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- DIVE DESTINATIONS
- USA WINE TOURS



  
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**Tallinn  
& Belfast**

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# Nantes

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....THE PERFECT BASE TO EXPLORE THE COAST OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE HERITAGE OF THE LOIRE VALLEY

**N**antes is a city with a wealth of history, a Breton heritage and centuries of trade centred around its port – you can find out all about it in the museum of the history of Nantes, situated in the castle of the dukes of Brittany, in the city centre.

On the isle of Nantes are the intriguing Machines de l'île, with the Great Elephant and the Marine Worlds Carousel (rewarded this year for the best Art installation in the world) plus the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery. From June 27th to August 31st, discover the poetic side of the city through its 10-mile circuit. During this event, "art will turn the town upside down", just follow "the green line" in the streets, international artists will exhibit their work.



Piriac, La Table du diable ©LAD-Locquard

## THE ATLANTIC COAST

Thanks to its long coastline, its sunny micro-climate and clean air, the region Pays de la Loire is great for seaside holidays. Choose between long sandy beaches and intimate coves, between tall dunes and rocky bays. Discover the seaside resorts of Vendée and Loire-Atlantique, such as Les Sables-d'Olonne, Le Pouliguen, La Baule or Pornic, well known for their beaches and their charming villas, or have a go at water sports...



"La Loire à Vélo" in Saumur ©Bronner

## BIKING

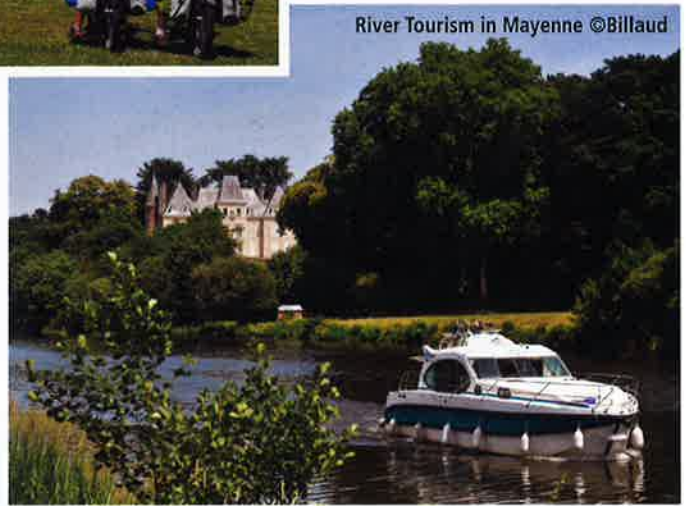
The Loire river by bike called "La Loire à Vélo": Take the time to discover by bike a rich and diverse heritage alongside the majestic river Loire with its numerous "chateaux" (Saumur, Angers, Nantes) and recharge your batteries in the heart of an exceptional thriving cultural landscape. Along a portion of "La Loire à Vélo" and through the region, a new cycle route, Velodyssée®, provides a link between Northern Europe and Spain. Characterised by the invigorating presence of the Atlantic Ocean. The route includes an exceptional number of prime tourist sites, whether natural, historical or cultural.

## ESTUAIRE, AN ARTISTIC TRAIL

Ever since 2007, installations created by internationally renowned artists in Nantes, Saint-Nazaire and along the banks of the river Loire, have led visitors to unusual sites. Whether in Nantes or Saint-Nazaire, Estuaire provides you with the opportunity to stroll around and discover the historic and contemporary heritage of both cities. On the estuary, discover the beauty of the Loire river and the diversity of the surrounding landscapes, rich wildlife preserves rub shoulders with gigantic industrial buildings and maritime heritage. Discovering the installations by the land will not only give you the opportunity to get a close look at the artworks, but also will make you feel the unique spirit of the estuary.



Estuaire, artist Huang Yong Ping in Saint-Brevin-les-Pins ©Argyroglou



River Tourism in Mayenne ©Billaud

## RIVER TOURISM

The landscape of the Pays de la Loire is brimming with rivers and lakes. The Mayenne, the Sarthe, the Erdre..., there's always a river along your way. You can pilot your way through a network of 375 km of navigable rivers to satiate your desire for aquatic adventure. You can glide down rivers completely surrounded by nature and untamed countryside. It's easy to hire a boat for two, for a family or a group of friends. You don't even need a license.

## THE VINEYARDS AND GASTRONOMY

Enjoy peaceful vineyards that benefit from the proximity of the Atlantic ocean and the river Loire. The gentle climate is another advantage enjoyed by the Vignoble Nantais (Nantes Vineyard region). Covering some 30,000 acres/12,000 ha, this is the cradle of the famous Muscadet wine. To soak in the flavours of the region, tasting stops are recommended. The cuisine is based on fish, seafood and vegetables from Loire-Atlantique, all laced with Muscadet – not forgetting the sweet delights of crêpes with salty butter, the Gâteau Nantais, niches of La Baule or rigolettes from Nantes.



The Loire Valley Vineyards ©Rivière



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