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type :	Family Cycling Easy cycling Classic Cycle Routes of France Centre Based Electric bike option Self-guided
hybrid :	●○○○○
e-bike :	◐○○○○
duration :	6 days
comfort :	●●●○○
period:	Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct
code:	FRSB410

Loire Valley - cycling around Fontevraud

6 days, *€ 775*

Introduction



During this trip you will stay in the same place, so you only have to unpack your suitcase once! The described routes are only some examples of the tours you can do. When you receive your trip details, we will give you different routes you can choose from each day.

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Fontevraud**

You travel independently to Fontevraud. Check in at your hotel and have a stroll around the abbey (or buy tickets to visit later on in your stay) and through the town centre.

Day 2 **Cycling roundtrip via Chinon**

Cycle at an easy pace through the woods and sunflower fields (when flowering) to the magnificent historic town of Chinon. Visit the fortress or enjoy life on a terrace by the banks of the majestic Vienne river. On the way back to the hotel you could also visit the museum of the famous French author François Rabelais.

Challenge: 52.9 km, 396m ascent, 397m descent

Day 3 **Cycling roundtrip via Saumur**

Today you'll cycle to Saumur, with it's chateau that overlooks confluence of the Loire. The Château de Saumur has been listed as a "monument historique" by the French Ministry of Culture since 1862. The town of Saumur is very pleasant, with its imposing 17th century church of Notre Dame des Ardilliers and at Saint-Pierre square, you can admire its half-timbered houses. You can also visit a distillery in the centre or try some wines from the region! From Saumur you get to choose: cycle back or take a boatride on the Loire river to Montsoreau. From there it's only 4 km. back to the hotel.

Challenge: 37.1km, 417m ascent, 416m descent

Day 4 **Cycling roundtrip via Cadre Noir de Saumur**

Today you'll cycle around in the countryside of the Anjou area (which is nowadays called the Mainee-et-Loire department), also known for the Chenin Blanc grapes. You will continue your way to Cadre Noir, which is 'the' center for equestrian fans (the French military riding academy). The route continues through the idyllic valley of the Loire, back to your hotel.

Challenge: 47.6km, 313m ascent, 314m descent

Day 5 **Cycling roundtrip South of Fontevraud**

If you haven't done so far, take some time in the morning to visit the world-famous abbey of Fontevraud. The vast Royal Abbey with its delightful architecture and the effigies of Richard the Lionheart, Eleonor of Aquitaine, Henri II and Isabelle d'Angoulême. Local artists will be delighted to welcome you into their work shops. If you decide to go cycling we suggest you take a short loop of 38 km to Roiffé south of Fontevraud through the country side, vineyards, fields and small villages. Do not miss the visits to the unusual castles of Brézé (and its underground passages) and the castle of La Mothe-Chandeniers (abandoned for a long time and which has been transformed into a true masterpiece of nature).

Challenge: 37.8km, 409m ascent, 408m descent

Day 6 **Departure from Fontevraud**

After breakfast end of the trip…or you extend your trip and book some extra nights?

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:
Daily from April 01 till October 31
Of course you can also book extra night(s) during the trip. We can give you these prices on request. Please mention where you would like to add extra night(s).

Practical Info



5 Nights included



3 Star Hotels



Breakfasts and 2 Dinners included during the trip : one 'gastronomic' and one 'bistro'



Maps and tourist information on all the places of interest



24/7 Bilingual Emergency hotline



No Luggage transport. You are based at the same hotel for 5 nights



For time tables and further information check the **website of SNCF** or **rome2rio** for all French National trains (SNCF).
We strongly advise you to **download the sncf mobile app** prior to departure. If you want to travel on a train with your bike, you can find more information **via this link**.



Parking possibilities at the hotel



GPS tracks are available on request