

# VÉLOSCÉNIÉ

## Highlights

Mont St Michel,  
Castle of Versailles,  
Regional park  
Normandie-Maine,  
4 UNESCO World  
Heritage Sites

FRANCE  
À VÉLO

## SPECTACULAR CYCLING ROUTE BETWEEN VERSAILLES & MONT ST MICHEL (ECO)

Discover the Véloscénie, a long distance cycling route, from Versailles to the jaw-dropping Mont Saint Michel. Enjoy cycling through forests, picturesque villages and the norman countryside. Appreciate the calm and harmony of the spectacular nature while cycling through this wonderful area of France.

### DIFFICULTY

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### KM

428

### LENGTH

9 days  
8 nights

### ARRIVAL

Daily  
16.03. - 02.11.24

## Day 1 Versailles

Arrival in Versailles. The Château and its gardens are considered as one of the most beautiful in Europa. What an amazing way to start a cycling trip.

## Day 2 Versailles - Epernon 70 km

Through the Chevreuse Valley you arrive to the forest of Rambouillet and the famous castle. Further you can admire the wonderful chateau of Maintenon and its famous gardens.

## Day 3 Epernon - Illiers Combray 66 km

On today's trip you can admire one of the highlights of this tour. 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4 Illiers - Nogent 51 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. You can also have a tasting along the way.

## Day 5 Nogent - Alençon 66 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 lacemaking, a technique which is UNESCO registered.

## Day 6 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'Orne. 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 7 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 8 St Hilaire - Mont St Michel 61 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. 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.

## Day 9 Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the train station of Saint Malo.

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

## SELF-GUIDED CYCLING TOUR



## ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

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

## SERVICES INCLUDED

- 4 nights in 3-star-hotels
- 2 nights in 2-star-hotels
- 2 nights in charming chambres d'hôtes
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome talk
- Daily luggage transfer
- Itinerary on our app
- Route book, maps and information material
- Transfer to St Malo train station
- 7/7 Service Hotline

## PER PERSON

### ROOM WITH 2/3 PART.

with B&B in DBL / SGL 1190 € / 1575 €

### ROOM WITH 4 PART.

with B&B in DBL / SGL 905 € / 1290 €

### EXTRA NIGHT

Versailles DBL / SGL 65 € / 118 €  
Pontorson DBL / SGL 63 € / 112 €

### BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear Hybrid bike 115 €  
E-Bike (250 € deposit) 245 €

City tax is not included and has to be paid on the spot.

## POSSIBLE OPTIONS

Rental of helmets, phone holder