



Loire Cycle Path: Tours - Saint Nazaire

WILD-ROMANTIC ALL THE WAY TO THE SEA.

The wild-romantic Loire is one of Europe's last remaining unregulated rivers flowing through gently undulating terrain towards the Atlantic. This river accompanies the culture-enthusiastic cycling-holidaymaker following its course along the Loire-cycle path from Orléans until Saint Nazaire past magnificent palaces and blooming gardens taking you back into France's glorious past – and you are off into the heart of the royal cycling holiday bliss. Look forward to one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites, enjoy the sweet life à la française and admire impressive natural spectacles.

- Get all information and many more tour tips for our cycle tours along the [Loire Cycle Path](#).

Medium



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Tours

Sample hotel: [Au Relais St.Eloi](#)

DAY
2

Tours - Chinon | approx. 55 km

The river Cher, a Loire tributary, leads you directly to Villandry palace with its terraced gardens. Certainly, you should not miss paying a visit to this famous installation. Every visitor will be amazed by the shadowy footpaths, the flower-bedecked bowers, the fountains and the artistically laid out vegetable gardens. Some kilometres further on you will exchange the bank of the Cher for the bank of the famous Loire. And again you will be tempted by the next castle – Langeais. From the top of the fortified tower (this castle exclusively served for military purposes) you will see the river and its whole surroundings lying in front of you. Via small villages and on side roads you will reach today's Day Finish – Chinon, impressing visitors with its mighty castle complex.

Sample hotel: [Ibis Styles](#)

DAY
3

Chinon - Saumur | approx. 40 km

You leave Chinon with its medieval alleyways and follow the river Vienne to Candes-St. Martin. A charming stroll through the village up to the highest point of the hill enables an impressive view onto the confluence of both rivers Vienne and Loire. Shortly before arriving in Saumur there is a special highlight. The bike path leads right through the mystic rockhouses of Souzey. We highly recommend another panoramic view onto the vast Loire-valley later from Saumur palace.

Sample hotel: [Hotel Kyriad Saumur Centre](#)

DAY
4*Saumur - Angers* | approx. 55 km

After some kilometres you enter the vineyards situated at the southern shores of the Loire. On gentle hills you cycle right through the vineyards. Back again at the coast you cycle through quiet, medieval villages towards your next big Day Finish Angers. Be inspired by the lively university town situated at the Maine. In case this tour is too strenuous for you, you can bypass the route by train from Saumur onwards.

Sample hotel: [Le Progres](#)

DAY
5*Angers –Saint-Florent-le-Vieil/Surroundings* | approx. 55 km

Angers is situated on the river Maine, the final significant tributary of the Loire before the Atlantic. You follow this river until it joins the river Loire at La Pointe-Bouchemaine. You continue along the foot of a slate-granite massif until Savennières featuring the oldest church of the region. Some of the best wines of the Loire-valley are grown here, fruity, dry white wines – we recommend a visit to one of the vintners. From La Poissonnière the route leads you via dykes with wonderful views onto the river Loire into the trim little town Saint-Florent-le-Vieil.

Sample hotel: [Logis Hostellerie la Gabelle](#)

DAY
6*Saint-Florent-le-Vieil/Surroundings – Nantes* | approx. 55 km

Another day along the Loire river through continuously changing scenery awaits. The Loire now finally enters Brittany and carves through slate- and granite rocks all the way to Nantes. The cycle path changes the side of the river several times, which also includes tackling a few smaller ascents – which again rewards you with beautiful views. The Loire 'escorts' you into the centre of the historic capital of Brittany, Nantes. Although the Loire estuary into the Atlantic is another 70 km away the influence of the sea is already noticeable and visible.

Sample hotel: [Mercure Grand Hotel](#)

DAY
7*Nantes - Saint Nazaire* | approx. 65 km

Now the river becomes ever wider, the scenery increasingly placid. You proceed through little villages always to the Loire ending in the Atlantic Ocean. Only the impressive bridge over the Loire River separates you from Saint Nazaire. Visit the Atlantic shipyard, which is one of the largest ship building corporations in the world, or the submarine bunker, which is also accessible by bike.

Sample hotel: [Comfort Hotel de l'Europe](#)

DAY
8*Departure or extension*

Tour character

You cycle on asphalted and gravelled cycle paths, partially also along side roads. There are only a few ascents worth mentioning to be tackled along the very well signposted route, occasionally you may encounter some headwind.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Tours

	Season 1 03.04.2021 - 23.04.2021 25.09.2021 - 09.10.2021 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 24.04.2021 - 18.06.2021 04.09.2021 - 24.09.2021 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 19.06.2021 - 03.09.2021 Arrival Saturday
Loire Cycle Path: Tours - Saint Nazaire, 8 days, FR-LORTS-08X			
Base price	699.00	759.00	799.00
Surcharge single room	369.00	369.00	369.00

Category: 3***-hotels (French classification)

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Tours

	Season 1 Apr 3, 2021 - Apr 23, 2021 Sep 25, 2021 - Oct 9, 2021 Arrival Saturday	Season 2 Apr 24, 2021 - Jun 18, 2021 Sep 4, 2021 - Sep 24, 2021 Arrival Saturday	Season 3 Jun 19, 2021 - Sep 3, 2021 Arrival Saturday
Tours			
Double room p. P.	6500	6500	6500
Surcharge single room	4500	4500	4500
Saint Nazaire			
Double room p. P.	5500	5500	5500
Surcharge single room	4500	4500	4500

Our rental bikes

Filter

21-gear unisex incl. rental bike insurance	8500
21-gear gents incl. rental bike insurance	8500
7-gear unisex with back pedal break incl. rental bike insurance	8500
rental bike PLUS incl. rental bike insurance	12900
Electric bike incl. rental bike insurance	18900

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned
- Breakfast buffet or an extensive breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer between the hotels
- EUROBIKE developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English with route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- GPS-data is available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance!
- Return transfer by minibus to Tours every Saturday morning, costs EUR 79 per person incl. your bike, reservation is necessary, to be paid for at the time.

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

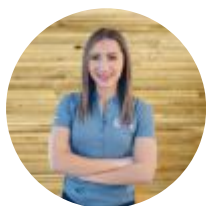
- Orléans, Tours or St. Nazaire train station
- Public, fee-based covered car parks in Orléans
- Multy-storey car park at the hotel approx. EUR 40 to EUR 45per week in Tours. No reservation possible/necessary.
- On weekends direct train connections, bikes can be taken free of charge, from St. Nazaire via Tours to Orléans

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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