

Mâcon / Cluny

Southern Burgundy by bike : Chalon-sur-Saône / Mâcon

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Départ
Mâcon**Arrivée**
Cluny**Durée**
1 h 51 min**Distance**
27,88 Km**Niveau**
I begin / Family**Thématique**
Old railway, In the vineyards

Going from Cluny to Mâcon, this stage on the greenways of Southern Burgundy leaves the Côte Chalonnaise slopes behind to climb to the Tunnel du Bois Clair, the longest tunnel in Europe open to cyclists. On the other side, you emerge in the striking landscapes of the Mâconnais area, with limestone cliffs and steep vineyards sloping down to the majestic Saône River.

Route details

Greenway up to Charnay-lès-Mâcon, with some very steep stretches in parts.
Note carefully: the Tunnel du Bois Clair is closed 15/10 to 31/03 – for an alternative route, see cycling circuit n°14.
From Charnay-lès-Mâcon there's an unofficial cycle path you can follow, taking a rustic section of greenway up to the entrance to Mâcon town, then fairly busy roads to the centre.

The stretch from Charnay-lès-Mâcon to Mâcon is only suitable for experienced cyclists and a mountain bike is recommended.

There are several further well-signposted cycling circuits to explore around the greenway. Look at the maps available on the spot or pick up the free map, Voies Vertes & Cyclotourisme, published by Bourgogne du Sud Tourisme (the Southern Burgundy Tourist Board).

SNCF train services

There are no train stations that serve the greenway directly but the Southern Burgundy county bus service, Transdev Rapides de Saône et Loire, has some spaces for bikes on line n° 7 Chalon > Cluny > Mâcon – for further details, tel 0800 071 710
<http://www.r-s-l.fr>

Mâcon train station:

TER regional line Paris > Dijon > Beaune > Chalon > Mâcon > Lyon (numerous trains – you can transport your bike free of charge, although the number of spaces for bikes is limited)

TGV high-speed train line Paris > Mâcon-Loche (1 hr 40 mins), with a limited number of spaces available for bikes, if reserved in advance (6 bikes per train, by reservation only).

Don't miss

Cluny: the remnants of the great medieval abbey – lovely houses – Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie (art and archaeology museum) – national stud farm – music festival, Les Grandes Heures de Cluny, July and August – Berzé-le-Châtel: medieval fortress – Berzé-la-Ville: a remarkable village – Charnay-lès-Mâcon: Romanesque church – Mâcon: the elegant historic town centre – the colourful façades beside the Saône quays – the historic

Saint-Laurent Bridge – Musée Lamartine (on a famous Romantic poet and politician) – Musée des Ursulines (fine arts museum).

Markets

Cluny: Saturday mornings

Charnay-lès-Mâcon: Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings

Mâcon: daily except Sunday and Monday

Tourist information

Charnay-lès-Mâcon: tel 03 85 21 07 14

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