

# Orléans / Meung-sur-Loire

# La Scandibérique



**Départ** Orléans **Arrivée** Meung-sur-Loire

Durée 1 h 28 min Distance 20,01 Km

Niveau I begin / Family **Thématique** Along the water 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.

#### Links

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)





