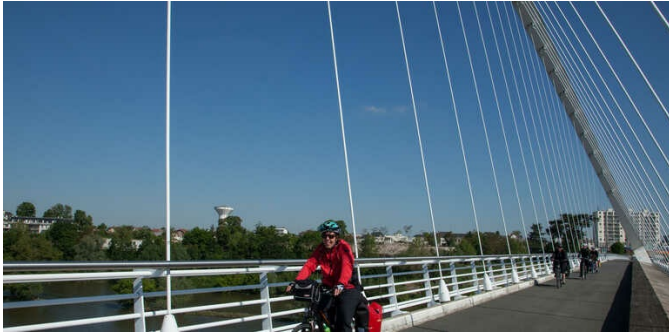


# Orléans / St-Hilaire-St-Mesmin

## La Loire à Vélo - Loire Valley by bike



**Départ**  
Orléans

**Arrivée**  
St-Hilaire-St-Mesmin

**Durée**  
51 min

**Distance**  
12,75 Km

**Niveau**  
I begin / Family

**Thématique**  
Canals & intimate  
rivers, French rivers

Gateway to the famed Loire Valley heartlands, once a capital in early medieval France, Orléans is now a lively modern city. It's an ideal place to join the Loire à Vélo and EuroVelo 6 cycle routes. Whether heading upstream or down, it's simple for cyclists to find the cycle paths leading to the Loire. This stage is as easy as it is enjoyable!

### Route

From Orléans train station, join the Loire-side cycle path before crossing the river via the Pont de l'Europe bridge. A tour of Orléans city centre is strongly recommended.

### Railway Station - SNCF

**Orléans train station:** numerous train connections to and from Paris and along the Loire (Interloire trains have a special carriage taking bicycles in summer).

### Don't miss

**Orléans:** a remarkable restored historic centre, served by new tramway; Place du Martroi square and its statue of Joan of Arc (famed liberator of the city from English besiegers in 1429); Ste-Croix Cathedral ; streets lined with timberframe houses, like lively Rue de Bourgogne; high-quality museums, plus the historic Hôtel Groslois wedding hall; outdoor sports and recreation centre on Charlemagne Island. All the facilities and shops of a big city.

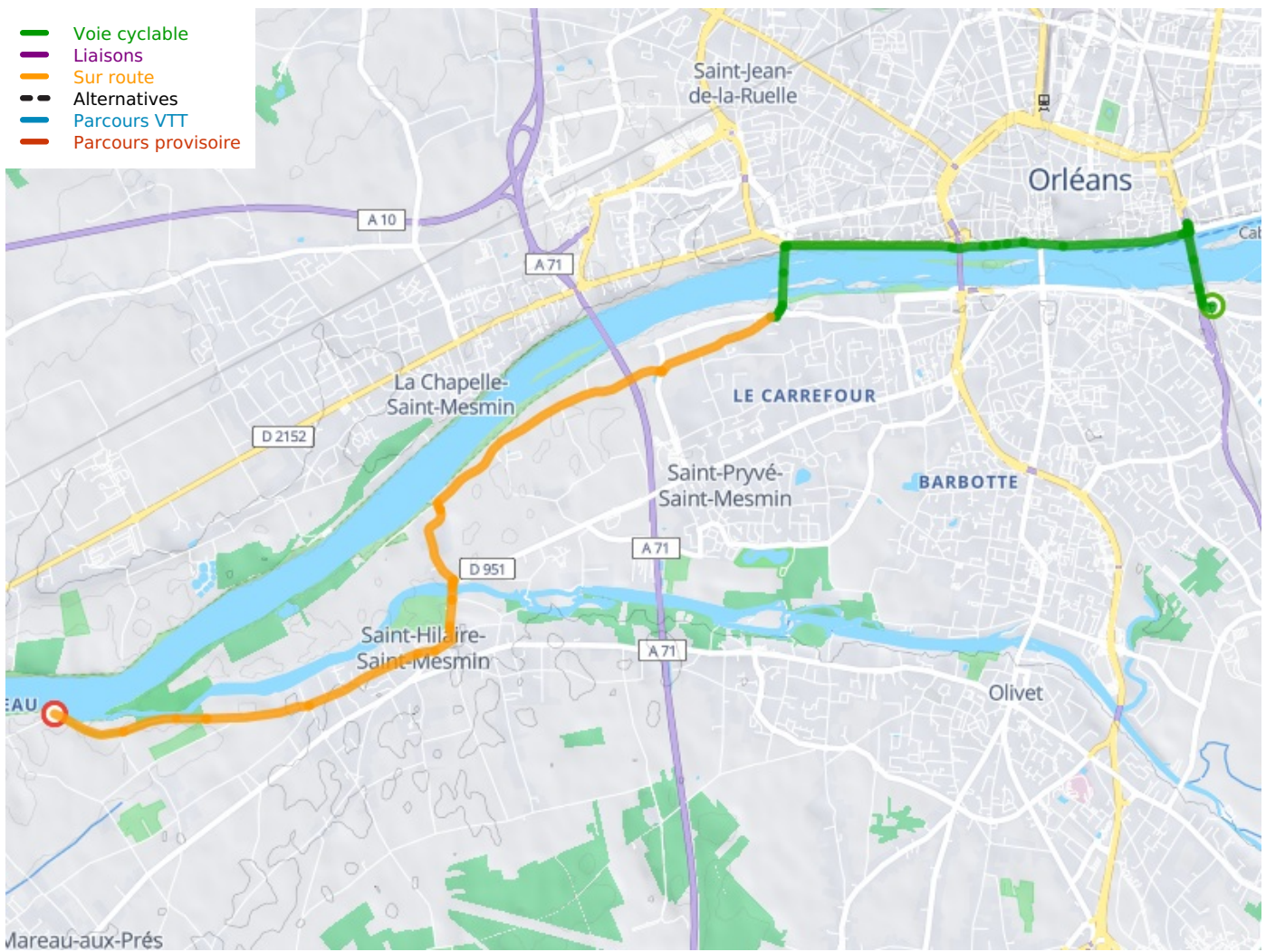
**St-Hilaire-St-Mesmin:** 11th-century church, historic bridge over the Loiret River, plus the historic Carmel de Micy.

### Markets

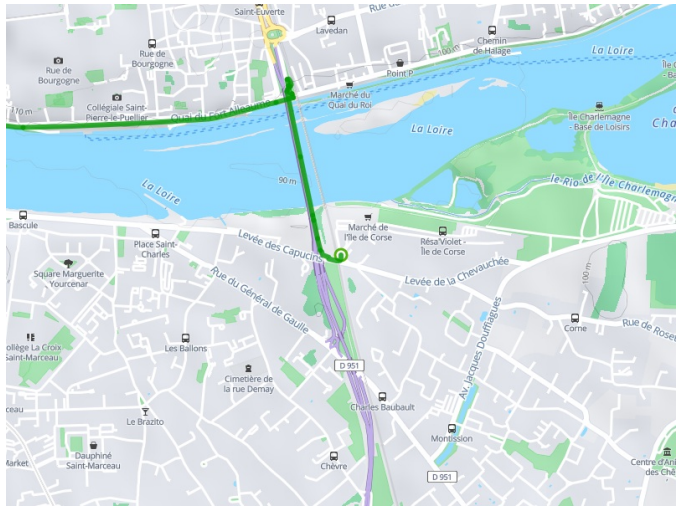
- **Orléans :** tous les jours : halles du Châtelet, jeudi après-midi Place Dunois, samedi matin quai du Roy

### Tourist Information Centre

- **Orléans :** +33(0)2 38 24 05 05



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