

DESTINATION
ORLÉANS
VAL DE LOIRE



Cycling
discoveries 

Get away





Discover
the great

itineraries...



“La Loire à Vélo” (Cycling along the Loire) is part of Eurovélo 6 and connects Cuffly (near Nevers) with Saint-Brevin-les-Pins (Loire Atlantique) on a 900-km marked bikeway. On this route, which includes the Loire, its banks and islands, experience all the beauties of Europe’s last wild river. It goes through the Loiret for 155 km. There are 3 legs where you can visit the Orléans metropolis and extend your stay there for a while:

- leg 5, between Châteauneuf-sur-Loire and Saint-Denis-en-Val
- leg 6, between Saint-Denis-en-Val and Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Mesmin
- leg 7, between Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Mesmin and Tavers.

The Scandibérique goes through France for more than 1,700 km from north to south, going through Paris. It is the French part of EuroVelo 3, which connects Trondheim in Norway and Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle in Spain. In the Loiret, the Scandibérique goes through France for more 180 km long. In Briare, it joins the “Loire à Vélo” route.

... and our
top favourite
loops



Loop 01 Orleans Forest

This is an easy, pleasant ride which includes a part in the Château de Charbonnière park and a part in the State-owned forest, perfect for a family ride (greenway route).

Starting point:

*Château de la Charbonnière
car park, Saint-Jean-de-Braye*



Loop 02
**From vines to orchards,
from the Loire to the Loiret**

This ride will lead you to the left bank of the Loire with its hundreds of hectares of vines, which have been there since the 6th century.

Starting point:
in the angle formed by the Levée de la Loire and Rue du Pré de la Dame, Saint-Hilaire-Saint-Mesmin

Loop 05
A detour in Sologne

With this circuit, you will leave Sandillon's market garden countryside and enter the grounds of Sologne. Lowlands and wheat fields, reminiscent of rustic paintings, give way to the forest of Sologne with its oak trees and acacias concealing large privately-owned stretches of water.

Starting point:
car park in Rue de la Villette, Sandillon

Loop 06
A detour by the river

The countryside is just a few pedal strokes away from the Orleans metropolis. The Orleans canal unfolds its long green stretch in the heart of the green Oussance valley, between Donnery and Mardié.

Starting point:
Place de l'Église, Donnery

Loop 07
Between the canal and the forest

A long loop to fully enjoy the Forest of Orleans, the largest State-owned forest in France (35,000 ha).

Starting point:
Mairie, Ingrannes



Did you know?



On 1 January 2022, Orléans Métropole received the "Territoire Vélo" label (Bike-friendly territory). The label, which is awarded by the Fédération française de cyclotourisme (French Bicycle Touring Federation), recognises the metropolis's efforts in promoting cycling.



Loop 16

The Loiret windmills

This loop, which goes along the Loire, the Loiret and goes through a rural landscape, has the charm of a very rich heritage: the Moulin du Bac, the Moulin des Béchets, the Carmel and Cross of Micy, the Saint-Nicolas bridge, a brick kiln...

Starting point:

Bel-Air Lake car park, Olivet

Loop 17

Cycling along the Loire going through Chécy



Experience cycling along the north bank of the Loire, starting in Orleans. The itinerary goes through Saint-Jean-de-Braye, Combleux, Chécy, Bou and Mardié.

Starting point: Quai du Roi, Orléans

Check out our practical information to organise your bicycle trip on our website at tourisme-orleansmetropole.com





“Accueil Vélo” and “Loire à Vélo”, 2 labels dedicated to cyclotourists

During your bicycle circuits, check out providers with the “Accueil Vélo” and “Loire à Vélo” logos which can generally be found at the entrance of these establishments. These labels ensure quality welcome and services all along your itinerary. These include Orléans Val de Loire Tourisme.

Feel free to ask any questions!



Check out the full list of “Accueil Vélo” and “Loire à Vélo” providers at the following website tourisme-orleansmetropole.com

There are 2 ways to rent a bicycle:

- **Vélo'+ (TAO), on a self-service basis**

Vélo'+ consists of 350 bicycles spread out over 35 stations and available 24/7. The first 30 minutes are free. Rent a bicycle in the station of your choice and return it in any other station, depending on your route.

Download the Vélo'+ app for more information!

- **Bike rental service**

You can rely on the expertise of several providers specialising in rental services for all your bicycle circuits in the Orleans region!

View the full list of rental services on our website at tourisme-orleansmetropole.com



Are you travelling by train to get to the cycle paths of “Loire à Vélo”?

It couldn't be easier with the SNCF's “Loire à Vélo” trains on the TER line of Orléans – Nantes – Le Croisic. You can take your bicycle with you for free on these trains. They run more frequently during the summer.





Mai à Vélo (Cycling in May)

Orléans Métropole takes part in the national event "Mai à vélo", with a whole Saturday dedicated to "la petite reine" (bicycles) and their various practices, at the Place du Martroi in Orléans, in partnership with the Tourist Office.

Vélotour

The Vélotour is the perfect opportunity to discover the city's unusual sites on your bicycle, with family and friends. Don't forget your costume!

The Centre-Val de Loire Region's "Échappées à Vélo" (Bicycle Getaways)

From May to October, the Centre-Val de Loire Region presents its "Échappées à Vélo" (Bicycle Getaways): some sixty routes suitable for all, in a festive, friendly atmosphere.

View the full programming of tourist activities and events on our website at tourisme-orleansmetropole.com and on the "On sort" portal! sortir.orleans-metropole.fr



Let the Tourist Office

be your guide

Get on your bike!

Get on your bike and (re)discover Orleans, the city's history and its famous figures, with anecdotes and legends. Follow the guidebook and get pedalling in the city's back streets and on the banks of the Loire.

"Châteaux à vélo" pass

Do you fancy experiencing the châteaux on your bike?

This €31 pass includes entrances to the châteaux of Meung-sur-Loire, Chambord and Blois, and a rented audioguide to visit Orleans' old town centre.



Guided tours, Châteaux Pass, CityPass...
Information and booking at the Tourist Office
or online at reservation.tourisme-orleansmetropole.com
Feel free to request your bicycle welcome kit
when you visit!



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