



Trip description

Loop bike tour in the heart of the Ardennes and Meuse river

You will have so much to explore in this undisclosed region of Belgium by bike: ride through the Ardennes and its green countryside, discover the provincial folklore and picturesque villages and relax along the banks of the majestic Meuse river. What a pleasant way of living the Belgian dream!

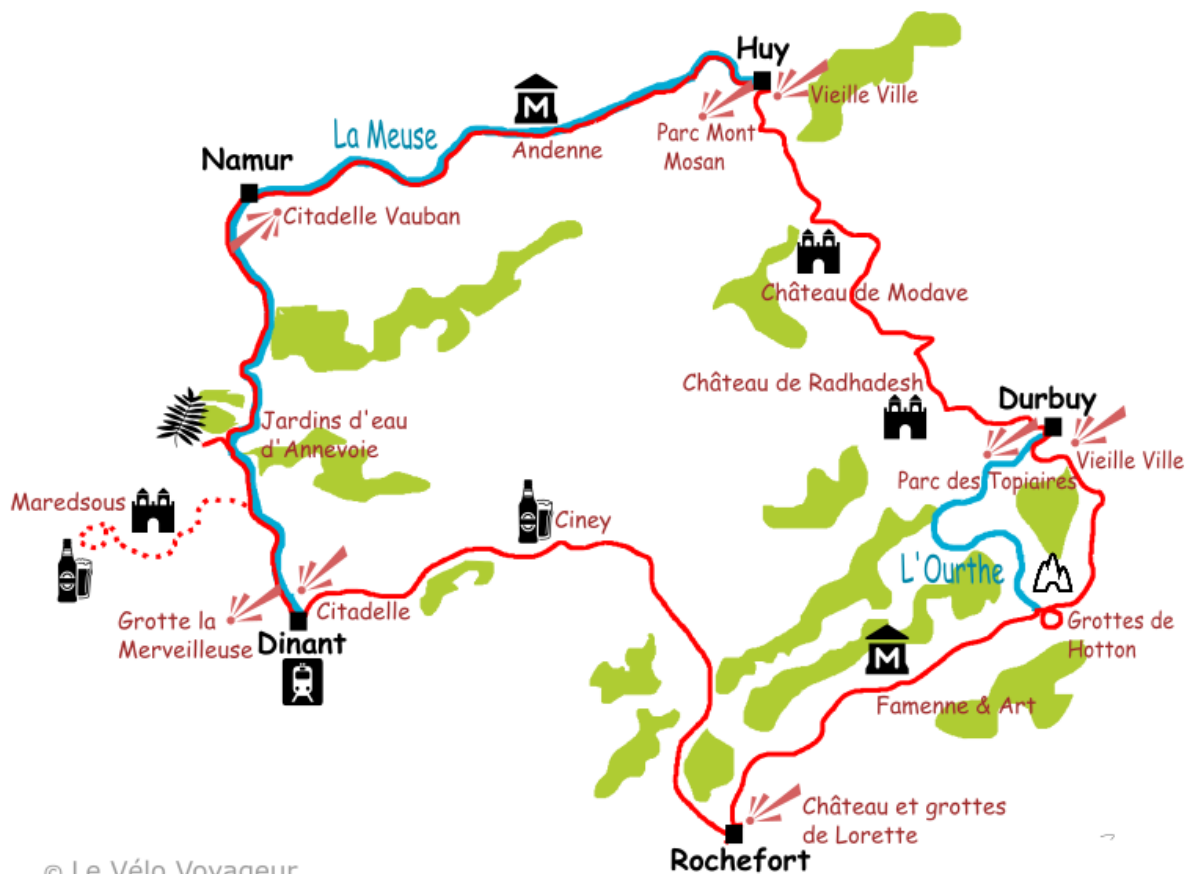


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| Destination | Europe |
| Location | Belgique |
| Duration | 5 days |
| Difficulty Level | Easy |
| Validity | from March to November |
| Minimum age | 12 years old |
| Reference | WA0501 |

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



Leave your problems behind as suggests a famous Belgian proverb and be part of this fabulous bike trip in the great outdoors of both the Ardennes and along the Meuse river. Naturally you will be amazed by the renowned Belgian good mood!

Your trip begins in Dinant, the city where Adolphe Sax, the inventor of the musical instrument, was born. Enjoy the most charming places of the Ardennes such as Rochefort, Marche-en-Famenne or Durbuy and cross picturesque landscapes. You ride sometimes on small countryside roads, on large cycle paths or along the Meuse river between Huy and Dinant passing by Namur, the capital of Wallonia.

All the ingredients are combined in this loop bike tour to enjoy a great adventure! Eager for culture? Explore the citadels of Namur and Dinant, the castel of Modave or the fort of Huy. Keen to relax in the nature? The natural area of Leffe and Famenne regions or the peaceful banks of the Meuse river await you! Not to mention the Belgian gastronomy with its French fries, its waffles, its chocolate or all types of beers: all your senses will be awake!

