



## FRANCE

# CYCLING HOLIDAY - BRITTANY TO NORMANDY (TOUR CODE: 12013)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Saint-Malo to  
Bayeux

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 2023 - 31 Oct 2023

### EXPERIENCE

Cycling

### TRAVEL STYLE

Active Holiday Packages

Cycle along some of the most famous and beautiful beaches of France from St Malo passing through the famous Mont Saint Michel to Bayeux.

## Highlights

- **The SCOTT SUB SPORT 20 Bike** (or equivalent) features a sporty "trekking" geometry that suits trips of all distances. Equipped with a Shimano 27 speed transmission and integrated front and rear lights, this bike is begging to go on an adventure.
- A **detailed Road Book** allows you to travel freely with all the information you need for your trip! It boasts color maps, highlighted routes, touristic information, orientation points to reach hotels, and easy to follow step by step directions!
- **Cycle at your own pace** (Self-guided), stopping when you see something truly remarkable or if you simply want to rest and recharge.
- Discover the history, architecture, camouflage of **The Azeville Battery and The Battery de Crisbecq**, some of the most powerful batteries of Normandy.
- Explore **Cancalle** a picturesque fishing village popular with visitors drawn by its reputation as the oyster capital of Brittany.
- Visit **Sainte Marie du Mont**, the first village liberated by the landing troops and explore the **D-Day Landing Museum**.

Starting in the fortified city of St Malo, you will ride to the famous Mont Saint Michel and visit its beautiful Abbey. Cycling along the scenic Bay of the Mont Saint Michel and in the inlands, you will arrive to the Normandy beaches, charged with history. Visit Utah Beach, Omaha Beach and Pointe du Hoc where museums and memorials will give you insight on the World War II landings.

This Brittany to Normandy Cycling Holiday finishes in Bayeux where you can admire the famous 11th century tapestry, but also taste the delicious Normandy gastronomy products, such as Camembert cheese and Calvados.

You're certain to enjoy the countryside as you bicycle through the green pastures and seaside towns, discovering the history that has made the Brittany and Normandy regions of France so famous.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Saint Malo at Hotel de l'Univers - 3\*
- 1 night in Le Mont Saint Michel at Relais Saint Michel - 4\*
- 1 night in Granville at Mercure Le Grand Large - 4\*
- 1 night in Saint Lo at Mercure Saint Lo - 3\*
- 2 nights in Sainte Marie du Mont at Le Grand Hard - 3\*
- 1 night in Bayeux at Le Lion D'or - 3\*
- Hybrid bike rental included
- 10 meals included - 7 breakfast, 3 dinners
- Orientation in person with local guide
- Detailed ROAD BOOK, including details maps, touristic information, step by step itinerary and cue sheets
- 1 GPS for every 1-3 people
- Guidance Application (phone not provided)
- All luggage transfers
- Comprehensive trip literature
- Technical and emergency support available at all times

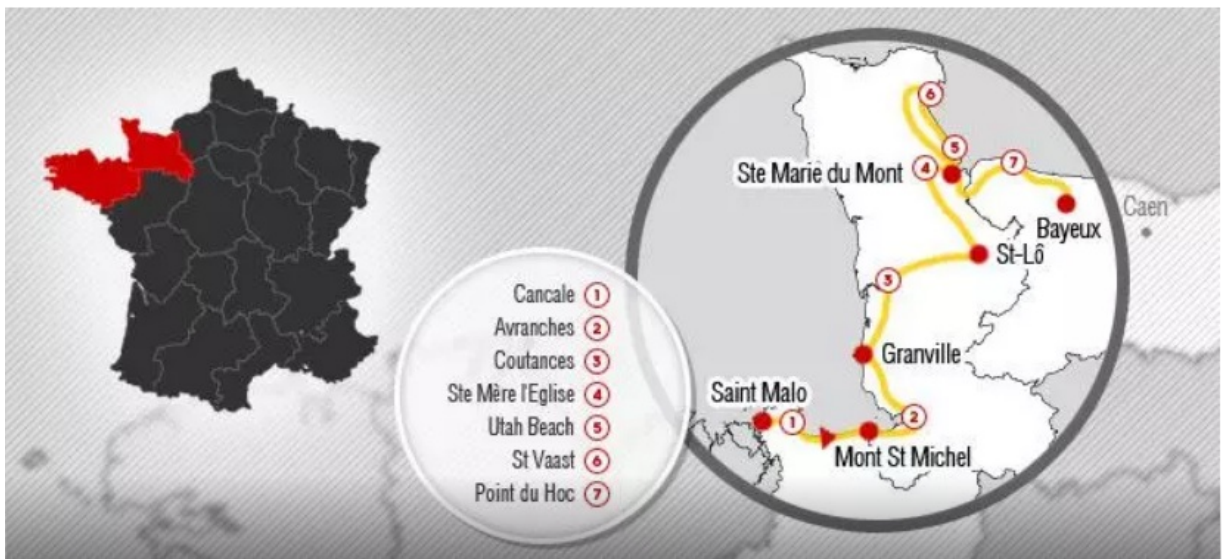
## ITINERARY

### Map Brittany to Normandy Cycling Holiday

Average / Day:

Distance: 58.00 Km

Elevation gain: 347.38 Meters



Day **1** Saint-Malo

Arrive in Saint Malo. Take the time to visit explore Saint Malo: the tall walls that surround the town and you must see **The Chateau of Saint-Malo and the Solidor Tower of Saint-Servan.**

Orientation in the evening with an English speaking guide.

