



Trip description

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

Enjoy the seaside in the Vendée country on this 6-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.

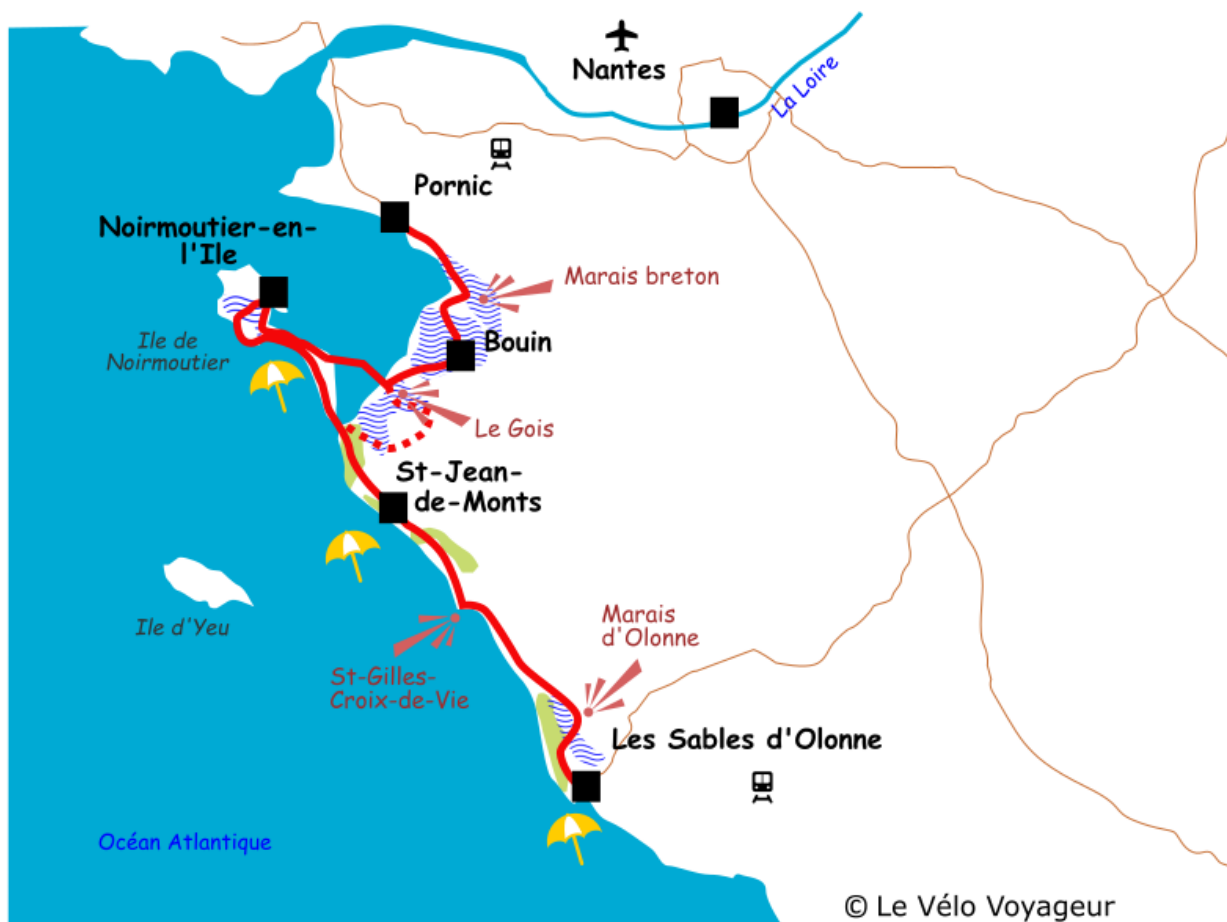


Destination	France
Location	Vendée
Duration	6 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From April 1st to Sept 30, 2021
Minimum age	12 years old
Reference	VO0401

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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Cycle 6 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

Arrival in Pornic

Pornic is a charming port with a flair from Brittany. The town center is spreading on the hills surrounding the moorage, where boats are lying protected from the winds. Take time to stroll around the old town.

Day 2

Pornic - Bouin

Bike
32km

You cycle from the Loire Atlantique region to the Vendee country. The Velodysey 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 3

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 4

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 5

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.

Day 6

Departure from Les Sables d'Olonne

You can decide to extend your stay or start your return travel.

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:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A

€659 /pers

Double room fare

5 nights in 2* or 3* hotels
5 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 (*)	€80 /pers
Half-board	€28 /dinner
Single room extra (**)	€38 /night
Extra night in Pornic	€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	-€145 /pers
Ebike supplement	€70 /pers
Luggage transfer	€98 /pers

(*) **High season:**
from 07.0 to 08.31.2021

(**) 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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