Day 1

Dinant - Rochefort

Bike
44km

Altitude
±510m

Get onto your bike for a perfect adventure! Dinant is your starting point and you will find plenty of activities to enjoy there. Take the time to admire the colourful houses located on the banks of the Meuse river, explore its captivating cave or visit the citadel.

Before riding, pay attention to the numerous well-decorated saxophones all around Dinant, where the inventor Adolphe Sax was born. You ride slightly upwards along the natural reserve of Leffe and reach Ciney, a well-known city for its beer.

Cycle through picturesque roads and cross small charming hamlets and a well-preserved nature before reaching Rochefort, your stop for the night. Enjoy a delicious Trappist beer in the beautiful historical setting with the Comtal castle or the war memorial of the general Lafayette.

Day 2

Rochefort - Durbuy

Bike
46km

Altitude
±415m

It is time to reach Marche-en-Famenne and its well-preserved and lively city center! You can learn more about the history of the region with a side trip to the museum of the city.

You follow then the RAVeL, the network of Belgian cycle paths, and arrive in Hotton where you will be amazed by the underground world of the caves. Ride at your own pace on the countryside roads of the Ardennes and discover charming hamlets such as Ny. Durbuy, "the smallest city of the world" awaits you for a gourmet getaway.

Day 3

Durbuy - Huy area

Bike
43km

Altitude
±390m

"Tout ce qui est petit est mignon": This French proverb means "everything small is beautiful" and you can check it by yourself with the visit of Durbuy. Ready for a small stroll into the topiary garden or into the labyrinth of Barvaux? Unless you prefer to wander into the lively city-center? You will be spoiled for choice!

Ride through the countryside and reach Modave with its castle and its French garden, perfect for a relaxing time.

You will then follow a magnificent cycle path up to Huy where you will meet again the Meuse river. Do not hesitate to visit the impressive fort reconverted into a remembrance place of WWII, explore the animal park of Mont Mosan or find out about the wall of Huy, famous for being part of "La Flèche wallonne" professional cycling race.

Day 4

Huy - Namur

Bike
36km

Altitude
±175m

Today's ride is mostly along the Meuse river where you will enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the surroundings. Make a stop in Andenne, a city well-known for its carnival of bears and do not miss the visit of Scladina caves and the museum of Ceramics. Discover the folklore and the culinary traditions of the region such as « matoufet » or « peket », a beverage made from juniper.

You continue your ride onto the cycle path along the Meuse and reach Namur, the capital of Wallonia, at the confluence with the Sambre and the Meuse rivers.

Day 5

Namur - Dinant

Bike
32/64km

Altitude
±200m

After an unavoidable stop at the Vauban Citadel, the symbol of the city of Namur, you follow the Meuse river and will experience a lot of nice surprises. In Wépion, learn about the history of the strawberry, a fruit cherished by both adults and children.

As you ride along the river, you will be amazed by the magnificent landscapes. Look up to the sky and see some hand-gliders jumping from the point of view of "Seven Meuses". On your way, do not miss the water garden of Annevoie with a mix of French, English and Italian styles!

In Anhée, you can follow a side trip leading you to the abbey of Maredsous and the one of Madret and enjoy the well-known beers and cheeses of the region. You ride back to Dinant and finish this adventure. Unless you decide to extend your stay?

Accommodation

Category B

You will get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3 or 4-star hotels or charming Bed & Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to the departure point:

By plane: flight to Brussels and then train to Dinant.

By train: direct train from **Brussels-Luxembourg** station (duration: 1h20) or from Namur (duration: 30 minutes). To plan your trip: <https://www.raileurope.com/en>

Parking:

If you drive to Dinant, you can park your car in a park located next to our bike partner's premises for free.

You can also park in a secured car-park located in the city-center of Dinant. All details for the parking will be given in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12pm. 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.

We advise to book an extra night in Dinant, at the beginning or at the end of your trip if you plan to visit the numerous tourist attractions of the city.

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 B

€498 /pers

Double room fare

4 nights in 3/4* hotels or bed&breakfasts

4 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped touring bike with 6 gears or a mountain bike

a roadbook with maps and descriptions of the routes

the access to our GPS-app Le Vélo Voyageur

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

€40 /pers

Single occupancy extra

€56 /night

Extra night in Dinant

€75 /pers

Options

Luggage transfer (**)

2-3 persons

€150 /pers

More than 4 persons

€85 /pers

Extra for the rental of an electric bike

€110 /pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-€60 /pers

(*) High season :

- from 05.13 to 05.16.2021
- from 05.21 to 05.24.2021
- from 07.03 to 09.11.2021

(**) 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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