museum (Maison de l'huître) Approximately 1 hour, included in tour. The museum visit is partly guided.

Suggested day trip : Lac de Cazaux

Bike
45km

Bike towards the dune of Pyla and leave the beautiful city of Arcachon behind. Cross the beautiful pine forest on a small slightly hilly country road and reach the impressive lake of Cazaux. The bike tour back to Arcachon is on a very flat bike path.

Accommodation

Categorie B

You'll be very comfortable staying in these mostly 3-Star hotels with clean and cozy accommodations. Enjoy the swimming pool before sleeping in your comfortable bed. A tasty breakfast is waiting for you each morning.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Bordeaux and then shuttle to the city-center.

By train: From Paris-Montparnasse rail station, take a TGV train to Bordeaux. The duration of the trip is about 3h20. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com

Parking

If you drive to Bordeaux, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center, close to your accommodation and the train station. The daily rate is 6€ and decreases depending on the duration. This parking is secured and opened from 5am to 1am. It is accessible for vehicles up to 1m90 high. The location and contact details of the car park will be given in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 11.20€/adult). The duration to commute is about 50 minutes. You will find the timetable of the day in your travel documents.

If you chose the luggage transport, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location.

Meeting time:

You pick your bike in a shop near the train station. You arrive whenever you want depending on where you come from. Please note that the shop is open Mondays to Saturdays from 9am to 12pm and 14pm to 18pm. (Sundays and bank holiday on demand).

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 10am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located next to the train station and will be given in your travel documents.

Closed departure dates:

18-21 june: because of the international wine exhibition Vinexpo

Price description

Category B

519 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in ** or *** hotels

3 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the boat ride from Cap-Ferret to Arcachon with bikes

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

a visit of the oyster museum

the return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

High season extra (*)

70 €/pers

Halfboard (2 dinners)

69 €/pers

Extra for a single room (**)

75 €/night

Extra night in Bordeaux (not possible in September and early October 2023 the day before, the day of and the day after a rugby match (**))

79 €/pers

Extra night in Arcachon low season

79 €/pers

Extra night in Arcachon high season (*)

110 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days)

55 €/pers

Discount if you bring your own bicycle

-60 €/pers

Luggage transport **(4 persons basis)**

69 €/pers

Luggage transport **(2 persons basis)**

135 €/pers

(*) **High season** :

from 01.07 to 01.09

(**) **Blocked dates Rugby matches** :

September 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 29, 30 and October 1.

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

local visitors taxes

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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