

Chalonnnes-sur-Loire / St-Florent-le-Vieil

La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike

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Départ Chalonnnes-sur-Loire	Arrivée St-Florent-le-Vieil
Durée 1 h 38 min	Distance 22,74 Km
Niveau I cycle often	Thématique In the vineyards, Canals & intimate rivers, Nature & small heritage

This Loire à Vélo stage in Anjou crosses the startling island of Chalonnnes, one of the largest on the Loire. Nearby, along the south bank, are the celebrated Coteaux du Layon vineyards, then the pretty perched villages of Montjean-sur-Loire and St-Florent-le-Vieil. The route is along quiet roads, cyclists able to make the most of the raised Loire-side levées and views across the islands.

Route

On the Ile de Chalonnnes, on quiet roads through these historic parts. From Montjean-sur-Loire, the route goes on levées used by very few cars. From Ingrandes to St-Florent the D 210 road does have quite a lot of traffic.

Link

At Ingrandes, cross the bridge onto the north bank of the Loire to reach the village with its train stop.

Railway station - SNCF

Ingrandes train stop (automatic ticket machine): TER regional trains serving Angers, Tours, Orléans and Nantes.

Don't miss

Île de Chalonnnes: one of the largest islands on the Loire, inhabited by man since prehistoric times. Typical Loire dwellings to admire.

Chalonnnes-sur-Loire: the remarkable Château de Candais; St Pierre Tower

Montjean-sur-Loire: it's worth the very steep climb up to the village to admire the glorious panorama across the Loire Valley; try a boat trip out on the Loire – choose from La Ligériade II, La Montjeannaise or Le Balbuzard

Ingrandes: once an important port on the Loire, with toll, but known for its salt smuggling to avoid the gabelle, or salt tax

St-Florent-le-Vieil: in former times, with a gabelle (salt tax) toll; Mont Glonne abbey church, with tremendous views down on the Loire from its terrace; museum of local history and of the anti-Republican Revolutionary Guerres de Vendée

Markets

- **Chalonnnes-sur-Loire:** Tuesday and Saturday morning
- **Montjean-sur-Loire:** Thursday morning
- **Ingrandes:** Friday morning
- **St-Florent-le-Vieil:** Friday afternoon

Tourist Information centres

- **Chalonnnes-sur-Loire:** +33(0)2 41 78 26 21
- **Montjean-sur-Loire:** +33(0)2 41 39 07 10
- **Ingrandes:** +33(0)2 41 39 29 06
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