



## Trip description

### Loire Valley: Bike tour from Angers to Nantes

During this trip you'll discover the various aspects of the Loire Valley from Angers to Nantes. You will appreciate the charming landscapes in Anjou and the rich heritage of the Nantes area.



Destination	France
Location	Loire Valley
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From April to November
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	L0406

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



### Itinerary



Discover the Loire Valley from Angers to Nantes. Your itinerary starts in the Anjou's heart biking amidst the vineyards. Further, you ride along the Loire enjoying the beauty of the river with its traditional boats named "toues". You'll cross the cutest villages nested on the hill tops, Montjean-sur-Loire et Saint-Florent-le-Viel which offer a spectacular view on the valley from its magnificent abbey. Your route is either on cycling paths or small countryroads through bocage, vineyards and farmland.

You reach the beautiful city of Nantes and its Ducs de Bretagne's castle, its cathedral and its famous "machines de l'Ile". Enjoy this vibrant classified "Art and History" City. From Nantes, different trips are possible either to the North along the Erdre river or to the South along the Sèvre Nantaise. A very varied trip in the heart of the Loire valley.

### Day 1

#### Angers - Montjean-sur-Loire

Bike  
39km

Discover the beautiful city of Angers, its castle and its busy streets. You'll leave the city riding along the Maine river, along the lake and across the woods until the confluence with the Loire river. Then, the itinerary leaves the river taking you to the hillside of the prestigious vineyards of Savennières.

You reach the southside of the river crossing the Chalonnes' island, one of the largest in the Loire river. Your daytrip ends in the lovely village of Montjean-sur-Loire. Just before the village, you ride by the large headframe of an old coal mine and the limekilns, witnesses of the mining history.

### Day 2

#### Montjean-sur-Loire - Ancenis

Bike  
29km

You leave Montjean-sur-Loire riding on the elevation along the Loire river. Discover the charming village of Saint-Florent-le-Vieil, birthplace of the writer Julien Gracq. The town with its magnificent XVIIth century abbey atop the Mont Glone is classified « Petite Cité de Caractère ». From the abbey, you'll embrace a spectacular panorama over the Loire valley.

Then, you keep on riding on small country roads. Crossing again the Loire river you enter Ancenis, former Bretagne harbour admiring the medieval castle and its moats.

### Day 3

#### Ancenis - Nantes

Bike  
39km

Start the day reaching the lovely town of Oudon and its impressive dungeon guarding the city. You get to the left bank of the river to Champtoceaux, old medieval fortress. Riding along the river and its islands, you'll cross the first lamb's lettuce fields near Nantes.

Eventually, a nice shady cycle path will take you to the Dukes' city. Pass by the former LU biscuit factory, nowadays cultural and artistic center. Your itinerary ends in front of the beautiful Ducs de Bretagne castle, in the historical center of Nantes.

### Day 4

#### Suggested day trip : along the Erdre

Bike  
41km

Not possible with trailer bike or bike trailer

You leave the vibrant city to found the quietness of the riverbank. The Erdre was named by the king François Ier "the most beautiful river in France". When riding, through woods and marsh, appreciate the diversity of wildlife and flora. Along your tour, you'll catch sight of beautiful mansions and small castles which have been built along the river by rich shipowners during the XIXth century. The lovely town of Sucé-sur-Erdre will be the ideal place for a stop in its harbour.

#### Suggested day trip : Along the Sevre nantaise

Bike  
46km

You start the day discovery the last large tributary of the Loire river, the Sevre nantaise. Ride along the cycle path up to Vertou and its lock. Leave the banks of the river and reach the hillsides of the Nantes vineyards, the muscadet area! Ride up to the elegant castle of Goulaine, nowadays official museum of the famous biscuit factory LU, then through the Goulaine marsh. Between romantic Sèvre, vineyards, marsh and riverbanks, this trip offers you a concentrate of the local treasury.

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## Accommodation

### Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



*\* Example of the type of accommodation*

### Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



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## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** flight to Paris or Angers.

**By train:** Direct trains TGV (fast trains) from Paris Montparnasse. The duration of the trip is about 1h40. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com).

## Parking

If you drive to Angers, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center, close to the train station. 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 (46min). They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate 16€/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

We can also organise a transfer in a private vehicle on demand.

**If you chose the luggage transport**, you will be able to pick up your luggage after 5pm at the pick up location (Valid only from June 1st to September 20th).

## Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive at around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

**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.

## Price description

### Category A

389 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in \*\* hotels

3 breakfasts

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

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

30 €/pers

Half-board

27 €/dinner

Single occupancy extra

48 €/night

Extra night in Angers

45 €/pers

Extra night in Nantes

69 €/pers

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### Category B

375 €/pers

Double room fare

3 nights in \*\*\* hotels or bed & breakfasts

3 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

the return of the bikes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

40 €/pers

Half-board

32 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

54 €/night

Extra night in Angers

65 €/pers

Extra night in Nantes

80 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (4 days)	60 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-95 €/pers
<b>Extra for luggage transport (valid only from 02/06 to 20/09)</b>	70€/pers

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**(\*) High season :**

- from 10.04 to 13.04.2020
- from 27.04 to 02.06.2020
- from 04.07 to 30.08.2020

**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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