



Trip description

4-day cycle tour in the Vendée country along the Atlantic

Enjoy the seaside in the Vendée country on this 4-day cycling holiday. You ride mostly on dedicated bike lanes on the Atlantic cycle route between Pornic and Les Sables d'Olonne. You will also appreciate to cycle on the island of Noirmoutier.

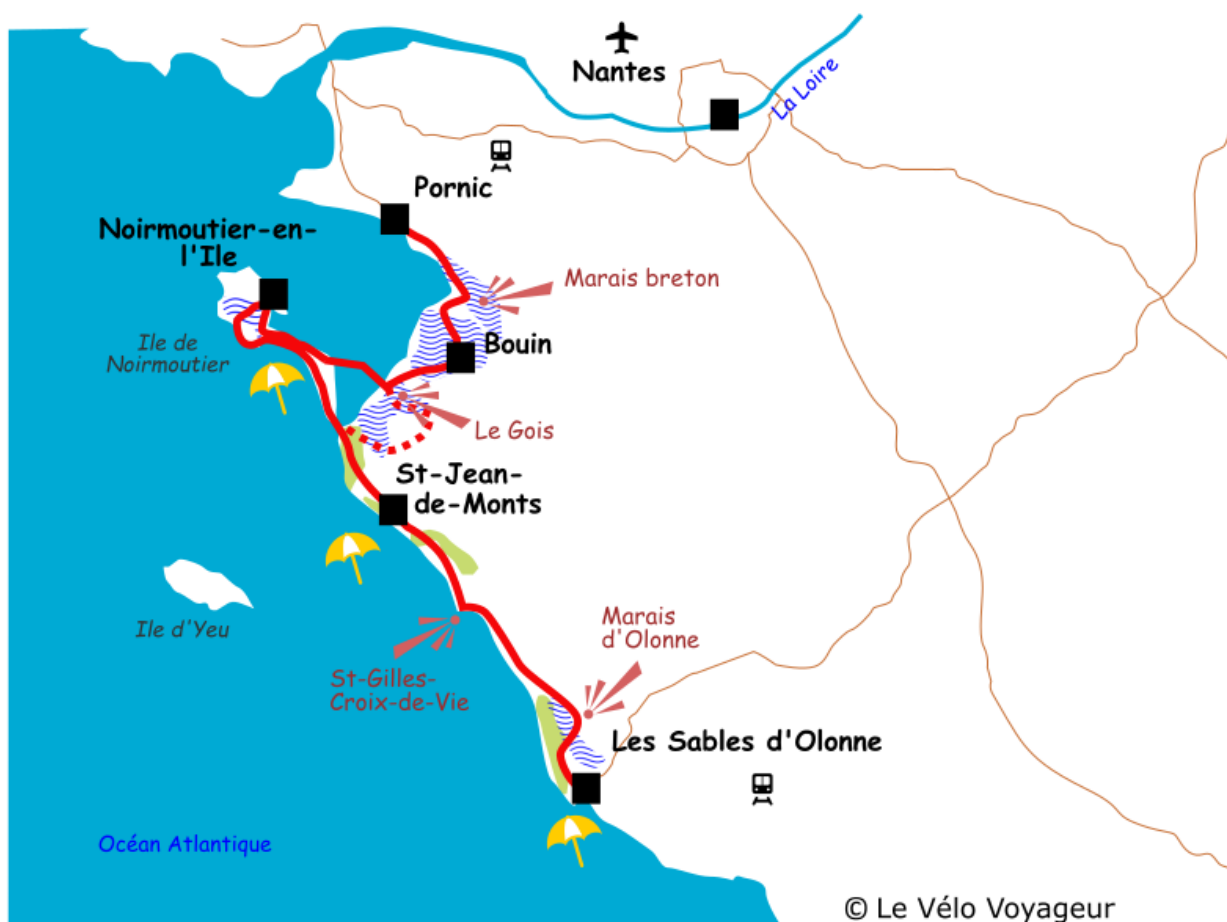


Destination	France
Location	Vendée
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From March 1 to Oct 31
Minimum age	12 years old
Reference	VO0401

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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Cycle 4 days along the Atlantic between Pornic and Les Sables d'Olonne and enjoy the charms of the Vendee coast. As you ride out of Pornic, you will be impressed by the landscape of the seaside from the corniche. The cycle route continues further along the Bourgneuf bay and then meanders through marshland. You overnight in the cute little village of Bouin and ride the next day to the island of Noirmoutier. Enjoy a unique experience riding to the island across the bay on a submersible road, the "passage du Gois" (only at low tide) or ride a longer route to take the bridge. You cycle further down the Atlantic coast through the pine forest to Saint-Jean-de-Monts. Your cycle holiday ends up in Les Sables d'Olonne, after a magnificent ride along the rocky coastline and through Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie port and the Olonne marshland.

