

2020

# Veloscenic 8 days Discover "Veloscenic", the spectacular cycle route between Chartres and Mont Saint Michel

Discover the Veloscenie, a superb road from Chartres to Mont Saint Michel, cycling through Maintenon in Chartres with its Cathédrale de lumières. You will enjoy cycling in forests and in the norman countryside, with the Thermes de Bagnoles de l'Orne and the majestic Mont Saint Michel at the end of your tour. This itinerary is an excellent combination between culture and nature.

#### **Day 1 Chartres**

Arrival in Chartres.



#### Day 2 Chartres – Illiers Combray 30 km

Start the day with visiting the city of Chartres with its sublime cathedral, a UNESCO world heritage site and a masterpiece of gothic art. The cathedral boasts 9 sculpted gates and 2,600 m<sup>2</sup> of stained glass windows dating from the 12th and 13th centuries.

You will then ride to Illiers-Combray amongst the romantic countryside that inspired Marcel Proust for his novel "A la recherche du temps perdu".

#### Day 3 Illiers Combray – Condeau 61 km

This itinerary then takes you on to the National Park of Perche, through authentic green landscapes. The region is renowned for the Percheron breed of horses, and you will have the possibility of visiting a breeding centre where you can take a carriage ride. This region is also well known for its apples and cider producers will also be happy to give you a tasting along the way.



Day 4 Condeau – Alençon 60 km

Your ride today begins gently in the National Park of Normandie Maine. Part of the day is along a cycle path and, you will enjoy a varied landscape all day to the charming town of Alençon. Alençon is famous for its needle lace-making, a technique which is UNESCO registered.

#### Day 5 Alençon – Bagnoles-de l'Orne 53 km

Today is a little more challenging but the scenery is breath-taking and you will enjoy wonderful views throughout the day. Along the route, you can visit the impressive small Château de Carrouges. The gardens of the château could be a good option for a picnic. Your day ends in Bagnoles de l'Ornes. This city is full of charms, especially its Belle Epoque neighbourhood. The city is also well known for its baths so why not end the day with a relaxing swim or a massage.

#### Day 6 Bagnoles – St Hilaire du Harcouët

#### 61 km

Today you ride through fascinating landscapes and forests to Domfront with its historical town centre. Most of the way will be along dedicated cycle routes, and this lovely day will end in Saint Hilaire, a small but lively town



#### Day 7 St Hilaire - Mont St Michel 46 km

However, many images you've seen of the Mont St-Michel rising majestically from its massive bay, coming in person will always be a moving experience.

Magical Mont-St-Michel. The sight is stunning, the island is topped by its Gothic Abbey masterpiece. The bay is subject to some of the biggest tidal variations in Europe, so the views change hourly. At high tide, the island is surrounded by water, but as the waters recede, a vast network of channels is revealed. These great shifts add to the magic.



**Day 8 Departure** After breakfast, transfer to the train station of Saint Malo.

Possibility to book our return shuttle-service to Chartres, Versailles or Paris.

# Please tell us if you wish to add an extra night to your stay

### Self-guided tour 8 days / 7 nights

## <u>Grade</u>: 🛑

The main part of the tour takes place on plains, so it is flat. Some easy rises in the villages on secondary roads.

## Arrival: Every Monday 30.03. – 02.11.2020

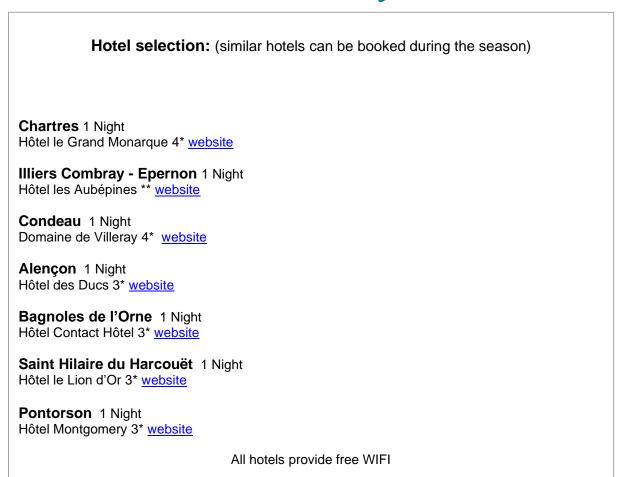
Price per Person	Euro
With 2 Part. Double Room B&B	1140,00
Double Room HB	1404,00
With 4 Part. Double Room B&B	924,00
Double Room HB	1.404,00
Extra Night Chartres B&B	113,00
Extra Night Pontorson B&B	76,00
Supplement Single Room	340,00
Extra Night Chartres B&B	167,00
Extra Night Pontorson B&B	104,00
Extra Charge Solo Traveler	298,00
<b>Bike Rental</b> 21-Gear-Tourbike E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	92,00 208,00

## Services included:

- ✓ Nights in 3\*/4\* Hotels or Guest room
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- ✓ 4-course dinner without Wine (Option)
- ✓ Road book, maps and information material
- ✓ Personal welcome meeting
- ✓ Touristic information
- Transfer to St Malo train station on the last day
- ✓ GPS-Tracks
- ✓ Navigationssystem (Option) 82,00 €
- ✓ 24h Servicehotline



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The city tax has to be paid at the hotel (between 0.80 € and 1,50 € per night and per person)