

# Briare / Gien

## La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike



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 California 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

**Briare** : +33 (0)2 38 3124 51

**Gien** : +33 (0)2 38 67 25 28

**Départ**  
Briare

**Arrivée**  
Gien

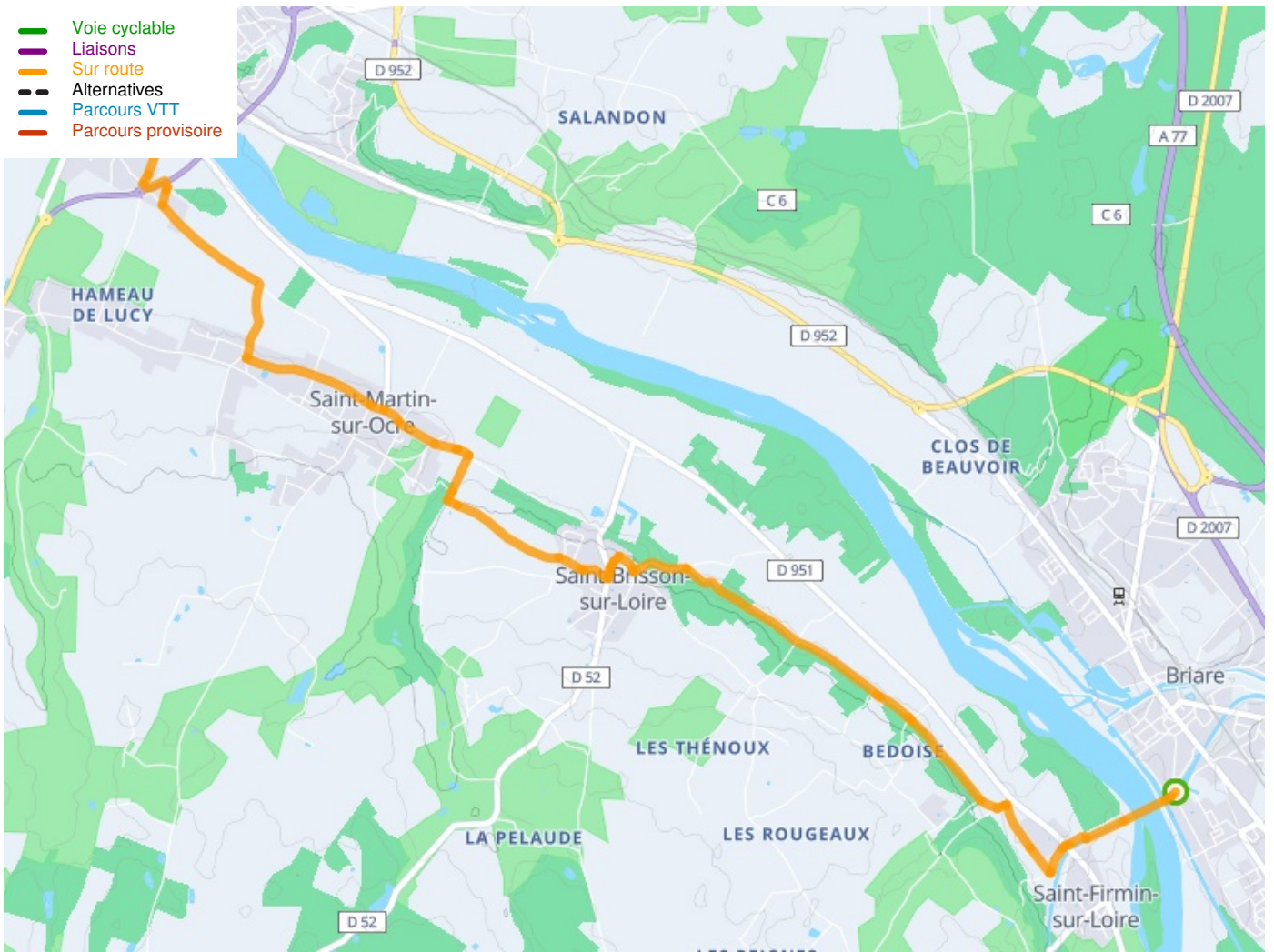
**Durée**  
49 min

**Distance**  
12,44 Km

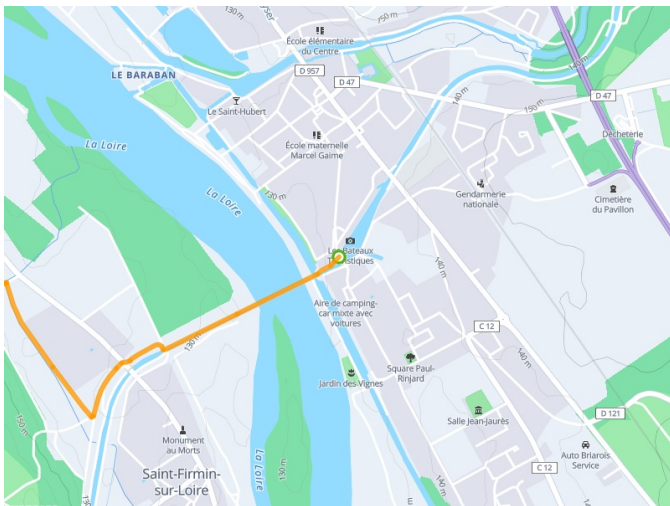
**Niveau**  
I cycle often

**Thématique**  
Canals & intimate rivers

- Voie cyclable
- Liaisons
- Sur route
- Alternatives
- Parcours VTT
- Parcours provisoire



**Départ  
Briare**



**Arrivée  
Gien**

