



Trip description

A cycling week to explore the Somme Bay and Canal

Come to discover the Somme bay and the canal of Abbeville! Feel the marine fragrance in Saint-Valéry, Le Crotoy or Fort-Mahon before riding onto the canal towards Amiens and its renowned cathedral.

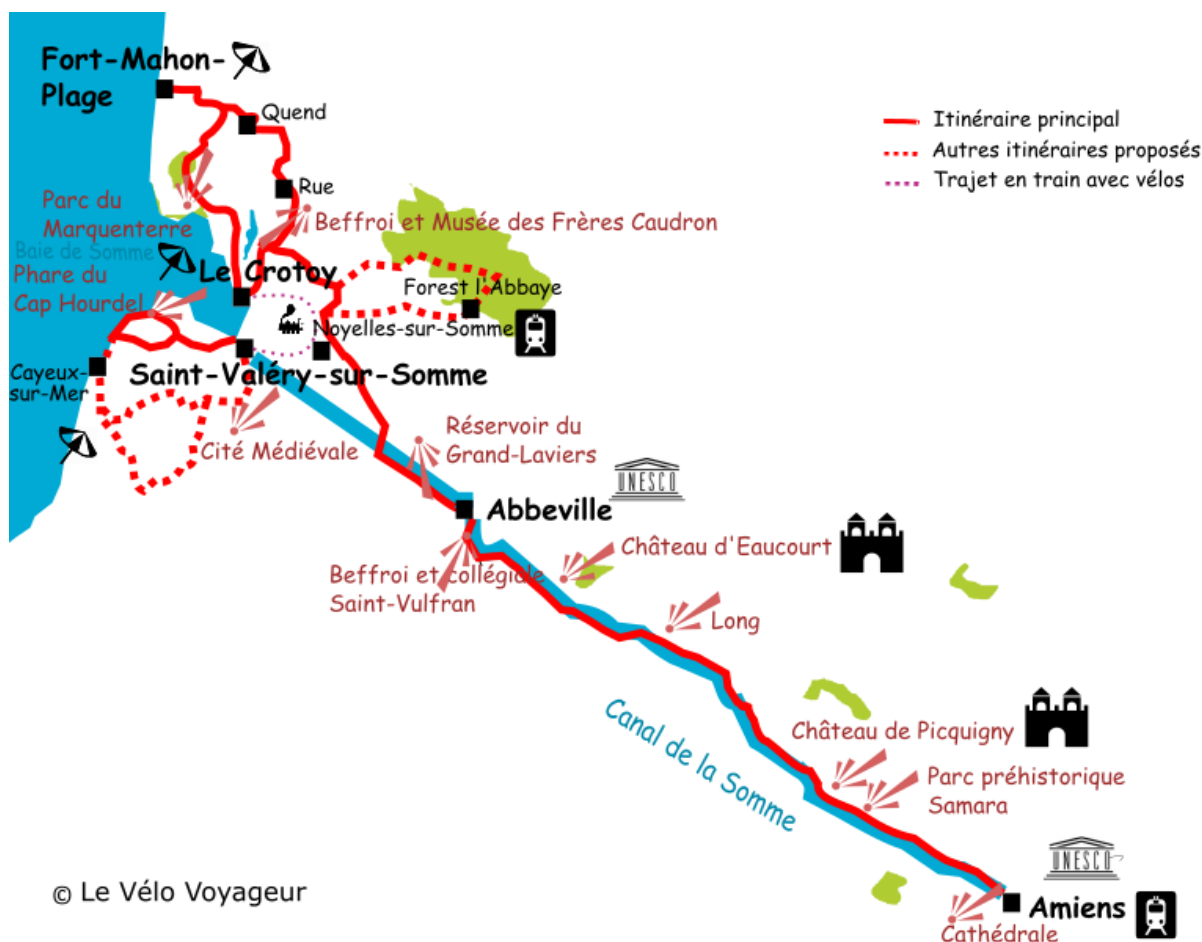


Destination	France
Location	Baie de Somme
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from March to November
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	VS0701

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Are you ready to take part in this adventure which will delight young and old?

Unmissable place in the heart of the Somme Bay, your bike holidays start in Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme with its harbour, its medieval city center and its large café terraces. Feel free then to explore at your own pace the splendid landscapes and the preserved nature of the Somme bay. You cycle onto secured bike paths and small country roads to discover Le Crotoy, the large sandy beaches of Fort-Mahon or the Marquenterre Bird park.

After that, you reach the canal of the Somme region. From Abbeville and its cultural activities, you follow the meanders of the canal. On your way, you have the chance to discover typical villages and lots of castles. Amiens is your final destination. Take the time to enjoy its lively atmosphere and do not miss the visit of its cathedral.

Day 1

Arrival in Saint-Valéry-sur-Somme

Ideally located onto a limestone promontary facing the Somme bay, you will be amazed by the medieval city of Saint-Valéry with its lively roads and its colourful fishermen's houses. Take the time to install into your hotel before strolling along the wharfs.

Day 2

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 3

Saint-Valéry - Le Crotoy

Vintage train

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.

Le Crotoy - Fort-Mahon

Bike
25km

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 4

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 5

Le Crotoy - Abbeville

Bike
35/58km

From Le Crotoy you ride onto the countryside roads towards Noyelles and its huge Chinese cemetery. You can enjoy the forest of Crécy and discover a new aspect of the region (+ 23 kms).

Then, you reach the canal at the ornithological reserve of Grand-Laviers and ride quietly to

Abbeville by following the canal.

Day 6

Abbeville - Amiens

Bike
52km

You leave Abbeville and reach back the canal, your travel partner for today. You ride through the meanders to discover nice and traditional villages and castles such as the one of Eaucourt, Long or Picquigny. You arrive then in Amiens, do not miss the visit of the cathedral and the hortillonnages!

Day 7

Departure from Amiens

After a last walk into the cultural city with its canals, you take the path to return, unless you decide to extend your stay!

Accommodation

Category B

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, <https://en.oui.sncf/en/>.

Parking:

If you choose to drive, you can park your car for free for the duration of your stay at our bike partner's place in Saint-Valéry.

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to Noyelles-sur-Mer before reaching Saint-Valéry and your car by taking a taxi (budget €15). Trains are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot. 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 B

Double room fare

2-3 adults	995 €/pers
4-5 adults	815 €/pers
+ 6 adults	€765 /pers

6 nights in 2/3* hotels or charming B&B
6 breakfasts
5-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	€32 /dinner
Extra for a single room (**)	€34 /night
Extra night in Saint-Valéry	€80 /pers
Extra night in Amiens	€67 /pers

Options

Ebike	€64 /pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	€-60 /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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