



Trip description

4-day cycling tour to explore the Somme bay thoroughly

Self guided cycling holiday in the Somme bay on the Picardy coast



Destination	France
Location	Baie de Somme
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	from march to november
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	BS0401

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



On the coast of the English Channel, the Bay of Somme is a necessary step of migratory birds and a natural area remarkably protected! You will be charmed by the diversity of the landscapes, the rich fauna and flora. You discover the charming seaside towns of Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme or Le

Crotoy, the long sandy beaches of Quend-Plage and Fort-Mahon, the pine covered dunes, the rural landscape or the forest of Crécy home of strange trees. Take the bike paths and small roads to observe rare birds in the Marquenterre Bird Park. And if you are lucky, you can even see the famous seals of the Somme!

Day 1

Round trip from Saint-Valéry

Bike
26/38/49km

You can choose among different excursions around Saint-Valéry. You can go for the short option (26km) which takes you to the Cap Hourdel on a comfortable cycle path. After passing the lighthouse of Cap Hourdel, you keep on biking on the "white road", a wonderful cycle path along the sand dunes of the Channel before riding back towards Saint-Valéry. A longer tour (38 or 49km) takes you first in the back country through the small villages till Cayeux-sur-Mer. You cycle further on the "white road" and pass by the Cap Hourdel before going back to Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme on the cycle path along the bay.

Day 2

Saint-Valéry - Le Crotoy

Vintage train

Le Crotoy - Fort-Mahon

Bike
25km

You start your day in a ride in the vintage train of the Somme bay with your bikes from Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme to Le Crotoy.

You ride on the seawall of Le Crotoy and along the ponds of Les Morettes inhabited by numerous birds. Through small lanes in the countryside you reach the park of Marquenterre where we strongly suggest that you make a stop. Then follow the cycling path amongst the pine trees to the eco-villages of Quend-Plage. You ride leisurely through the pine covered dunes before arriving in Fort-Mahon-Plage.

Day 3

Fort-Mahon - Le Crotoy

Bike
33km

After Fort-Mahon you leave the maritime atmosphere to immerge in the rural hinterland of the Bay of Somme. You meander through fields, make a stop on the church square of Quend and join the small town of Rue. This ancient seaport and fortified town is proud of its medieval belfry, its two churches and the heritage of the Caudron brothers, who were aviation pioneers in the early 20th century. You will find again the seaside atmosphere in Le Crotoy.

Day 4

Through the forest of Crécy

Bike
43/52km

From Le Crotoy, today's tour takes you to the huge and beautiful forest of Crécy. Along the paths, you will admire the oaks and beech trees. If you have enough stamina, you can bike the longer option to observe the "warring brothers", an oak and a beech which grew embracing each other like siamese twins, each one fighting to protect its space. When leaving the woods, you will also admire the "Chartreux" oak, which is 500 years old. You cycle back to Noyelles-sur-Mer riding behind the hunting huts and keep on till Saint-Valéry on the cycle path around the bay.

Accommodation



You stay in hotels with **/** standards or bed & breakfasts selected for their style and quality. Breakfast is included.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Paris.

By train: the closest train station is Noyelles-sur-Mer. To go to Saint-Valéry by taxi, you must budget about €15 (one way). You will find the contacts of the taxi companies in your travel documents.

From Gare du Nord station in Paris, take a direct Intercity train for Noyelles-sur-Mer (2h02) or take first an Intercity train for Amiens (1h) and then a regional train from Amiens to Noyelles-sur-Mer (40 min). It is possible that you must change of train in different cities like Amiens, Abbeville or Boulogne Ville (that depends on the day and the hour) when you have not the choice to take a direct train from Paris to Noyelles-sur-Mer. In that case, the journey will last more or less time to get to the final destination. To plan your trip, www.voyages-sncf.co.uk.

Parking:

If you choose to drive, you can park your car for free for the duration of your stay at the bike pick up point in Saint-Valéry or at the car park of your accommodation if you booked a night before and after your trip.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing. **Please communicate your approximate hours of arrival and departure when you fill out the online booking form.** The location of the bike pick up point is at the entrance of Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme (exact location given in your travel documents).

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

€499 /pers

3 nights in 2/3* hotels

3 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

the luggage transport

a vintage train ride (with bikes)

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

€40 /pers

Half-board

€33 /dinner

Extra for a single room (**)

€29 /night

Extra night in Saint-Valéry

€80 /pers

Options

Ebike

€45 /pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

€-50 /pers

Entry tickets to the bird park of Marquenterre (with binoculars)

€10,50 /adult

(*) High season :

- from 04.10 to 04.13.2020
- from 04.27 to 06.02.2020
- from 07.01 to 09.12.2020

(**) These prices are guaranteed for 2 participants minimum.

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

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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