Bondy / Corbeil-Essonnes

The Scandibérique / EuroVelo 3

Départ
Paris

Arrivée
Corbeil-Essonnes

Durée
3 h 38 min

Distance
41,60 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers

From Bondy, the Scandibérique leads you boldly southwards along the Seine, through a mix of natural and industrial landscapes, offering a surprising way to cross Paris by bike! At the Rotonde de la Villette, you switch from following the Canal de l'Ourcq to riding beside the Canal St-Martin. Further southeast, the confluence of Seine and Marne Rivers is marked by the startling hotel complex Huatian Chinagora, built along the lines of Beijing's Forbidden City. Note the industrial heritage visible alongside the cycle path, many old factories converted to new uses: the Saint-Raphaël Factory has become an offshoot of the University of Paris VI, the Eaux de Paris waste-water works a depot for Paris's spare art works, while the former EDF Coal-fired Power Station, the Rhône-Poulenc Factory and the Hollander Factory are now home to a theatre company and artists' studios! Reaching Vitry-sur-Seine, admire the Pont du Port à l'Anglais, completed in 1928, replacing the former ferry that linked the banks of the Seine here. At Choisy-le-Roi, take in the old Choisy train station dating from the first half of the 19th century. Note that there's a 'service station' specifically for cyclists on the quays of Choisy's industrial port!

The route

In the county (département) of Val-de-Marne, the route follows the Seine, crossing the suburban towns/parishes of Charenton-le-Pont, Ivry-sur-Seine, Vitry-sur-Seine, Choisy-le-Roi, Orly, Villeneuve-le-Roi and Ablon-sur-Seine.

Entering the county of Essonne, the route alternates between east and west banks of the Seine. There are a number of green spaces along the way that make appealing stops, at the Port aux Cerises, Viry-Grigny's lakes, the Seine's banks at Ris-Orangis and Évry, and the sensitive natural space at Les Coudrays. Between these greener parts, you cross the more urban zones via cycle paths or roads with moderate traffic.

We recommend that you download the roadbooks and tracks for this stage to ensure you have a clear idea of the route, as signposting is not consistently in place along the way.
Surfacing smooth in parts: on the cycle paths and moderately busy roads through the more urban areas, with a mix of concrete and asphalt.
Surfacing rough in parts: crossing L'Ile de Loisirs at the Port aux Cerises and by the Viry-Grigny Lakes and the Espace Naturel Sensible des Coudrays, the route is along limestone paths that aren't easy to tackle on a road bike.

Trains

- Paris Crossrail RER D > RER D line station at Vigneux-sur-Seine
- Metro line 8
- RER C and D > RER C and D lines at Juvisy-sur-Orge Station / RER D station at Vigneux-sur-Seine
- RER D stations at Viry-Châtillon / Ris-Orangis / Grand Bourg / Evry-Val de Seine
- Major Paris SNCF train stations close to the route: Gare du Nord, Gare de l'Est, Gare d'Austerlitz, Gare de Lyon

Don't miss

Seine-Saint-Denis

Accessible from the route :

- Parc départemental de la Bergère à **Bobigny** : 15 hectares to discover on the banks of the Ourcq Canal
- Le Dock B à **Pantin** : emblematic building of the port of Pantin, open stage and terrace where it is good to have a brunch

Paris

Accessible from the route :

