

Orléans / Meung-sur-Loire

The Scandibérique / EuroVelo 3



Départ
Orléans

Arrivée
Meung-sur-Loire

Durée
1 h 28 min

Distance
20,01 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers

A main gateway to the Loire Valley, Orléans is a city where the Loire and French history meet dramatically. The town is welcoming, its centre geared to pedestrians who can enjoy a slow pace and a peaceful atmosphere exploring the historic quarters and Ste-Croix Cathedral. After a good wander, time to get on your bike again, starting by enjoying discovering the lovely confluence of Loiret and Loire Rivers. Next, the route takes you in part along a stretch of Loire levée, allowing you to look across the wide agricultural and market-gardening lands up to Meung-sur-Loire. In this historic town, the Château de Meung-sur-Loire's dungeons once housed disruptive medieval poet François Villon!

The route

Take care crossing the bridge at Meung-sur-Loire, on the D18 road.

Surfacing smooth: the asphalt is in good condition along the Loire levée.

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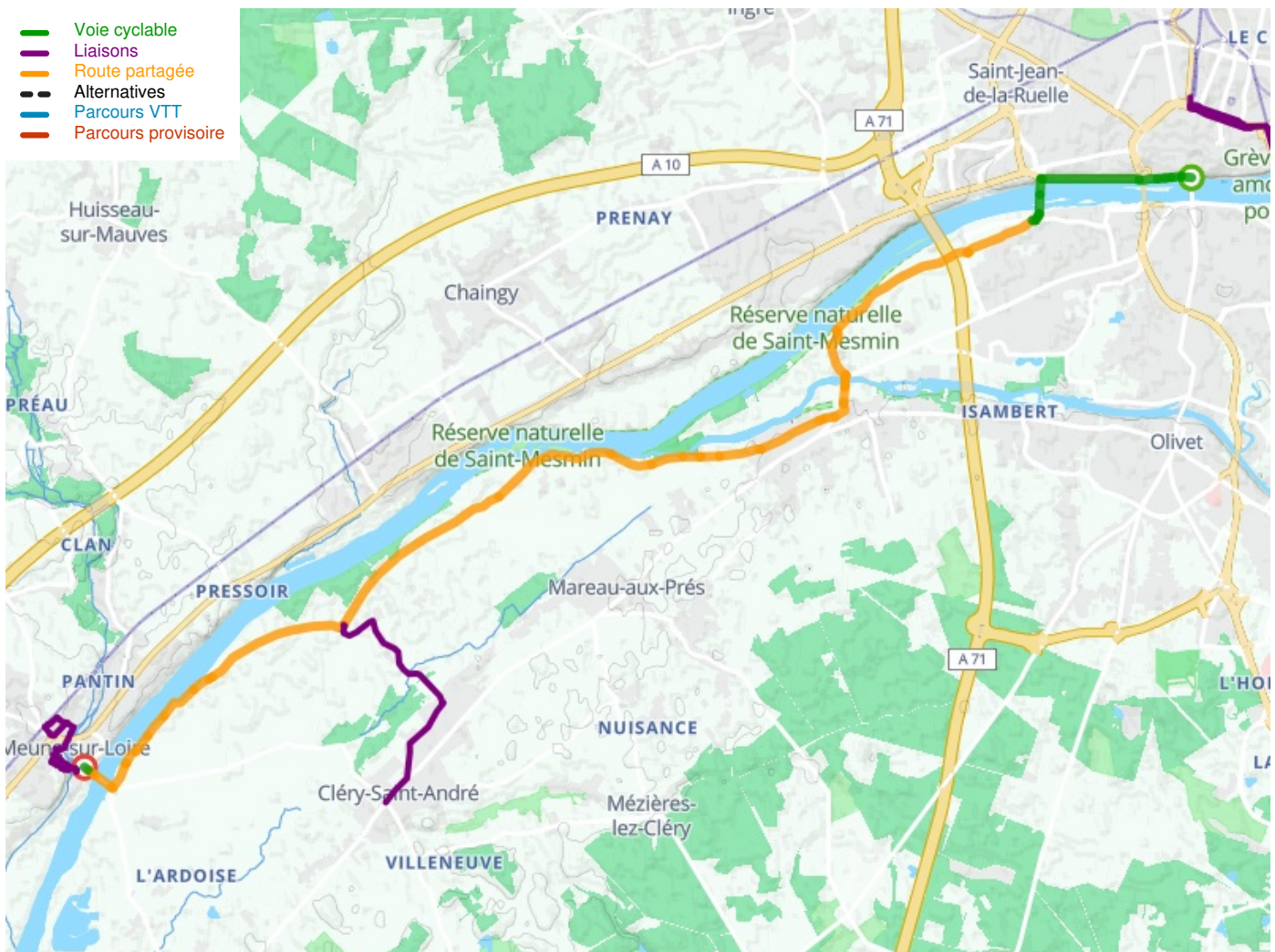
To Orléans town centre and train station

Trains

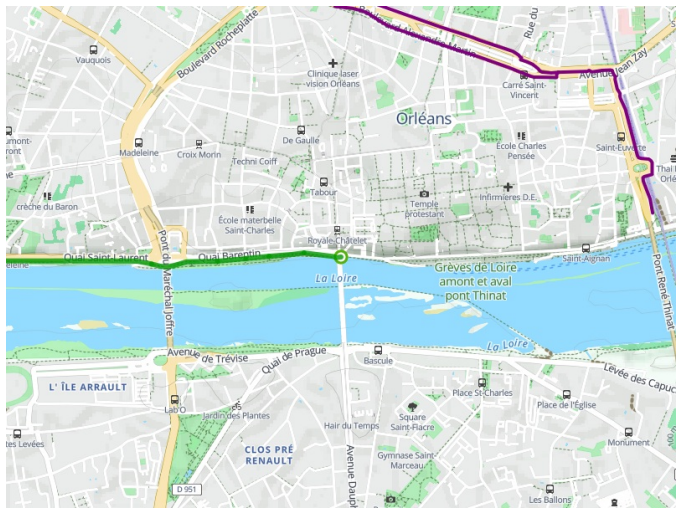
- Orléans train station, with good daily services to and from Paris to the northeast and to and from Blois and Tours to the southwest
- Meung-sur-Loire train station

Don't miss

- **Orléans:** designated a Ville d'Art & d'Histoire for its rich historical legacy; Cathédrale Sainte-Croix; Maison de Jeanne d'Arc (on Joan of Arc); Hôtel Groslot (an historic house turned town hall); the restored Loire-side quays
- **Pointe de Courpain:** at the confluence of Loiret and Loire Rivers
- **Cléry-St-André:** Notre-Dame de Cléry Basilica
- Orléanais vineyards (the wines awarded AOC status)
- **Meung-sur-Loire:** the château; Saint-Liphard collegiate church; the Jardin de Roquelin (a garden open to the public)



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