

From Avignon to Saint-Malo by Bicycle Mostly: An Unforgettable Cycling Adventure

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Prepare yourself for an awe-inspiring cycling adventure that will transport you through the heart of France, from the historic city of Avignon to the enchanting port town of Saint-Malo. This comprehensive guidebook will be your trusted companion, providing you with all the essential information and insights you need to embark on an unforgettable journey.



A Slow Tour Through France: From Avignon to Saint-Malo by Bicycle (Mostly) by Marie Madigan

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Route Overview:

Our cycling route spans approximately 900 kilometers, offering a diverse and captivating itinerary. We will pedal alongside tranquil canals, ascend rolling hills, and meander through enchanting forests, immersing ourselves in the picturesque countryside and uncovering the hidden gems that France has to offer. Along the way, we will encounter charming villages, visit

historic sites, and sample regional delicacies, creating lasting memories that will stay with us long after the journey's end.

Detailed Route Descriptions:

Each section of our route is meticulously described, providing you with detailed turn-by-turn directions, elevation profiles, and points of interest along the way. Whether you prefer a leisurely pace or a more challenging adventure, our guidebook offers options to customize your itinerary and cater to your individual preferences.

Stage 1: Avignon to Montélimar (115 km)



Our journey begins in the captivating city of Avignon, famous for its iconic Palais des Papes and enchanting cobblestone streets. From here, we set off into the rolling hills of Provence, passing through picturesque villages

and vineyards. As we approach Montélimar, the sweet scent of nougat fills the air, inviting us to indulge in this local delicacy.

Stage 2: Montélimar to Valence (85 km)



This stage takes us along the scenic banks of the Rhône River, offering breathtaking views of towering cliffs and lush valleys. We will visit the charming town of Viviers, with its medieval ramparts and Romanesque cathedral, and explore the historic city of Valence, where we can learn about its rich heritage at the Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie.

Stage 3: Valence to Lyon (100 km)



As we continue our adventure, we will tackle the gentle slopes of the Monts du Lyonnais, surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards. Our destination for the day is the vibrant city of Lyon, renowned for its gastronomy, art, and historic architecture.

Stage 4: Lyon to Mâcon (75 km)



This stage offers a leisurely ride along the peaceful Saône River, passing through medieval villages and idyllic countryside. We will visit the historic town of Cluny, home to the ruins of the once-magnificent Cluny Abbey, and explore the charming city of Mâcon, known for its wine production and rich cultural heritage.

Stage 5: Mâcon to Chalon-sur-Saône (70 km)



We continue our journey through the heart of Burgundy, a region renowned for its prestigious vineyards. As we cycle along the scenic Route des Grands Crus, we will be surrounded by rolling hills and picturesque villages. Our destination for the day is the historic city of Chalon-sur-Saône, where we can explore its medieval streets and visit the Musée Nicéphore Niépce, dedicated to the history of photography.

Stage 6: Chalon-sur-Saône to Dijon (80 km)



This stage takes us along the peaceful Canal du Centre, offering a tranquil and scenic ride. We will pass through charming villages and historic towns, including Beaune, famous for its Hospices de Beaune, a magnificent medieval hospital. Our final destination for the day is Dijon, the capital of Burgundy, where we can indulge in its rich gastronomy and visit the Musée des Beaux-Arts, renowned for its collection of fine arts.

Stage 7: Dijon to Langres (100 km)



As we venture further into the French countryside, we will encounter the rolling hills of the Côte-d'Or. Our route takes us through picturesque villages and offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. We will reach the historic town of Langres, perched on a hilltop and boasting a rich architectural heritage.

Stage 8: Langres to Vittel (85 km)



This stage takes us through the lush forests of the Plateau de Langres, offering a refreshing change of scenery. We will pass by the scenic Lac de la Liez and explore the charming town of Bourbonne-les-Bains, known for its thermal springs. Our final destination for the day is Vittel, another renowned spa town where we can relax and rejuvenate before continuing our journey.

Stage 9: Vittel to Nancy (90 km)



As we approach the end of our adventure, we will cycle through the historic towns of Mirecourt and Charmes, each with its own unique charm and

cultural heritage. Our final destination for the day is Nancy, a vibrant city with stunning architecture, including the Place Stanislas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Stage 10: Nancy to Saint-Malo (300 km)



Our final stage is the most ambitious, taking us across the diverse landscapes of northern France. We will cycle alongside the picturesque Canal de la Marne au Rhin and visit the historic town of Verdun, where we can learn about its pivotal role in World War I. As we approach the Atlantic coast, the scenery transforms, offering stunning views of the rugged coastline. Our journey culminates in the enchanting port city of Saint-Malo, where we can bask in the success of our unforgettable adventure.

Practical Tips and Advice:

In addition to the detailed route descriptions, our guidebook provides valuable practical tips and advice to help you plan and execute your cycling journey with ease. We cover everything from choosing the right bike and equipment to packing essentials, finding accommodations, and navigating potential challenges. Whether you are an experienced cyclist or a first-time adventurer, our guidebook will empower you to embark on this journey with confidence.

Cultural Immersion and Historical Insights:

Beyond the stunning landscapes and physical challenges, our cycling journey will offer a deep immersion into the rich history and culture of France. We will visit historic sites, explore charming villages, and interact with local people, gaining a unique and authentic understanding of French heritage and traditions. Our guidebook provides captivating insights into the historical events, cultural practices, and architectural wonders that we will encounter along the way.

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From Avignon to Saint-Malo by Bicycle Mostly is not just a cycling guidebook; it is an invitation to embark on an extraordinary adventure that will create lasting memories and deepen your appreciation for the beauty and diversity of France. Whether you are an avid cyclist or simply seeking an unforgettable travel experience, this guidebook will provide you with all the essential information, practical tips, and cultural insights you need to make your journey a resounding success. Prepare yourself for a transformative experience as you cycle through the heart of France, immersing yourself in its captivating landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture.



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