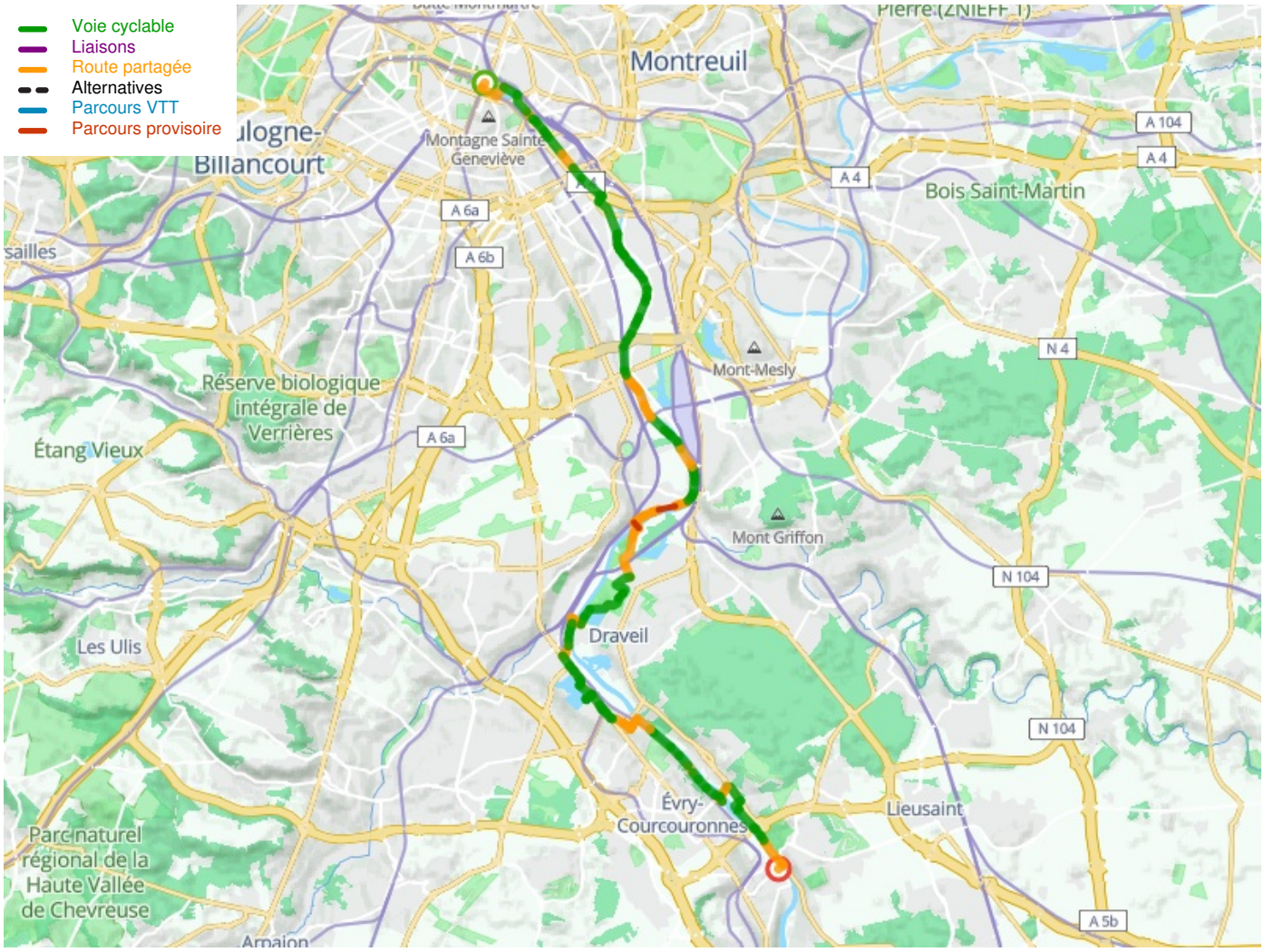
- Parc de La Villette : including the Cité des sciences et de l'industrie, the Philharmonie de Paris - Cité de la musique
- Bassin de La Villette : the largest artificial lake in Paris. Marin d'eau douce (boat rental)
- Canal Saint-Martin : treat yourself to a cruise to break up your cycling efforts with Canauxrama or Paris Canal
- Port de l'Arsenal : connects the Saint-Martin canal to the Seine, between the quai de la Rapée and the place de la Bastille
- Parc de Bercy and Bercy Village : occupies the site of former wine warehouses that were the world's largest wine and spirits trading centre in the 19th century
- La Cinémathèque française
- Jardin des plantes and National Museum of Natural History
- Ile de la Cité (Conciergerie et Sainte-Chapelle)

