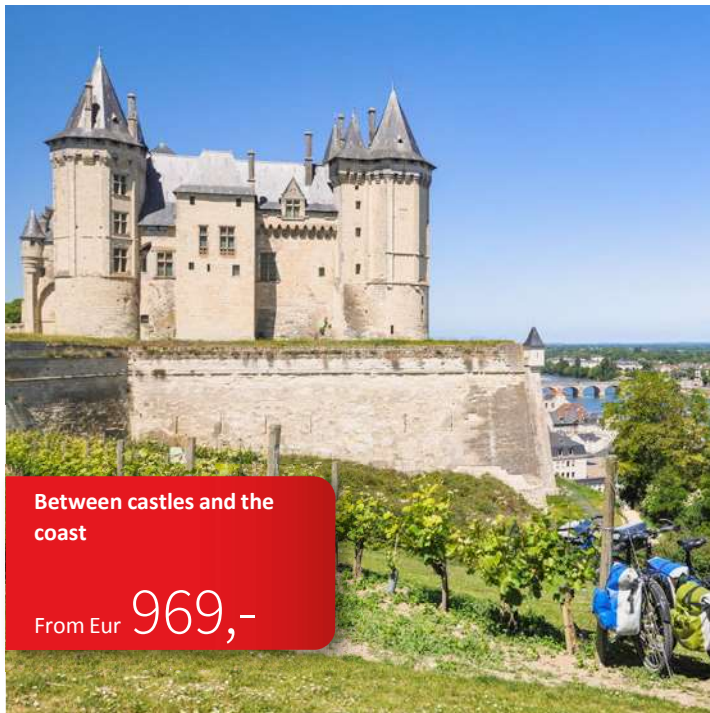


The Loire Cycle Path to the Atlantic

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 325 KM
BOOKING CODE: FR-LOTS7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Between castles and the coast

From Eur 969,-



Your tour

The wild and romantic Loire River winds its way along more than 1000 km through breath-taking countryside to the sea - sometimes gentle and graceful, at others, wild and untameable. On this Loire cycling holiday you will follow this unconventional river on its last few kilometres before it enters the Atlantic. Your impressive tour begins at the western end of the famous castle area and takes you through varied countryside. You will see picturesque villages and majestic granite cliffs. Significant towns along the route are the white town of Saumur with its magnificent castle and the black town of Angers. At the end of your Loire cycling holiday, look forward to impressive nature reserves, stylish seaside resorts and, of course, the Atlantic Ocean.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Tours
Day 2	Tours – Chinon, approx. 55 km
Day 3	Chinon – Saumur, approx. 35 km
Day 4	Saumur – Angers, approx. 55 km
Day 5	Angers – Saint-Florent-le-Vieil region, approx. 55 – 70 km
Day 6	Saint-Florent-le-Vieil – Nantes, approx. 55 km
Day 7	Nantes – Saint-Nazaire, approx. 65 km
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	30.03. – 06.04.	28.10. – 12.10.
Season B	13.04. – 04.05.	07.09. – 21.09.
Season C	11.05. – 31.08.	

Arrival Saturday 30.03. – 12.10.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3*-level
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Saint-Nazaire, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	969,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1029,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1099,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	469,-

Additional night prices per person

Saint-Nazaire DBL / BB	65,-
Saint-Nazaire SGL / BB	109,-
Tours DBL / BB	65,-
Tours SGL / BB	109,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (21-gear)*	99,-
Return transfer excl. bike (Sat)	99,-
Return transfer incl. bike (Sat)	139,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Tours	Ibis Styles Centre, Tours	https://all.accor.com/hotel/8011/index.de.shtml
Chinon	Ibis Styles, Chinon	https://all.accor.com/hotel/7864/index.de.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps
Saumur	Hotel Kyriad Saumur Centre	https://saumur-centre.kyriad.com/en-us/
Angers	Le Progres, Angers	http://www.hotelprogres.com/en/
Saint-Florent-le-Vieil / Umgebung	Logis Hostellerie la Gabelle, Saint-Florent-le-Vieil	https://www.lagabelle.com/en/
Nantes	Mercure Grand Hotel, Nantes	https://all.accor.com/hotel/1985/index.de.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps
Saint-Nazaire	Comfort Hotel de l'Europe, Saint Nazaire	https://www.hoteleuropesaintnazaire.com/en/

Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Due to the more demanding stages, we recommend this trip only for young people with good stamina. Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- In France, helmets are compulsory for children up to the age of 12. However, for safety reasons, we generally recommend wearing a helmet.
- Return journey to Tours: Optionally by minibus every Saturday morning, must be specified when booking. Alternatively on your own by train, without changing trains, approx. 3 hours. Continuous train connections with free bike transport from St. Nazaire to Tours at weekends.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Bike lock
- Odometer
- Handlebar bag
- Air pump
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Tours

- Nearest airports: Paris
- Train station: Tours, St. Nazaire

Parking in Tours

- Parking garage, costs approx. 70 € per week. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Luggage transport

- Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

Travel documents

- Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Tours

Tours, as the former capital of France, is an ideal place to start your Loire cycling holiday. Wander around the historic old town. Many buildings, patrician houses and monuments are witness to this town on the Loire's glittering past.

Day 2: Tours – Chinon, approx. 55 km

You will experience two more magnificent castles on today's stage of your bike tour from Orléans to the Atlantic Ocean. You follow the Cher River and soon reach Villandry Castle. Stroll through the six magnificently landscaped gardens – one more beautiful than the other. Continuing along the banks of the Loire River, you will reach Langeais

and thus the second castle of today. From the fortified tower you will enjoy the magnificent view over the river and the surrounding countryside. After this relaxing break, you will roll leisurely to Chinon.

Day 3: Chinon – Saumur, approx. 35 km

Today's bike tour from Orléans to the Atlantic Ocean takes you first to Montsoreau. It is one of the most beautiful villages in France, not only because of its magnificent castle built of tufa stone and the flower-filled village alleys. You pass Souzay-Champigny, famous for its cave dwellings, and soon reach Saumur – the pearl of Anjou. From the town's chateau you have a beautiful view of the medieval old town and the Loire Valley. In the evening, treat yourself to a glass of the region's excellent red wines!

Day 4: Saumur – Angers, approx. 55 km

Through the rolling hills of the vineyards of Anjou, the Loire Cycle Route runs along the southern bank of the river. This picturesque scenery accompanies you for quite a distance. You will pass castle ruins, Romanesque churches and picturesque medieval villages. You will reach Saint-Mathurin-sur-Loire. Visit the Loire Odyssey – a museum and information center dedicated to the Loire. The castle of your today's stage destination – Angers – impresses not only with 17 towers, it also houses a real cultural treasure: the largest tapestry in Europe!

Day 5: Angers – Saint-Florent-le-Vieil region, approx. 55 – 70 km

Spend a little more time in the lively university town before getting back in the saddle. In Savennières, don't miss a visit to a winemaker. This is where France's best and most expensive white wines are

made from the Chenin Blanc grape. Also worth seeing is the village of Béhuard, located on an island. In the old town of St.-Florent-le-Vieil, high above the river, a great viewpoint beckons.

Day 6: Saint-Florent-le-Vieil – Nantes, approx. 55 km

Constantly changing landscapes characterize today's stage of your bike tour from Orléans to the Atlantic. Behind St. Florent, the valley narrows and the river forces its way through slate and granite rocks. Several times you will change the Loire bank, several times you will have to cope with smaller ascents. But every ascent also gives you fantastic views. Nantes, the historic capital of Brittany, will impress you with its very special flair. Let yourself be carried away by the colorful hustle and bustle in the alleys.

Day 7: Nantes – Saint-Nazaire, approx. 65 km

Following the ever-widening river, you cycle through the tranquil countryside and numerous small villages. Nestled between the mouth of the Loire and the Atlantic Ocean is the attractive seaside resort of Saint-Brevin-les-Pins. Stroll along the long sandy beaches or enjoy cooling off in the sea. Afterwards, a shared transfer will take you across the impressive but also busy bridge to Saint-Nazaire. Visit the submarine bunker, which is also passable by bike.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.