

**Départ** Guise Arrivée Ribemont

Durée 1 h 34 min Distance 24,96 Km

Niveau I begin / Family Thématique Old railway, Canals & intimate rivers Leaving Guise and its castle behind, the route cuts boldly via Macquigny to follow the meadow-lined banks of the Oise as far as Ribemont. For a less direct option, enjoy following the calm, beautiful meanders of the river, evoked by Robert Louis Stevenson in his travel book, An Inland Voyage. Passing steep slopes and charming brick villages, plus Origny sugar factory, the Scandibérique leads you to Ribemont, the village where Enlightenment philosopher Nicolas de Condorcet was born. Park your bike to visit the house where he came into world, now a museum.

## The route

Exclusively on minor roads, with a steep slope taking you from Guise up to the plateau above. The main street in Origny-sur-Oise can be very busy with traffic. Signposted EV3.

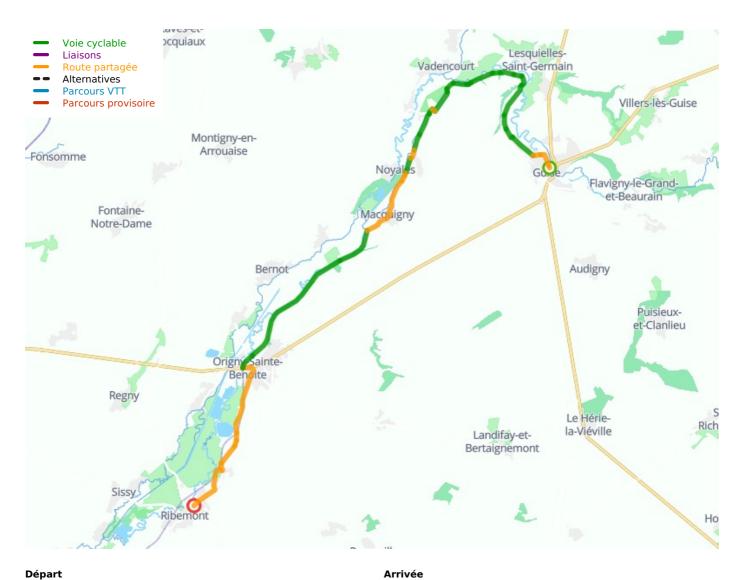
Surfacing smooth: compacted tracks or asphalt.

## Link

The Scandibérique connects with the Véloroute Stevenson<sup>®</sup>, which follows the way taken by the adventurous Scottish author in 1876.

## Don't miss

- **Guise**: the fortified castle; the 19th-century Familistère social housing cooperative, now a museum
- Lesquielles, a village where Matisse painted several works
- Canal de la Sambre à l'Oise and its technical constructions (locks, bridge-canals, swing bridges and dams known as rayères, these last made to regulate the supply of water to the local mills)
- The former Bohéries Abbey, where Matisse painted several works
- Chapelle de la Salette
- Macquigny: the fortified church
- Bloucard Cliff
- Lucy: the remarkable mill
- **Ribemont**: the place from which Enlightenment philosopher and scientist Nicolas de Condorcet hailed, and where the family castle was built.



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