Day 1

Pornic - Bouin

Bike
32km

You cycle from the Loire Atlantique region to the Vendee country. The Velodyyssey route is going on the corniche and provides nice views on early 20th century houses on the sea front. You meander through residential neighborhoods and after Les Moutiers-en-Retz, cycle an open landscape named "Marais breton", literally Breton marshland. On one side, you will see the pastureland and on the other side, the shore dotted with fishing nets or osyter ports. You overnight in Bouin, a village in the middle of marshland which was formerly an island!

Day 2

Bouin - Noirmoutier-en-l'Île

Bike
37/60km

Cycle the polders to the "passage du Gois", a submersible road which connects the island of Noirmoutier to mainland. At low tide, you can cycle across the bay on this road and get directly to Barbâtre. If you arrive there at high tide, you need to ride a longer route on mainland to take the bridge more South. The route is then going all the way through marshland to the Northern part of the island, to the village of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île.

Day 3

Noirmoutier-en-l'Île - Saint-Jean-de-Monts

Bike
41km

Today's route is along the West coast of Noirmoutier island, facing the ocean. You cycle through salt marshes to L'Epine and follow the route of the ancient mills along the beaches. Enjoy the view on the long beaches and pine forests before crossing the bridge. You ride afterwards into the forest of Pays de Monts. The cycle path goes up and down along the dunes and takes you peacefully to the sea resort of Saint-Jean-de-Monts.

Day 4

Saint-Jean-de-Monts - Les Sables d'Olonne

Bike
55km

Not long after Saint-Jean-de-Monts, sandy beaches are followed by a spectacular rocky coastline called "corniche vendéenne". You'll be fascinated by the movement of waves crashing into the shore. You ride further through Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie, which is well-known for sardines fishing. Your route continues along the coast and then meanders between marshland and forests in the Olonne country. View the nice panorama on "La Chaume" old village entering Les Sables and admire the famous bay.

Accommodation

Category A

You stay in 2* or 3* hotels where you will be hosted with a warm welcome. Some of the accommodations have a swimming pool. Breakfast is included.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Nantes-Atlantique airport. To get to Pomic, the easiest is to take a taxi (about 45min ride). To return, you can take a flight in La Rochelle-Ile de Ré airport if your destination is served.

By train: go to Pomic train station. To plan your trip www.trainline.eu

Parking:

If you drive to Pomic, you can park for free in the parking of Pomic train station, using the white painted spots located at the back of the car park. Spots cannot be booked in advance. It is an outdoor parking with no surveillance system.

All details will be given in your travel documents.

To return to the departure point:

You can take the regional trains back to Pomic, with a connection in Nantes. The travel will take between 2.30 and 3.30 hours depending on the duration of the connection in Nantes. You buy your ticket yourself. You will find the timetable of the day in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

Please give us your arrival time in the field "Further information" of the booking form, so that we can arrange the bike delivery on the first day. We recommend you to arrive around 10am to enjoy your day with no rush.

If you chose luggage transfer, you must plan to arrive at 10am at the latest.

Price description

Category A

€419 /pers

Double room fare

3 nights in 2* or 3* hotels

3 breakfasts

4-day rent of an equipped hybrid bike

a road book with maps and step by step description of the route

the delivery and return of the bike

local visitors' taxes

shipping costs of the travel documentation in France

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

€40 /pers

Half-board

€26 /dinner

Single room extra (**)

€31 /night

Extra night in Pomic

€65 /pers

Extra night in Les Sables d'Olonne (min 2 nights on weekend days in July-August)

€60 /pers

Options

Discount if you bring your own bike

-€60 /pers

Ebike supplement

€25 /pers

Luggage transfer

2-3 persons

€85 /pers

4 persons and more

€45 /pers

(*) **High season:**

from 06.30 to 08.31.2020

(**) valid for minimum 2 participants

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 years: -70%

5-11 years: -50%

12-17 years: -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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