

Tour Code : ANCF7C

# VIA ALLIER

Highlights  
Cycling  
through nature parks  
Idyllic landscapes  
in the mountains

FRANCE  
À VÉLO

## VIA ALLIER | FROM NEVERS TO CLERMONT-FERRAND | CLASSIC

You begin your cycling holiday in the ducal town of Nevers and follow the Via Allier, a tributary of the Loire, which is considered one of the last great wild rivers in Western Europe. You will stop in charming towns and villages such as Apremont-sur-Allier, the "most beautiful village in France," Saint-Pourçain-sur-Sioule, known for its vineyards, Vichy with its thermal baths, Clermont-Ferrand and its Chaîne des Puys mountain range.

### DIFFICULTY



### KM

270

### LENGTH

7 days  
6 nights

### ARRIVAL

Daily  
25.04 - 25.10.2026

### Day 1 Arrival in Nevers

Arrival in Nevers. Take advantage of the evening to explore the city center.



### Day 2 Nevers - Sancoins - Le Veudre 56 km

Start your tour on Via Allier in Nevers, the ducal city that was the center of faience production in the 17th century. Cross the Loire by following the canal to the Guétin bridge, which has 18 arches and a length of 343 m, spanning the Allier river. You can admire the confluence of the Loire and Allier rivers at the Bec d'Allier natural monument. Further on, you will reach Apremont-sur-Allier, considered the "most beautiful village in France" with its castle and flower park, which has been awarded the "Jardin Remarquable" (Remarkable Garden) label. The Grossouvre hall and its Espace Métal commemorate the region's metallurgical heritage. After Sancoins, you will see the Château Saint-Augustin and enter the department of Allier, where a tradition is cultivated in the river towns of Auvergne, including Le Veudre with its museum dedicated to inland waterway transport.

### Day 3 Le Veudre - Toulon-sur-Allier - Neuilly-le-Réal 52 km

Embark on an adventure along the Via Allier cycle route, where the Allier River has retained its freedom and agility, much like a cyclist, especially south of Moulins. The former capital of the Dukes of Bourbon is worth a longer stay because of its National Center for Stage Costumes and its streets and alleys, which are characterized by five centuries of architecture.

### Day 4 Neuilly-le-Réal - Saint-Pourçain-sur-Sioule - Vichy 63 km

Discover the Val d'Allier nature reserve, a true haven of peace for birds. After a short climb through the Moladier forest, you will cycle through the hedgerow landscape of the Bourbonnais. The first vineyards of Saint-Pourçainois open up a new perspective on this journey. The winegrowers of the Saint-Pourçain wine region await you for a tasting of their wines, which were once served at the court of the French kings. The route passes through Billy with its medieval fortress, which towers over this town full of character. A beautiful cycle path takes you along the river to Vichy, the spa town famous for its centuries-old springs. Admire the Baroque and Art Deco facades inspired by different cultures from around the world.

### Day 5 Vichy - Puy-Guillaume - Billom 61 km

Leave Vichy via the cycle path that runs alongside the Allier. Further afield, discover the waters of the Dore at Bec de Dore, a place that offers peace and protection to the species that live there. In the distance, the mountains of Auvergne stand out. Take a detour to the royal estate of Randan and visit Ris and the church of Ste-Croix, a former Cluniac priory.



### Day 6 Billom - Clermont-Ferrand 38 km

Here, the Via Allier marks the transition between the fertile Limagne plain and the volcanic character of the Clermont-Ferrand metropolitan area and the Puys chain, which can be seen in the distance. At the end of the route, Clermont-Ferrand, the capital of Auvergne, awaits you. It boasts a rich cultural heritage, as evidenced by its numerous hotels, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption, a Gothic building made of black lava stone from Volvic, whose interior is adorned with magnificent old stained glass windows, and the Romanesque Basilica of Notre-Dame-du-Port, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is well worth strolling through the streets.

### Day 7 Departure

Your stay ends after breakfast. Have a safe trip!

## UNGUIDED CYCLING TOUR



## ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

Mostly on small, quiet paved roads, partly on bike paths. The entire route has a gradual elevation difference, is mostly flat, and has only a few inclines after Moulins and on the approach to Clermont-Ferrand.

## SERVICES INCLUDED

- 6 nights in 3\* hotels
- Daily breakfast buffet
- Daily luggage transfer
- Tour description on our app
- Tour description with maps
- 7/7 service hotline

## PER PERSON

ROOM (FROM 2 PEOPLE)  
with B&B in DBL/SGL 953 €

ROOM (From 4 PEOPLE)  
with B&B in DBL/SGL 885 € / 1200 €

EXTRA NIGHT  
Nevers DBL / SGL 65 € / 109 €  
Clermont-Ferrand DBL / SGL 99 € / 170 €

BIKE RENTAL  
E-Bike 276 €  
Flat rate for return transport of rented bicycles 395 €  
Departure from Clermont-Ferrand possible on request

Tourist tax is not included in the price. This must be paid on site.

## POSSIBLE OPTIONS

- Rental of helmets, phone holder
- Single traveller supplement: 412 €
- Arrival and departure by train

