

Briare / Gien

La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike



Départ
Briare

Arrivée
Gien

Durée
49 min

Distance
12,44 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers

The Briare canal-bridge is the highlight on this Loire à Vélo stage. The route then continues via hilly little roads to the town of Gien, renowned far and wide for its pottery. See how its haughty castle stands aloof above the town as you approach Gien via the Loire's south bank. On this stage, several stretches are on roads with slopes.

Route

From Briare, cross the canal-bridge south. Take care crossing the D 951 road; go straight over, taking the track the other side. Prepare for the slope before Beauregard. Then take small roads and laid-out tracks from St-Brisson-sur-Loire to St-Martin-sur-Ocre. Be careful crossing the Californie Roundabout before entering Gien's suburbs.

Railway station - SNCF

Briare and Gien train stations. On the Intercité line serving Paris > > Cosne > Nevers, with spaces available for bikes, but you must reserve in advance.

Don't miss

Briare : its famed canal-bridge designed by Eiffel; its lively, appealing marina; the Musée des Deux Marines and Musée du Pont-Canal, dedicated to waterways; the Musée de la Mosaïque et des Emaux, plus the mosaics of St Etienne Church; the Château de Trousse-Barrière

St-Brisson-sur-Loire: its château, with displays of medieval war machines; the priory

Gien : its historic stone bridge; its grand brick château, housing a fine hunting museum; the Gien pottery

Markets

Briare : Friday morning, Sunday morning during summer

Gien : Wednesday and Saturday morning

Tourist Information Centre

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This map shows the area around La Trézée and La Ville. The Loire river flows through the center. Key landmarks include the Gare d'eau des Prés, Port de plaisance de Briare, and Cimetière du Pavillon. Roads shown include D 951, D 957, and D 47. The map also indicates the location of the CLOS DU NOYER.

A detailed map of the Pont Bouchérot area in Gien. The Loire River flows from the top left towards the bottom right. Key streets include Quai Lestrade, Quai Lenoir, Rue Louis Blanc, and Quai de Nice. Landmarks such as Lycée Saint François de Sales, Bar du Château, and Hofman are marked. A red circle highlights the bridge crossing the river. Various road numbers (D 951, C 14, R 116, D 940) and elevation points (e.g., 120m, 130m, 150m) are also shown. An orange line traces a path along the riverbank near the bridge.