Val-de-Marne

- **Charenton-le-Pont**: close by, the Bois de Vincennes Park, including Daumesnil Lake (with boating, ponies and more); Paris Zoological Park.
- **Maisons-Alfort**: Musée Fragonard de l'Ecole Vétérinaire d'Alfort (a museum of anatomical oddities at this prestigious veterinary training college)
- **Ivry-sur-Seine**: Manufacture des Œillets, home to Le Crédac (a contemporary art centre); Parc des Cormailles
- **Vitry-sur-Seine**: the street art; Mac Val (a contemporary art museum); Exploradôme (a science museum)
- **Choisy-le-Roi**: Passeurs de Rives, offering Seine ferry crossings in summer. On the opposite riverbank: Parc des Sports Paris Val-de-Marne (a major sports centre); Les Gondoles Ferme Pédagogique (an urban farm). Close by: Guinguette Auvergnate, a traditional riverside restaurant; Barefoot Style, offering waterskiing and other watersports
- **Orly**: tour of Orly Airport (by reservation only); Maison de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable (on sustainable development)
- **Villeneuve-le-Roi**: Parc des Sports du Grand Godet (a sports centre)

Essonne

- **Vigneux-sur-Seine**: Propriété Caillebotte, 5km from the route, the atmospheric home of Impressionist painter Gustave Caillebotte
- **Draveil**: Ile de Loisirs du Port aux Cerises (an outdoor leisure centre)
- **Viry-Châtillon**: Viry-Grigny Lakes (a protected natural site)
- **Étiolles**: Espace Naturel Sensible des Coudrays (a protected natural site)



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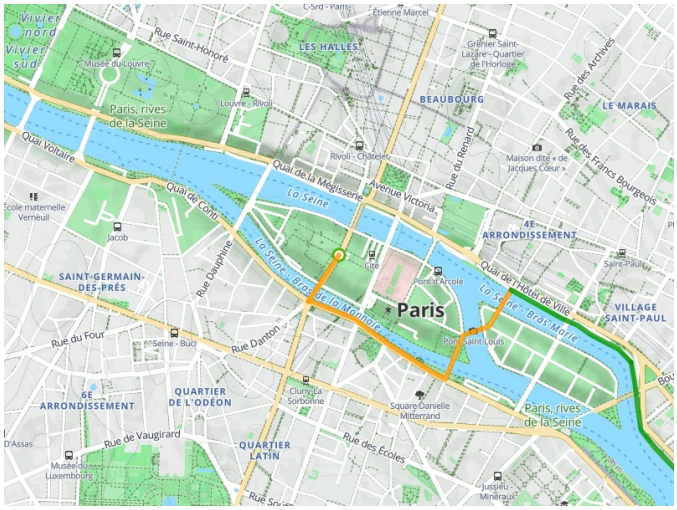

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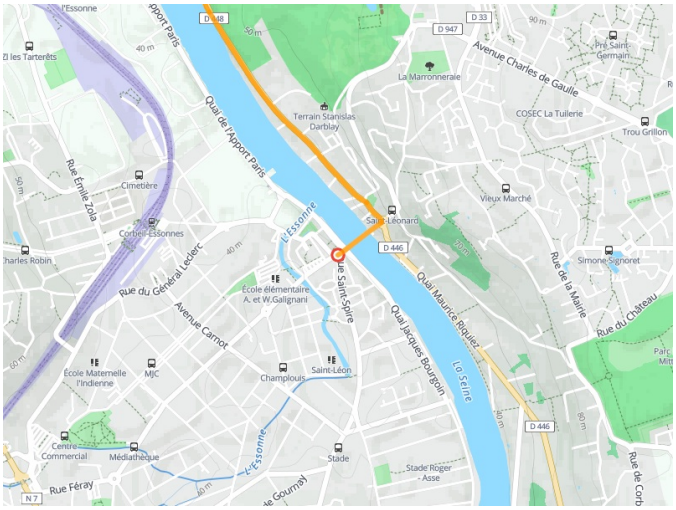
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