

# **Montlouis-sur-Loire / Tours**

La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike

**Départ** Montlouis-sur-Loire **Arrivée** Tours

Durée 1 h 02 min Distance 11,89 Km

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#### Route

From Montlouis train station, follow the new greenway set out beside the Loire right up to Tours. Just take care crossing the D751 road. To reach the centre of Tours, follow Rue Lavoisier.

## **Railway station - SNCF**

**Tours central train station: six** trains per day, on average, allow bikes on board, either going west to Angers and Nantes, or east to Orléans. From Tours's major eastern station of St-Pierre-des-Corps you can catch direct high-speed TGV trains northeast to Paris or southwest to Poitiers, La Rochelle and beyond. There are regular train links between Tours central train station and St-Pierre-des-Corps.

## Don't miss

Montlouis-sur-Loire: the medieval town and its historic port; the prestigious wine cellars dotted around the place; the Château de la Bourdaisière for its formal gardens, including one devoted to tomatoes!; annual summer jazz festival; October market dedicated to all things sweet. Tours: once capital of medieval France; with remarkable historic quarters, monuments and houses around the cathedral and Place Plumereau square; many fine museums; major events year-round, including beside the Loire.

#### Markets

- Montlouis-sur-Loire : Thursday morning
- Tours : Tuesday to Sunday

## **Tourist Information Centre**

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