Overnight in Saint-Malo at **Hotel de l'Univers.**



Day **2** Saint-Malo Cancale Saint Benoit des Ondes Mont-Dol Mont Saint Michel Mont-Dol Cherrueix Mont Saint Michel

Option 1: 54 Km - Elevation gain 1: 143 Meters

Option 2: 65 Km - Elevation gain 2: 143 Meters

Cycle from Saint Malo towards **Cancale**. Here you reach the coast and see all the oyster farms that make Cancale famous. You ride through the fisherman village of **Saint Benoit des Ondes**, as well as the **Mont Dol**, from where you can enjoy a beautiful view. On a clear day from here you can also see the **Mont Saint Michel - Unesco World Heritage site** and architectural marvel. Once there make sure you explore the Mont and walk around its tiny streets!

Overnight in Le Mont Saint Michel at **Relais Saint Michel.**

Breakfast



Day **3** Saint-Malo Mont Saint Michel Granville

Distance 1: 61 Km

Elevation gain 1: 328 Meters

Ride along the coast with a trip around the **Bay of Mont Saint Michel to Avranches**. There are several worthwhile sites to visit this town dating back to the Roman era. Continue on the coast until you arrive at **Granville** where your hotel overlooks the beach.

Overnight in Granville at **Mercure Le Grand Large**.

Breakfast



Day **4** Granville Coutances Saint Lô

Distance 1: 39 Miles - 62 Km

Elevation gain 1: 720 Meters

The tour goes inland today cutting across the Normandy countryside to reach the **D-Day Landing Beaches**. Along the way to Saint Lo you will pass the town of **Coutances** where you must stop to visit the **Cathedral of Coutances**, which is visible from the surrounding villages as it stands at 80 metres tall. You will find upon reaching **Saint Lo**, that it is a newly rebuilt city, rich in **WWII history**. The town was almost totally destroyed during the Battle of Normandy as it lies on an important crossroads and was a German stronghold.

Overnight in Saint Lo at **Mercure Saint Lo**.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Saint Lô Sainte Mère Église Sainte Marie du Mont

Distance 1 : 37 Miles - 59 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 505 Meters

This mostly flat to rolling ride takes you to the Normandy coast where the **D-Day landings** took place. **Sainte Mere Eglise** is an old town dating back to the 12th century, but it is most famous for its role during the Allied landing. Paratroopers famously landed here and fought some decisive battles that made this town the first one to be liberated. The movie *"The Longest Day"* depicts many events in Sainte Mere Eglise.

Overnight in Sainte Marie du Mont at **Le Grand Hard**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6** Sainte Marie du Mont Utah beach Crisbecq and Azeville batteries Sainte Marie du Mont

Option 1: 49 Km - Elevation gain 1: 272 Meters

Option 2: 44 Km - Elevation gain 2: 272 Meters

The first stop on the loop tour will be **Utah Beach**, the westernmost of the five landing beaches, then move North along the coast to **Saint Vaast**. Return inland and visit the famous **Battery of Crisbecq**, Azeville. You can also opt for a shorter ride and take some time to visit **Sainte Mere Eglise**.

Overnight in Sainte Marie du Mont at **Le Grand Hard**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7** Sainte Marie du Mont La Pointe du Hoc Omaha beach Memorial museum Colleville sur Mer Bayeux

Distance 1 : 44 Miles - 70 Km

Elevation gain 1 : 396 Meters

A slightly longer route, you need to leave early to have enough time to stop at the different sites along your itinerary. We suggest you to ride all the way to **Point du Hoc**, immortalized in *The Longest Day*, and then leave time to visit the most famous WWII sites in the area: **Colleville-sur-Mer** and **Omaha Beach**. Once in **Colleville**, take some time to visit the **US Military cemetery**. Then continue onto **Bayeux**.

Overnight in Bayeux at **Le Lion D'or**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 8

## Bayeux

You can take your time in the morning, enjoy breakfast and depart at your leisure.

Breakfast



## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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### Electric assisted bike rental

Upgrade to a **Scott Sub Tour Electric-Ride 10** or the **Cannondale Mavaro HS City** (or similar).

With comfortable geometry, and ePowered by Bosch with a 400wh battery, those bikes are the ideal touring bike and are ready to provide many kilometres with no worries. Your bike rental comes with 2 bags (1 Rear pannier + 1 front pannier) so you can easily carry your stuff during your ride.

Included with your bike rental :

- Helmet
- Lock
- Hand pump
- 2 spare tubes
- Rear pannier
- Toolkit
- Tire levers
- Patch kit
- 1 souvenir water bottle
- Pedals are included, flat by default or toe straps on request

Note: "Please note that any bike change during the trip may incur an extra fee."



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- Our hotels or B&B provide amenities that are ideal for active vacations, located in easy walking distance to downtowns, restaurants and sightseeing. We prioritise family-owned, authentic accommodations over large chains. If the hotel advertised on our website is full, we will book you in another hotel similar in category.
- We do not recommend taking this tour around the anniversary of D-Day, June 6th. Hotels fill up very far in advance, there is more traffic on the roads and some of the routes may be closed.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package